

A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



enemy of Hugh, has private detectives going over his life for the last five years, trying to 'get something on him,' which will make the disappearance of these funds all the more dramatic.

"I Was Tipped Off."

"I was tipped off to it by a worker in the agency, who knew I was a friend of Hugh, and I've been busy ever since on the opposite angle. If I only could get some trace of Hugh himself! What he wanted to run away for, I don't know, for I'd wager my left ear that he never had a dishonorable thought in his life. He must have lost his reason, or else—"

She cupped her chin in her hands, with her elbows on her knees—sure sign that she was thinking out some angle of her problem—and I waited patiently for the end of her reverie.

"I've brought the thing down to date for you," she said, "and it's a mess, nothing else. But if all the missing money is here, that's something. I'd almost testify that he gave it to me for safekeeping, myself."

She laughed as she took up one of the packages of bills, stripped the covers through her fingers. But the smile vanished in an instant and, pallid to the lips, she held the bundle out to me. The bills were all counterfeit!

Lillian's Discovery Concerning the Rolls of Money.

"I'll never deny a hunch again," Lillian resumed after a pause. She had convinced me that Fanny Powell, Hugh Grantland's secretary, whom she had been hunting, was the amnesia-stricken girl whom she had rescued from the train and brought to the farmhouse.

"When I saw that girl that day," she continued, "the part of my alleged brain where the hunches are born told me to take charge of her. The other part, where resides my modicum of common sense, urged me

to leave her to the authorities, who sooner or later must have taken charge of her. Just suppose I had left her alone? Why, the key to the whole miserable business probably lies in her hands. When she recovers her memory we will know. In the meantime we can afford to wait."

"But won't the people who lost the money make a fuss if it isn't restored to them?" I asked, thoroughly bewildered by the startling story she was telling me.

"That's just what's puzzling me," she returned. "There's something fishy about the thing to me, and I believe that somewhere, somebody has put up a job on Hugh. You know, while he is canny in some ways, he is a great-hearted, unsophisticated boy in others. For instance, it's the easiest thing in the world for a woman to appeal to his chivalry and fool him to the limit. I don't mean that he falls in love with them, but he will not believe evil of women until it is forced upon him."

"You think then, that this girl—"

I began tentatively.

"Decidedly, no," Lillian answered. "She would have been dived up into bash for him any minute, madly in love with him, as nearly as I can find out, although he never gave her any attention, save that he might have offered any woman in his employ. No, I think the thing lies nearer home than that. You see, the missing funds belong to the estate of Hildreth Grantland."

"A relative?" I asked breathlessly.

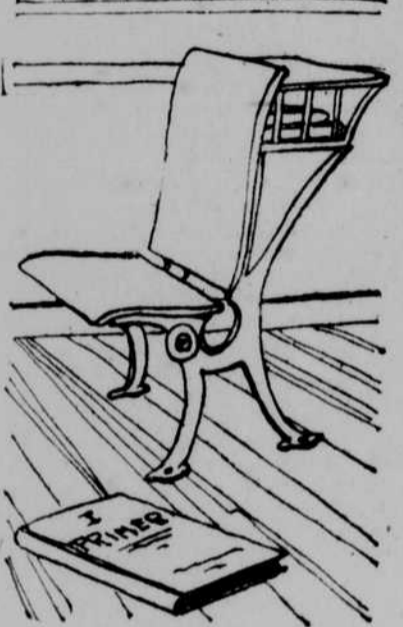
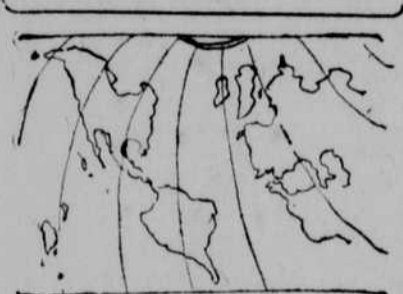
"Yes, a cousin, the son of his father's brother," she returned. "The thing is all so terribly mixed up that I haven't been able to get head, let alone tail, to it, yet. Perhaps you know the tragedy of Hugh's boyhood."

"Of his expulsion from college because of something never explained," I said, "and of his father's refusal ever to see him again. Yes, I knew that; also that his mother died without seeing him."

"Hugh never forgave his father for that," Lillian said, "and when the elder Grantland married again, all chance for a reconciliation fled; for the second wife is as cold-blooded a creature as was ever misnamed a fish. But Hugh's uncle, his father's brother, always stood by Hugh, and before he died appointed him executor of his son's estate and guardian of the boy. Unfortunately, the estate is mixed up with that of Hugh's father and grandfather. It is one of those fool things which some rich men try in this land of the free and home of the brave. That brings the stepmother into it. She is guardian of her own son, Hugh's half-brother."

"I suppose you're wondering, naturally, how I know all this," Lillian said. "It can be told in a few words. Somebody, not Hildreth Grantland, but some other person, patently an

Mary and Her Lamb



Teacher Takes a Hand.

Here's Mary's seat in school. If you've read this story of "Mary and Her Little Lamb" every day and color and cut out the pictures, you will have a whole set of paper dolls with which you can act out the story of Mary and her troubles with her little lamb.

"You can't let your lamb stay in school," declared the teacher.

"I'm sorry," answered Mary, more bashful than ever. "He followed me."

