

# The Confessions of a Wife

CHAPTER CVII.

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After Harry had telephoned the other evening that he was coming up to my rooms to take Elinore and myself to the theater Elinore said: "That is rather strange. I wonder how he knew I was here. I don't believe he has taken me to the theater on the spur of the moment since our honeymoon five years ago."

"Take the good the gods provide," I quoted, "and, above all," I added, "don't let him see that you think there is anything strange about it. 'Husbands are shy animals who balk at anything that looks like love-making before a third party, even be that as sympathetic as myself.'"

"We are not dressed for the theater," said Elinore.

"'Gracious!'" I exclaimed as I looked over her exquisite imported afternoon gown of blue velvet and silver tissue which contrasted luxuriously with my broad-cloth tailor-made and lace waist. "If I had on your frock I would think I was dressed for the dressiest thing I was liable to bump up against."

Elinore looked at me, smiling rather doubtfully.

"Do you know, Madge, I would give anything in the world for your enthusiasm and joy of living."

"You can't have mine, Elinore," I answered, "but you can get a little corner on enthusiasm and joy of your own if you make a try for it."

"Just let yourself go. Don't be afraid of laughing if something pleases you. Don't be afraid of

using a slang word once in a while if it expresses just what you mean. Don't be afraid of telling people that you like them if you do, and, above all, shut your mind to worry and don't think much about yourself."

As I said this the fact that I had not heard from Dick since he went away three days ago rose up and smote me, for I know I had not slept much the night before worrying about it. But I resolutely put all this aside and went to the door with a smile as I heard Harry's step.

"Well, if you girls aren't the stinky ones," he exclaimed as he came in, "flocking all alone here by yourselves. Have you both forgotten you have husbands?"

"Mine is out of town, sir," I murmured with a low courtesy.

"And yours is out of mind, I suppose," said Harry, turning to Elinore.

"Well, you know, 'out of sight, out of mind,'" said Elinore brightly.

"Are you ready?" he asked us.

"Wait until we powder our noses," I begged.

"I can't understand why such two clever women as you and Elinore want to be always dolling up," said Harry rather pointedly to me as Elinore started for the bedroom. "Don't you know with your brain and quick appreciation you do not need to be as good looking as you are to be more than usually attractive to any man?"

"But there are so many men who can see and so few that are not stupid," I answered softly.

I think that will hold Master Harry for a while.

(To Be Continued Monday.)

# CYNTHIA GREY'S LETTERS

Dear Miss Grey: Will you kindly answer this perplexing question for me.

I find that because a man has been arrested once, he is continually hounded by the police and detectives. It is impossible for him to get a position of importance. Any job he gets is taken away from him by detectives informing his employer that he is an ex-convict.

How is it possible for a man to reform under such treatment?

Four good jobs have been taken from me, and I find it harder and harder to keep straight. Can you help me, Miss Grey? F. E. W.

A.—I hope the publishing of this will help you by coming before the eyes of the commissioner and chief of police. Will you see that each of them see it?

Such treatment is inhuman, and the same method is used in sending back to a life of shame the girls who really want to reform.

Suppose the next good position you get you tell the employer yourself of your former arrest, and that you want a chance. If you are truly honest now, I believe any sane employer will listen to your demand for a fair show.

So, of course, I do not know the nature of the act for which you were arrested, but really it is not always a disgrace to be in jail, for many are unjustly put there to await the decision of the court, etc., even when they are innocent. It wouldn't surprise me any to find myself there some day.

So, stand your ground in a gentlemanly way, and demand your right for a chance, and if you are sincere it will come in spite of everything and anything.

consistent and have good dispositions.

A WOMAN READER.

Dear Miss Grey: The qualifications of a young man to marry should be: good health, cleanliness and careful dressing, good habits, high character, truthfulness and honesty, ambition and reliability, and the spirit to treat others as he would like to have others treat him.

A BACHELOR.

Dear Miss Grey: Please inform me in regard to the expression, "Lares and Penates." I know they were Roman household gods; but why so named?

Also why is a portion of New York city called the Bronx, and what portion? With many thanks.

INQUIRER.

