

Women AND THEIR INTERESTS

Little Mary's Essays-Wives

By DOROTHY DIX

Wives is what men get wish on when they get married. Some times the men look like my cat did when he got my canary, but mostly he looks like he just wisht he knew who done it to him.

A man speaks nice and polite to a lady, and he takes her arm and helps her across the street but he snaps up a wife when she speaks to him, and when they walk on the streets together she tags along behind him.

A man calls a young lady "angel face" and "sweetheart" before they are married, but a man calls his wife "saw" after he is married. Also a man kisses a young lady's mouth when he tells her good-bye before they are married, but when he says good-bye to his wife he pecks at her back hair. I know that this is true, because I watched my Aunt Susie and her beau, and my mamma and my papa.

A wife is one of the most useful of all of our domestic animals. She cooks, and sews, and minds the baby, and does the shopping and the marketing, and entertains the company, but she does not have to be paid any money like a cook, or a housemaid, or a nurse.

Women who are not wives have to work for a living. Oh, how thankful a wife should be that she does not have to work!

A wife is also useful to lay things on. That is why men get them. When a man doesn't want to do anything he

always says that his wife won't let him do it, and when a man plays poker and loses his money he blames his wife's extravagance because he is not rich.

Wives of Various Sorts

There are many different kinds of wives. There is a First Wife, who whines, and inches, and pinches, and scratches to help her husband get on, and who never has any nice clothes and who rides on the street cars; and there's the Second Wife, who has diamonds, and Paris dresses, and a limousine that the good First Wife saved up to buy for her.

And there's the Thin Wives and Fat Wives, but I guess wives is like automobiles. Every time you get a new one you try a new make.

Wives have many curious peculiarities. One of them is that they have got noses that can smell things as far as a hound dog. When my papa has had a drink my mamma can smell it before he gets within a block of the house. Also wives is like cats, and they never sleep, and no matter how easy you tiptoe in, you always wake them up.

Wives is very noble creatures, and they feel it their sacred duty to tell their husbands about their faults. Men would not know how many faults they have and what poor, miserable worms of the dust they are if they did not have wives.

Wives save their husbands a great deal of trouble by spending their money for them. A man who has a wife never has to worry about the danger of banks breaking.

When a man's wife dies he has nobody to quarrel with, and this makes him so lonesome that he runs right off and gets married again.

This is all I know at present about wives.

THE LAST SHOT

By FREDERICK PALMER

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Her point won with surprising ease, when she had feared that military form and law could not be circumvented, she leaned against the wall in reaction. For twenty-four hours she had been without sleep. The interest of her appeal for Feller had kept up her strength after the excitement of the fight for the redoubt was over. Now there seemed nothing left to do.

"That's fine of you, Lanny!" she said. "You've taken it like a good stoic, this loss of your thousandth chance. You really believed in it, didn't you?"

"Forgotten already, like the many other thousandth chances that have failed," he replied cheerfully. "One of the virtues of Partow's steel automatons is that, being tearless as well as passionless, they never cry over spilt milk. And now," he went on soberly, "we must be saying good-bye."

"Good-bye, Lanny? Why, what do you mean?" She was startled.

"The war is over," he said, "and longer than that, perhaps, if La Tir remains in Gray territory."

"You speak as if you thought you were going to lose!"

"Not while many of our soldiers are alive, if they continue to show the spirit that they have shown so far; not unless two men can crush one man in the automatic-gun-recoil age. But La Tir is in a tangent and already in the Grays' possession, while we act on the defensive. So I should hardly be flying over your garden again."

"But there's the telephone, Lanny, and here we are talking over it this very minute!" she expostulated.

"You must remove it," he said. "If the Grays should discover it they might form a suspicion that would put you in an unpleasant position."

The telephone had become almost a familiar institution in her thoughts. Its secret had something of the fascination for her of magic.

"Nonsense!" she exclaimed. "I am going to be very lonely. I want to learn how Feller is doing—I want to chat with you. So I decide not to let it be taken out. And, you see, I have the tactical situation, as you soldiers call it, all in my favor. The work of removal must be done at my end of the line. You're quite helpless to enforce your wishes. And, Lanny, if I ring the bell you'll answer, won't you?"

"I couldn't help it!" he replied.

"Until then! You've been fine about everything today!"

"Until then!"

