



Reading for Women and all the Family



"When a Girl Marries"

By ANN LISLE

A New, Romantic Serial Dealing With the Absorbing Problems of a Girl Wife

CHAPTER LXXIII.
 Timmily, feeling as if it didn't belong there at all, I entered our bedroom. No Jim! For a moment I was frightened—and then the sound of his limping steps came to me from the livingroom. He had gone out through the kitchenette—to avoid me perhaps—as I came in by the other door.

I hurried out, and just as I got into the livingroom, there stood Jim, with his hand on the knob of the door. He wore hat and coat and was leaning on a heavy stick. Where could he be going alone—except to Virginia?

"Flying across the room, I laid my hand timidly on his coat sleeve. "Jim," I said huskily, in a voice that almost refused to come, "will you give me a minute—please?" "What is it?" he demanded with impatience.

"Jim, if you ever loved me, come back and sit down—so I can talk to you. And don't—look at me as if I were a—stranger!"

Wearily Jim closed the door and crossed to a stiff, high-backed chair. He laid hat and stick across the table and sat austere waiting for me to begin. I came and stood in front of Jim, leaning against the refectory table for support, looking at him searchingly as I trembled for words.

"Jim, don't judge me until I've told you everything. Last night you loved me completely. To-day—"

"Please, Annie—no heroics," Jim interrupted, wearily. "I've had about all I can stand. To-morrow I start a new job. I owe it to Terry and Norreys to be fit, and all this agonizing makes me realize that I've been all shot to pieces. I'm sorry I'm in such shape—but there it is."

"I'll be brief," I gasped. "Well, it's this way—after you left Virginia, Neal and Phoebe didn't get their evening together—at least, not alone. Virginia persuaded Sheldon Blake to motor all four of them out in the country for dinner."

"So it's to complain of Virginia that you're keeping me. Really, Annie—you seem to be—insane on the subject."

"I'll swallow the hurt of that, Jim. I had to tell you. You see, Neal Neal leaves for camp at two-thirty. He's going a thousand miles away. Then overseas, I suppose. He may never—see Phoebe again. I know it's—sure fond of him—mayn't he have his good-by?"

"Phoebe's only a baby," muttered Jim, as if thinking aloud.

"She's a woman now. That's what war does to girls. If she's resentful, if she feels that we don't give her a chance, that we didn't understand her feelings, Phoebe may imagine she's a martyr. And—thwarted love isn't healthy. Oh, don't you see that it might make her bitter—see that it might harbor it against Virginia? It's better to take it for granted—just boy and girl love—sweet, approved of—not Romeo and Juliet stuff."

Unexpectedly Jim flung back his head and laughed.

"You funny little solemn thing! So that's why you had to get rid of Virginia? Well, for Neal's sake—and you forgive me, too, dear. But, Annie, won't you be a little more—considerate of Virginia?"

Then in dawning hope that everything might be coming right after all, I rushed to the phone and called Virginia. Phoebe answered, and after a brief word of explanation I asked her to call Virginia. When Virginia's cold, surprised voice greeted me, I nerved myself for what I must say.

"Virginia—I've never done a thing to make you like me. But now I want you to do something for me as if—as if you were very fond of me. Will you?" I pleaded.

"What can I do for you?" Virginia coldly questioned.

"Just this. Neal leaves for camp in a few hours. He's my brother—I adore him the way you do Jim. He may never come back, and he

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wants a few minutes alone with Phoebe. He'll be tender with her—and sweet. She's his ideal. He wants a word from her to carry away with him. Please, Virginia—please. It means so much to him—and he's only a boy hurried into being a man. Will you trust Phoebe to you?"

There was a minute's pause. Then Virginia's voice came back to me with a queer little husky note in it. "After all, Annie, young love and faith—comes only once. I'm going to Betty—and I'll send Phoebe to you."

Her kindness startled me. For a minute I glimpsed something behind the curtain of her own life. I couldn't have anything but the truth between us at that moment.

"Thank you, Virginia. I thought all of us would get out of the way a little while—even I, though that hurts me. So I asked Betty to phone you—will you forgive me for scheming?"

I heard Jim ejaculate: "Well, of all the tactless things! Then a strange sound came over the wire. Virginia's laughter—clear and silvery—full of honest amusement."

"So Betty's conspiring against the 'cruel stepmother' also—how delicious! I'll pay that scamp for her scheming and conniving. Tell the boy I wish him luck, Annie—and if he's feeling kindly toward me, I'll see him when he comes back."

Smiling with delight I left the phone. Virginia and I had shared a laugh. She had patronizingly called me an "amusing person," while she had condescendingly exclaimed that Betty was a "scamp." But not even those contrasting attitudes bothered me—then.

To Discuss Ash Problem at Boyd Memorial

Men of Pine Street Presbyterian Church and Sunday school will meet to-night in the Boyd Memorial building for an open discussion of the ash and garbage collection system in Harrisburg. The meeting has been called in an effort to help solve the problem that confronts the city, as many of the men of the church have declared that the system used here is far from satisfactory. Municipal collections will be discussed also. Dr. J. M. J. Raunick, city health officer, and Harry F. Sheesley, chief inspector of the Bureau of Ash and Garbage Inspection, will be present to present their views on the situation. After they speak a general discussion will be opened, to be followed by a social hour.

