



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

On the morning after the complete fiasco we made of trying to reconcile Virginia and Pat, Jim came to me with an air of finality.

"We've hashed this thing over often enough, Anne. Here's my last word about Virginia Dalton. Her insolence is more than I can stand. I'm through with her. And unless you are the meekest idiot outside a feeble-minded institute, you've finished with her too."

"I don't think it matters whether we're through with Virginia or not," I ventured. "She appears to have finished with us."

"What do you mean?" demanded Jim.

"I telephoned this morning while you were in the bath. And Amanda reported that Mrs. Dalton could not speak to me. I know the message was that Virginia would not speak to me, only Amanda couldn't bring herself to repeat that."

"So she lets servants into the family feud?" stammered Jim. "Well, listen to me. Virginia's my sister, but if I hear of your humbling yourself before her again, will you?"

Jim stopped suddenly and came over to catch me in his arms. "I can't threaten you, dear. But you won't humiliate me," he begged, using Virginia's own word. "You won't hurt me by putting yourself in a position to be flouted and snubbed and insulted by her again, will you?"

"No, Jim. I won't," I replied. "We've done all we can. Now we have to let Virginia 'gang her ain' gait' — to destruction if she likes. Pat's such a dear — so gentle and chivalrous under all his recklessness and boldness. What's to become of him now?"

"Oh, in the end I suppose we'll all be dragged through the mire of the divorce court," replied Jim, with what I felt was prophetic vision.

And with this he marched off to his day's work, leaving me to go on with the work I had cut out for myself. But after our failure with Virginia I didn't start out very hopefully for my uplift work with Daisy Gordon.

Still, after lunch, when I piloted Daisy into a smart shop where I thought we could find a good-looking, ready-to-wear blue crepe de chine, I found myself enjoying my own sensations and the situation as well. Shopping is a panacea for all ills with some women. It has always been a bugbear to me. But the magic effect of the right colors and the right lines on Daisy gave me a feeling of power which my own ability to spend money

and bring this change to pass augmented delightfully.

As we were leaving the shop — where we had selected not only the blue dress, but a pretty blue hat faced in white — we passed a counter where there was a display of enamel lockets on narrow white ribbons with little enamel slides to match. A pretty blue one with a butterfly in gold and rose caught my eye.

"One of these would just set off your dress," I said enthusiastically. "The lighter blue and the hint of vivid coloring is just what you need. Let's select one."

"No, thank you," said Daisy, almost graciously. "First of all, you've done so much for me that I couldn't look myself in the face if I grafted any more to-day. Besides that, I hate any jewelry but the best."

The brazenness of it stunned me. I didn't seem to be succeeding in my scheme of filling Daisy with shame and loathing for what she had done. "Have you heard from Carl?" she asked, as we strolled down the avenue together.

"No, have you?" I replied absently, racking my brain to think how to fill in the rest of the afternoon.

Daisy had been as easy to fit as to please, and her dress was purchased in the first shop we visited. Now there was an hour or so I must dispose of before I could suggest tea and then decently dismiss my guest.

But Daisy was fairly spilling words now in her sudden eagerness to reply to my careless question.

"Yes, I've heard from Carl — three times. He seems to realize what we mean to each other as soon as we're separated. I had a postcard and a letter from Montreal and another card from Toronto. I guess I'll hear again when I get home. And you haven't heard from him?"

The eagerness and bravado combined in Daisy's fluttering sentences made me want to giggle and then top it off by shaking her. How could the little idiot think a woman married to my Jim would care whether some one else got two picture postals from Carl Booth — or fifty!

Just then a sign swinging out quaintly from a door-way caught my eye. "Thomas J. Mason and Company," it read. "Antique and I had known but forgotten that Tom was starting a new shop uptown, and here we had stumbled across it. It offered the needed solution to my problem of how to dispose of my ugly hat when we reached the odd old studio with its stained glass sky-light. The reds and blues of the odd lighting accented her color. Her dark hair had slipped into moist ringlets, and, freed from the ugly hat, Daisy's broad forehead showed quaint and childlike.

All in a moment Tom's studio was working miracles before my eyes. But the studio and its owner had other surprises in store for me.

(To Be Continued.)

