

# Reading for Women and all the Family

## THE PLOTTERS

A New Serial of East and West  
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**CHAPTER XL.**

Amos Chapin seldom changed his mind after it was once made up. So when he had decided to write to Douglas Wade, offering him a certain sum for the farm, he wasted no time in doing this.

Had he but known it, he chose the psychological time for sending the letter, for it reached Wade just after he had confessed his love to Alicia Butler and had been accepted by her.

Douglas had not intended to make this confession yet. He held views to the effect that a man should never tell a woman of his love for her until he was in a position to support a wife. But such theories have a way of going to pieces before the onslaught of an ardent affection.

Douglas Wade was very much in love with Alicia Butler. She was also very much in love with him. Combine these conditions with a gorgeous moonlight night and you have a drive across country on the front seat of Mrs. Butler's car—while the owner of the equipage dozed complacently on her pillow—night is not hard to guess the results.

Nor did Douglas Wade repent of his declaration of devotion. When he followed the two ladies into their house at the end of the drive he asked Mrs. Butler to allow him a little talk with her. Alicia withdrew with an air of innocence that immediately confirmed her mother in her hopeful suspicions.

Looking Things in the Face

Yet Mrs. Butler registered surprise when Douglas Wade told her he loved her daughter, and believed that his affection was not altogether unrequited. He then remarked that as he was not at present in a position to marry, it would be well to defer the announcement of his engagement until the state of his finances was less static than at present.

The physician negatived calmly but positively Mrs. Butler's suggestion that her income was quite sufficient to "help out" the young peo-

ple. He would not marry until he was able to support a wife. He did not expect to give Alicia the luxuries to which she had been accustomed—least, not for a while—but he did want to establish her in a comfortable little home and supply her with the necessities of life.

At last Mrs. Butler ceased to urge the announcement of the engagement. She expressed herself as delighted at the outcome of their friendship and voiced a hope that the betrothal need not be a long one. She was sure that her daughter would be willing to begin her married life on the same modest scale on which her parents had started their wedding career.

Later, when questioned in Douglas's presence, Alicia showed very plainly that she was of the same mind as her mother.

Douglas Wade looked matters very plainly in the face that night when alone in his room.

He was not in debt. For that he was most thankful. But he had laid aside next to nothing against the proverbial rainy day. Moreover, his sister had another year at college and was dependent upon him. After her graduation she might be in a position to buy the farm. He would make her self supporting if she wished to do this. He hoped, however, that his engagement would not cause her to fancy that she could no longer depend upon him for maintenance.

In his soul he knew that Elizabeth would feel just this. Any high-spirited girl or woman would.

It was the next morning that Douglas Wade received Amos Chapin's offer to buy the farm.

The young physician frowned as he read the sum the farmer named. Then he re-read the letter and thought long and seriously of its contents.

He thought also of what John Butler had said in a letter received only a couple of days ago.

Butler had spoken of the farm as in a beautiful location, but had doubted if it would bring the owner much money if he wished to sell it in its present state. He had also suggested that it would be well to spend money on the property in order to improve it. If it was not improved it would depreciate in value. That was the natural deduction.

Better to Sell

Perhaps he would better sell the place after all. Wade reflected. Now that he was in love, he found he would not greatly regret parting with the old place. He could hardly imagine his Alicia, dainty, graceful and fond of society, as happy there.

With Elizabeth it was entirely different. She had always loved the farm; she had tender associations

## Bringing Up Father



## THE KAISER AS I KNEW HIM FOR FOURTEEN YEARS

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connected with it. She was the only one who would be really hurt by its sale.

Yet he could hardly be expected to let sentimental considerations interfere with his disposing of land that was a constant expense. Were he to decline Chapin's offer, the man might not soon repeat it, and Douglas Wade wanted to be on the safe side.

Had he been willing to postpone the acquisition of ready money, the acquirement of John Butler's cure-won for his physician the reputation that was sure to come. But it would be several years before his income was as large as he hoped it would be.

There seemed to be one thing to do. He would write to Elizabeth of his engagement and Chapin's offer. He would explain why he needed the sum the sale of the farm would bring. He would also remind her what a drain the land was upon his slender resources.

Of course, John Butler must be told of his sister's engagement and of the deception his future brother-in-law had practiced upon him. This last, Elizabeth had best tell him. He and she were on friendly terms. Butler was now so well that he would look at the matter sensibly. Elizabeth was just the kind of a girl who would enjoy making the amusing and interesting revelation as to her identity.

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The stores were quickly depleted of everything edible, and the practical Hausfrau who had never before had bought for more than one meal in advance and had never owned more than two pounds of flour at a time, filled her pantry to the top-most shelf and then started to store things away in her trunk-room up under the roof.

Almost everyone in towns of any size in Germany lives in an apartment and each family has a key to a portion of the attic, which is divided into as many parts as there are apartments in the house. Later, when food really became scarce, robbing these attics became a popular profession, and it was necessary to make room for the valued stores elsewhere. They were then moved to the "rute Stube"—good room, the sugar being looked away in the writing desk and room being made for the butter next to the cherished war bonds in the safe.

