

My Heart and My Husband
ADELE GARRISON'S New Phase of
"Revelations of a Wife"

The Reason Made Told Harry Underwood She Must "Hurry" Along.

When Harry Underwood took off his coat, rolled up his sleeves and went to work upon the tire over which I had labored so fruitlessly it was as if I watched another personality enter his corporal body.

A "heaven born mechanic" though entirely an amateur—there is nothing on sea or land or in the air that he cannot either repair or furnish some definite, helpful idea toward reconstruction.

The comment came back to me forcibly as I watched the man's tall, powerful frame bending over the tire, his face absorbed as if the problem before him were a most intricate one instead of the simple thing it no doubt was to his experience.

What a magnificent animal he was! I could not withhold the mental tribute, much as I disliked him. With his coat off and bending over the tire, I could see that either his concentration in the war prison or his early life had taken from him every trace of the grossness, the hint of coming obesity with which his indulgence in good food and wines had threatened him.

He was evidently in splendid physical trim, his mentality unimpaired, but his moral sense? I realized as I looked at him, reviewed his mocking comments, his utter lack of remorse upon facing me—when he knew that I was aware of his infamous attempt upon Dicky's life—that he was the same selfish, unscrupulous, devil-may-care chap he had always been.

And Lillian, usually so sane, with so balanced a viewpoint, had put happiness out of her life because this man, once her husband, in the emotional remorse for the awful thing which even he would not have attempted unblinded by liquor, had sent an appeal to her saying he wanted to "begin over again."

Lost in Work. "He needs me," she had said to me. I looked at the man bending over the tire and gritted my teeth in futile exasperation. For this splendid specimen of physical manhood, housing a reckless, selfish soul, needed nobody. Good impulses, generous impulses he often had without question; but close association with him was only a crucifying trial to a woman possessing ideals and a conscience.

A picture flashed before my eyes with photographic fidelity—that of Robert Savarin, falling almost lifeless at Lillian's feet after his quest of the man before me. She had nursed him back to life and then had made it useless by sending him away from her because of her fancied duty to the man whose only bond to her was the empty legal one.

A sob rose in my throat as I thought of the contrast between the almost inviolated artist, spent in Lillian's service, whom I knew she loved with her whole royal heart, and this physically magnificent wastrel whom she loathed, but to whom she felt quixotically bound. I bent closer over my knitting that my face might not betray my disgust if Mr. Underwood should look at me.

I need not have feared. He neither looked at me nor uttered a word until he had repaired the inner tube and had adjusted the shoe. Then he examined the whole machine with the air of an expert, and when he evidently had decided that it would do he rolled down his sleeves, put on his coat and sauntered over to me.

"Haven't any cold cream and powder in your knitting bag? have you, Lady Fair?" he asked mockingly. "I'm afraid my complexion is nearly ruined, and as for me delicate hands—hevings!"

Despite my disgust and anger, I had hard work to repress a smile. I knew that he had had months of the hardest kind of ambulance service in France, and he managed to make his demand for cosmetics whimsically humorous. I felt subtly the old conviction steaming over me that there was no use waiting time in being angry at Harry Underwood. One could only take him as he was and keep out of his way as much as possible.

"I am sorry," I said quietly, determined to keep out of my answer anything save the most matter-of-fact air, but I have not taken my kind with me. Thank you, I must fix the tire. I must hurry along."

I made a movement as if to rise as I thanked Mr. Underwood for repairing the tire. As I did so, he stooped and before I could prevent him had taken my hands, knitting and all, into his powerful ones, and swiftly lifted me to my feet. He instantly released me, however, and there was nothing in the manner of his doing it which could possibly have given offence.

from which all hint of badinage had departed. "I cannot see—" I began icily, then stopped as though hypnotized. His brilliant black eyes were fairly blazing with impatience. "That it concerns me, I suppose you mean," he snapped. "Well, just let me tell you something, my girl, that if it doesn't concern me it does concern you, and that—d—d quickly. You're in the woods"—he looked around the surrounding woodland flecked with sunshine, which I had thought so beautiful, but which, at his words, seemed to take on a subtle, sinister shadow—"deeper in them than you think, and it's going to take nobody else but me to get you out safely. So you'd better keep a civil tongue in your head, my dear—not that it matters a rap to me, only you do look so d—d pretty when you're angry that I might be tempted to kiss you, and I pride myself on never taking advantage of beauty in distress."

