

# Reading for Women and all the Family

## "When a Girl Marries"

By ANN LITTLE

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

**CHAPTER COCKVII**  
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Anne dear, is that you?" came Jim's voice over the wire mercifully distinct and unblurred. "What do you think of me, my blessed darling? Listen, dear; do you hear me?"

"Yes, I hear you, Jim, and it makes me so happy," I said.

"What did you think of me for racing off so madly, dear? I was completely taken by surprise. Uncle Ned never gave me a hint that he'd want me to come along. He got the inspiration last night and thought I'd be tickled to look over some copper properties, get in a bit of fishing and help cheer up Pat. Understand, dear?"

"Yes, I replied happily. "I understand everything now. As long as you didn't know last night and hide it from me, everything's all right."

"My blessed sweetheart—here, don't cut in, Central. Wait a minute, Anne, while I get a clear connection."

A buzzing and rattling on the wire and then after a minute or two my Jim's voice, again:

"Are you there, Anne? Can you hear me? Listen, dear—with the train half an hour out this morning, I picked up the paper sleepily and saw the date. Then I woke up, Anne, darling, you know why. My blessed girl—it breaks my heart to think I'm away from you to-day. Are you happy? Have you had a wonderful day?"

"You weren't here—" I temporized, forgetting how miserable the day had been because it was so kind now. "Otherwise, it's been lovely. Sweet letters. Beautiful gifts."

"I'm glad, dear. I could hardly wait until the train pulled in here and I had a chance to call you. Uncle Ned's been kicking himself

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complained of his taking Jim away on my birthday.

Suddenly I realized that in my unreasoning pride I'd probably hurt Phoebe and Neal. So I hurried to the phone and called my brother. And a fate which had rentured entirely in my behalf let me find Neal at home. After I had thanked him for his wonderful gift, I blurted out the truth about Jim's absence from the city.

## LITTLE TALKS BY BEATRICE FAIRFAX

The other day I had a little chat with a mechanic who is making \$8 a day, plus overtime, and he felt aggrieved, disillusioned, and utterly out of sorts with life because his wife had asked to have the washing done.

He puffed on a black and did reputable pipe—the only friend left to him in a bitter world—as he told of his sorrow. "It seems you can't get help outside nor at home, either. Here's my wife that I've kept as a lady ever since I've married her, asking for a washwoman at \$2.50 a day. The world has gone mad!"

Curiosity prompted me to discover just what "keeping a wife as a lady" actually meant, and believe me, it was no sinecure from this man's point of view. They have six children varying in ages from eighteen months to fifteen years. And for these, self and husband the "lady" had cooked, washed, ironed, sewed, darned, mended, nursed in sickness and tended in health—with no assistance from any one, except a week's care from a practical nurse when the children were born.

And of all times to ask for a washwoman at \$2.50 a day and meals, when the cost of everything is clear over your head." He puffed on his pipe and again decided that nothing short of a miracle would save the world. This model husband, who was about forty, was in the pink of condition; well rounded, with the comfortable, unharassed look of a man whose home is well kept, whose meals are to his liking, and who takes physical well-being for granted.

A day or two later, had occasion to see his wife. I found her a nervous wisp of a woman, aged twenty-four, but looking sixty. She had valvular disease of the heart, and her doctor had told her she must give up the family laundry work.

This Man Not a Brute

Now, I was not anything but a "good, kind, blind man" who never realize anything is wrong till the doctor tells him it is "all over." If men of this type notice how ill and tired their wives look they immediately jump to the conclusion that "Mary does not get enough exercise." Instead, they have seen somewhere that exercise is the finest thing in the world, and Mary's habit of sitting down after the day's work is done instead of going out for a fine, brisk walk is all wrong. "What has she to do anyway but the few little things around her home; it is not as if she were out working for someone else?"

enced in business he will not employ me. I used to spend all my evenings in dictating his letters; he always promised me if he ever was his own boss I would be his private secretary. Now I am really in need of money, as my mother is old and feeble. What do you think of such a personality?"

R. S.

This is a very pitiful story, and I do not think anything will be gained by declining to face facts. He would seem from your account of the affair that this man does not intend to keep his promise—or the implied promise that six years of friendship involves.

He has doubtless become interested in some one else, perhaps the young woman employed in his office. You are certainly entitled to a clearing up of this state of affairs and would be quite within your rights in asking him to explain things.

It will be cold comfort for me to say that he is really unworthy of your love or consideration. You have given him six years out of your life and no words, however consoling, can cancel that. You have been badly treated, and must call to your assistance all the character and will you possess to get through the ordeal. On the

other hand, I think you will feel glad, eventually, that you escaped marrying so cold-blooded and selfish a man.

ALMOST NORMAL

"How long has your son been out of the army?"

"Three months."

"Has he adjusted himself to civil life?"

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But Neal arose and seizing me masterfully by the elbow, fairly pulled me from my chair.

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"You sweet, generous darling!" I flung at him as he departed.

Joyous Neal and I swung out to the soft strains of the popular Hawaiian waltz. For several moments I was conscious of nothing but the rhythm of the sobbing yet laughing music and of our gliding along as part of it. Then a face—startled me uneasy—stood out. Tom again. He avoided my eyes, and I refrained from looking toward him. As the last encore began I saw him leaving. The girl, fairly sinking out with him, was Daisy Condon.

(To be Continued.)

**EXCHANGE NO ROBBERY**

Two business friends who lived in the country met one day, and one invited the other to dine with him that evening.

At the appointed time the guest set forth in the direction of his friend's house, and as the road in his village were somewhat dimly lighted, he took with him an old-fashioned stableman's lantern.

The dinner was good, the wine excellent and all went merrily.

The next morning, however, he received the following note from his friend of the night before:

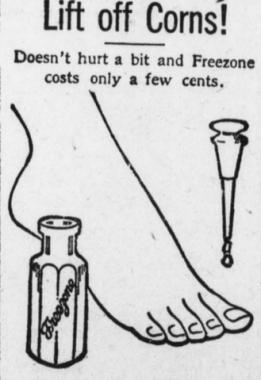
"Dear Old Man—I am sending my man over to you with this note, and he brings with him your lantern. If you have quite finished with my parrot and cage I shall be awfully glad if you will return same per bearer."

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He was fortunate to get enough together to buy out a concern of which he became the head; now things are changed. He rarely dresses up when calling on me—always in his working clothes when taking me any place, and when I call at his place, he says what do you want—no hello, or pleased to see me, and he acts very uneasy till I say goodbye without it.

I am supporting my mother as a clerk in an office, and since the war is over my firm closed down. My friend has a girl that the other firm had, and while I am more experi-

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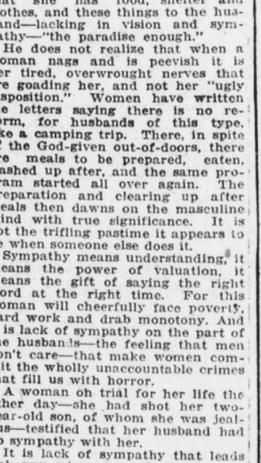
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