

THE UNWELCOME WIFE

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Mrs. Harriman was determined not to see any good in Anthony's wife when he brought her from the country to live under his mother's roof. And so when Charlotte did not meet people half way, and had no social graces, Mrs. Harriman blamed her, and the day the girl innocently went to a matinee with a man whom she hardly knew, both Mrs. Harriman and Tony accused her of lack of dignity and a sordid flirtation.

Husband and Wife

IT IS a terrible thing to accuse an innocent girl of wrong doing or wrong thinking. As Charlotte stood facing her mother-in-law conscious that Tony believed everything his mother did by the fact that he did nothing to defend her, she felt a sense of shame as though the afternoon had been touched with sorrows. She made no further defense, she simply turned away and went to her room. Mrs. Harriman's edict that hereafter she might not leave the house, that she would be watched over like a prisoner, seemed unthinkable. Charlotte had looked forward to her stroll on the avenue, she had loved the walks in the park, and now for a bit of innocent pleasure at the hands of a man old enough to be her father she was to be deprived of her own recreation.

She hung herself on the bed shaken with sobs. She was aware that Janice would be her watchdog, Janice with the thin lips and the cold eyes would accompany her on her walks. Oh, it was unbearable! "Charlotte, there is no need of your carrying on like this," Tony's voice came to her cold with displeasure. "You have abused the trust that I had in you and your punishment is only fair." The amissness of Tony's words filled Charlotte with a sudden fury. Although she had had no wish to defend herself to Mrs. Harriman, she could not go on allowing Tony to believe these things of her. She sat up on the bed pushing her hair out of the blue eyes that were swollen with crying.

"Punishment, and why should I be punished, I'm not a child!" She stormed. "I'm your wife, the woman you married, the woman you swore to honor and trust, and yet you believe me guilty of a sordid flirtation with a man who had no such thought in his head!" Tony hesitated. There was something about Charlotte's whole demeanor that appealed to his better self. He knew her incapable of deceit. She was too much of a child to plan a vulgar intrigue, and he loved her.

"I don't believe anything of the kind," he said sitting down on the bed and

drawing her to him. "But the fact remains that you did spend the afternoon with Nick Fowler after I had asked you to have nothing to do with him."

"Well, why not?" she cried. "I have no friends; your friends don't like me, and you never told me why I was to have nothing to do with him."

"I told you enough," he said in cold displeasure, his impulses to forgive Charlotte swallowed up by her defiance. Tony had expected contrition, a sobbing promise to never do anything of the kind again. He had fancied himself a noble young husband forgiving a foolish and erring young wife, and here was Charlotte not contrite at all, not ready to admit that she had done wrong.

"As for the fact that my friends don't like you," he said coldly, releasing her, and getting up. "Whose fault is that? Have you tried to make them like you? Have you met them half way?"

"I thought you'd understand, but you don't," sobbed Charlotte. "I'm lonely so much of the time."

"Mother is always willing and ready to be with you."

"O, but she doesn't approve of me, you know that."

"Of course she approves of you; you are allowing yourself to get morbid and foolish. If you'd try to conciliate her instead of always feeling that she is against you, everything would be better all around."

Tony felt at that moment that he was speaking the truth and that his mother had had a great deal to put up with in Charlotte's own fault if she did not try to make people like her. Nevertheless he intended to make a personal appeal to Edith Comstock. Edith could not Charlotte on to the ropes and could prove an invaluable friend if Charlotte would meet her half way.

(Tomorrow—The result of an enforced friendship.)

Luck at Cards

Some Superstitions
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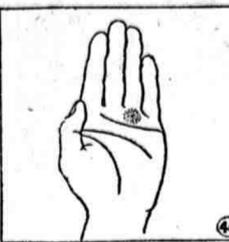
A hand with four clubs promises a bit of bad luck to the holder.

You will quarrel with your love soon if you drop the nine of spades.

It is bad luck to win the first hand.

Your Soul's in Your Hand

By IRVING B. BACON



SHORT-THUMB APOLLONIAN
Hesitancy caused by indecision shown by the short, weak thumb, is apt to spoil Apollonian brilliancy

When you see a short thumb and an Apollonian hand you may guess that he is more artistic than practical; more of the dreamer, less of a doer. Lacking the prudence and caution which belong to the second phalanx of the thumb, he will entertain the most extravagant ideas and plan the most impractical undertakings. And then, owing to his lack of determination (first phalanx), he will waste his time just dreaming of the impracticable schemes, without ever doing anything to try to put them into execution.

(Nevertheless, whether actual doer or merely dreamer, the Apollonian is always brilliant and the promoter of cheer in every company.)

(To be continued)

Making More Money

A Stenographer's Solution

Women launch themselves in a business career for any one of a number of reasons. Some go into it because they simply have to have the money. Others because they desire the feeling of independence which comes from a separate income, and still others, because they are not content with doing housework. But Miss Mary E. Haynes, of New York, started out to make more money

because she wanted her mother to have a maid. "At least that was the primary motive," as Miss Haynes admitted a short time ago. "But I hadn't been out in the business world long before I learned to love it—and had determined to move continually ahead. At the end of two years I was right where I started. I had commenced as a bookkeeper, and from the way things looked I would remain a bookkeeper on the barest of salaries for the rest of my life."

"When I took stock of things and noted the way in which the girls around me had gone ahead, I came to the conclusion that I was in the wrong groove. In fact, it was pretty close to a rat. I had specialized on figures and I had fair to be hampered by them for years to come. So, even though it called for a temporary sacrifice in salary, I dropped my bookkeeping and started in to learn stenography. I liked the work. It was interesting and far from being as monotonous as toiling over endless columns of figures. But even if it did not hold the promise for the future that I wished, so I managed to obtain a transfer to the legal department, and there picked up at least a smattering of law which has come in very handy."

Miss Haynes' modesty is apparent when it is considered that her "smattering of law" has enabled her to become one of the recognized experts on real estate procedure in New York city—at a salary which makes a stenographer's salary envelope appear microscopic.

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