# My Marriage Problems

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"REVELATIONS OF A WIFE" .

Stunt" Madge Planned for Bess

"If I can wear them!" Bess Dean repeated my words with a venomous little tang in her voice. "Oh, I don't believe I'll have any trouble in keeping them on. Sneakers are so sccurely fastened that they do not usually slip off even if loose."

I did not need the inflection in her voice to tell me that I had scored heavily in the queer little belowmy sneakers, with the proviso if she could wear them. Her cheeks held a flush of anger, her eyes were like stiletto points, and that she had temporarily lost her cool poise I knew by her comeback to my thrust Bess Dean is clever enough to have uttered something far different than the rambling retort she had made to the little speech which I would have given much to recall because of ts banality.

the average woman angry is to in- hand her anything on a platter like sinuate that her size in shoes is these."

He tossed the shoes disdainfully

the girl's evident anger, but I read my heart. something else in those clear eyesa disapproval of my petty cattiness. In Lillian's estimation I knew that for the moment I had forgetten to play the game.

Dicky's voice struck in with the careless, half-mocking inflection he almost invariably uses in talking to Miss Dean.

You might stuff the toes with a pound or two of cotton," he drawled, "or if Mrs. Cosgrove will lend me her clothesline I'll tie them on with pieces of that, provided you find they won't stay on alone, Funny I never realized before what a Cinderella foot you have, Miss Dean. I thought my spouse's tooties took the is, if you value my fealty."

Madge's Change of Heart. triumph. Dicky, who always has been absurdly proud of my rather small feet, had taken my side in the small feet, had taken undercurrent duel between Bess Dean and me. He could not have

With the triumph came a sudden distaste for the controversy, and I cast about for some means to avoid the humiliation which I was sure liess Dean would feel when the tried stimulate should be supported by the substitution of t Bess Dean would feel when she tried to put on my sneakers. With a sudden remembrance of an extra pair of the comfortable footgear which I once had bought without trying on, that had proved a size too large, and which I had brought with me for a possible emergency, I rose to my feet, resolved to make things

easy for the girl.

"I'll get the shoes right away,
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As I left the room I heard Dicky expatiating upon the joys of a picnic hamper, eaten in a certain pavilion which an enterprising garage owner

I sped upstairs, rummaged in my trunk, found the extra sneakers., which I was sure would fit Bess Dean, turned to the door again, and surface duel between us, by my cas-ual assent to her request to horrow then held out his hand for them

have given much to recall because of dear! I'm not saying you were es-D'cky's Raillery.

But it had served its purpose well shoes in the first place—your foot in goading her, a purpose which I realized lay beneath the surface of long as the thing's started we'll just my emotions, but which constantly play it out as is. And I do not was thrusting itself into my conscious actions. Why is it, I wonder, away with any claim she isn't enin this day of feminine emancipation titled to. If she can get your sneak-that one of the surest ways to make ers on, well and good, but we won't

hrger than other women of approximately the same weight and height? to the side of the room, and obedi-I saw Mrs. Cosgrove bite her lips ently I produced my own sneakers to hide a smile, and in Lillian's eyes and followed my liege lord downthere glinted a swift amusement at stairs with an unholy little joy at

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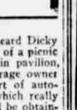
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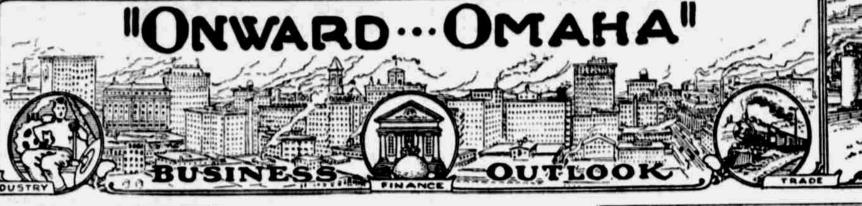




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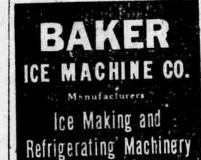
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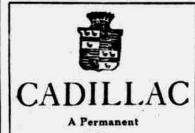
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The grand jury has released the whole list of accused and all its findings to the court and day after day the list of men who are arrested on various charges is growing. Just now it is not healthy for the reputation to be seen with a deputy sheriff, no matter of how long standing the acquaintance may be. Persons who see you with one may think you are one of the indicted being taken up before District Judge Troup to fix a bond.