On Sunday, August 2, all the gasolines in the country were commandeered, and we heard of many American tourists being put out of their cars in the cities and even on country roads, no matter how inaccessible to trains they might be. We accordingly decided to stow our car away in an old wagon shed attached to a hotel and sought to retrace to Berlin by train.

At the railway station there was such a tremendous crowd that it was quite impossible to get anywhere near the ticket office, and anyway no promise could be given as to trains to Berlin.

Frankfort had always been a busy

and tried to tell him that my wife and I were returning to our home in Berlin, but he was too excited to listen and would have dragged us off the train had not an officer, with whom I had been talking enroute, intervened and said: "I shall make myself personally responsible for these people." I was glad I had admired his new uniform.

From the coupe next to ours I saw soldiers drag six Russians, throw them down and kick them in the face, and one was a woman! The train pulled out as the crowd closed in on them so that I was unable to ascertain the fate of those innocent but helpless passengers.

When we finally reached Berlin, about 5 the next morning, it seemed like a dead city. There was not a droschke, a taxi or a train in sight. Every available means of locomotion had been mobilized for the time being.

As we had heavy bags, we simply had to find something to take us home, and after half an hour's search far from the station I found an old cab driver who thought he could take us for the liberal bonus I agreed to pay him. We had hardly got seated when an officer tried to force us out, and only my wife's quick plea of illness saved him a black eye and me iron bars or a large fine.

We found that the Berliners had been seized with the same desire to store up food as we had observed elsewhere, and the stores were closed for lack of merchandise to sell. The banks were filled with long lines of people trying to draw as much money as they could in gold. Even though

the papers and all the officers were quite confident that the war would be of short duration, still there were many who remembered previous wars when only gold would buy food, and there were many who were preparing for that emergency.

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## Ministers Break Teacher Shortage

Lancaster, Sept. 18.—Dr. Daniel Fleisher, county superintendent of schools, announced yesterday that the shortage of teachers had been solved by the pressing of ministers into service. Seven ministers who are filling pulpits, are also working in classrooms of this county.

## MAKING THE MOST OF OUR CHILDREN

A Series of Plain Talks to Parents

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No. 20. What Shall We Do With the Spoiled Child?

I JUST can't bear having that child around. He simply sets me on edge," said one mother to another, as a neighbor's child approached.

And you couldn't really blame her very much for feeling that way, for spoiled children everywhere succeed in making themselves obnoxious.

The pitiful part of it all is that the disagreeable child is not to blame. His parents have applied wrong methods of discipline, and given him what will probably prove a handicap for life.

If you want your children to get along in the world, you must teach them to show consideration for others.

"What would you do with a five-year-old boy like this?" inquired one mother. "Last night just as we were starting out to the automobile, he began yelling from across the street. 'Aunt Mollie—Aunt Mollie!' I said 'Aunt Mollie!' After getting the desired attention of all: 'Where are you going? Can I go along?' He went along but we hadn't gone far before we wished he hadn't. He'd open the door and stick his head out, and seemed to delight in interrupting adult conversation with his own remarks."

This little fellow has probably never been made to realize that his acts are anti-social. To change his habit, it will be necessary to reverse the results for him. Beginning now, each undesirable act on his part should be made to work against his own self-interest.

You will be interested in the following illustration of the right method. A boy was climbing up one of the columns on a veranda while three other boys and a man were talking. The man wisely treated the boy in this way. He said calmly: "Orville, you may come down now." Any well-bred boy would have responded to this friendly request but this boy had been trained to try others' patience. He looked around, grinned in a sheepish way, and after going a few inches higher, started slowly down. Nothing was said to him from the time the first command was given until he came down. Then the man said in a friendly way, "Come here." When he came, the man said after a brief pause: "You can act more quietly the next time. You may go home now." Immediately after saying these words, he began ostensibly to play ball and have a big time with the boys who remained.

If you happen to be the parent of such a child, you should of course do more than merely see that he gains nothing by wrong behavior; you should tell him frankly just what will be expected of him, in using firmness, it is not necessary to lessen your friendliness. Show an interest in the child's happiness and treat him with full sympathy when his actions are approved. Be especially careful about showing "friendliness" at wrong times.

Did you ever hear a child set up a howl to get someone to do something after the parent said, "No?" And then did you hear the parent, either to avert a scene or to show friendly consideration or both, say, "Well, you will be a good boy, if you let me go?" All right, then, don't stay very long. This sort of thing is what makes the spoiled child.

After observing a spoiled child's actions for a half day, it is natural to think that a good "thrashing" is the only fitting thing. True, it would have a tendency to satisfy adult feelings, but satisfying the demands of one's temper is not always the best thing from the standpoint of child development.

The method prescribed is proper because the child will soon change his habit in a natural way without antagonism or ill-feeling.

## Alkali in Soap Bad For the Hair

Soap should be used very carefully, if you want to keep your hair looking its best. Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it.

The best thing for steady use is just ordinary mulsified coconut oil (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than the most expensive soap or anything else you can use.

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