When Marta left the tower she knew only that she was weary with the mind-weariness, the body-weariness, the nerve-weariness of a spectator who has shared the emotion of every actor in a drama of death and finds the excitement that has kept her tense no longer a sustaining force.

As she went along the path, steps uncertain from sheer fatigue, her sensibilities lived again at the sight of a picture. War, personal war, in the form of the giant Stransky, was knocking at the kitchen door. His two-days-old beard was matted with dust and there were dried red spatters on his cheek. War's furnace flames seemed to be breathing from his deep chest; his big nose was war's promontory. But the unexpressed space of his forehead seemed singularly white when he took off his cap as Minna came in answer to his knock. Her yielding lips were parted, her eyes were bright with inquiry and suspicion, her chin was firmly set.

"I came to see if you would let me kiss your hand again," said Stransky, squinting through his brows wistfully.

"I see your nose has been broken once. You don't want it broken a second time. I'm stronger than you think!" Minna retorted, and held out her hand carelessly as if it pleased her to humor him.

He was rather graceful, despite his size, as he touched his lips to her fingers. Just as he raised his head a burst of cheering rose from the yard.

"So you've found that we have gone, your brilliant intellects!" he shouted, and glared at the wall of the house in the direction of the cheers.

"Quick! You have no time to lose!" Minna warned him.

"Quick! quick!" cried Marta.

Stransky paid no attention to the urgings. He had something more to say to Minna.

"I'm going to keep thinking of you and seeing your face—the face of a good woman—while I fight. And when the war is over, may I come to call?" he asked.

His feet were so resolutely planted on the flags that apparently the only way to move them was to consent.

"Yes, yes!" said Minna. "Now, hurry!"

"Say, but you make me happy! Watch me poke it into the Grays for you!" he cried and bolted.

Within the kitchen Mrs. Galland was already slumbering soundly in her chair. Overhead Marta heard the exclamations of male voices and the tread of what was literally the heel of the conqueror—guests that had come without asking! Intruders that had entered without any process of law! Would they overrun the house, her mother's room, her own room?

Indignation brought fresh strength as she started up the stairs. The head of the flight gave on to a dark part of the hall. There she paused, held by the scene that a score or more Gray soldiers, who had riotously crowded into the dining-room, were enacting. They were members of Fracasse's company of the Grays whom Marta had seen from her window the night before rushing across

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crowded into the dining-room, Hugo with the rest, feeling himself a straw on the crest of a wave, and Pilzer, most bitter, most ugly of all, his short, strong teeth and gums showing and his liver patch red, lumpy, and trembling. In crossing the threshold of privacy they committed the act that leaves the deepest wound of war's inheritance, to go on from generation to generation in the history of families.

"A swell dining-room! I like the chandeliers!" roared Pilzer.

With his bayonet he smashed the only globe left intact by the shell fire. There was a laugh as a shower of glass fell on the floor. Even the judge's son, the son of the tribune of law, joined in. Pilzer then ripped up the leather seat of a chair. This introductory havoc whetted his appetite for other worlds of conquest, as the self-chosen leader of the increasing crowd that poured through the doorway.

"Maybe there's food!" he shouted.

"Maybe there's wine!"

"Food and wine!"

"Yes, wine! We're thirsty!"

"And maybe women! I'd like to kiss a pretty maid servant!" Pilzer added, starting toward the hall.

"Stop!" cried Hugo, forcing his way in front of Pilzer.

He was like no one of the Hugos of the many parts that his comrades had seen him play. His blue eyes had become an inflexible gray. He was standing half on tiptoe, his quivering muscles in tune with the quivering pitch of his voice.

"We have no right in here! This is a private house!"

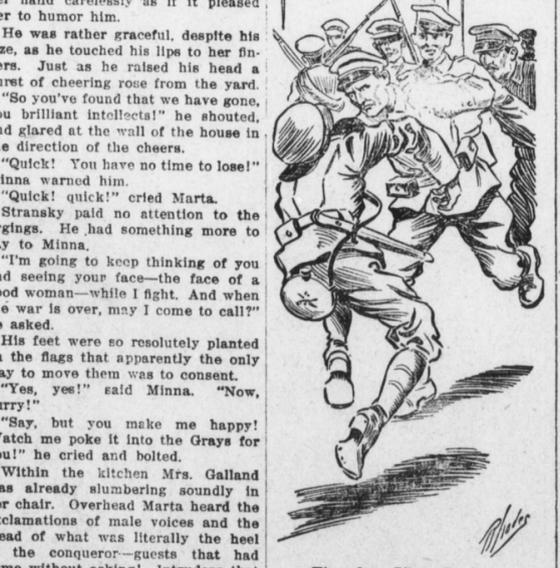
"Out of the way, you white-livered little rat!" cried Pilzer, "or I'll prick the tummy of mamma's darling!"

