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"When a Girl Marries"

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

By ANN LISLE

CHAPTER CCXXIV.
We decided to make a picnic out of the Sunday trip to the country place Tom was thinking of buying. "I'll furnish the car," said Tom when he phoned me about it on Saturday, "and have my house-keeper pack a hamper of lunch. All you have to do, Donna Anna, is gather together the congenial crowd. Young Neal and Phoebe, I'd suggest, and Pat—if he'll come."

"You don't seem to have left me much to do even in the line of furnishing the crowd," I replied. "Come now—there's a catch in it somewhere. What is it? What's my share in the division of labor?" "Oh, the car holds seven. So you might furnish a girl. A lonely bachelor had to cheer the lonely bachelor," said Tom.

"All right," I agreed gaily, forgetting that my list of bachelor girls consisted briefly of Carlotta and Daisy. Then I added, "Where are you phoning from?" "On Tom's reply I was unobtrusively that he was at the downtown studio, I promptly called the uptown studio where Daisy was in charge and invited her. Her reply astonished me: "Anne, you are wonderful to ask me—to treat me as if nothing had happened. But I can't come. I can't face your husband yet."

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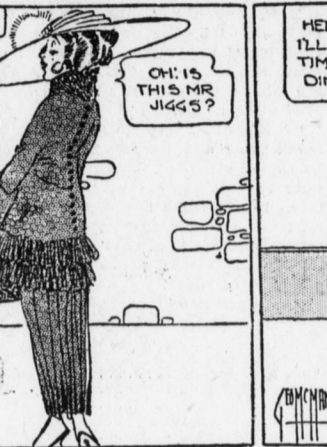
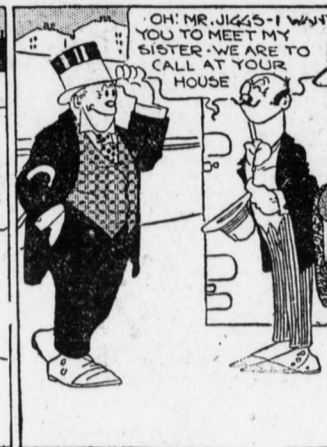
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David DeLaine had another telegram—the second that had come to him within a week. It, like its predecessor, was addressed to "David Smith." This message was from Miss Jeanne DeLaine's lawyer in Baltimore and requested the recipient to "Come without delay, as important matter must be settled."

It must have been dispatched after the sender had received David's letter telling him that he would try to run on to Baltimore before long. Henry Anderson must want to see him in a hurry, the chauffeur reflected. Undoubtedly much was at stake—more, perhaps, than the young man had let himself hope after reading the lawyer's former communication.

He must obey the summons. Now, at last, his duty was clear. He sternly reminded himself of this as he reviewed for the hundredth time the scene between himself and Desiree Leighton last night. For he thought he understood everything—had all the illusions that had been made about the pendant, as well as Desiree's confused manner.

The pendant had disappeared. The girl's father had suspected his chauffeur of taking it from its box on the way to the jeweler's. He had probably mentioned his suspicions to other people—else how would Miss Goddard know of them? For surely she had this in mind when she made veiled remarks regarding the missing jewel.

There had been only one person who trusted him. That was Desiree. She had told him this—had told him she had sent him that enigmatic telegram to urge him to stay so that his innocence might be proved. He wondered how it could have been proved. Probably, he mused, Samuel Leighton had wished to watch him while investigating the case.

David's jaw set sternly. This man had dared think that he— Then he remembered that Samuel Leighton was the father of the girl he loved—the girl who had sacrificed her ideas of conventions, had set aside the traditions of her class to send a message to him because she knew—in the face of all evidence against him—that he was honest. She trusted him.

The lines about his mouth softened. She had done all that for him. For one unthinking moment he had wondered if she had done it because she liked him. Then he remembered the suggestion. She, Desiree Leighton, was at the sort of a girl who would have any personal feeling for her father's chauffeur.

Life's Problems Are Discussed

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The question of a girl proposing to a young man has often been discussed. Many articles headed, "Should Women Propose?" have appeared, and the case has been argued pro and con. I do not suppose that there was ever a group of young people gathered that the subject was not at one time or another threshed out.

