

# The Wall Flower

by Marion Rubincam

## SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

Pandora Nicholson is so shy and self-conscious that it is almost agony for her to meet new people or go into a room where there are strangers. She lives, as a poor relation, with her Uncle Peter and Aunt Maude, and their daughter—her cousin Gladys—who is the belle of the little town of Norris City. Her own father, Jim, lives there too—affectionate, impractical, unreliable, looked down on by his prosperous brother.

At a party where Dora is neglected, as usual, she meets Morton Newberry, a shy, studious boy, who seems attracted to her.

## A CALLER Chapter 7

The reason why Pandora, at 21, was as socially backward as an undeveloped girl of 16, was a simple and tragic one. And a common one.

But it was a long time before the girl found this out, and a still longer time before she was able to remedy it.

Her Aunt Maude, in kindly moments, said she was "born shy." In less kindly moments, she said she was "born a ninny." The girl heard both criticisms frequently. When her father tried to urge her to join in the young people's parties, she held back and said:

"No, I'd rather not. I feel so awkward. And I can't ever think of anything to say."

Her father laughed at this. She was anything but tongue-tied with him. He concluded she was joking, and promptly forgot all about it. He always forgot unpleasant things as soon as possible.

The next time he was reminded, Dora suggested:

"Let's go for a walk instead. They won't miss us."

And then he was delighted, because it gave him some hours of her companionship, and she was a charming companion to him.

Only once he argued the point. "I don't see why you keep repeating that—about not talking. Why, don't you remember that little hotel we stayed at in—wasn't it Waco?—and the way you talked to that man and his wife and the baby?" You talked all evening, and you were great friends for the three days we were there."

"That was different," Pandora answered. "They were both so miserably poor, worse than we were, and he wanted a job and couldn't think of anything to do—because day laborer's wages weren't enough then to allow for care of the baby."

"Well, you had them both telling you the history of their lives, and then you went off and found him a job."

"It was only finding out that he had a talent, being tactful with men. As soon as they made him foreman of that foreign work gang, he was all right. He could understand them and the other foreman only irritated them."

"Well, you had the ability to fit the square peg into the round hole!" Jim concluded triumphantly. He never thought how square a peg the girl was when she came to the round hole of her own problem.

"He only lacked confidence," Dora said. And it never occurred to her that that was what she lacked in enormous degree. She thought her father flattered her because he was her father. Yet, after being with him, she gained a little of his confidence.

Then something such as this Sunday morning incident happened, and every shred of self belief was torn away from her. For three days while the storm made going out almost impossible, she went about the house in a state of intense depression. The blizzard made it impossible to go to church. Monday it still snowed spasmodically, the little city was blanketed thick with a white drift. Discontent, disturbance and depression existed in the Nicholson house—all because the sugar supply gave out, and Peter liked everything sweet and syrupy. Gladys' party was to blame, but somehow the blame was shifted around to Dora, who was looked upon as having committed another stupid blunder.

Aunt Maude, upset and cross because Peter was cross, took it out by lecturing over everything. The actual sugar blunder was forgotten, of course. It was a small thing—it was merely the sense of disturbance that lasted.

"I declare you've been doing everything wrong these last few days," Aunt Maude scolded. "Now you know those shets are for the guest room only—not the family. And you've put the best milk jug on the rickety shelf by the steps—"

And so it went on. "I am stupid," Dora told herself again and again as she went about her household duties. "Why do I do everything wrong? When Aunt Maude goes on so, I simply can't think. It must be a poor sort of brain that gets befogged so easily."

But Tuesday it was possible to get to the stores, so she made her way down town to repair her recent blunder. On the way she met Morton Newberry helping clear the sidewalks.

"Do you mind if I come around to see you some evening soon?" he asked. And she smiled and said "yes." She went home feeling curiously pleased. Morton was the first man who had ever asked to call on her.

He appeared next night. But Aunt Maude announced in this way: "Gladys, Morton Newberry is downstairs to see you. Put on your silk waist and go down. Dora and I will finish in the kitchen."

It never occurred to her that any man would come to see anyone but her own daughter!

Tomorrow—A Confidential Diary

Organization Meetings

Of G. O. P. District

NEWCASTLE, Ind., July 24.—Republican organization meetings will be held in all Sixth district counties except Wayne, this week, announces George Elliott, chairman. Judge David Myers of Greensburg, member of the state supreme court, and Congressman Richard N. Elliott, will accompany Chairman Elliott on a tour of the organization meetings.

Shelbyville will be visited Monday afternoon and Greensburg Monday evening. Newcastle will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday afternoon the party will visit Rushville, going to Connersville in the evening. A Thursday afternoon meeting will be held at Brookville and a Thursday evening meeting at...

The Wayne county meeting is postponed on account of the absence of the chairman, Paul Comstock, who is at Camp Knox, and probably will be held the evening of July 31 or Aug. 1.

