

A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



Madge Makes an Interesting Discovery.

Dr. Pettit's shoulders are most expressive. They betrayed their disapproval of me emphatically as he strode rapidly around the farmhouse toward the front door, leaving me to the escort of Dr. Meredith. I guessed that the second physician was someone whose opinion Herbert Pettit greatly valued. I had greeted them with filigree in order to hide my chagrin at the ridiculous position in which Jerry Ticer's practical joke had placed me. This evidently had jarred him as much as had the sight of my enforced circus stunt upon "Lady's" back. He meant his disapproval to emphasize the enormity of my offense against his standards.

Any exhibition of Dr. Pettit's dignity, however, always upsets my risibles, and I forgot my own chagrin in my amusement at his uncompromising back. But I did not know that I was smiling until Dr. Meredith's voice murmured:

"Do you include ramrods in your daily diet list for physicians in this part of the country, Mrs. Graham? Old Bert appears to have swallowed one, and I judge your face that it is a familiar performance to you."

I looked up, a bit startled, to find his eyes, twinkling with merriment, fixed upon my face. It was but a second before I dropped my own again with feigned demureness, but my flashing impression of a few minutes before was confirmed. They were eyes which a beautiful woman might have envied—large, lustrous, of that indefinable shade neither brown, blue nor hazel, which has yet something belonging to all those tints. Yet their feminine quality did not detract from the strength of a face essentially masculine in its virility.

"He is So Easily Shocked."

"Dr. Pettit's dignity is the most precious thing he owns," I murmured. "The physician was out of sight and carshot around the corner by this time—and I am afraid I upset it terribly just now. He is so easily shocked."

I sighed as if in contrition at my own shortcomings and my companion exploded with laughter.

"I see you have his number," he commented, and then his voice sobered.

"Tell me," he said interestedly, "wasn't that yoked with the harmonic responsible for the involuntary circus performance? You see, I am assuming that it was involuntary."

"Your assumption is correct," I returned. Then, amazed at myself for thus confiding to a stranger, I sketched, in a brief sentence, Jerry's practical joke and the fancied grievance which had caused it.

"I thought so," he said gravely when I had finished. "It is my business to notice those things, and I was struck by the expression of unholy glee upon the lad's face when we drove in. Just a word of warning Mrs. Graham. Look out for him. I don't mean that he would be dangerous. He's harmless enough, but that combination of sensitive resentment and love for a practical joke is bad medicine, especially when the mind back of it is youthful and unformed."

I had time for only a comprehending grateful nod, and a brief, "Thank you, I shall remember." We rounded

at the corner of the house and saw Dr. Pettit standing upon the front veranda, waiting for us with an impatience which he did not try to conceal.

"Dr. Meredith's time is extremely valuable," he said pointedly to me. "He is an eminent specialist in nerve disorders. He happened to be in consultation upon a case at the hospital and consented," because of our former college friendship, to come over here and look at this mysterious patient of Mrs. Underwoods."

His tone and manner emphasized his tactless words. "And you, a mere woman, are wasting his time," they said as plainly as if he had spoken aloud.

"Keep your coat on, Bert," Dr. Meredith advised. "I've been getting some advance information about the exhibit."

A Doctor's Riddle Solved.

The contrast between the two men as they faced each other was like the throwing open of a door upon something which always had puzzled me. It was the reason for Dr. Pettit's remaining an ordinary practitioner when he possessed so much medical and surgical skill. I saw now that his stiffness, his reserve, his prized dignity had wrapped him around like enveloping garments, keeping him from the progress he should have made. Dr. Meredith was so sure of himself and his position that he was not afraid of losing prestige by a jest or an ease of manner while the other man clung to his dignity tenaciously, as if it were the only symbol of his profession which he possessed.

We were inside the house by this time and I proceeded the two physicians upstairs to my room, where lay the amnesia-stricken girl. Katharine came to the door with her usual demure salutation for Dr. Pettit, but when her eyes fell upon the other man they widened in astonishment.

"Hal Meredith!" she murmured, as if the name had fallen from her lips without her knowledge.

Word had been received here of the marriage of Miss Florence Loomis of Remsen, N. Y., to Frederick H. Brown of that city on March 3. They sailed March 7, for a Mediterranean cruise.

Miss Loomis made many friends here during her short stay in Omaha a year ago when she came to establish the Florentine shop in Aquila Court. Miss Nan Murphy, whom she left in charge, has given up her work, and Miss Brown of New York, sister of Frederick Brown, is here to take it over indefinitely.

Miss Ellen Creighton, who has been quite ill at her home with influenza, is much improved.

AT THE PALACE
This is one day's chapter of the story of "The Three Spinners." Children who save the paper dolls every day can set out the whole story with the dolls.

The next day the girl and her mother went to the palace. They were received kindly by the queen, who sent the mother home again but took the daughter up to a tower where there were three rooms all filled with flax.

"Look," said the queen, "here is enough flax to satisfy you for a time at least. When you have spun all this you shall marry my son and after that you shall have all the flax you want. You may begin immediately and tomorrow at this time I shall come to see how much you have done."

