The Marriage Trifler

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The First Quarrel

Barbara Knight, who has always had everything in the world, marries Keith Grant, the most eligible man of the season. She is spoiled, and like the other girls in her set, knows nothing about the serious side of life. She treats marriage as a game, and rides roughshod over all Keith's finer feelings. In Keith's office there is a different type of woman, Katherine Newbery, his private secretary. She is different from Barbara, but none the less a personality, and Keith sees her more than he does his wife, by close association with her in the office.

THE first rift in the lute between Keith and Barbara occurred for the most trivial of reasons. To break a social engagement was to Barbara unheard of. Not for the world would she have done such a thing voluntarily. She intended to carve out for herself a social career based on tact and diplomacy. Above all with the older married women did she wish to stand well, and when Mrs. Bradley Castleman asked them to one of the most exclusive affairs of the early season Barbara was delighted.

"It's a great honor," she explained carefully to Keith. She chose her gown carefully so that it would be just daring enough without unduly exciting the criticism of the older women.

And then on the afternoon of the affair Keith telephoned up from the office that he could not go to the Castlemarm. that unexpected business would keep him late, business that could not be avoided.

Barbara was dumfounded. That business, business of any kind, business which after all was a secondary consideration, should keep Keith from a social engagement with her was impossible to believe. Was she to join the great army of women whose husbands were always pleading business engagements? Women who had to make careful excuses for appearing at different affairs alone, and who were for the most part much older than she was? Oh, it was unthinkable!

Keith was amazed that she did not understand. He could not realize that it would matter so much to her, that she had set for herself a height to reach on the pinnacle of social success, and that one misstep might ruin her chances with the older married set.

"Why don't you go alone?" Keith had asked. "I'll come over for you later?"

"That's impossible," Barbara returned lelly. "Never mind. I'll telephone Mrs. Castleman and say we won't come."

There was a silence while they both waited, and then Barbara said coldly: "Good-by," and Keith heard the receiver click as it was hung up. He turned from the telephone as angry as Keith could ever be. He felt that Barbara was unfair, and Barbara, at the other end of the wire, for the moment felt that she hated him. She composed herself, however, and called Mrs. Castleman to the telephone. Her voice was sweetly faint as she told Mrs. Castleman of a terrible sick headache that had threatened all day and was now sending her to bed. Could she possibly overlook this last minute breaking of an engagement?

Yes, Mrs. Castleman could, but after Barbara had hung up, she was certain that there had been a coldness in that great lady's voice, a reserve that would prove the fact that she was displeased. It was unpardonable for a younger woman to break an engagement with a much older woman, and certainly Barbara had no reason to think that Mrs. Castleman would understand and make an exception of a case like hers.

Keith called up at dinner time but she told Marie, her maid, to tell him that she had a sick headache and had gone to bed. It was the first time since she could remember that she had actually been in bed at 9 o'clock. She had a tray sent in to her, and was lying back against the pillows reading when Keith came home. In spite of herself, her heart leaped, although she tried to steel it against him, and his knock at her door brought a cool "Come in."

She lay there regarding him with cool level eyes as he came over and stood looking down at her.

He was thinking how wonderful it was to come home like this, to find her alone, to know that they need not go rushing off somewhere. He sat down on the bed, and leaned over to kiss her. She turned a cool cheek, and picking up her book, went on reading.

"Sweetheart, you're still angry with me."

"Of course I'm angry," Barbara returned, eager to talk, eager to receive apologies, eager to get back to the old relations, and wondering what would be the most tactful way to proceed.

"But it was business," Keith persisted. "Surely you know that if it had been possible for me to leave, I would have done it."

"You knew how much this affair meant to me," Barbara said evenly. "And you couldn't let your business go. Mrs. Castleman will never overlook it."

"What do you care, the old cat. Her friendship doesn't mean anything to us!"

"Oh, but it does, Keith, it does. I knew you didn't understand." Barbara wailed. "It means everything to be asked to an affair of hers. I've just worked for it."

"Do you like her?"

Barbara shook her head. "No, I don't like her, but that doesn't matter. She's important socially. Every one cultivates her. Your mother was delighted that we had been invited there, Oh Keith!" Tears of vexation stood in Barbara's eyes.

He leaned down and took her into his arms. "Listen, dear, if it means that much to you, I won't let business interfere again."

Barbara drew away to look up into his eyes incredulously. "You promise!"

He nodded.

Barbara drew a long breath and relaxed in his arms. Already, although she was conscious of his nearness and his arms about her, she was planning to propitiate Mrs. Castleman and this time there would be no broken engagement.

(Tomorrow—Leslie Gilmore is married)

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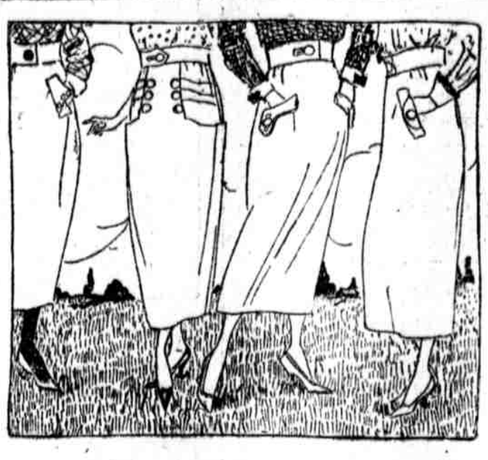

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(Market)

Dainty Hand-Made Blouses Special at $5.90

Three especially pretty styles to wear with coat suits, white skirts or with sweaters are of exceptionally fine batiste. They have roll collars and are adorned with hand-drawn work and rows of fine hemstitching. One has a pretty little vest affair in the front and every one is a delight to the woman who loves fine needlework.