What happened then was so sudden and unexpected that all were vague about details. They saw Hugo in a cataplectic lunge, mesmeric in its swiftness, and they saw Pilzer go down, his leg twisted under him and his head banging the floor. Hugo stood, half ashamed, half frightened, yet ready for another encounter.

Fracasse, entering at this moment, was too intent on his mission to consider the rights of a personal difference between two of his company.

"There's work to do! Out of here, quick! We are losing valuable time!" he announced, rounding his men toward the door with commanding gestures. "We are going in pursuit!"

Marta, who had observed the latter part of the scene from the shadows of the hall, knew that she should never forget Hugo's face as he turned on Pilzer, while his voice of protest struck a singing chord in her jangling nerves. It was the voice of civilization, of one who could think out of the orbit of a whirlpool of passionate barbarism. She could see that he was about to spring and her prayer was for a leap. She glared in the doorway.



They Saw Pilzer Go Down.

felled the great brute with the liver patch on his cheek, which was like a birthmark.

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HUNTINGDON BANKER KILLED

Huntingdon, Pa., Sept. 30.—Horatio G. Cutshall, 43 years old, a prominent citizen of the lower end of this county and director of the First National Bank of Three Springs, while walking in a coal mine of the Rock Hill Iron and Coal Company, near Robertdale, was instantly crushed to death by a fall of rock from the roof of the mine.

CHILDREN'S EYES NEED GREAT CARE

Commissioner Dixon Calls Attention to the Necessity of Commonsense, Too

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health, has called attention of parents and teachers to the grave importance of attending to the eyes of children. The commissioner says that more persons go through life with their eyes strained as the result of lack of care in childhood than in any other way.

Speaking on the subject he said: "In all of our schools there are children who, to use the small boy's expression, are 'blind in one eye and can't see out of the other.' Unfortunately, often the children themselves are not aware of it nor are their parents and teachers.

"Near-sighted children struggle to see the blackboard from their benches in the rear of the schoolroom and far-sighted children in the front rows endeavor in vain to get distinctly the image on the board immediately before them.

"Children with an astigmatism in one or both eyes are made unaccountably nervous and irritable by the constant demands upon their imperfect vision. Persistent headaches are often caused by such imperfections.

"Of three hundred thousand children inspected in the rural schools of Pennsylvania over \$2,000,000 were found to have defects of sight which no effort has been made to correct. Nothing is more irritating or trying to the nerves than the continual strain resulting from the effort to see through imperfect eyes. To the growing child, whose brain is endeavoring to grasp new facts and solve new problems, it is oftentimes an insupportable barrier. There are hundreds of 'dull' children who could be cured by properly fitted glasses. Unfortunately, many parents hesitate to have small children wear glasses on account of appearances or for other foolish reasons. They fail to realize that often the wearing of glasses for a few years is sufficient to prevent a visual error which is left uncorrected and would continue for a lifetime."

Pittsburgh Men Buy Manganese Iron Mine

Pittsburgh, Sept. 30.—Pittsburgh capitalists have become interested in the development of what is considered to be one of the most important deposits of high percentage manganese ore in the country and have organized the Pittsburgh Manganese Ore Company. The company's mining property is in Rockingham county, Virginia, near Elkton. In the body of ore, the extent of which is said to be approximately 380 acres, a shaft already has been sunk 200 feet, and mining operations have resulted in a production of 100 tons of the ore a week.

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Mr. Chamberlain says that he has often met Emperor William without ceremony. He declares that his Majesty's guiding principles are a deep feeling of responsibility before God and a determination to preserve peace for Germany. The highest desire of Emperor William, Mr. Chamberlain writes, was to be able to stay on his deathbed: "I have preserved peace for my country. History will call me the peace emperor."

DEATH OF M. J. RIGHTER

Special to The Telegraph

Duncannon, Pa., Sept. 30.—M. J. Righter, a well-known barber, died yesterday of tuberculosis. He was 53 years old and is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. E. Charles Smith, of this place, and Mrs. Hugh Leak, of North Carolina; also several brothers and one sister. Funeral services has not as yet been made.

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