

A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



Who Was It That Frightened Marion and Junior?

Something in my mother-in-law's tone as she uttered the comment upon Lillian's letter to the effect that she was living melodramatically now, not reading it, renewed my suspicions that the "disgrace," to which she had referred and her inexplicable demand for a hundred dollars for Tuesday, were the figments of an inflated imagination, disordered by the shock of the fall.

But what had cast her in the mood of a stiff and stern Puritan matron, also had given her from some far-off swash-buckling ancestor a zest for the adventurous and mysterious, which she was only able to gratify at second-hand. No one knew better than I how much she had enjoyed Lillian's kindly subtleties of enlisting her aid upon some unimportant detail of her government investigations. Then indeed Mother Graham was in her element and could give pointers on concentration and lofty ignoring of extraneous things to the redoubtable Sherlock Holmes.

It was not for me to voice my suspicion, however. I could only humor her until I found out for myself whether there was any foundation in fact for her hallucinations, and so I only nodded an appropriate lugubrious assent.

"I know, Mother," I said soberly and then more briskly. "I suppose I would better take this letter down to Marion and tell her that her mother is coming."

"You'll find she knows it already as my mother-in-law commented. You know, whatever her other epistolary sins, Lillian always sends a line to Marion at least once a week."

"Yes, that is true," I said, "but this note to Dickey shows haste otherwise she would have sent him the message through Marion. I think I would better tell her."

Madge Seeks the Children.

"Oh, of course," she assented, and I hurried downstairs to find Marion going directly to the kitchen for I had left the children in Katie's charge. I found my little maid baking waffles, patently for Dicky's breakfast and reflected that no matter what the domestic crisis, Katie steadfastly refuses to be diverted from evolving the culinary masterpiece upon which she so justly prides herself.

"Those kids outside," she said briefly, her eyes upon the waffle iron. "I make dem put on warm things und den dey go outside to play."

Your Problems

by Martha Allen

Unhappy.

Dear Miss Allen: I have been going with a fellow for the last four years and I love him with all my heart and could I have done everything to make him happy. He was away from me for a while. I have found he has been out with other girls and it just breaks my heart. I want to leave him and everyone tells me to do so, but I will never be happy without him. He makes me cry all the time. I want to go somewhere and forget him. Do you think a man loves a woman when he goes out with other girls? He never said anything about marrying me. I want a home so badly, for I haven't any. Should I ask him if he will ever marry me? I am clean and always neat about myself. He never had me out to his home. I have gone through with so much that I don't want to live any more. I don't care what happens to me now. What should I do? I know he will never find a girl like me, for I have been like a mother to him in every way.

My dear, you have worked yourself into a most unfortunate mental state and until you take hold of yourself and get over your blues and tears you cannot hope to hold the love of the man who is causing you so much suffering. Perhaps you have overpowered him with your love and he is getting tired of your devotion. No man likes to feel that his sweetheart is just like a mother to him.

In the future let him feel that you are light-hearted and happy even if you have to pretend. Don't try to boss him and by no means take offense if he goes out with other girls. He has not asked you to marry him and therefore he is free to go with any girl and as many as he cares to. You, too, are free to go with other young men, and if you have the opportunity I would certainly advise you to do so.

Do not ask the young man if he intends to marry you. It is his place to mention the subject. You can do a great deal to bring about a proposal by changing from the unhappy girl you are now into a cheerful, enticing companion. Make it a rule never to show jealousy or to interfere when he shows interest in other girls. The more freedom you give him to do as he pleases, the more apt he is to cling to you. When a man is in love, he

rarely cares to go with other girls. Perhaps your friend loves you, but thinks he has grown tired of you because of the way you have been acting. Brace up and win back his regard.

A Reader: Place cards that open up with the announcement are a very pretty way of announcing an engagement. Place cards that fold, with snap shots of the engaged couple pasted inside.

If you are having a bridge party, a clever thing to do is to have the first prize include the announcement. Then the one who wins it announces it to the other guests.

Envelopes or favors of some kind, including the announcement, may be presented to the guests as they come in the door.

Lonesome: If you like a boy well enough to give up other boys' company when he is out of town, there certainly is no harm in that. It really is an indication of a steadfast, faithful nature. Overcome jealousy with common sense.

Hadassah Meeting.

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