

# WHEN A MAN'S MARRIED

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**Case No. 2988.**  
**NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT**

In the District Court of Box Butte County, Nebraska:  
Leven H. Jones, Plaintiff, vs. Jessie M. Jones, defendant:  
To Jessie M. Jones, non-resident defendant, take notice:  
That on the 12th day of June, A. D., 1920, Leven H. Jones filed his petition against you in the District Court of Box Butte county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a divorce from you on the grounds that you have been guilty of the act of committing adultery without just cause or provocation.  
You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 9th day of January, 1921.  
LEPEN H. JONES, Plaintiff.  
LEE BASYE, Attorney  
Nov 23-Dec 23

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## THE SECRET POCKET

By WALTER J. DELANEY

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"You delightful young man!" commented Mrs. Laura Delevan sincerely. "But look at your raincoat!"

"It is nothing, considering the service rendered," bowed Rodney Cleve, and he was the courtly gentleman complete as he lifted his hat and drew aside discreetly, as the lady reached the steps of her paternal home and rewarded his attentions with an admiring glance.

Never since the days of good old Queen Bess of Merrie England, when Sir Walter Raleigh set the example young Cleve had now followed, had a more delicate compliment been paid to womankind. Coming down the street, Cleve had seen the Delevan automobile halted with a jar directly in the middle of the road.

"Something broken," announced the chauffeur, and Cleve stepped to the curb, Mrs. Delevan, fair and forty, had pushed open the door of the machine.

"Can you not get nearer to the curb, John?" she inquired petulantly.

"Impossible, ma'am," came the definite reply. "The power is gone and it's something serious."

Rodney Cleve knew Mrs. Delevan by sight. For two months she had been a bugaboo in his life without knowing it. He had met her niece, bright, pretty Patty Delevan, who lived with her, at several social functions, had fallen deeply in love with her and had received some encouragement in return, but Patty, while she had allowed him to see her home on two occasions, had parted with him at the vestibule door and had never invited him to call. Then a friend had enlightened Cleve.

"Mr. Delevan is a high and mighty descendant of the very oldest Puritan stock," this informant said, "and Mrs. Delevan is a social leader. As to Patty, they guard and guide her as if she were some princess, crowd off the fellows, circumscribe her list of acquaintances and frown on the least sign of an attachment."

It was no marvel, therefore, as Cleve found himself in a position to serve this formidable ogress that he was inspired to a remarkable act. He had whipped off his raincoat swiftly; he had spread it out from the curb to the step of the automobile, had extended his hand and the lady had thus safely evaded the soil and wet of the muddy street.

His heart fluttered as he snatched up the coat and shook it into folds and carried it away with him. There was no sense of affectation or the ridiculous, for he had followed a precept of his father, drilled into him since childhood.

A stickler for propriety, the elder Cleve had made a record as a gracious, courtly gentleman of the good old kind.

It was a few days after the incident

of the stalled automobile that Mr. Cleve called Rodney into the library.

"I haven't forgotten that this is your birthday, Rodney," he said, "and my tailor suggested a practical present," and he removed from a box an overcoat built on lines in exquisite harmony with the prevailing dictates of fashion.

Rodney expressed pleased approbation and gratefulness. Then, discovering a small slit on the inner arm of the garment, he inquired:

"Here is a new wrinkle to me. What is this for?"

"A pocket for the dainty hand of any young lady to whom you may happen to be escort when the weather is cold," explained Mr. Cleve.

Rodney sighed inwardly. Would the fair hand of Patty Delevan ever nestle there?

A week later, passing the opera-house, Rodney recognized Mrs. Delevan in the line of those purchasing advance seats. Again the courteous impulse came into play. The ogress smiled graciously as he stepped to her side.

"You will have to stand in line for half an hour at least," he spoke. If you will step into the lobby where it is warm, I will see that you get what tickets you want through my friend in the box office."

"Of all the admirable young men," murmured Mrs. Delevan, as Cleve returned.

Could he be of any further service? She was going only a few squares to her husband's office. He would be glad to be her escort, and as walks were slippery would she take his arm?

Quite naturally, as she did so, her hand slipped into the secret pocket. How original! what a cozy conception! She really must introduce him to her husband after all his kindly attentions, and Cleve felt that he had certainly acquired a footing in their good graces.

It was a vast step forward when later an invitation came from Mr. and Mrs. Delevan to a social function at their home. Wise, delighted Patty never intimated to her aunt that they had met before. Mutually hopeful, they allowed matters to drift.

Into that same secret sleeve pocket Patty's dainty-gloved hand slipped one evening, as was his wont, as they were headed for an entertainment. Patty's fingers came in contact with a tiny pasteboard box.

"There is something in the pocket," she began.

"Oh, yes," said Rodney animatedly "it is an engagement ring."

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