MAKING THE MOST OF OUR CHILDREN

A Series of Plain Talks to Parents

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DOES YOUR CHILD REFUSE TO TAKE HIS NAP?

Every one of us needs rest and relaxation. Children need to sleep a greater number of hours than adults.

But in very many homes, it is a real problem to get the children willingly to take their afternoon naps. Play to them seems more attractive.

Trouble at nap time often is caused in the first by parents leaving the matter largely up to the children. Let us take a case. A mother writes:

"My two-year-old daughter has been cutting her teeth and unconsciously I humored her about going to sleep, holding her and singing to her a while before putting her to bed. The time of holding her gradually lengthened until I decided I would have to undo the newly formed habit. I tried kindness sternness and leaving her to cry it out, but she insists on standing up as soon as I disappear and sometimes rebels against going into the room. Can you suggest a remedy?"

Find out what song soothes your child most. Children generally have favorite songs. Notice carefully as you sing to her which seems best to quiet her. Having discovered this, put her to bed at the proper time and just as you lay her down, pass your hand five or six times along her spine with soothing strokes. Then stroke each little arm and each little leg and foot in the same way for a minute each. Sing your favorite song while you stroke her and continue it afterwards, letting it get softer and softer as she closes her eyes.

If after stroking her, she refuses to lie in bed at all, let the matter rest for that night and the next night lie down by her, keep her lying down and sing to her, keep her lying down by you, very gently pushing her back when she tries to arise. Sing all the time so that she will associate the song with a recumbent position. No matter how much she cries let her understand that she is to lie down

and stay down after being put to bed. Gradually lessen the length of time you remain in bed with her. When you first leave her before she sleeps, keep on singing but gradually move to another part of the room until she is again content to be left alone immediately upon being put to bed. In starting the new habit, it might be well to set the time for her nap an hour later in the day and arrange for her mother to be somewhat more in the mood of sleeping. Be sure that she is not overfed. Have her exercise a half hour before the schedule time for sleep, so that she will be a little tired and more ready for rest. There should be no excitement of any kind just before the sleep period. During the sleep period, the room must be absolutely quiet and at least partly dark. See that there is plenty of fresh air in the room before bed time, so that the room will be cool and comfortable for sleep.

If your child rebels against taking her nap, arrange to play with her out doors a few minutes. Keep logging the suggestion in a happy manner that she can play with you a little while with dolly and then play some more with you.

Laugh a great deal while playing with her; approve her on how fast she can run and then say, "All right, now we will take two more runs and then we shall go and take a little rest." After taking one more run, say, "All right we have one more yet. Here we go. That's fine! All right, now we will take a rest and after we rest we will play some more."

Aim to handle the talk suggestion above in such a way that she will not object at all, but if she should say she doesn't want to take her nap, say, "Oh yes, we must take our nap. And after you take a little nap, would you like for me to play with you again?"

Repeat this method for a few days and she will have formed a habit of going without opposition. (Copyrighted, 1918, by the Parent's Association, Inc.)

Advice to the Lovelorn

BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX HIS PROPOSALS EVADED DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I have known a girl for the past five years and have been with her quite frequently. Sometimes, however, there would be five or six months between our meetings.

I love this girl and have asked her once or twice in what light she regarded my affection, and if I had any chance to gain her love. She evaded the question.

When I am out with her she always acts courteously, but when I seek to make a future appointment she changes the subject. That is my difficulty, and what I want to know is whether you would advise me to make any more attempts at seeing her.

A READER: I do not wish to be guilty of advising a lover to despair. The outlook is not promising, but it may be that the young woman has a capricious temperament and requires a determined wooing. Since it gives you pleasure to be with her, why not keep on until you are definitely convinced, one way or the other?

"TAKING A 'DARE'" DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: We are a group of girls about 17. A short time ago a boy friend of ours was "dared" to refrain from talking to a certain group of us for one month and talk to other girls instead. He took the "dare." The month is almost over, and opinion varies among the girls who have been neglected. Some claim that since friendship ought to be resumed, while others, feeling humiliated, believe that it is now our place to retaliate and treat him as we have been treated. We would like to have your opinion.

G. L. It is certainly extremely foolish to trifle with friendship in this way, and your boy friend shows weakness in allowing himself to be so influenced by girls whose desire is perhaps to make trouble, but he may not realize this. Why doesn't one of you explain to him what is it that he has done and let him know that you all expect a sincere apology before resuming friendly relations?

FAMILY RIDICULES HIM DEAR MISS FAIRFAX: I am a girl of 21, and have been going about with a young man three years my senior for six months. He is in the Navy. Still, my mother and

brothers are always taunting me because he doesn't take me out like other men. They also make fun of me because he is a sailor, and tell me if I ever marry him he will not be able to support me. Now, Miss Fairfax, I am very much in love with him. Please tell me what I should do? HEARTBROKEN.

It is a pleasure to hear from a girl who has such a loyal, sturdy spirit. I hope your relatives are not serious in ridiculing your sailor lover because he is poor, but in any case, I think they will grow tired of doing so in time, if they find you are not influenced by it. The ability to entertain a girl expensively counts for very little in comparison with other qualities in a man, and I am glad you understand this.

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