Now a girl puts it up to me in a letter. She met a young man and a romantic attachment sprang up between them, but they never actually became engaged. His family as well as hers rather frowned on their friendship, because of their youth, and also on account of his unsettled financial state. He went to another city to take a position, and she heard from him regularly, his letters being full of expressions of affection. Then they ceased abruptly. No letter came for weeks.

Later she heard from him again, and he told her that he had been ill and had lost his position. He was going to another town, however, where he thought there was the chance of a good opening. Since that time several months have passed, and she has not heard a word.

She writes me that she is very unhappy over the whole situation. She fancies that the young man may be out of health, or may have failed to secure a new position, and in either case may be discouraged over his prospects to write.

Her imagination is working overtime, and she finds the suspense of his long silence almost too hard to bear. His family never speaks of him to her, and she does not like to bring up the subject. But unless she does ask them for it, she has no way of learning his address; so she is now about ready to pocket her pride and request it from them. Then it is her purpose to write him and tell him that she is ready to marry him at any time.

But I pray her to consider the matter a little further. We only pocket our pride when we are pretty sure of getting something big enough to compensate us for doing so; and all she

may get from those obstinately reserved parents of his is an unpleasant rebuff.

Everything she imagines may be true. All the excuses she makes for his silence may be correct. His pride may keep him from writing, and he may be longing for the comfort and encouragement of her letters.

But, on the other hand, that may not be the case. He may not care to go against the wishes of his parents, and he may be taking this way to let her interest in him die a gradual death; or he may have met another girl who attracts him more.

Now, a young man in this girl's position would say to himself "I am going to find out the truth." He would get the girl's address from her family, if possible, and would write and ask the reasons for her apparent coolness.

Why may a young woman not do the same? Why does she have to sit with folded hands and see her happiness slip by her?

There are several reasons. One is that when a man asks a woman to marry him he is virtually saying in the words of the marriage service: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow." He is offering to provide shelter and food and clothing for her, the necessities of life and as many of the comforts as he can afford.

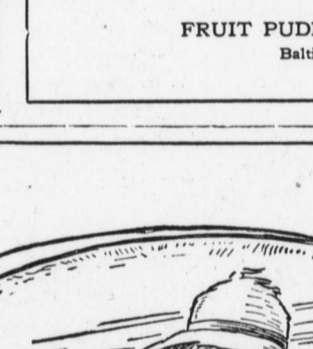
This fact places a woman at an extreme disadvantage when it comes to proposing, unless she is well off and her money is so invested that it appears to be sufficient to supply her needs throughout her life. And even then she is at a disadvantage. Suppose she has overstepped a very firmly held convention. It may be an unfair convention, or an unjust or even an absurd one; but nevertheless it exists and is very deeply rooted. Suppose the marriage does not turn out happily? The woman who has proposed it is again at a serious disadvantage.

In their disagreements the man is apt to feel and perhaps to say: "It is all your fault. I would never have dreamed of marrying you if you had not asked me, and then I was too chivalrous to turn you down." A horrible thing to say, but then people do say nasty things to each other in heated moments. And she, poor thing, is left without an answer, and no woman on earth likes that.

to have a temporary heart-break now that a lasting one later on.

A broken heart is more easily mended than any other known ailment, which is probably no consolation at all to this young woman or to any other

in similar circumstances. But I am sure that if she saves her pride and lets the young man do the pursuing, she will in a year or two thank the kind fates that kept her from making a foolish move on life's chessboard.



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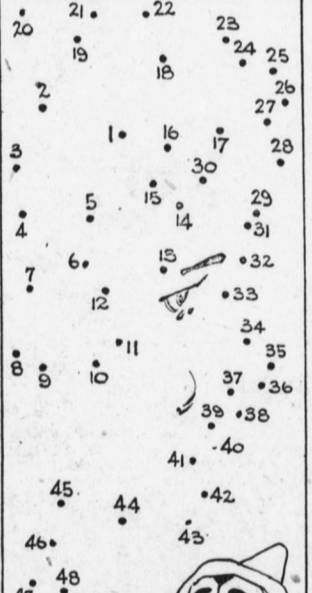


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