

Reading for Women and all the Family

"When a Girl Marries"

By ANN LISLE

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

CHAPTER CCLXV.
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"I see by the papers," said Val Cosby, walking in on me unannounced a few days after the startling events at Mason Towers, "that Mama and Papa Mason announce that the engagement of their daughter Evelyn to Mr. Neal Hyland has been dissolved by mutual consent—or words to that effect."

I looked up uneasily from the basket of Jim's socks I had brought into the living-room to darn in the bright, clear sunlight of the big windows. Val's long amber eyes were fixed on me with an intense, unflinching gaze of hers that seemed imported from the Nile. This was our very first encounter since that memorable night when Lane's story had been poured out to me in agony. And now—in marched an insouciant Val, ready for a discussion of my brother's broken engagement. I replied wearily:

"Oh! so it's in the papers. May I see?"

"I brought it along in case your conservative sheet had omitted it," replied Val, handing me a paper, folded to display the item. And as I read she sank lazily down on the couch to which I had neglected to invite her, and went on in her voice of cream. So now, of course, brother is free to go back to his first love."

"Meaning?" I said with frozen dignity.

"Little Phoebe Harrison," said Val smoothly. "Oh, don't start or prepare an elaborate denial, Anne. Evvy herself told me all about it the time she asked me to pour at the tea that never came off. Rather by way of boasting—or to prove to me how ruthless she could be. She hinted as a bit—and then I got the rest out of her. I like spicy gossip. But I really didn't approve of her methods and I had to tell her so. Maybe that's what turned her against me."

"You didn't approve of her methods?" I gasped, astounded at the consummate impudence with which Val judged Evvy. "You didn't approve of her taking a man away from another woman if she could."

"I wanted to add: And that woman, well, same, able to make some sort of fight for her own. While you stole Lane from an invalid—a poor insane creature!" But Val's indolent voice took on a note of eagerness and poured out in a sort of thick torrent before I had a chance to commit myself by an expression of what I really did think.

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"Do you love him enough?" I questioned, wondering inwardly at the while who had appointed me to be the judge of Val Cosby.

"Enough?" asked Val earnestly. "Enough for what?"

"To make up to him for his own conscience—to make up to him for whatever the world chooses to say."

"His conscience won't bother him when he sees I'm happy," Val replied securely. "What threw my big brown bear into a blue funk was how I'd take it if I found myself socially ostracized because a garbled version of the story got out. Of course, I wouldn't have liked that. What's the use of all Lane's money if it doesn't land me in Newport or Bar Harbor some day?"

She sighed luxuriously at the mere mention of those two magic-making places. And again I found myself questioning her sincerity, wondering whether it was Lane or Lane's money she loved.

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Val laughed. Then she rose and stood swaying mockingly before me: "What makes me sure that I won't be boycotted?" she said slowly. "Well, I know the Jimmie Harrisons will stand by Lane. And I know Tom Mason will stand by me, and handle Miss Evelyn if she isn't too busy explaining her second broken engagement to care to take on any more trouble. Label suits, for instance."