A.—Lares comes from "Lars," which meant "a guardian god." Penates is from "Penus," meaning the "inner shrine."

The Bronx is what is termed the aristocratic portion of New York city, and has its name from Jonas Bronx, the first white settler.

Dear Miss Grey: Will you please tell me what to use to exterminate flies? The house was built a year ago, but until recently has not been occupied. I have used fly papers, and insect powders without success. The walls are full of them. Thanking you, INEXPERIENCED.

A.—You can't blame the flies for occupying the house when no one else did. They have the right of occupancy by possession, which is quoted as "nine points of the law." You might file a prior claim by using the following: Clove oil, 4 drms.; cologne water, 5 oz.; alcohol, 7 oz. Mix and filter.

Dear Miss Grey: I am a young married girl about to become a mother. I am so full of life that I hate to give up my outdoor sports, for I love them so. Please tell me if running, skating and climbing will hurt one in my condition.

Also, what are the proper foods to eat?

Miss Grey, I am anxiously awaiting your reply, for I have no one else to go to. Thank you, IGNORANT.

A.—A moderate amount of exercise will be good for you and the child; but you would better put aside the more strenuous methods for a while. You are probably strong enough to skate, run, etc., without harm to either; but people are not always careful about running into each other when skating, etc., and you do not want a hard fall at this time.

Eat whatever agrees with you, but do not overeat. It is thought the less meat a woman eats at such time the better, but I believe if the appetite is normal, she will not eat too much of anything.

Dear Miss Grey: Will you please tell me whether or not Mary Fuller of the Edison Film company is married; also as to her age, and residence. I think she is a wonderful moving picture actress, don't you?

A MOVIE FAN.

A.—Mary Fuller is undoubtedly a gifted actress. She was born in Washington, D. C., but at present lives at Orange, N. J. She is single and about 34 years of age.

# Society

The members of Le Cercle Francals will give an entertainment at the Children's Industrial Home on Saturday afternoon, April 4. A French play, "La Somnambule," will be given, together with some English recitations, colored stereopticon views, and music. Refreshments will be served to the orphans. Tickets for the entertainment are being sold by Miss Dorothy Dempsey and Miss Nellie Pambrun.

The Tacoma Y. W. C. A. has issued a cordial invitation to girls and women of the city to attend the Sunday vesper service at 4 o'clock tomorrow. Mrs. W. C. Wheeler will be leader and there will be special music.

The Ladies' Missionary Aid society of the Emmanuel Lutheran church will meet Wednesday with Mrs. N. Sand, 4815 North 13th street.

Vida chapter, O. E. S., will entertain with a card party next Tuesday afternoon at the Masonic temple.

Miss Judith Tolo and Johannes Pedersen were quietly married yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of Our Savior's Lutheran church, 912 South 7th street. Rev. O. J. Ordal performed the ceremony. The young couple, who are well known in Tacoma, were attended by Mrs. O. J. Ordal and Miss Lily Gilbertson.

Delta Gamma, one of the oldest of university fraternities, held a reunion in Seattle this week, attended by a large number of Tacoma alumnae members. Those from Tacoma were: Mrs. E. E. Houston, Mrs. Hugo Metzler, Mrs. Howard Taylor, Mrs. J. R. Everett, Mrs. Robert Haddow, Jr., Miss Celia Newman, Miss Phoebe Packard, Miss Genevieve Thornley, Miss

Sylvia Donahue, Miss Fay Easterday, Miss Ethel Nelson, Miss Essie Englehorn.

Last night's reception of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Drury honoring Governor and Mrs. Ernest Lister was one of the most elaborate affairs of the season. It was given in the social hall of the Drury apartments, in the very neighborhood in which the Lister family formerly resided, and a majority of the guests were former neighbors of the governor and his wife. Following the reception auction was played at 16 tables.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Victor Morgan entertained the "Boosters" club, the boy organization of the Park University church, at their home, 3316 North 31st street, this noon at luncheon.

Twenty members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Firemen's Two-Platoon association met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Bissell, on North Oakes street. A campaign among the women was planned. Luncheon was served by Mrs. Bissell and her daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hoffman, who have been in California during the winter, have returned home and are at the Tacoma hotel.

