

A WIFE IN THE MAKING

BY PHYLLIS PHILLIPS

NED IS CALLED IN TO HELP.

At the end of her story Miss Laura's eyes were moist. She sat trying to hide the emotions within her, yet obviously on the verge of weeping every bit as hard as her friend, Sally, had done.

"That's our Cherry for you. Just the sort of thing she would do, poor darling, so far away, so lonely, and so, so unhappy. Most Christmas time, too, and with her heart and thoughts full of her Ned, I warrant, in spite of pride. Well, what you and I have got to do, Sally, is to bring those two young people together again before the end of the week. We've got to give Cherry the most wonderful Christmas of her whole life. Now let's set our minds to working."

"Deed we will. There's nothing I won't do for the dearest and best girl in the world," said Mrs. Randall, fervently. "Why for all my meanness to her she's turned round and made me grateful for her for life. It's no wonder that Ned stuck to her through all my peevishness. We'll get him right over here, now, Laura."

"Will he be able to leave the office?" asked Miss Laura.

"He's just got to leave it, no matter what. I know he's been terribly rushed since Arline quit so suddenly. Has had to attend to his correspondence himself and is at sixes and sevens. But this is more important than all the correspondence and business in the world. You ring him up, like a dear, and tell him we must see him."

Miss Laura promptly did so and while they waited for him to appear Mrs. Randall tried to draw her out on the sudden disappearance of Ned's secretary.

"You were the last person that saw her, Laura, and you called on her once or twice before she left town. What on earth was behind her quick decision to leave us? She seemed so glad to get back again and things were going just fine at the office till she went, Ned says."

"Well, I think, to tell you the truth, that Arline met some attractive young fellow before she left Chicago and he had written to her several times. You know how fast those things go, often

as not. She had broken off with Peter Wilson and probably saw that there was really no reason for her to stay around this part of the country any more, and made up her mind to go. It's much better all round, I think. I feel very sorry for Arline, somehow. She's not a happy young girl and she has a lot of false notions. Maybe in a few years she'll settle down and realize that life is well worth while, after all."

And this was all that Miss Laura volunteered. She remembered her promise to the weeping girl who had confessed to loving Ned above honor itself, when she produced the letter that had so nearly wrecked the happiness of two people. Miss Laura was all round human in every way. In her heart was room for the sinner as well as the saint.

"Here comes Ned now," exclaimed Mrs. Randall, joyfully, as she saw her son's tall form coming up the garden path.

(To be concluded.)

INSURANCE FOR S. C. METHODIST MINISTERS

St. George, S. C., Dec. 2.—Meeting here in annual conference South Carolina Methodists instructed the finance committee to insure the life of each member of the conference in the sum of \$2,000.

Funds to pay the first premium will be derived from a Christmas offering and in the future will be carried regularly in the budget of the conference. A resolution was defeated that would have required prospective students to insure their lives in the sum of \$1,000 before negotiating loans with which to complete their education.

CORN STILL IS KING.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Corn is still king of American farm products in point of money value. The Census Bureau, in a statement last night, placed corn at the head of a list of twenty leading crops in 1919 with a total value of \$2,507,797,102 out of an aggregate value for the whole list of about \$13,750,000,000.

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

REAL SAFETY PLAN.

Speaking of fools, brethren, a gentleman of this city says that when he sees a gentleman coming in an automobile (and he can always tell them afar off) he gives him his half of the road; when he sees a fool coming he gives him all of it, and when he sees a darn fool coming he takes to the woods.—The Georgia Madsonian.

Charles M. Schwab says for us to laugh at present-day troubles. All right, Charlie, but if we bust anything laughing, you will have to pay the doctor bill.

One way to catch a murderer is to publish a picture of his tenacious watch chain which has dropped off in the immediate vicinity of the crime.

HERE'S YOUR BLACK LEATHER LADY, GENTS!

Found—Black Leather Lady's Pocketbook on Dolphin street, between Division street and Druid Hill avenue. Call 1817 Division street.—A recent N. Y. want ad.

It is our pet ambition to spend our old age occupying the chair of column writing in some richly endowed university. Having been in the business for 20 years, and knowing absolutely nothing about it yet, we feel that we are amply fitted for the position.

After some of the foreign generals travel over this country for months and then not see one-third of it, they probably feel less and less like fighting it.

SUITABLE EPITAPHS NO. 3.

Here lies Leander Whiffenpoof. Who thrived on chattel-mortgage snaps. He shuffled off, this heartless goof. And he has gone above—PERHAPS.

"Restaurant Man Shot by Diner."—Headline. Maybe the diner found an oyster in his stew and went crazy.

STILL, THE NIGHTS ARE A BIT COOL.

Fashion Paper says: "For your evening dress, I advise you to simply buy a piece of broad silver ribbon, pass it twice around the waist and knot it at the side."

Socrates earned an equivalent of \$75 a year. No wonder he was a philosopher. He had to be.

You can at least be thankful that your income tax instalment doesn't come until next month.

