

Adele Garrison "My Husband's Love"

The Way Bess Dean Helped Make Mrs. Durkee Comfortable.
Despite my personal dislike of Bess Dean, I was distinctly glad to see her

upon the Durkee veranda when the little mistress of the house and I alighted from the taxi which had brought us from the station.
In the first place, my old neighbor needed something drastic to take her mind off the ordeal which Dr. Foxham's advice made imminent. And that Bess Dean's presence was disagreeable enough to her to put every-

thing else temporarily out of her mind, I knew from the account she had given me of that young woman's various activities and her own wrath concerning them.
In the second place, I was anxious to get first-hand knowledge of the despicable little game my former school colleague was playing as a sop to her vanity. I had scored decidedly

in the contest of wits and wills which we had waged in the Catskills with out any one save ourselves, Lillian and Dicky being the wisest. That she had not forgiven me for that time I was sure, and I wondered if her resentful chagrin over her humiliating exit from the mountain resort might not have something to do with her pursuit of Alfred Durkee, and conse-

quent annoyance of Lella, who, she knew, was my very dear friend.
Madge is "Forewarned."
But whatever her motive, I flattered myself that I could block her little game provided I could observe her tactics, and I feverently hoped that she would stay for dinner and the evening that I might see for myself

just what she was doing to upset Lella's peace of mind.
Honesty compelled me to acknowledge still another motive for wishing closely to observe the girl who had tried unsuccessfully to make me ridiculous while she was staying at Mrs. Cosgrove's mountain home.
From the odd demeanor of both Dicky and Alfred Durkee the night

before at our little jazz party, when Lella had spoken Bess Dean's name, I surmised that Bess was keeping something concerning her from me, something which he knew would anger me. In watching for clues to her machinations against Lella, I might discover something pertinent to myself. At least, I resolved that knowing her as I did, I would be forewarned and forearmed against the subtle trickery in which she was so adept.

Beatrice Fairfax Problems That Perplex

Ignorant: "Prom" is another name for a dance.

Question Mark: If a young man stays too late, call his attention to the lateness of the hour and tell him that your mother might object if he stayed longer. If you make up your mind to overcome your "silly diggle," I think it can be done. Judging from the style of your letter, I would take you to be in the primary grades instead of the high school.

Beggy: Instead of trying to do everything to please the young man why not assert your rights and show him that you have a mind of your own and that you are capable of thinking for yourself. He is very unreasonable. If you let him order you about in this manner you'll have a much worse time after you are married.

Theo J.: You will have to let him make the advances. Perhaps he has noticed that you are too eager to attract his attention. Suppose you keep in the background for a while.

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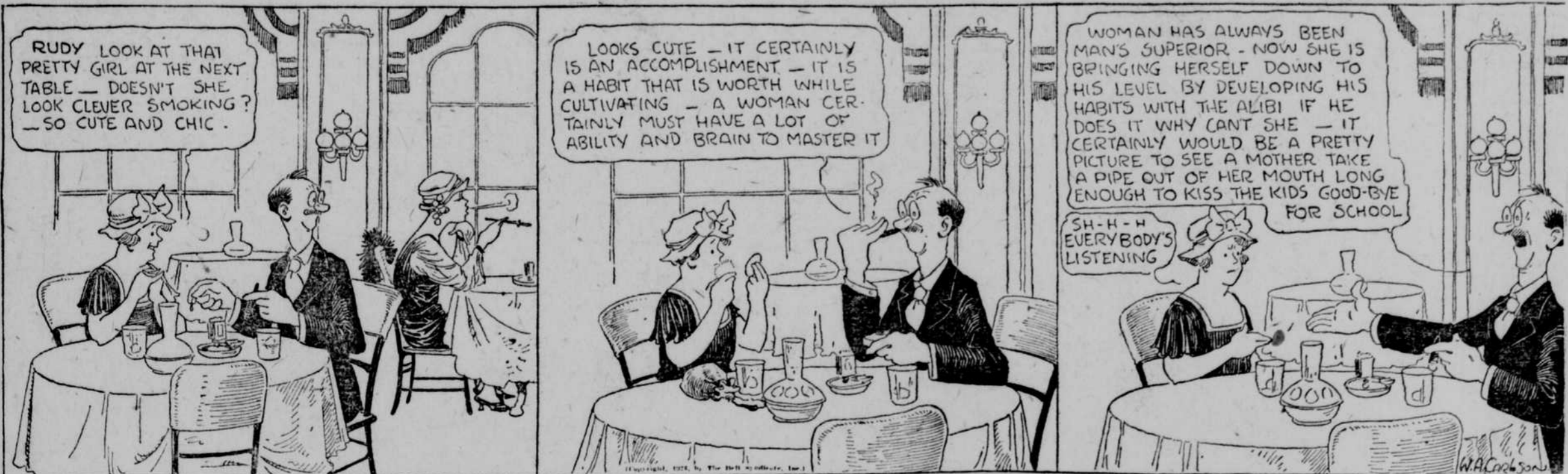
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