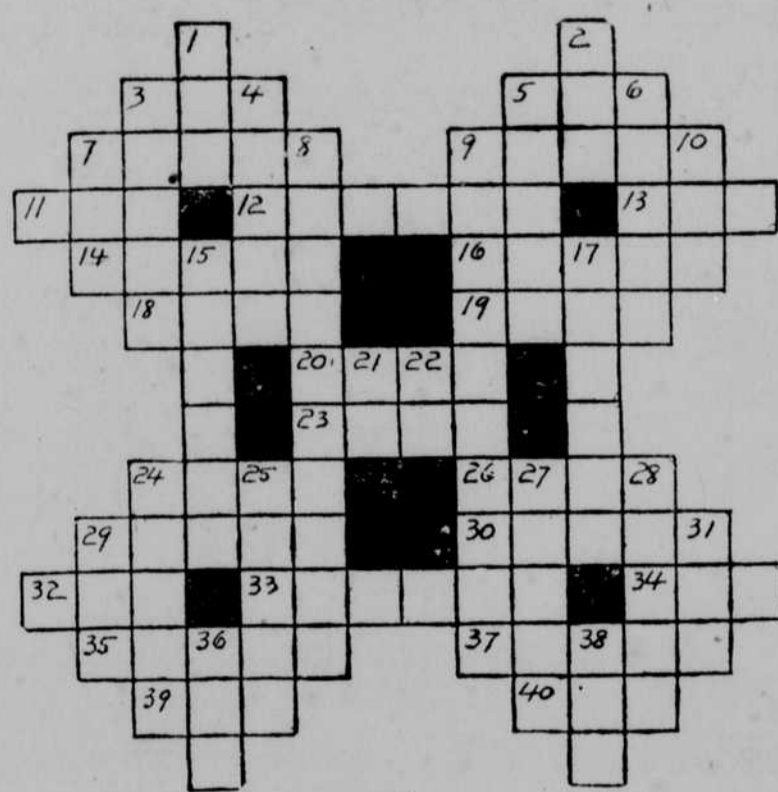
"Well, he'll have to go home. He upsets things too much." So the teacher put the little lamb out. The poor animal called "Baa" to Mary, as if asking her to come along.

Mary had a terrible afternoon. She failed in all her lessons because she was so worried for fear her little lamb wouldn't get home safely.

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The Daily Cross Word Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY.



There is no magic of knowing just who loves you. Invite this young man to your home. If he loves you, he will accept the invitation. Show him you enjoy his company, but don't overdo it, for that will embarrass him.

N. H.: How can I know if you love the girl when you don't know yourself. I think she is influencing you harmfully.

Worried Wife: See a doctor about the children. Try being a little more patient with your husband's relatives, even if they are not always kind to you. Don't quarrel with them for the sake of your husband. Very few quarrels are worth while.

To Thread Needle.

To thread a needle when light is not good: When threading a sewing machine needle and one finds it difficult to see the eye of the needle, use a flashlight, having the light shine on the eye of the needle. It can be seen very plainly. People who have poor eyesight will find this a great help.

See loops of white tape to the baby's stockings, then run a safety pin through the loop when pinning them to the diapers. You will find this a great stocking saver.

For an occasional table the octagon shape is much favored at the present.

Justeen: Yes, speak to the boy, and invite him to come and see you. Tell him you have missed him. That will be enough encouragement to bring him if he really cares for you.

Dean: Don't talk of suicide. Live for the wife and baby to be. Cut right loose from the girl you didn't marry. Not being able to forget her is tommyrot. Stop dramatizing yourself and get down to honest business in life.

Miss Perplexed: Love is elusive.

32. An ugly crone.
33. Incendiarism.
34. The capital of Colombia.
35. To put on.
36. A street urchin.
37. The air.
38. The beaten track.
39. A greasy liquid.
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1. A pastry dessert.
 2. A senseless fellow.
 3. Razor sharpener.
 4. Gradually to lessen.
 5. What cross-word puzzles now are.
 6. An avaricious person.
 7. A low drunkard.
 8. Restriction.
 9. To pay.
 10. A repetition of "not."
 11. Disposition to become angry.
 12. Daughters of one's brother or sister.
 13. Preposition.
 14. Negation.
 15. Sweet stuff.
 16. A boundary.
 17. The muse of lyric poetry.
 18. A pattern.
 19. An old horse.
 20. Norman (abbr.)

35. The mouth (slang).
36. Part of the thigh.

The solution will appear tomorrow.
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Wall Panels Rather Than Pictures.

Wall panels as substitutes for pictures are growing in favor. Strips of cretonne are bound with bias binding to imitate a more expensive tapestry. Such a panel is effective placed between twin beds. Patchwork landscapes are rather new, and are simply patchwork applique carried out. The materials may be unbleached cotton, pongee, linen, crash, saten, crepe or cambric. The landscape should be simple, but showy. A ship model is very pretty and makes a good decoration for a dining room wall. Several colors may be used, or just a light patch against a darker background. The stitches may be invisible or having stitches of black mercerized floss.

Many evidences of the double-breasted closing are seen in separate coats and the jackets of suits intended for general and sport wear, developed

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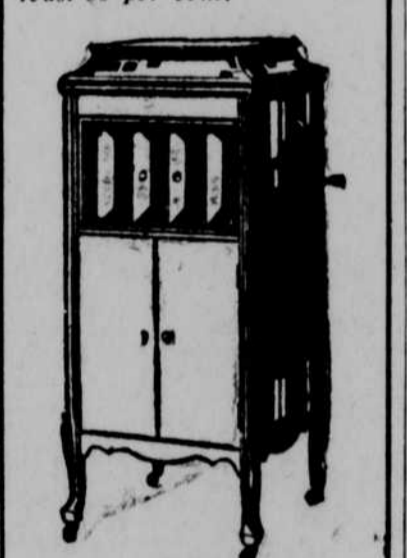
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