

OF INTEREST TO THE WOMEN

A GIRL AND A MAN

A New and Vital Romance of City Life by Virginia Terhune Van de Water

CHAPTER XX

Copyright, 1916, Star Company. Although Agnes Morley had declared her desire to hear no more of the topic that Annie Rooney had introduced at luncheon, she could not keep her mind from turning to it frequently.

What had been said seemed to complicate her present position. It had been hard enough for her to maintain a calm exterior and to behave as if she had never been the object of friendship with her employer's son.

When added to this was the knowledge that Annie was hoping Agnes would try to win Philip's admiration, and that the Irish girl's keen eyes were both on her and the young man, it made matters worse.

Moreover Philip himself was evidently not prepared to behave as he would behave towards a person whom he had never met until he saw her in his father's office. Already he had spoken to Agnes with an impulsive cordiality because he resented her employer's brusque manner of addressing her. He had also shown by his expression of countenance that she was more to him than an ordinary stenographer.

He had even, when she was about to leave the office at the end of her first day there, started from his chair as if to speak to her. She had seen from the corner of her eye as she passed his desk.

Perhaps her bearing had warned him that he must remain where he was; perhaps he knew by her haste that his company would be unwelcome. This kind of thing could not go on. She and Phil must have a talk and decide what his future conduct was to be.

If he had told his father beforehand that he knew Agnes it would not have been so embarrassing now. Yet the fact that he had not admitted that she was his friend, that she had not intimidated her employer that she knew his son, had put the young couple in an awkward predicament.

Were Philip to tell his father the truth at this juncture the older man's suspicions would immediately be aroused because of his and the girl's silence at the time that she accepted the position in Mr. Hale's office.

His Point of View

Agnes brooded over the conditions all the evening. She recalled with a whimsical smile the old lines: "What a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive."

Yet Philip had not thought of his silence as deceit, but simply as discretion. And when she discovered that he had kept the truth from his father there was nothing for her to do but to follow his lead.

Philip's second day at the office was not so bad, for Mr. Hale kept his son on the street, attending to various affairs for him. When, at a little after nine, he and his father entered the office together, Agnes looked up with a low and a "Good morning" that included both men.

The older of the pair had handed the younger some bills he wished collected and a moment later the senior member of the firm and his secretary were alone. She was out at luncheon when Philip returned to the office and, if he came in late in the afternoon, it

was after she had departed for the day. Philip Hale himself was not pleased with the state of affairs. Where was the pleasure in being close to the girl he loved if he were not allowed to speak with her? Yet for the first few days of his occupancy of his new position, she persistently avoided him, not even glancing in his direction.

His mother had made several engagements for him, inviting friends to her home and demanding his presence, so that his evenings were not his own. Therefore, it was well on towards the end of the week and he had had no chance for a word alone with Agnes.

It was on Saturday noon that he reached a sudden conclusion. He would see Agnes the following evening unless she had some other plan. There was no telephone in her little apartment. He must make an appointment with her here and now. But when he paused at the door of his father's office, Mr. Hale looked up with a slight frown of annoyance, and a sharp—"What is it?"

"Nothing, sir, if you are busy," Philip hastened to reply. "Can't you see I'm busy?" Mr. Hale retorted. "Don't wait for me if you're in a hurry to go home."

A Tell Tale Note

"I'm in no hurry," Phil assured him. "Excuse me for disturbing you." The office force left at noon during the summer months. Therefore unless he scribbled some message to Agnes she would get away without his making an engagement with her. For, reckless as he was, he would not venture to go in and speak to her now in the presence of his father. Well, he must write her a note. That was all that he could do. He would tell Joe to take it in to her quietly.

Agnes was working industriously at the letters that had been dictated to her this morning. It was time for her to be going home, but she had volunteered to stay and finish the work given her by Mr. Hale. Her employer himself was signing such letters as were already done.

Suddenly through the open door Joe crept in noiselessly and handed Agnes a letter. She looked at it in surprise, then, as she saw Philip's handwriting glanced apprehensively at Mr. Hale, but he did not appear conscious of the intrusion.

Hastily opening the envelope, she scanned the contents. They were but a few words, but they brought the blood to her cheeks.

"I must see you to-morrow night, May 17. Send answer by Joe, Phil." Joe stood waiting, his curious eyes on her face. She picked up a pencil, started to write, then glancing again at her employer, saw that he was watching her. The silence of her machine had attracted his attention.

"There is no answer," she stammered to Joe. "Mr. Phil said there would be," he whispered, but loudly enough for Mr. Hale to hear.

"There is none!" she repeated sharply. "The boy turned away, she bent again over her machine, her heart beating fast as she appreciated that Mr. Hale must know that his son had sent her a message. She felt suddenly angry at Phil.

(To Be Continued.)

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Special to the Telegraph. Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 30.—Harry Udegrave, assistant principal of the Porter township schools, and Miss Irma Kaufman, of Reinerton, who is a clerk at the county courthouse, were attacked while out walking yesterday near Reinerton.

A masked man, who stepped up behind the couple, beat Udegrave down with a blow from a blackjack and then struck Miss Kaufman, knocking her unconscious. Only momentarily stunned, Udegrave battled with the man, who ran away when he saw help approaching. State policemen are trailing the bandit.

STOLE CLOTHES, CHARGE. Charged with stealing clothing at Newville, Harrison Branch, of that place, was arrested for the Newville authorities by Montgomery Officer Hyman and Lieutenant Wetzel. He was taken to Newville late yesterday.