So saying the queen went away, leaving the poor girl alone in the tower. In every way she looked she could see nothing but flax, flax, flax. She burst into tears.

Color the queen's hair black. Her gown should be a deep red. As you can see she was a very beautiful queen.

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Modish Godet

By LUCILLE LORRAINE



Even Paris can only slightly vary simplicity this spring but the circular godet makes of this straight-line frock a thing definitely new. It will serve a variety of purposes according to the material used. In a printed crepe it may be the basis of an ensemble with a coat bought separately or with one that you will make yourself. For example my pattern 201. Made in a solid-colored crepe-satin, georgette, or crepe de chine, it becomes a charming dinner dress while you will find it in a cotton

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Your Problems Solved

by Martha Allen

Her Parents Are Right.

Dear Miss Allen: I am a girl of 16½ and am very fond of dancing, suppers and parties. My mother and father object very much to these and think that I should stay at home except for the time I am going to school. I am in the third year of high and would like a little freedom. One gets tired of never being able to go out with her girl friends. How will I ever meet a nice boy if I stay at home always?

Your parents are quite right in objecting to dances, suppers and parties unless they are held at your school. You will probably find that if you are reasonable in your demands they will be reasonable, too, and will not object to material the most serviceable of house dresses.

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ject in the least if you invite friends to your home. Don't worry about meeting boys. In two or three years you will have opportunities and will attract a better class of boys because you have not cheapened yourself by running around wild when you were younger.

Lover Not Acceptable to Family.

Dear Miss Allen: I am a girl of 16 and have been going with a boy of 20 off and on for nearly a year. He doesn't dance and is considered very quiet, but he shows his love for me. The folks don't like him on account of his nationality and every time they hear of my going with him they punish me. I have just been punished every day for three weeks, but my love for him is stronger than usual. I have been in the hospital for four months and am in no condition to work, but have to anyway. He thinks that by going away with him I would settle my troubles, but I don't want to get married because I am so young. I do and get almost everything I want at home. Please tell me what to do, for I love him dearly and want to do what is best.

Your marriage would not be legal without the consent of your parents. They are wrong in objecting to a young man merely because he is a foreigner. Every nation has its gentlemen. It is especially ridiculous for Americans to be snobbish because none of them can trace very far back in their ancestry without discovering alien blood. Of course, if your parents are determined, there is nothing for you to do except stop seeing the young man. Try to make them see, however, that he is of fine character and worthy of your friendship. Perhaps they would not be so opposed to

Wants to Dance.

Dear Miss Allen: I have been in this town two years. I do admire dancing, but am undecided whether to start going to dances or not. Mother and father wouldn't mind if I went except for what other people would think and say. What should I do?

If you go to dances at respectable places people will not talk. You should not, however, go alone, but should join a party of friends. You might enter a dancing class. Even if you do not need lessons you will meet people in that way.

Mother and Daughter.

Your mother really has reason to feel hurt, although you had no intention of being unkind. I advise you to tell your mother that you really wanted to save her from an embarrassing situation. She must feel pitifully alone with her husband married to another woman, her son dead, and her daughter seemingly indifferent. Show her all the love you can because she certainly needs it.

Julia.

You don't need advice so much as you need to be examined for sanity.

Findleys Return April 11.

Mrs. Palmer Findley and her daughter, Mary, who have been in Honolulu this winter, set sail from the Islands Wednesday and will arrive in Omaha a week from Saturday.

Delegates From Dundee Woman's Club.

Delegates to the second district convention at Valley April 21-22, were elected Wednesday by the Dundee Woman's club at the home of Mrs. Ralph Russell. They include Mesdames Helen K. Morton, H. F. McIntosh, E. R. Elson. Alternates are Mesdames Otto Johnson, N. K. Sype, J. E. Rogers, Clyde Drew, A. J. Cole.

Dr. Cutter to Speak.

At the meeting of the political and social department, Omaha Woman's club, which will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. building, Dr. Irving S. Cutter will be the principal speaker. This will be Dr. Cutter's last appearance before the department before his departure for Northwestern university to take up his new deanship.

Miss Katherine Whitmore of Chicago is visiting Mrs. J. Q. Adams.

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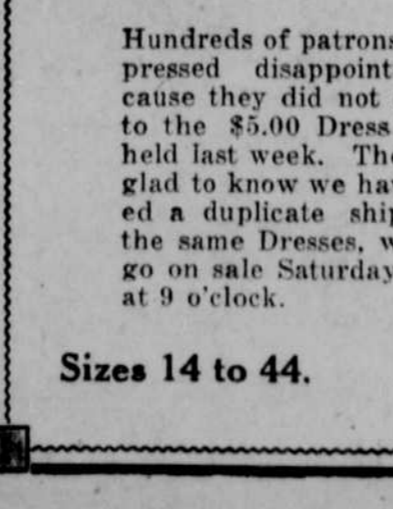
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