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## Beauty Chats

By Edna Kent Forbes



Wear gloves while you are working

Last week I quoted a world famous palmist on the various types of hands and what they signify. But no palmist has ever talked about the type of hand I think the most interesting of all—the hand where the tragedy of poverty and hard work is written in every line and wrinkle, in every enlarged knuckle and on the hardened yellow palm. The overworked hand is the most tragic sight I know. All traces of youth and loveliness have disappeared, all characteristics submerged and nothing is left by a record of sacrifice and struggle.

Women with such hands write and ask me what they can do to bring back a little of the good looks that have been worked away. It seems like trivial advice to tell them to protect their hands while they are working and to feed the dried skin nourishing oils, to give a little attention to the finger nails. And yet it is just this sort of treatment which is effective.

The hands respond to care in the most amazing fashion; even five minutes a day will work wonders. Practical suggestions are to give the hands plenty of oil, to wear gloves while

working, to rub vaseline or oil into all the edges of the nails at night. Another suggestion is keep an orange wood stick and a pair of manicure scissors and a small pointed nail file in the bathroom cupboard. Then when the hands are washed the nails can be cleaned while they are still damp and easy to do, and loose bits of skin can be clipped off before they have a chance to grow larger and make the fingers sore. The purpose of the orange stick is to push back the cuticle around the nail, an attention the very busy woman will always slight, although it would save her hangnails.

Connie: A soap in which there is some tar makes a satisfactory shampoo for some people, as the tar is antiseptic and many scalps are in need of just such treatment. Tar soap should only be used, however, on dark hair.

Brushing the hair every night will have no effect upon dandruff. You need a good tonic for this condition in addition to toning the scalp through massaging it every day to increase the circulation. The only virtue in brushing the hair is to help keep it clean and equalize the secretions over its full length. If you can keep your hair well groomed without the aid of a brush there is no occasion to use one. Shampoo about every two or three weeks.

Gladys: At 22 years the fine lines that sometimes appear should not cause any apprehension, as they will yield quickly to treatment. If you have lost weight, drink more milk and the lines will disappear. A gentle massage with a nourishing cream will also help.

All inquiries addressed to Mrs. Forbes in care of the "Beauty Chats" department will be answered in these columns in their turn. This requires considerable time, however, owing to the great number received. So, if a personal or quicker reply is desired, a stamped and self-addressed envelope must be enclosed with the question.—The Editor.

Racing Association Ledger

To Show First Profits

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., July 24.—A balance on the right side of the ledger for the first time since its organization, will be shown by the Shelbyville Racing association this year. Total receipts for the three days' meet were \$1,535.30.

Five heats were necessary to determine the winner of the 2 1/2 mile last day. The winner, Billy J. Kay, who took first in the last three heats, was fourth and sixth in the first two heats. The winner of the first two heats ran third, fourth and

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Spiceland Farmers Plan  
Installing Treating Plant

SPICELAND, Ind., July 24.—Farmers of Spiceland township are making arrangements for installing a hot-water wheat treating plant for the elimination of smut. A meeting of the farmers to discuss the plan will be held Tuesday evening. It is expected that two other Henry county townships will establish plants also.

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It is Bob's place to talk to you, and not yours to write him on the street or write him a letter. Speak pleasantly, but do nothing further to renew your acquaintance.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Please tell me what you think about people who can give a joke, but not take one.

Another girl and I, for a joke, piled some rubbish on my sister's porch. Later in the evening she lost her temper and gave us a hard talking to. She has been over to our house since, but she snubs us completely. Should we or she take the first steps toward a reconciliation?

I love my little niece and would do anything for her. My sister does not think of all the jokes she has played on us. What would you do? PERPLEXED.

Take the first steps toward reconciliation. Your joke simply made her more work and in reality lacked humor. I have often noticed that the greatest jokers can't take any fun directed at them.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a hard working widow with a child and I do not get a chance to meet young men. Can you help me.

MRS. A. STRONG.

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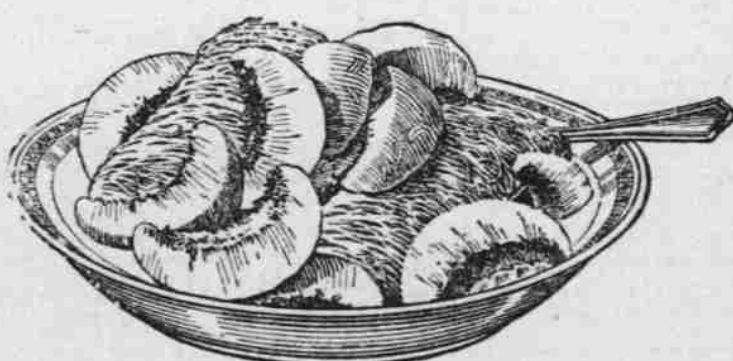
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