Bringing Up Father

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By McManus



CHINESE WOMEN LIKE BIG FEET

They Are Getting Away From Old Custom of Binding Them

Shanghai, Sept. 17.—The Christian women of China have big feet—as feet in China go.

Furthermore, they are proud of it and compare feet to see who has the largest, according to the Rev. F. L. Hawks Pott, president of the University of St. John's, which is run at Shanghai by the Episcopal church and one of the most effective aids to educating the new China to be found in all the confines of the new republic.

The practice of binding the feet of Chinese women so that they would be small enough to please the masculine eyes was one of the hardest of old customs even to start eradicating. The athletic exercises in which Chinese girls at Episcopal and other church schools must participate was the entering wedge here, for a girl with bound feet could not run, jump and leap. In 1895 the Natural Foot Society, of Tien Tau Hui, was organized in Shanghai by women of ten different nationalities. The management of the affairs of that society are now entirely in the hands of the Chinese. Branches have been established at many centers and a monthly magazine devoted to the matter is published.

The women of new China are opposed to the custom, as are the young men who have received an enlightened education. They want wives who can be helpmates to them, who can walk out with them as well as work with them. The time has come when, instead of being proud of her "golden lilies," as small, bound feet were called, the Chinese girl strives to conceal the fact that her feet have been bound, by wearing large shoes and padding the extra space with cotton.

One will sometimes see groups of Chinese women comparing their feet to see who can boast of having the largest. This is particularly true of native women who have become Christians or who have been educated in the Christian schools.

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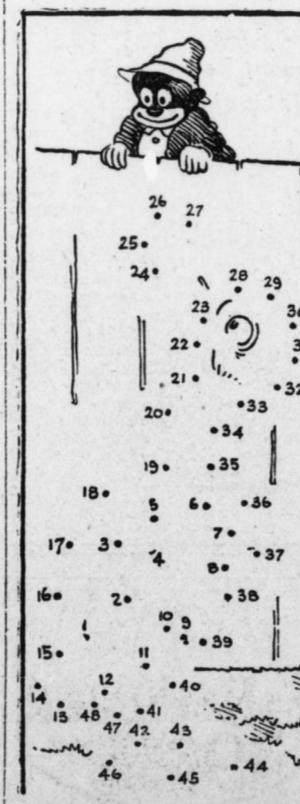
City and State

British Empire Put 8,654,467 Men in War

London, Sept. 17.— The British Empire put 8,654,467 men into the war, according to figures made public by the War Cabinet. Of these, England recruited 4,006,153. Other white enlistments in the United Kingdom and the colonies brought the total white enlistments in the empire up to 7,130,280.

Enlistment of races other than white, including over a million and quarter from Ind'a, were 1,524,187.

Daily Dot Puzzle



Draw from one to two and so on to the end.

BIGAMY SHOWS AN INCREASE

Growing Disposition in England to Treat as Venial Offense

London, Sept. 17.— Increase in bigamous marriages throughout the United Kingdom, much more pronounced since the end of the war, is causing grave concern, and there is a growing disposition to treat bigamy as a venial offence.

Sir Bernard Mallet, the registrar general, is credited with the statement that English marriage laws afford less security against bigamy than the laws of almost any other civilized state. His department has prepared proposals for their amendment, but nothing has been done to carry them into effect. A new act of Parliament is necessary, and Sir Bernard suggests as a preliminary that some plan be outlined by which accurate information concerning the principals in a proposed marriage may be obtained by the competent authorities before the ceremony can be performed.

For marriage by license in England it is required that both parties make solemn declaration that they know of no impediment to their union, that they have resided for fifteen days in the district and, if they are minors, the consent of guardian or parents has been obtained. But no solemn declaration is required for such material particulars as name, condition as to marriage, age, rank and residence.

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Paris, Sept. 17.—Whenever the figure of General de Castlenau, victor of the Grand Couronne of Nancy which made possible the first battle of the Marne is thrown on the screen, in a moving picture theater here, which is displaying pictures of the

Victory Procession in Paris, July 14, the spectators rise, cheer and shout "Marshal."

It is an expression of their demand that de Castlenau should be a marshal of France. When the marshals were being created, de Castlenau was overlooked. Some say that the papers to make him a marshal were drawn up for signature, but were rejected in the highest quarter.

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