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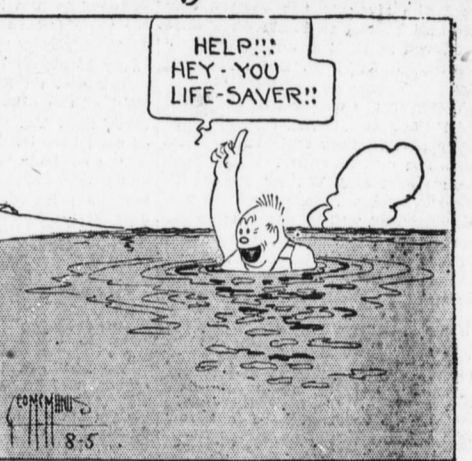
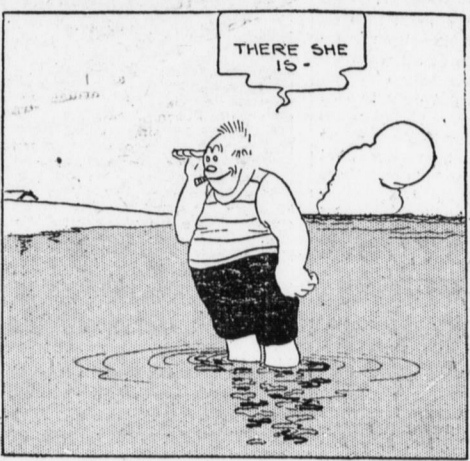
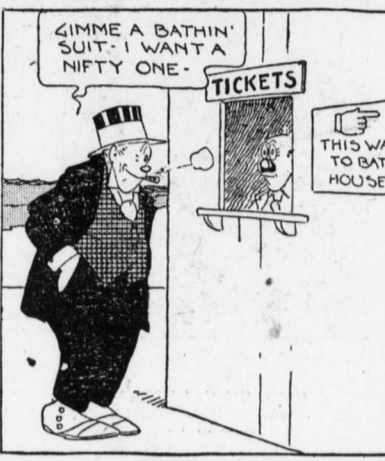
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Bringing Up Father



ever needed we'll be there. This closes the matter, doesn't it?" "Yes," yawned Val elaborately. "Now you quite understand that I'm as much in love with my Lane as you are with your Jim, and that my feelings are to be respected accordingly. And this brings us back to where we started. "What are you going to do about those two proud young things who love each other and probably won't see the path back to each other unless some one points it out to them?"

DAILY HINT ON FASHIONS

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THE LOVE GAMBLER

By Virginia Terhune Van de Water

CHAPTER XXXIX.
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The armistice had not been signed and they were still fighting.

Those were the facts that impressed Desiree Leighton with an overwhelming force. Following as they did upon the exaltation of the afternoon, they depressed her to an extent that moved her father to compassion.

"Dear child," he reminded her, "the false news has only preceded the truth by a few days. The armistice will be signed very soon."

"But until it is, our boys are still dying," she moaned. "And other boys who are wanted to get into the fight before it is over will be more anxious than ever to go."

"Yes—but they can't go until Uncle Sam lets them," her father smiled. "And he is not going to let them go when they are not needed."

"We can't be sure that peace is in sight," Desiree insisted skeptically. "There may be another long, horrible winter ahead of us—with heart-breaking sorrows all the time."

She did not tell her father that Smith's words of this afternoon for several days on the office table, that he had hoped to go back to France. He was looking much stronger than when she first saw him. His returning health had probably inspired him with renewed hope.

If the war kept up he would go. She shuddered slightly as she thought of this man's life in danger. "What are you thinking about?" her father demanded, breaking a long silence.

"That it is actual cruelty to raise people's hopes just to dash them," she replied.

A Gentle Reproof.
Her father frowned slightly. "See here, my dear," he protested, "you are determined to look on the dark side of this subject. I am so sure that the armistice will be signed that I want you, here and now, to plan to have a celebration—a dinner or reception or something of that sort on the evening of the day on which the good tidings come. Make out your list of guests now."

Desiree laughed tremulously. "I wish I had your faith, father, dear," she remarked.

"Make out your list," her father insisted.

"Very well," she acquiesced, "only we may have to wait for many weeks before the happy event occurs."

You will not have to wait more than a week," Samuel Leighton predicted. "Come, get out your paper then call up your friends and tell them that you want them to keep for you the evening after the signing of the armistice."

He was so confident that he imparted confidence to his daughter. Gradually her equanimity returned and she planned the little informal reception they would soon have.

"We cannot have any function until we secure a maid in Nora's place," Desiree remarked.

"When does she leave?" Mr. Leighton asked.

"To-morrow, Desiree told him. "It is high time I was looking up a new waitress. I will attend to it to-morrow."

The following morning Miss Leighton paid Nora and told her that she might take her departure as soon as she had finished her usual tasks. She herself would set about immediately securing the maid's successor.