Curiously enough the blatant foolishness of his last words reassured me as to his attitude toward me. I think, indeed, that he meant them to have this very effect, and that he shrewdly counted on my seizing, as I did, upon the hidden menace to which he had referred. "What do you mean?" I faltered.

Uneasy Moments. "Simply that the nice, kind gentleman who blustered at my face sitting in the sun in a rowboat out on the bay watching you for three days is still on the job. He's down the road a piece, and when he gets through fixing up a nice little job I made for him he's liable to jog along here at a right smart pace. I don't believe you'd care to meet him all by your lonesome. I think even a poor, old, tottering black sheep might be preferable."

The film which unrolled before my mind was so terrifying that involuntarily I took a step nearer Mr. Underwood. Despite his wickedness, I had a feeling of safety, of protection with him, especially when menaced with the unknown terror which the mysterious espionage of the boat had presaged.

"Yo unmean—that some one is really following me, spying upon me?" I asked. "Well, not just this particular minute," Mr. Underwood drawled. "Just now he's sitting at the side of the road wondering where in creation he's going to get three new shoes for his machine. I've had my eye on him, right along—you see I haven't been watching you, you conceited creature, but the gentleman who seemed so interested in you and when he hired a machine this morning I was old Sherlockia Routable right on the job, and trailed him with this little old flivver."

He's no great shakes of a driver," Mr. Underwood went on, dropping into his old habit of adopting what he fondly believes to be farmer phrasology, "and it was simply punkin' pie for me to edge by him and then spread my machine over the road so he had to stop, stalling his engine. Of course, he blatherskited me and I him, and pretending to be the original fire-cracker spitting brimstone, I jumped down from my machine, being careful to leave it with engine running and nose pointed this way, and slitted three of his tires with my trusty old jack-knife."

"That was all that I could manage before he got his breath and rushed me. He sent a couple of bullets after me, but I was zig-zagging my car as if I were in little old France again, and he couldn't shoot for 2 cents anyways, so there you are."

(Continued Tomorrow.)

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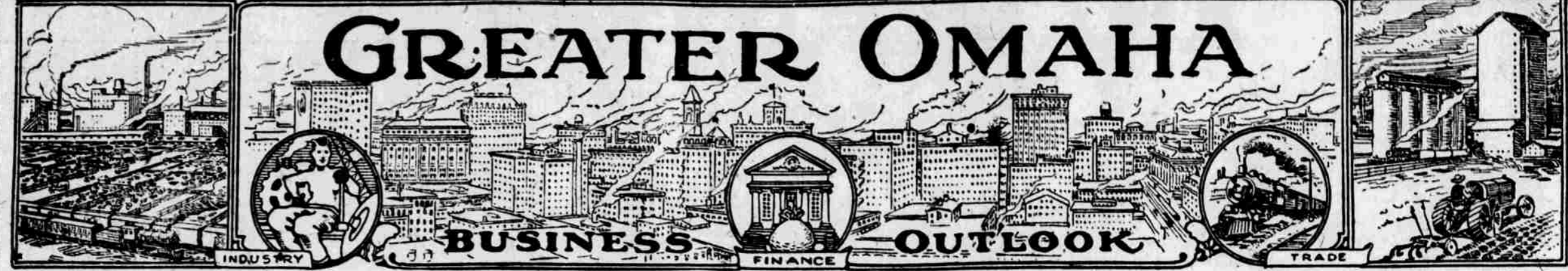
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