

A Wife's Confessional

by Adele Garrison



For a long minute Lillian looked steadily at Dr. Pettit and wondered if she were measuring her will against his. I knew how bitter it was for her to face inaction of mind and body and how equally obnoxious to her was the idea of submitting her imperious will to that of any other person. He had used, however, the one argument calculated to sway her—that her death would leave her idolized young daughter, Marlon, alone in the world.

I was not surprised at the outcome. When Lillian yields she does it royally, with no reservations. There was even a glint of her old-time mischief in her eyes as she brought her hand up to her forehead in military salute.

"You're the doctor," she said, with a little smile, "and I'll be good."

But the gesture was a feeble one and the voice a faltering travesty of her usual resonant tones. Dr. Pettit's eyes narrowed as he watched her, and I, wild with anxiety, wished fervently that I had the clairvoyant power to read what lay behind that keen appraisal.

"You are wise," was the only response he made her however. Then he turned to Katherine.

"I put her in your hands, Mrs. Bicket," he added. "There is nothing to be done save nourish her and keep her absolutely quiet until I see her again. No talking, no excitement, no medicine, save something which I will give you. Mrs. Graham may relieve you with both your patients at any time you need rest, for neither of them needs anything special in the way of treatment. Indeed, the girl in the next room may get up tomorrow

and take care of herself under your supervision. I will look in again to-morrow."

Madge's Anxiety.

With a bow to me, which was repeated by Dr. Meredith, he left the room, followed closely by his friend and by Katherine, whose summons I had seen in Dr. Pettit's lifted eyebrow.

I drew a chair to the bedside and sat down, trying to keep my terrific anxiety out of my face. I succeeded so far as to manage a poor imitation of a smile at Lillian, to whom, remembering Dr. Pettit's injunction, I dared not speak.

She gave me an answering smile, then closed her eyes, not so much from weakness, I guessed, as from a desire to avoid the temptation to talk to me. But her hand went out gropingly toward mine, and I held it firmly, tenderly, hoping that she would comprehend the passionate longing to aid her which was consuming me.

I had not moved when Katherine came back into the room, and advancing noiselessly to the bedside, stood quiescent for a long minute, watching the friend so dear to both of us. I was not Lillian's audacious powers, but psychic ones, which were responsible for the opening of her eyes and her smile at Katherine.

My little kinswoman slipped her hand over Lillian's free one and tested her pulse. Then she spoke in low tones and with a wary look at the door through which the physicians had passed out.

"Things Aren't as Bad"

"Look here, old dear, I'm violating all the ethics of my profession—probably I'd be deprived of my uniform if either of you repeated this—but I want you to know that things aren't as bad with you as dear old Herbie makes out. They're measly enough, goodness knows, and Herbie has your promise, which I know you'll keep, or I wouldn't be telling you this. But he's such a sour old pessimist that sometimes I think it affects his medical judgment. Of course, in your case he was justified in thinking that he'd have to scare you to death to keep you alive—but I think you deserve a little easing off. That doesn't mean you may talk today. I'm going to be a martinet in capitals for twenty-four hours at least, but tomorrow if you improve as I expect you to do, you may listen to Madge about that Hugh Grantland business and tell her what you want her to do. And you don't face permanent invalidism—don't you ever think of it—that is, she qualified, if you obey orders."

That Lillian took her promise solemnly we saw, as she made no attempt to answer Katherine in words. But her irradiated face and her suddenly starry eyes told us what a load the little nurse's assurance had lifted from her heart.

"I'm going to get you some necessary nutriment now," Katherine went on, mimicking Dr. Pettit's mannerisms so successfully that I giggled and Lillian's lips twitched feebly. "Come along, Madge. Our patient will be better off without us for the next few minutes and I need you in my business badly."

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Your Problems Solved

by Martha Ellen

Anxious Mother: I do not know how to help make your husband more talkative. It may not be your fault in any way. Perhaps he is melancholy, or tired, and uncommunicative at night. It would take the greatest tact and skill on your part to draw him out. But you might try. Try to discuss things in which you know he has an interest. Don't tell him your little troubles, and don't gossip about the neighbors. Most men don't like that. It sounds petty to them. If you would go out together in the evenings, your interests would grow closer together, and you would have more to discuss. Be sure to share your little son with his father. His father might like to buy some of his clothes for him. If so, let him. Make any concession that will capture your husband's interest. Have the little boy ask his father to read him a good-night story. There are many possibilities, but you will have to develop them.

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would ask to see you again. Any boy who would say he cared the first evening he was in a girl's company, would probably tell every girl the same thing. Forget him and enjoy more sincere friendships.

M. G. T.—Since the young man is a great card player, give him one or two good decks of cards. It would also be appropriate to give him a book. I would not advise you to give him a gift of any particular money value since you are not betrothed.

Red Head—Bobbed hair has come to stay. I would advise you to have your cut since your husband wants it. The more beautiful the hair, the prettier it is short, I think.

Virginia B.—Yes, invite the boy to your party, but don't run after him. He has your telephone number, and if he cares to call on you he will do so.

Brown Eyes—A high school girl really ought to think about something besides love. Accept the young man as a pal, but as nothing else.

Doubtful—If there was any need for a girl to assist a man when he is putting on his coat, it would be proper.

Tea for Mrs. Rundell. Mrs. Grant Parsons will entertain at tea at her home Saturday afternoon for Mrs. Alice Avery Rundell, mother of Mrs. Keene Abbott.

St. Cecilia Bake Sale. District No. 7 of the ladies of St. Cecilia cathedral parish will hold a bake sale at Wilke-Mitchell store, Fort and Farnam streets, on Easter, Saturday, April 11. Mrs. G. M. Burns is chairman, assisted by Mesdames P. E. Sheehan, M. P. Kame, C. F. Bradford and William Diebing.

Two Omahans to Junior League Conference in Boston May 13.

Mrs. W. F. Megeath, president, and Mrs. Louis Clark were appointed delegates to the annual Junior League conference, which will be held in Boston this year from May 13 to 16.

The appointments were made Thursday at the April meeting of the league at the Hotel Blackstone. The conference until this year has been the mecca of a large group of leaguers. Last year 16 members attended the meet at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs.

Missionary Meeting.

The Ladies' Missionary society of Lowe Avenue Presbyterian church will meet in the church parlors Friday, April 17, at 2:30 o'clock; leader, Mrs. James Patton. There will be an address by Mrs. C. L. Vance.

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"Forgive me, good mother," the prince said to the first spinner, "but why is your foot so broad?"

"From reading the thread," my son, from reading the thread."

The prince looked worried. He turned to the second spinner. "And you, good mother," he said, "why does your hip hang down?"

"From wetting the thread, my son, from wetting the thread."

This prince grew frightened. "And you, why is your thumb so broad?"

"From pressing and twisting. From pressing and twisting."

Then the prince turned pale indeed. "If this is what comes of spinning," he swore, "never shall my bride touch flax again."

And so it was. Never was the girl again allowed even to look at a spinning wheel. And you may be very sure that she was not sorry.

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Easter Breakfast at Trinity Cathedral.

The women's auxiliary of Trinity cathedral will serve an Easter breakfast in the parish house following both the 6:30 and 8 o'clock services in the cathedral.

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