



Reading for Women and all the Family



"When a Girl Marries"

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

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CHAPTER CCXX

To take on myself the responsibility for Daisy's gravely responsible position with Tom, Mason was one thing. To face the actual fact that I had sponsored a girl whom I felt to be a thief and had endangered the possessions of Jim's friend was another.

This came to me with growing force all through the morning after Daisy had gone to take charge of Tom's antique shop. My warrant of Daisy's honesty was dishonest. I was playing fairly-godmother at Tom's expense and the thought of what I had done seemed questionable to me as I thought it all over.

One thing was clear, however. If I had to do it over I'd have to do the same thing.

I put in a miserable morning and started off in a pretty unhappy mood after lunch to call for Uncle Ned and Aunt Mollie. Driving the car wasn't a pleasant process, but for their sakes I felt I must do it. A traffic block as my car stood still waiting for a side street to empty itself across the avenue, my attention was attracted from idle staring to half-awakened but eager interest. On the curb, waiting like me, stood a girl dressed in black, unobscured but for the uneasy way she was watching me out of the corner of her eye and trying to hide something or someone from my notice. Naturally, as soon as I became aware of that I focused my attention on the girl and tried to place her.

In a moment or two I realized that the girl who was watching me so uneasily was not the girl I thought that she wasn't watching me at all.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

How to Gain Flesh, Strength and Greater Power of Endurance

"Thin, delicate, run-down people should drink plenty of good, plain water and take a little Systoxan after meals," says a well-known Boston physician. Many who try this simple method are agreeably surprised at the rapid increase in weight, strength and power of endurance. It is a simple, but new, method of getting old folks and a regular boon to thin, weak, nervous, run-down young people, often increasing their weight and strength in 10 days' time. One well-known of body-building, health, etc. says: "It is just like giving sunshine and water to a withering plant."

Leading druggists say there has been a tremendous increase in the sale of Systoxan since it became known that this compound and ordinary drinking water help the blood in the food we eat into solid, healthy tissue, and also induce a feeling of renewed energy, strength and power of endurance.

Watch this paper for statements of well-known physicians who are advocating the Systoxan and drinking water method that is sweeping over the Country, leaving in its path a chain of strong, red-blooded men and women who defy weak nerves, thinness, lack of endurance or premature marks of age! Anyone can obtain Systoxan in this city from Kennedy's Drug Store, Geo. A. Gorges and the three minutes alone with temptation. When I finished, Uncle Ned came over and put his hand under my chin and so he held my face to the grave scrutiny of his eyes. "Judge not, little girl," said he.

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Bringing Up Father

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By McManus



"Judge not. It's easy to be wrong. Some folks ain't fair to our Val. You wouldn't do anything to fasten blame on an innocent person. I know that, or I don't know a thing about folks."

Then I told them of the one day remaining before the husband put you go straight home and search through everything you had on that day. I reckon you'll find your ring, in a pocket or caught in a hem or some place that's so likely you never thought of it at all. But anyway, we love you for the way you've stood by that girl."

"I believe you're right," I said, unthinkingly. "I'm going right home, and I feel sure I'll be back here in an hour with the ring on my finger."

At the door Aunt Mollie added a gentle word.

"I'm sure my Neddie's right, Anne. We'll see you back with the ring in an hour and we want you to know, dear, that we are proud you came to us. But we ain't going to make any mention of this confidence ever, nor yet let ourselves figure on who the little girl who might have taken the ring can be—unless she needs us some day."

"You dear!" I cried. "I know I'll find my ring. And you've made me very thankful I didn't steal the girl's chance!"

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THE LOVE GAMBLER

By Virginia Terhune Van de Water

CHAPTER LXII

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In spite of stern self-chiding, Desiree Leighton was too thankful and happy to succeed in composing herself to sleep before dawn. In consequence she was still slumbering when her father went downtown to his office after breakfast. When she did awake she lay still for some time musing on what had happened.

The shadow had been lifted from Smith's reputation. She was glad to believe that even her father no longer doubted his chauffeur's innocence, although he had sneered at what he called "love affairs below-stairs." Desiree caught her breath sharply as she recalled that speech. She could not dispute it, yet she resented what she regarded as an injustice on her father's part.

Then she tried to reason the matter out with herself, only to find to her dismay that to this affair that concerned Smith so closely she could not give an unbiased judgment. All she could say to herself was—

"I knew he was incapable of anything mean. I knew, whatever happened, that he was a gentleman at heart and in action."

