

A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



What Terror Clutched at Lillian's Look?

"What's the matter, Mrs. Graham? You're as white as a sheet. Has anything happened to the strange lady upstairs?"

Mrs. Ticer looked up with quick concern from the hot water bottles she was filling at the kitchen stove. Patiently she believed that the queer guest we had brought home must have suddenly gone out of life. I realized how clearly my face must betray the fright my imagination had given me concerning Lillian's possible danger from some unknown and insidious malady.

"That was something, however, which I could tell no one, and I made a mighty effort to pull myself together, managing in the process a fairly creditable smile.

"Oh, no, Mrs. Ticer," I replied. "She is no better and no worse than when we brought her home. But I am so tired—and so hungry—that I feel almost ill."

"Dear me," Mrs. Ticer clucked like an anxious hen; "this is awful. I'll bet you didn't have any breakfast!"

I thought of Katie's bountiful meal with compunction, but my instructions were to keep her downstairs so busy preparing a luncheon that she would have no time for real or pretended errands to the sick room.

A Diplomatic Assignment.

"I had more than Mrs. Underwood did," I returned truthfully and evasively, picking up a metal ever which she just had filled with hot water. "So don't bother to bring these upstairs. I'll come back for them, and I'll fill the ice bag and do everything else needed for the sick room. That will leave you free to get us our luncheon."

"I can have it on the table in 10 minutes, if you wish," she said capably, "but you won't have a couple of things that I had planned."

Her tone expressed the disappointment of the "born cook" who glories in her artistry.

"How long will they take?" I asked.

"Not over three-quarters of an hour. Probably less."

"Then everything will fit in very nicely," I told her. "None of us except the children can eat until after Dr. Pettit has been here, but his visit ought to be over within that time."

The smile returned to her face, and she moved majestically to the stove. Mrs. Ticer never appears in a hurry, but she accomplishes miracles of work.

"Then I'd better fly around," she said. "But," doubtfully, "I think I'd better carry those things upstairs for you."

"No, you don't," I returned with a smile which I did not have to force this time. The cheeriness and commonsense which fairly radiated from her consciously had made me feel that my fears for Lillian were mostly imagination.

"I've been sitting so long, driving that my muscles are cramped," I said as I went out of the door, carrying the hot water bottles.

Up in the sick room I found that Katherine had removed most of the girl's garments and was trying to unlock the padlocked chain around her arm. Lillian, holding the valise

depending from the chain so that it did not swing against the girl's body, was watching the procedure with keen, appraising eyes.

"Somebody's been trying that key before," she commented, "and in such a hurry that it is bent out of shape. What do you think, Katherine? Can you make it?"

Need of a Locksmith.

Katherine gave a final tug at the key and straightened herself, with a look of chagrin upon her face.

"Sorry," she said, "but I'm afraid that padlock will have to be smashed or the chain filed. But who's to do it?"

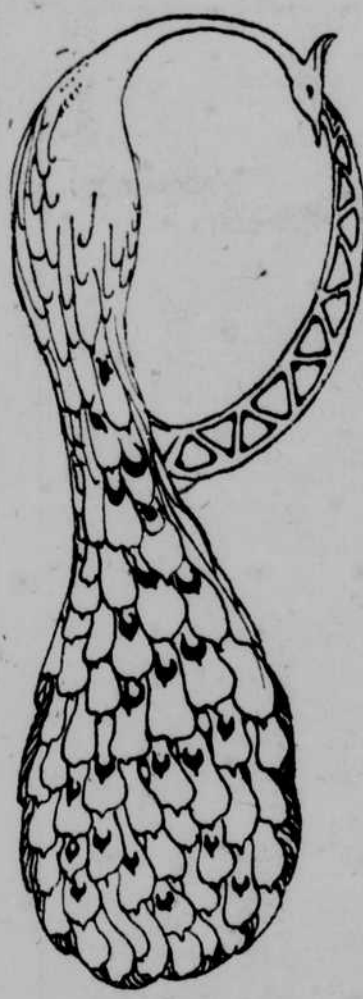
Both women looked at me, and I made a quick decision.

"Jim," I said promptly. "He will never open his mouth concerning the thing to anyone. If Katie were at home, it would be different. She's worn the secret from him in no time."

"Praise be to Allah that she's safe at the Durkees!" Katherine intoned. "All right, bring up Jim. I'll have time to sponge her and get her into her nightdress, all but that one arm, while you're gone. Then I'll wrap her in blankets and Jim can exercise his ingenuity on that chain."

Salt, sugar, or soda must be freed from lumps before measuring.

Little Snow-White



The Queen Plots.

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The queen flew into a rage and vowed she'd kill Snow-White herself. (Color the mirror frame and peacock bright green. Paste a piece of tinfoil in the white space, to make it look like a real wall mirror.)

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Your Problems Solved by Martha Allen



Daughter on Precipice.

Dear Miss Allen: My daughter is 22 and engaged to a divorced man. He drinks too much, rarely coming to our home without being intoxicated. Half of the time he is unkind to my daughter and breaks her heart, but the other half he treats her in such a way that no power can make her give him up. She had a sweet letter from her former wife, telling her what a time she had as his wife. She said

she was not jealous, but very thankful that she had her freedom now. She said she hesitated about giving warning, but wanted to save another from suffering if possible. The letter was simply torn up. When I try to talk to my daughter she closes her lips tightly and apparently hears nothing I say. I am desperate, because I myself suffered a lot during the first 10 years of my married life because my husband drank. I hate to have her go through the thing I did, and I don't believe the man she intends to marry has the worth in him that helped her father win his battle against drink. He has been dead now for five years, and so he is not here to help me. What can I do to save my daughter?

ANXIOUS MOTHER.

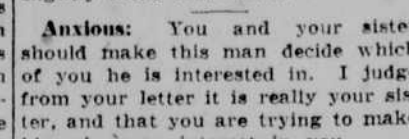
My dear, your daughter will have to live her own life and suffer for her blindness. You are doing all that is possible in expressing your opinion and trying to make her see what is ahead of her. Since she will not listen to you or the first wife, but stubbornly and blindly walks into trouble and unhappiness, say nothing more. There is a chance that when opposition ceases she will take heed and of her own accord give up the man.

Brown-Eyed Girl: You could wear green well or one of the new amethyst or hyacinth blues. Get a soft, graceful material, such as chiffon, for your new gown. Have the neck cut round. This will give you the effect of a low

neck and will cover the discolorations you speak of. Drapes of the material could be arranged to fall over your arms, thus giving you the effect of a sleeveless gown and at the same time covering the discolorations. I suspect you are far too sensitive about those discolorations. Why not forget about them and go ahead and get a pretty dress and have it made in a becoming style? Consult a beauty expert about your trouble.

Wondering: When a boy and a girl have a good time at a party, each of them should thank the hostess for a pleasant evening. In using stationery, it is all right to write from page 1 to page 2. It is just as proper to prefer the latter myself. I think it is slightly more convenient.

Anxious: You and your sister should make this man decide which of you he is interested in. I judge from your letter it is really your sister, and that you are trying to make him show an interest in you.



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