

Lover Indifferent Fears She Will Lose Him

By MARTHA ALLEN.
Dear Miss Allen I have been going about with a man four years my senior for over three months and have learned to love him.
However, he is very indifferent and sometimes acts as if he were growing tired of my company, and I have tried to tell him that he sees me too often, but he continues to call on me.
No, Miss Allen, I am old enough to know that I really love this man and do not want to lose him. What would you advise me to do?
BETTY.
Don't be so critical of the moods which the young man, in common with most of humanity, may indulge in now and then. Don't invite trouble by anticipating it. Instead of watching to see if his love is the same one day as the next, be grateful for his companionship and strive to understand and sympathize with him. Just take it for granted that if a man wants to see you it must be because he enjoys being with you. You interpret his actions to mean that he is growing tired of you, but such a thought probably would not enter his head if you didn't put it there by fussing and fidgeting and making problems where none need exist.

Adele Garrison "My Husband's Love"

Why Madge Wisely Decided Not to Risk a Scene.
I mounted the stairs slowly, acutely conscious of the troubled gaze which Mr. Schwartz was sending after me. The old janitor was so childlike, so transparent in his attempts to conceal from me the identity of the man in the hallway above ours, that if I had been less miserable I could have smiled amusedly. But, like the famous waitress of Ade's comedy, I "hadn't a laugh left in my system."
It was easy to visualize the little scene which must have been staged after I had informed Mr. Schwartz of the man in the hallway above ours who had drawn back so precipitately when I had opened our door. The old janitor must have gone directly to the spot. If he had found Dicky there, as I was almost certain he had done, I knew how plausible must have been my husband's explanation and how royal the tip by which he insured silence. But the old chap in his anxiety to earn his reward had blunderingly given me the clue I needed.
Or—I stopped short to consider this—was it a blunder after all? Might he not be shrewder than he appeared? I surmised that the old fellow had a genuine liking for me, which had not been lessened by my morning talk with his afflicted wife. Perhaps by speaking of Dicky's return, directly after he had told me that the man in the hall was a tenant playing a joke on his wife, he counted on my ability to make four of two and two.
But why had Dicky done so post-posterous and undignified a thing? There was but one answer, of course to that, when I had brought forth from their recesses my mental notes of the day's odd incidents. Remembering Dicky's start and question at the sound of Mollie Fawcett's voice, and his espionage of our hall through which the girl had to pass to reach the door, I was sure that he had feigned going to the studio, and returning had taken up his station in the hall above, that he might see her without my knowing it.
Given this hypothesis, the next step was an easy geometrical procedure. He must have recognized her voice, or

thought he did, and wished to make certain of her identity without any one, least of all the girl herself, suspecting his purpose. This in turn argued his having seen—or heard—her before. Then—it must have been she.
I pulled myself up short as I reached my own hall door. I was leaving the logical for the fantastic, I told myself. Besides I knew my husband's temperament too well to minimize the risk I ran in bringing up a subject so fraught with dynamite as this would be. I had nothing definite to go, and whether Dicky really had given me cause for jealous anger or not, his reaction to any accusation of mine, no matter how guarded, was sure to be a tempestuous scene. With the Braithwaites, Lillian and Marlon on their way to us, with a welcoming dinner on my hands, to say nothing of the tense anxiety of the next few days over Mrs. Durkee, I could not risk the racking strain which any open quarrel with Dicky always brings me. So before I opened our own door I had finished the battle with myself begun on the stairs and looking into the mirror afforded by the thick glass, I even managed a smile not too mechanical as I entered our living room.
"Oh, you've returned from the studio," I said carefully registering surprise at Dicky lounging in an easy chair with the morning newspapers on another. A paper had concealed his face when I had entered, and I guessed that he had flashed a furtive, watchful glance at me before replying. I was sure, moreover, that I caught distinct relief in the mocking, laughter-filled eyes which he turned on me as he rose to his feet and made me a deep obeisance.
"No, you've made a slight mistake," he answered. "I'm on the elevated, half-way between. This is my astral body."
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there's a 'clearing up time' coming around this house which will rival old Dinah's; so, if you don't want to be swept out with the rest of the material objects, you'd better remain you. There was nothing doing at the studio, and I don't know any better fun than working with you. What do you want me to do first?"
"Too uninteresting," he replied decidedly. "I've come home to help

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