So far none of the men arrested has had to go to jail for failure to find a bondsman. There seems to be plenty of bondsmen and even bondswomen.

Omaha feels quite proud of its share in turning the "pitiless light of publicity" on sharks who helped bilk Nebraskans of millions in the past few years.

Attorney General Davis is seriously considering another grand jury investigation of other cases. Lincoln talks of following Omaha's example and calling a grand jury of its own. Just now it looks as though the shark is in for a bit of stormy weather. Whether all will be found guilty at the hands of the jury that hears the evidence in the case is yet to be seen.

Anyway there's going to be a lot of thinking done before any more wildcat schemes are launched in Nebraska.

All of which brings us down to a little speech made by an oldtime man of Omaha to a group of younger men at a luncheon

Said he: "This grand jury stuff has got me worried and the worry is doing me a world of good.

"I am a member of the board of directors in one of the companies under fire. While I know nothing of the company or its affairs, I am just as liable for any of its transactions as though I had attended every meeting of the board of directors and as though I had taken an active part in its affairs.

"We older business men take the appointment to a board of directors very lightly. We consider it quite an honor to be a director in as many companies as possible. We figure that it rives us a lot of business prestige without our exerting any special physical or mental action for the company.

"We skip meetings, never keep tab on the company and let those in direct charge of all activities do as they please and abide by their reports.

"It has never occurred to me until this grand jury investigation just how careless responsible business men can be and how close to the law some of us are flying without being aware of it. "I have come to the conclusion that being a director in the

concern doesn't mean only that I have my name on the company's stationery and that I draw what dividends I am entitled to without a qualm, but it means that I am responsible for everything that takes place in the name of that company. If the company is honest I am honest. If it is crooked, whether I know it to be or not,

in any old company that asks them, especially in Nebraska They're going to investigate and see just what the consern is before they take a hand in it.

"I hope there are other responsible business men as worried as I, for I know that it is going to awaken them to their true re-

"If the company I am in proves another 'wildcat' all the explanations I can give might not be able to convince a jury I had nothing to do with it actively. The fact that I was one of the officers, even though a negligent one, will place me in the same position as those who really did the illegal acts."

The promoters of these wildcat schemes are not altogether to blame. They had to have assistance in many cases to get the company started after they had raised the funds. On occasions the name of a prominent, safe business man on a board of directors or in some official capacity will do more to get investors than all the silky talk a smooth salesman or promoter can put out.

Investors are apt to follow the actions of a successful man and do as he does or suggests. Just why a man who has worked earnestly for years to acquire a substantial business reputation will risk it on something of which he knows nothing is inexplicable.

An old philosopher, Emerson possibly, said something to the

effect that many a man's first step to ruin was taken when he first accepted something for nothing. Something for nothing is just as impossible as making something out of nothing. Promises of big returns on investments sound beautiful, but the certain smaller returns on a safe invest-

When big concerns are going well they are known as "big business." All their success is centered in the hands of a few operators who have the business brains to put their concern across

But let one of those "big business" concerns get into trouble, financial difficulties, or go broke through mismanagement and see how quickly one can analyze "big business."

The minute the concern goes under there comes a wail from the stockholders. Who are they? Doctors, lawyers, merchants, clerks, stenographers, widows, orphans, salesmen, farmers, ranchers, Tom, Dick and Harry and practically somebody from every walk in life is present.

They are "big business." They have lent their savings in an effort to get a bigger return than the savings banks or building and loan associations could offer.

They have placed their confidence in the few who promoted and operated the "big business." When he discharged the grand jury that made the present in-

vestigations District Judge A. C. Troup told the jurors that a greater service had never been given to the county or state by any One way to prevent a recurrence of the wildcat promoter is for every business man to appoint himself a member of a personal

grand jury. When a scheme or promotion is presented to him, let him go into the merits of the concern conscientiously. Let him weigh his findings and then if the facts warrant let him either recommend or condemn.

Let him not be responsible for losses to men and women who cannot afford them and let him also be true to himself.

The grand jury investigations have proven T. P. Barnum's famous saying, "There is one born every minute," and they are not all east of the Mississippi.

This saying can be refuted in a short time if every man in a position to stop "wildcatting" will feel his responsibility and do all in his power to clip the wildcat's fur.



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