

My Marriage Problems

Revelations of a Wife

The Long-Distance Phone Call that Came for Bess Dean.

"Long-distance for me? Who on earth can it be? Oh, I hope nothing has happened!"

If Bess Dean's confusion at Mrs. Cosgrove's announcement was not natural it was a most clever and creditable imitation.

She rose and walked swiftly to the telephone, and as I had my first chance to inspect her complete costume—she had been seated when we came in—gave another swift, furtive glance at Lillian and caught a comprehending twitch of her eyelids in return.

"What is it?" The traveling suit to Lillian, to me, to Dicky, and, I guess, to the Cosgroves also, spelled but one thing: Bess Dean's previous knowledge of the telephone call, at which she had just shown such naive surprise.

"I think we all listened shamelessly to the one-sided telephone conversation. I know I did, and was sure that the girl had purposely left the doors open between the dining room and the sitting room, where the telephone was installed."

"Yes, this is Miss Dean. Oh, Miss Edwards! What is it? Why? I don't understand. I thought next Tuesday. I was sure that was the date you wrote me. I have the letter. But, of course, no matter how the mistake occurred, I'll get there the minute I can. I'm sorry it happened. Oh, yes, I'll bring the letter! Goodby."

"The receiver clicked on the hook and she came back into the dining room with the most realistic imitation of a roused temper I ever have seen. Her eyes were angry as usual, and her cheeks were deadly flushed.

"That horrid old cat!" She sat down to her interrupted breakfast, while we all looked at her with curious interest. But Dicky was the only one who spoke.

"I infer, Dicky," he drawled, "that you are a bit peeved at some unfortunate member of your well known and gentle sex."

"I'd like to wring her neck," Bess Dean retorted viciously, then with every appearance of virtuous indignation she elaborated her theme.

Dicky Sidesteps. "The Edwidge drama," she said disdainfully, "is a sort of Man Friday for the principal of the school I am to waste my fair young life upon this year. The principal distinctly stated in her letter to me that school did not begin until next week.

"You're perfectly right," Dicky said emphatically. "Never deal with a mere minion. Assert your rights. Be proud of your position."

"She wrinkled her nose at him, a saucy, rather attractive bit of pantomime, which she frequently employs, toying with her salad for a minute before speaking again.

"Now, the next thing is what train can I get? That afternoon train reaches New York too late for me to make connections for Haverford, except with an evening train. I don't want to get into the town at night, for it's nothing but a hamlet.

"There is," Dicky said decidedly. "But you'd have to leave here in half an hour in order to make it by motor at the average pace."

"I wonder," she looked across at Dicky. "Don't you want to be real sweet to me, Dicky-bird and motor me down to Rhinebeck? It's a glorious day, and you ought to be glad to do it just to be rid of me."

"Nothing would please me better," Dicky returned promptly, "but I've made an appointment to meet a man and see about a bit of property up here that I've got my eye on. But my wife is a chauffeur of repute, and the car is, as you know, a wonder. I'll try them both at your feet."

"There was but one thing for me to say, and I said it promptly, with as much enthusiasm as I could muster: 'If I'll do, Bess, I'd be delighted. I simply must get a motor that will wear home—mine is too dilapidated for words—and Kingston has some very good shops. Lillian, didn't I hear you say you had some shopping to do before you go home? Can't you come, too?'"

Common Sense

By J. J. MUNDTY. The Encouraging Work.

When a man whom you know is experiencing hard luck; when everything seems to be going against him; when his so-called friends have deserted and he feels alone and disgraced, do you go to him and try to make him forget some of his sorrow?

You might do a lot of good by telling such a man some of the good things he has done—some of the worthy achievements he has to his credit.

If he has done you a favor some time, tell him about it, and offer to repay it with a liberal interest.

One of the hardest blows to a man who is down and out, is the thought that all the good he has done has been forgotten, and that those to whom he has done a good turn no longer remember him.

still able to go on doing something worthy. A man is never a "down and out" until he considers himself as such.

Many of the failures of today might be in easy circumstances if some friend had given them words of encouragement and expressed a faith in them.

You may not be able to give financial aid to the man in hard luck but you certainly could give him the benefit of cheerful and comforting words, not words of pity, but inspiration.

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academy arrived Thursday morning for the holidays. Among those who have returned are Richard Hart Young, Jack Coaglier, James Corr,

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