Was she entirely disinterested in these views?

Suddenly and without her will she asked this question.

When she tried to answer it she was frightened. For she could not deny enough to acknowledge that her liking for this young man had grown so fast that it had passed beyond her power to check it. She could no longer hide from herself the fact that Smith meant much in her life. During the past two days, when she shrank from seeing him because of the telegram she had sent, the hours had dragged. She was already wondering how soon she might see him again.

What would her father say? A sensation of guilt seized her as she remembered how her parent trusted her and how much shocked he would be at the painful interest his daughter felt in the doings of this young chauffeur whom she scarcely knew.

Her remorse annoyed her, but it could not make her drive Smith from her mind. But she did want to follow her father's wishes as far as lay within her power. He had told her in the telegram she had sent, she must do this now, disagreeable as it was to reopen the subject.

She rang her bell and, when the maid appeared at the door, informed her that she would be ready for breakfast in three-quarters-of-an-hour. Then with a fine show of unconcern, she added:

"Oh, by the way, Annie, have you heard from Nora yet?"

"Why, no, ma'am," was the surprised reply. "I'm not expectin' to hear from her. As I told you, me and her ain't on the best of terms."

"Why? What is the matter?"

"Well, Annie admitted with evident relish, his temper, ma'am, that's the trouble, from herself."

"Oh—she has a disagreeable temper. I know. Was she ever unkind to you?"

"No, ma'am—not as you'd say unkind. But she did try to do me some mean turns. And she was always threatenin' to get back at folks."

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Life's Problems Are Discussed

By Mrs. Wilson Woodrow

Good morning!

Where could you find a better salutation in its unabridged form than "I wish you a good morning," and every one who utters it is tacitly saying:

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Obviously, the tone in which this wish is conveyed should match the facts. I do guess, ma'am, that the smile is frequently omitted, and the voice is rarely in harmony with the words.

There are fifty-seven different ways of saying it. Sometimes it is growled, sometimes it is barked, or snarled, or sighed, or moaned, or snarled—all of which is unjustifiable. It is the putting of a beautiful thing to base uses.

The favorite method is to say it in a curt, unpleasant way which implies: "I don't care what kind of an old nurse you have. I am rather hoping that it will be disagreeable. I haven't much use for you anyway, and I'll shed no tears if you get what's coming to you."

One woman I can think of always says "Good morning" in such a despairing, hopeless way that it is enough to darken the day and shut out the combined light of the sun, moon and stars. I don't know whether she has a bad conscience or indignation or whether she is simply letting a grouchy get the upper hand of her. But, under any circumstances, she has no right to impose her gloom on others.

If they have had something to make them happy there is no reason for her to cast a cloud over their sunshine and if they have something to bother them, there is no reason why she should deepen and increase their troubles.

And there is no excuse for her crepe-draped voice. She has had more than the average share of good fortune, and no more worries than fall to the common lot. But she has let what was in the first place a mild, babyish grouchy grow to such proportions that it completely masters her. She has gotten into the habit of fussing over every trifling thing; she is dissatisfied with everything and envious of others who enjoy themselves.

She is on the wrong side of the sun and sees only darkness. She has turned the whole fabric of her existence inside out and is wearing its seams outward, which is an unseemly thing to do. A bad pun, but let it stand.

No matter how beautiful the material of a garment is, it's nothing to look at if it's made with raw seams, and people would naturally regard it with disapproval.

Many persons are fond of pets. Some like cats, some dogs, others prefer goldfish or canaries, and still others choose "rrouches." These fall to understanding that one tenderly cherished "grouch" is a much more dangerous companion than a lion or tiger cub; for like the cub it will inevitably reach to turn and bite them, and they will find that instead of being

ANXIOUS

It will be proper for you to discuss with the young man at the hotel if your mother or some older woman goes with you. And it will not be necessary for him to "see you home" if it is two hours ride by train. Don't think of going alone with another girl. While I realize it would be all right, it would "look" all the things your friends say.

Soldier Fails to Make Known His Return

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

Since childhood I have known a boy three years older than I am. He was among those who went to fight for our country. All the time he was away we corresponded. In fact, his letters were written to make me understand he really cared for me. Now, through a girl friend he has returned. He has been home for two weeks. Should I bother about meeting him, as he has never let me know that he was home? Though I love him dearly, I have never loved him that I cared. If I made any attempt to meet him, would he think I was running after him?

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