"Russia Is in Need of a Loan"—Headline. We know just how Russia feels.

When a woman gets to exposing her husband in a divorce court, the reporting angel has to write shorthand.

Recent want ad: "Wanted: Young woman for hanging up, shaking and folding. Toronto Laundry Works."

Many a vaudeville juggler has learned his trade while dining in serve-salt restaurants.

Reports say they are revolting in Russia. Again, or yet?

HEART AND HOME PROBLEMS

BY MRS. ELIZABETH THOMPSON

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Please tell me what to do. My first cousin and I have been companions since childhood. I thought that we were just good old pals and nothing else. I never knew that he loved me until a few weeks ago when he told me that he did and that he wants me to marry him.

I don't love him enough to marry him but he says I must or he will never get over it. I think too much of him to see his life ruined when I could make him happy. What should I do?

Talk to a physician about marrying your cousin. He will be able to give you a medical point of view, which is the only thing you should consider in a matter of so much importance.

"Marion": You should return the pearl ring since you do not love the young man enough to marry him. His mother would wish him to keep it in his possession until he gives it as an engagement ring.

I certainly do not think you should let fellows kiss you and make love to you. And I do not think it is "sissies" who don't. It takes more character to be careful in such matters than to be promiscuous. Kisses are cheapening except when given with a heart full of love.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Ever since

last spring I have been going with a young man who seemed to love me dearly. He never told me that he did, but he came to see me often and he took me everywhere I wanted to go. He also wanted to kiss me when we were together and I cared so much for him that I let him. About two months ago I thought it would be nice to give him a dozen fine linen handkerchiefs for his Christmas present which I love doesn't care for me. I don't expect to finish the other handkerchiefs, but I wonder if it wouldn't be a good idea to send him the three I have finished to show him that I hold no resentment. What do you think?

To send the handkerchiefs would be a great mistake. Since the young man has told you he does not care for you, he would feel that you were running after him and trying to make him come back if you sent the handkerchiefs. Rip out the initials and give them to someone else.

You must show a brave heart over this matter and take your trouble with a smile on your lips. Almost every one is disappointed in love at some time and the situation has to be faced. Time is merciful and will gradually heal your heartache.

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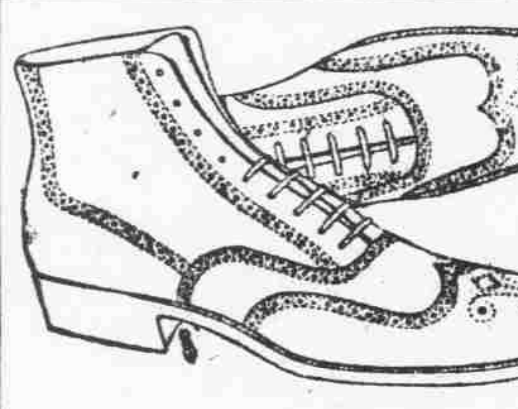
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THE WISE FOOL.

"An honest confession is good for the soul," observed the Sage.

"Yes," commented the Fool. "And it is often good for 10 or 20 years in the penitentiary."

As we understand it, the way to settle a strike is for everybody to agree that it is silly.

The following is offered absolutely without prejudice, and in purely unselfish vein, as one of the best jokes of the present week, barring our own private brew, of course.

"What is it?"

"I am a Government inspector."

"I ain't got any hootch."

"That doesn't interest me. I am enforcing the law against roller towels."

—Louisville Courier Journal.

Slippery Customer: "I have a peculiar constitution," said the customer, who owed every pharmacy in town, "and that must be considered in supplying my needs. What would you advise for my ailment, keeping in mind my condition?"

Long-Suffering Pharmacist: "Slippery elm."

Whether or not those roll-top stockings of the flappers are to be popular this Winter, is an uncertainty that remains to be seen.

THE BLACKFACE.

Subscriber—"Your newspaper prints some wild stories."

Editor—"Think so? Well, you ought to see some of the stuff we don't print."

—Judge.

Mrs. Harding is resuming practice on the piano: No discords in the White House, we beg of you.

The way to disarm is to disarm.

A cook-book is food for thought.

Worry fills more graves than want.

OBSERVATIONS OF OLDEST INHABITANT.

I kin remember when a man's profanity was given the acid test, taking up, beating and putting down the old-fashioned carpets that covered the entire floor.

POETRY OF MOTION.

Frown—"Have you ever noticed that blissful rhymes with kisses?"

Towne—"I have also noticed that blister rhymes with kissed her."

The darkest hour in the life of a young man is when he sits down to study how to get money without honestly earning it.

TUFF.

"I'm down and out!" said Mr. Stronz. "And everything just goes dead wrong: Into each life some rain must fall. But darn the luck, I get it all."

There's only one thing that beats a good wife—that's a bad husband.

FORCE OF HABIT.

Jones, the druggist, was originally a hardware man, and featured washing machines. This explains the window sign on his toothbrushes. "Guaranteed for Family Use."

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