

# A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



**Katherine Finds the Valise Has Been Opened.**

"Now!" said Katherine, as Jim left the room after filling the chain from the arm of Lillian's protegee, "we can get somewhere. But look at this girl's arm! Isn't this a crime?"

Lillian came to the side of the bed and looked at the place she indicated upon the wife's arm. It was badly cut and inflamed where the chain, wound round about the arm, had pressed cruelly into the flesh.

"You poor thing!" Katherine apostrophized the unconscious figure upon the bed. "Whatever possessed you to do a thing like this to yourself, or was it done by someone else, do you suppose?"

"I think she did it," Lillian said slowly, "because of the fanatical care she takes of the bag. It appears to be the one thing left out of her old life. You can see it isn't new, like the rest of the things. But I do not think she expected to have the bag attached to her that way for very long when she put it on. This aphasia must have attacked her after she had fastened the lock."

"Well, somebody before us has tried

to get it off her arm." Katherine said. "They've twisted and turned until her poor flesh is all raw."

**The Patient Made Easy.**

With deft fingers she bathed the wounded arm with an antiseptic solution, wrapped a piece of sterilized gauze around it, fastened it, and then put the arm into the sleeve of the girl's nightdress. Unwrapping the swathing blanket, the nurse placed her in a comfortable position between the sheets of the hospital bed. Mrs. Ticer had made up with such pride. Drawing up the blanket and spread she stepped back and cast a critical eye over her own handiwork.

"Now, we're ready for Herbie," she said, "or will be when we get this litter out of here. Luckily, I didn't change to street dress coming home, and my uniform was fresh this morning. You know what a stickler for form and ceremony the old boy is."

"Therefore, I think I'd better help you with the litter," I said, and for the next few minutes we worked rapidly and to such effect that at the end of our labors the room, except for the pictures and easy chairs, might have belonged in any hospital.

Lillian, evidently realizing that three women working in one room would hinder each other, instead of helping, sat quietly in the corner while we hurried through our tasks. In her lap was the valise belonging to the unconscious girl, and when we had finished our work, we drew up chairs near hers, our eyes also attracted by the bag to which the poor wife had clung so pitifully.

"I suppose that other key there belongs to the valise."

Katherine indicated the long ribbon which she had taken from the girl's waist, and from one end of which depended a key smaller than the one that had failed to unlock the padlocked chain. I looked at it curiously, for it was bent and twisted, almost broken in two.

"I suppose it does," Lillian assented. "But there's no use to try it, even if I felt at liberty to open the valise, but I don't just yet. Someone evidently has opened it, and in closing it again hurriedly, twisted the key and the lock out of shape. If we open it we shall have to force the lock."

"But," said Katherine, asking the question which had been in my thoughts, "why do you suppose the people who opened the bag didn't file the chain off, as we did, and take the bag away with them?"

"Why not sure that anybody save herself did open it," Lillian reminded her. "She might very well have twisted that chain on her own arm, also. We can tell better when we open the bag."

"I'm as Curious as You."

The word "when" was on my lips, as I think it was on Katherine's, but we both know Lillian's dislike of questions, and we left it unuttered. But she rewarded our discretion with a smile and the answer we craved.

"I'm as curious as you are," she said, "but I want to wait until I see what is Dr. Pettit's verdict about this girl. If she's likely to be ill or unconscious a long time, why, of course, it will be our duty to open it, in the hopes of finding some clue to the girl's identity."

A light knock upon the door put a period to Lillian's sentence, Katherine made a little moue as she rose.

"You won't have to wait long for that verdict," she whispered, "here's Herbie, now."

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Can you for one moment doubt what you should do? Let this man know at once that you are resolved not to see him or accept his attentions because it is wrong to accept the attentions and love of a married man. Then firmly live up to this resolution.

Mrs. K.: Your case is a very and one. Consult Esther Johnson, juvenile officer, at the county courthouse.

**Chapter B. S. Officers.**

Officers of Chapter B. S. P. E. O. appointed Monday at the home of Mrs. Donald A. Tracy included Mesdames J. T. Pickard, president; A. C. Nerness, vice president; H. W. Wendland, recording secretary; D. M. Wysocki, corresponding secretary; W. McFarland, treasurer; D. A. Tracy, chaplain; D. B. Coombs, guard.

**Visiting Edith Tyler.**

Miss Mary Ellen McLaughlin of Sioux City will arrive Wednesday to be honored guest at a luncheon bridge for 4 on Thursday given by her hostess, Miss Edith Royal Tyler.

**Your Problems Solved**

by Martha Allen

**Cautious Lover.**

Dear Miss Allen: I am a woman of 24 with two children. I have separated from my husband. At the age of 16 I was forced by my mother to marry a man I did not love. I have lived with him for eight years and he has been a brute to me. His ways have only made me hate him more. I stayed with him as long as I did because I had two brothers who made their home with me. They were so good to me I just worshipped them. My husband was jealous because I loved them so much. Last summer I met a man whom I love dearly. I think he loves me, too, except at times. He will do anything in the world for me. He writes to me and at times we have met, but he is afraid to go out. He is not afraid of my husband, but he does not want to get into trouble. He says we will see more of each other later. I am getting a divorce. Please tell me whether you think he cares and has respect for me. BROKEN-HEARTED.

The chances are that the man is merely enjoying a flirtation with you. He is playing safe in not wanting to be seen with you for his own sake just as much or more than yours. Probably after you have obtained your divorce you will find him full of new excuses. My answer to your problem is not the least bit encouraging. You might just as well be prepared for the worst, however, so that no matter what comes you will be ready for it. Do not make your love for the man too evident, because he will be less apt to appreciate you.

**SOCIETY**

**Boxholders for the Hansen Concert**

Mr. and Mrs. Englebert Roentgen and Frances Nash Watson will occupy a box for the Cecilia Hansen violin concert to be presented by the Tuesday Musical club on Thursday night at the Brandeis. Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Dunn and the S. S. Caldwell will also be boxholders that evening.

The Fortnightly Musical club, Louise Jansen Wylie, president, will occupy another box, and the Amateur Musical club, Mrs. Conrad Young, president, have reservations for a fourth.

Mrs. D. H. Ledwith will chaperone the Madras Musical club, Miss Josephine Platner, president.

**Mrs. Gill Hostess.**

Mrs. John W. Gill will entertain her woman's First Christian church Sunday school class of 40 women at an evening party Thursday at her home.

**The Steels Entertain.**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Steel will entertain Thursday at dinner at their home. This is the third of a series of four affairs.

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**Double Birthday Dinner.**

Mrs. J. A. Linderholm and J. E. Golden will celebrate their birthdays on Saturday evening at a dinner given by Mrs. Golden.

Covers will be laid for Messrs. and Mesdames—J. A. Linderholm, A. J. Hanson, J. M. Hartling, Phillip H. Wajok, J. M. Harkler.

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