Ordering the limousine brought around, she drove downtown to an employment agency. Here she was informed that she would best wait for a while as some applicants might appear at any moment. Maids were scarce and difficult to secure just now.

As Desiree waited, trying to become interested in an old magazine that she picked up from the office table, the thought of her amethyst pendant suddenly thrust itself into her mind.

An Order For Nora.
She recalled that she had intended to take it and the chain to the jeweler's and that the box had lain for several days on the office table. She wished she had thought to bring it down this morning.

Going to the door, she summoned her chauffeur from the waiting car. "Smith," she directed, "please drive back home and tell Nora to give you the jewelry case with my room on my dressing table. I left it there as you can see—for Annie would not know about the parcel."

"Very well, Miss Leighton. And I am to bring it here?"

"No, it would be better for you to take it to the jeweler's at once. Ask for Mr. Perry, the head of the repair department, and give it to him. Say to him that I would like him to see that the setting of the stones in secure. You understand?"

"Yes, Miss Leighton."

Twice in the interview he had called her "Miss Leighton," she noticed. She was rather glad he had done this. She disliked from him the more servile "miss" that he was in the habit of using.

"Anything else, please?" he asked. "Oh, no, at least tell Mr. Perry that I would like him to send the pendant and chain home as soon as they are ready. That's all."

German Papers Oppose Surrender of Former Kaiser

Berlin, Aug. 5.—The Vorwaerts declares that the Entente, by demanding the surrender of the former German Emperor is affording the Monarchists an opportunity for noble poses, which is calculated to with sympathy for Count Hohenzollern and his defenders. "A bit of prudence might have told the Entente that much in advance," the paper adds. The Pan-German Deutsche Zeitung says: "The German people, who on June 28th, 1919, a day of dishonor in cowardly traitorous flight surrendered their imperial master will again remove this blot from its escutcheon."

FINDS OLD LAND TURTLE

Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 5.—Fred L. Cunningham found in a wood near the Potomac River below Williamsport a land turtle with the year 1867 cut on the under shell. Beside the date appeared the initials "W. D." Two residents of that section had those initials, William Davis, who died recently, and William Delinger, who is still living.

OPERATORS NEED CARS

Hagerstown, Md., Aug. 5.—Three miles of empty cars are stored on railroad tracks near this city, it is reported, in connection with the statement that mine operators in the Georges Creek mining region are only getting one-third of the number of cars they need for the movement.

TELEGRAPH OPERATOR SHOT

Lewisburg, Pa., Aug. 5.—While examining a revolver in the room of a hotel at Montgomery, Albert Grieg, a well known telegraph operator of Lewisburg, was accidentally shot in the breast by John Price, of the signal department of the Reading railroad. Grieg is in a serious condition.

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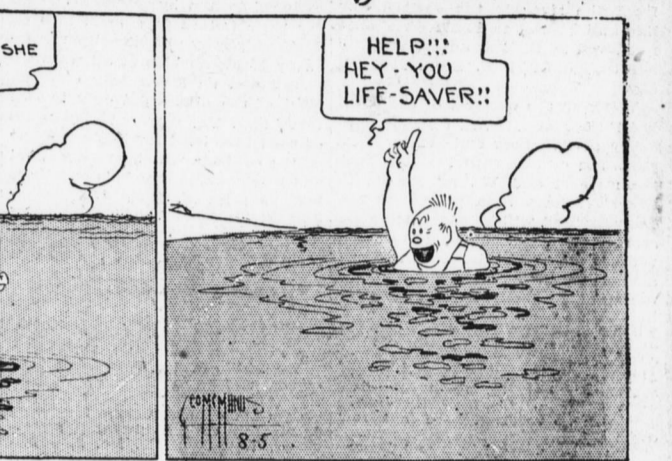
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Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX
A Promising Suitor

Dear Miss Fairfax:
I am 23, an orphan, and know a man 29 who wants to marry me, and who is in a position to support wife and home. I have known this young man all my life. He is a sober, industrious young fellow, with three or four thousand dollars to his credit in the bank, and is very anxious to marry, as he