



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

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"I didn't fly to you for protection—from Tom," laughed Val, appraising me narrowly between his red eyes. "I came out of curiosity. I wanted to get a closer view of the saintly looking man and the very unsaintly looking girl with you."

have for a husband. But that's no reason for refusing a bit of harmless fun. . . . Jimmie or Tommie or some nice playmate. I always take what I want, Anne—and when he comes to the reckoning I don't pay the way serious-minded preachers do. You ought to make a note of that."

"I suppose so," I replied truthfully. "You see I think always of him as a friend—not as the spirit of friendship—not as a man."
"Indeed!" Val put a volume into that word. Then she rushed on. "I don't get you at all, Anne. You aren't like me. You don't do what you decide on the way I do—no matter what's expected. You shilly-shally. That's weak. Now I take what I want."

"By the way, gentle Annie, I wonder if you can give me the answer to a question I was asking Tommie only tonight. Why do you and that little cousin of his so cool to me all of a sudden? It can't be because she minded my bringing you in to O. K. here loveless with your brother. She asked me to pour at her tea, after that. But she's very up-stage these days. You don't think she means anything by it, do you?"

"What are you trying to suggest to my mind, Val?" I asked quietly, but with my heart behaving unaccountably.
"Nothing—nothing at all. Why should I try to put ideas into your head?" asked Val, turning her quick black eyes in slow negation of my idea. "I merely meant that with a man like Anthony Norreys—a power—at your beck and call, I don't see why you take Jim so seriously. Now why, for instance, did you object to his interest in me—when you had this altogether superior man to make up for it?"

"Right-o, Baby Face. I guessed that she now had relieve you from guessing about something. My sudden friendship with cousin Tommie started as a laying in of shields and then she proper to help you. Not that I find him dull now!" She concluded with a smile that held a world of suggestion and surprise. Before I could conquer my distaste at that and force myself to go on with my warning, a key clicked in the lock and Jim's voice called gaily:

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"It was Val who answered, taking up his hat just before he had ended his question."
"Two girls, Jimmie-boy! Hope it isn't a surplus of riches."
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Bringing Up Father

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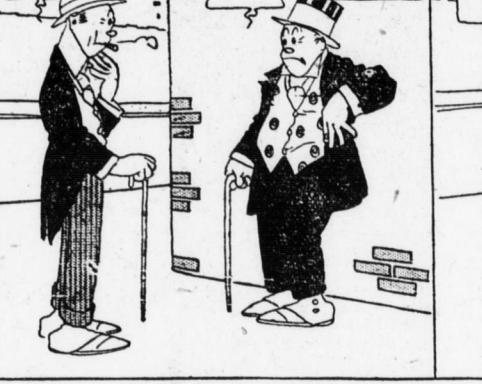
THE LOVE GAMBLER

By Virginia Terhune Van de Water

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For whom was the letter intended? It could not have belonged to Smith—else he would not have handed it to his employer's daughter. . . ."

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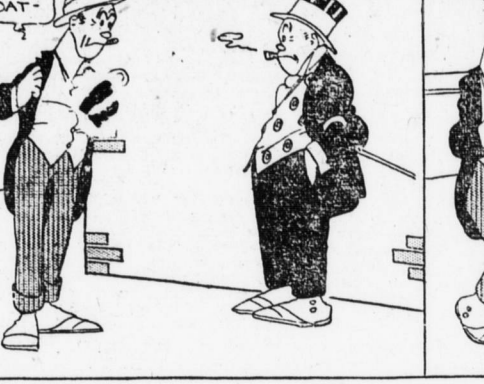
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