

SERIAL STORY

When a Man Marries

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SYNOPSIS.

James Wilson or Jimmy as he is called by his friends, Jimmy was reticent and looked shorter than he really was. His ambition in life was to be taken seriously, but people steadily refused to do so...

CHAPTER X. (Continued.)

"Betty is making no end of a row," Max said, looking up from his game, "because the old lady upstairs insists on chloroform liniment. Betty says the smell makes her ill."

killed he would have withered away. When Jimmy proffered his hand, she looked at it icily. Of course, she could not refuse, with Mr. Harbison looking on.

"Rather negative," she said coldly. "The lines are obscured by cushions of flesh; no heart line at all, mentality small, self-indulgence and irritability very marked."

Max came to me while the others were sitting around drinking night-caps and asked me in a low tone if he could see me in the den. He wanted to ask me something. Dal overheard. "Ask her here," he said.

"Will you coach me?" I asked, for Mr. Harbison was listening. "The woman does not need it," Dal retorted. And then, because Max looked angry enough really to propose to me right there, I got up hastily and went into the den.

But Max was not to be cajoled. He came close and stood with his hand on the back of my chair. "What happened on the roof tonight?" he demanded hoarsely.



"Don't-Let-Her-In-This-Room-Again."

who thinks she is a married woman. If Harbison were worth the trouble, I would tell him the whole story, Aunt Selma be obliterated!

"I mean just this," Max said slowly. "There is only one unaccommodated member of this household: Only one person, save Flannigan, who was locked in the furnace room, one person who was awake and around the house when Anne's jewels went, only one person in the house, also, who would have any motive for the theft."

"Well, that was conclusive, anyhow. I had had a faint hope that it might have been a joke, although it had borne all the evidences of sincerity, certainly. But it was past doubting now; he had lain in wait for me at the landing, and had kissed me, when he thought I was Jimmy's wife.

"Anyhow, she won't have me back," I said. "You're not going to give her up, are you, Betty?" Jim asked impudently. But Betty was, and said so plainly.

she finished, "and she has sent for—guess!" "Have mercy!" Dal cried, dropping to his knees. "Oh, fair ministering angel, she has not sent for me!"

CHAPTER XI.

I Make a Discovery. Really, I have left Aunt Selma rather out of it, but she was important as a cause, not as a result; at least at first. She came out strong later.

Nobody ever understood why Bella consented to take Betty's place with Aunt Selma. As for me, I was too much engrossed with my own affairs to pay the invalid much attention. Once or twice during the day I had stopped in to see her, and had been received frigidly and with marked disapproval.

"Contrary to the general belief, Kit," he began, "I did not intend to ask you to marry me." I breathed easier. He took a couple of steps toward me and stood with his arms folded, looking down at me.

"Where's that flibberty-gibbet?" Jim looked at me. "She must mean Betty," I explained. "She has gone to bed, I think."

"No," she said grimly; "I think I probably got up in my sleep and lighted the fire with them, or sent 'em out for a walk." Then she stuffed the bag away and sat up resolutely in bed.

"Have you made up?" she demanded, looking from one to the other of us. "Bella, don't tell me you still persist in that nonsense."

"I'm not blind," Aunt Selma said, with one eye on the tray. "You two silly children adore each other; I saw some things last night."

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