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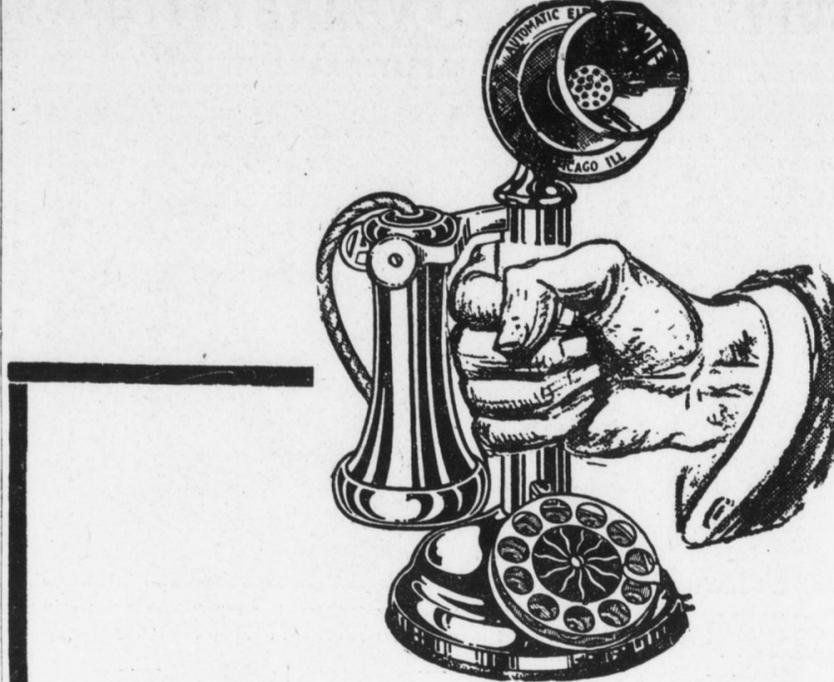
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FOODS THEY BUILD OR DESTROY

AMAZING BUT RARELY SUSPECTED TRUTHS ABOUT THE THINGS YOU EAT

By ALFRED W. McCANN

The physicians of R—, prior to an indignation meeting held by the real estate operators and property owners of the town, were indignant over the discovery that every butcher shop of the community was secretly using anhydrous sodium sulphite. Their published statements, made before the development of an embarrassing situation, indicates the honest attitude of the entire medical profession toward the employment of chemical food preservatives of any kind.

The finding of doped meat intended for the diet of a child in one of the R— butcher shops was a sad shock to Dr. X—, member of the Board of Health of R—, a discovery that permitted no mistake concerning his meaning.

The finding of anhydrous sodium sulphite in the shops of two well-known retail butchers of R—, accompanied by the accusations of these gentlemen that all the other butchers of R— were also using sodium sulphite, produced magical results. A third shop was invaded.

"No, we have no preservative here. We believe its use is illegal. We can sell you scouring and sapolio from our grocery department, but there is no such thing here as preservative. We don't use it." Fiery meat was on exhibition.

"We left the establishment and returned in an hour accompanied by Health Officer G—.

"Now, Mr. Butcher, you didn't have any preservative when we were here an hour ago. Perhaps you have found some since."

"Come on. Produce!" "I told you we had none of that stuff here."

"So much the worse for you. Unless you produce the stuff in two minutes we shall look for it ourselves and you must take the consequences."

"Well, we only have a little bit." He turned from the shop into the hall. We followed him.

Out of one hall at right angles he went into another. Mr. Butcher finally halted in a dingy corner under the stairs. He pulled out an old coat, stuck his hand into the darkness and

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advertised for use in the making of food products.

"We shall certainly put an end to the situation immediately, but it will not do for the exposure to be confined to R—. Every town and city of the State will have to take its own action, and doubtless great good in behalf of the health of the people will result from the exposure here."

Dr. C. D. C. declared: "The physiological action of anhydrous sodium sulphite on the human body makes it intolerable as a food adjunct."

Dr. J. W. C. declared: "The very fact that the butchers employed the chemical secretly is sufficient to condemn them. The manufacturer of the product should be roughly handled. It is almost inconceivable that human beings would deliberately enter a business the sole purpose of which is to provide chemical preservatives for use in the dark."

"Yes, you got the stuff, all right; but we never use it."

"What is this little glass shaker with the perforated top sitting so snugly beside the 'Freez-Em'?" "I don't know."

Examination of the contents of the little glass shaker revealed the presence of anhydrous sodium sulphite. "You have no use for this stuff in this place?"

"No."

"Then you do not object if we take it away?" "Certainly not; you can have it. Wrap it up for the gentlemen."

A chemical analysis made by Professor George Ferguson of Columbia University confirmed the nature of the stuff.

"We entered establishment No. 5."

"No, we do not use preservative. Come right with me into the icebox and see for yourself."

The butcher took us all over the place. After such portions of the scenery had been reviewed as seemed in the judgment of Mr. Butcher fitting to be reviewed, we decided to review the sections of establishment No. 5 which the butcher somehow or other forgot to include in serving as guide.

A little artificial illumination and a trip into a dark hole resulted in the discovery of a box labeled "XXX Enterprise Chemical Preservative," also a tin shaker.

"What are these rare objects which we have found in the dark?" "I don't know. We never use those things. We don't know how they got here. We certainly do not employ chemicals in this shop."

"May we take the stuff with us?" "Yes, take it away."

Again anhydrous sodium sulphite was located in an establishment whose owner was "utterly innocent of the meaning of preservative."

Physicians were immediately interviewed. Without exception all of them denounced in bitter terms the butchers in whose shops the stuff was found.

"I did not know," said Dr. C. M. B., "that any such situation would be found in R—. What I cannot understand is how the manufacturer of this preservative, containing anhydrous sodium sulphite, is tolerated in New York City when the stuff is openly and specifically prepared and

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