(Market)

Children's White Footwear

Shoes of white leather, much like buckskin, are in lace style with welted soles. Sizes 8½ to 2 at $5.25 and $5.90.

Oxford ties of white leather, sizes 8½ to 2, are $4 and $4.50.

White canvas ankle strap pumps with welted soles are in sizes 8½ to 2 at $2.50 and $3.

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(Chestnut)

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Tea rose
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Bluebell
Rambler pink
Violet
Orchid
Pale green

(Central)

Women's Pretty Crepe Nightgowns and Pajamas

Crepe is especially nice for vacation, since it needs no ironing, and this fine pink crepe is especially dainty, as it is adorned with bluebirds or blue butterflies.

The nightgowns at $3 are trimmed with featherstitching in deep blue and with ribbon or are quite neat and simple.

The pajamas at $3.85 are in one-piece style, finished with white crepe and blue ribbon.

(20 per cent deducted at time of purchase)

(Central)

Topless Corsets

They are of plain or pretty fancy materials in several good models with elastic around the top. Some are raised slightly higher in back and all are adapted to slight to average figures. $2.50 to $4.50—less 20 per cent.

(Central)

Men's Wash Ties, 35c

A great many men substitute wash ties for their silk ones during the very warm weather. These are in plain white and neat striped effects. 20 per cent will be deducted, furthermore.

Good Leather Belts, 60c Special

Brown and tan leathers with good-looking buckles are "seconds," but the imperfections are slight and can hardly be detected.

(Gallery, Market)

BRIEFLY

—The Shoe Findings Counter is a handy place to get the necessary things for your shoes' good health. Wide and narrow lacers, shoe trees, all good kinds of cleaners and polishes, brushes, etc., marked at little prices. *(Chestnut)*

—And, another convenient place is the Toilet Goods Table just through the archway into the Chestnut Street section. There one can get plenty of cooling creams, lotions, powders, tooth brushes, hair brushes and the like, in a jiffy. *(Chestnut)*

—A refreshing sight are the piles of snowy Turkish towels. A whole carload seems to have been emptied on to a table in the West Aisle. Plain white are 75c to $1.25; fancy weaves are 85c to $1.75. *(Central)*

—Their first cousins, turkish wash cloths, are 10c to 15c each. *(Central)*

—It's really surprising what a clever touch a really smart veil gives. Plenty of that kind are 35c to $1.25 a yard, in a color to match your hat or suit. *(Central)*

—Pretty colored border 'kerchiefs can be had in colors to match your Summer frock or blouse. All of sheer linen and printed in many styles at 25c and 35c each. *(Central)*

—Triangular middy ties make the nicest bathing caps to tie over plain divers. Generous size ties of good silk in navy blue, black and red are 95c to $3. *(Central)*

—The coolest corsets and most comfortable are of net! These are nicely made, lightly boned and in models for slight to average figures; $1.50 to $4. *(Central)*

—Gay Roman or bayadere stripe ribbons are in widths for a hat-band (1 inch) to a wide sash (7 inches) at 45c to $6.35 a yard. *(Central)*

—And, most important of all, 20 per cent will be taken from all of these prices!

Sturdy Umbrellas for the Kiddies

Cotton covers over Paragon frames with crook, opera or loop handles. In 18, 20, 22 and 24 inch sizes, at $2 — really $1.60 with the 20 per cent deducted.

(Central)

Cunning Wash Hats for Children 75c to $2.25

(Less the 20 per cent deduction)

There is quite a difference between the tailored hats of white pique and the frilly bits of loveliness made of organdie, but there are many hats between to bridge the gulf.

Pique, poplin and rep hats, some of them that button on, are all easily washed. As well as those in plain white or white trimmed with color, there are pink, blue and tan hats, too.

They will fit children up to about 7 years.

(Central)

Bungalow Aprons That Can Be Worn as Dresses, $3 and $3.50

Those at $3 are of plain-color gingham, mostly in shades of blue. They are made in slip-over style.

Most attractive are the aprons at $3.50, for they are of unusually pretty plaids and are trimmed with snowy ricrac braid.

(20 per cent to be deducted)

(Central)

Summer Frocks, Fresh and Delightful, at $5.50, $7.50 and $8.50

The $5.50 dresses are of club check ginghams in pink, blue or green on white grounds—ever so fresh and sunshiny looking. Crisp pleated frills edge the wide collars of white organdie. (Sketched).

At $7.50 and $7.75 there are some delightful voiles in pin dots, fine challis patterns or in plain pink—very frilly and summery.

The $8.50 dress has a slip-on bodice with a white pique collar and pointed pockets which are embroidered. It is of cotton ramie in rose, green or Copenhagen, with white pipings.

Embroidered Organdie Frocks, $15

Crisp and frilled, these dresses are in white, flesh pink, navy blue and peach with circles or squares embroidered in white. The skirts are made with three flounces and are especially delightful for young women.

Dark Printed Voiles, $10

In navy-and-white, navy-and-gold or black-and-white combinations these are made in two ways. One dress has an overskirt with white pipings and a vestee and collar of white organdie. The other has a round neck and a tab collar of embroidered Georgette.

Tricolette Dresses, $17 and $25

These are mostly in dark shades of brown, navy and Copenhagen blue and a few in black. Some are embroidered, others have wide bands of self-material finishing the overskirts.

White Organdie Frocks, $25

Very cool and youthful are these dresses, made with fluffy overskirts which are tucked and trimmed with bands of sheer embroidery with centers of filet mesh lace.

The 20 per cent deduction brings these prices even lower.

(Market)

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Fiber Rugs
4.6x7.6 feet, $4
6x9 feet, $6

(Chestnut)