Mrs. John Watson has arranged to entertain the Aurora club next Wednesday afternoon at Rhodes Bros' tea room. Mrs. W. N. Allen, the club president, will give a paper on "Ceramics," and Mr. McKee of the china department of the Rhodes' store will lecture on china.

Mrs. Frank Allyn, sr., left Wednesday for San Francisco, where she will spend several weeks visiting with friends.

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Dear Miss Grey: Will you please tell me how to clean and curl light plumes?

E. A. S.

A.—Luke warm suds made with water and a pure white soap will clean plumes nicely. They should be shaken until dry. Curl from the center out with a dull knife.

Dear Miss Grey: In answer to "What is the basis of a happy marriage?" to my notion it is not money, but two contented, congenial dispositions.

There are many ways of looking at the question. I believe a man should have at least a little reserve—not because happiness is based on that; but for an emergency. He should have a steady position with enough salary to take care of a wife and perhaps a small family. Common sense tells us these are simply necessities.

He should be possessed of a good and appreciative disposition, as a wife likes to be appreciated.

Everything does not depend upon the husband, however, the girl, no matter how independent she has been—does not have to give it up; does not have to give it up; but should use it in the right way. She should be consistent and willing to give up theaters and dances, with an occasional theater or dance.

Every good husband, if he is the right sort will enjoy giving his wife pleasure.

She should be of a happy disposition and ready to help save in every way possible, and she should always be ready to give a welcome smile and kiss every evening upon his return, and make herself attractive and agreeable.

The wife has the trying place, but if she is really the right sort she will make a success with the right sort of man, and it will be no hardship.

Both must be unselfish,

# PANTAGES

Capt. Jack and his ten enormous polar bears will be the headline-feature of a bill that promises much in the way of comedy, singing, dancing and spectacular entertainment for the patrons of the Pantages theater, beginning Monday matinee.

While other polar bear acts have been seen here in vaudeville, that which Capt. Jack brings to the Pantages Monday is said to be the peer of any now before the public. The act recently toured in Europe, where the trained animal exhibitions must be of highest standard if they are to attract more than passing notice.

An added feature attraction of the bill will be James A. Davett and Ninon Duval in a breezy comedy playlet entitled "Holding Out." "Holding Out" tells in the most humorous way of the troubles of a young actor and his wife who are trying to get along on nothing a week.

All vaudeville fans will welcome the appearance of Lawrence Johnson, the ventriloquist, who is no stranger to Tacoma. Johnson and his "tell-me-what-to-sing" dummy will keep any audience in a gale of mirth throughout the time allotted for the act.

Gregoire and Elmira are a remarkable team of balancers who are now making their way over the Pantages circuit with big success.

Charming personalities, beautiful gowns and exceptional musical ability are making the Morette Sisters favorites. They are skilled with violin, piano, cello, cornet and other musical instruments.

Barnard, Flinty and Mitchell form a trio of cabaret singers who are scoring a distinct hit. They will place the finishing touch to the big bill.

# AT THE PRINCESS

"John Barleycorn," Jack London's masterpiece, opens at the Princess theater tomorrow. It is a six-reel feature and has been one of the best drawing cards of the season.

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# MELBOURNE

Maudie Fealy returns to the Melbourne theater tomorrow in a delightful feature called "The Golden Cross." It is a war-time story of Napoleon's time, with an unusual and pleasing plot and love story.

In addition to this feature Miss Mutual Girl will pay her ninth visit to Tacoma. In this film the Mutual Girl visits Dorothy Dix, the great newspaper woman who has solved more troubles of American women than any other personage. Dorothy Dix has quite an interview with the Mutual Girl and an insight into this healer of broken hearts is given which many will enjoy.

BROTHER OF DECEASED JOSEPH GIBSON wishes information concerning wife and children of deceased Joseph Gibson, who died in Canadian Northwest, after surgical operation, about the year 1900 or 1901. Abraham Gibson (brother of deceased) inquires. Address A. Gibson, Box 251, Hallybury, Ont., Can. "Advertisement."

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A valuable and welcome recruit to the ordinary in a Chinese acrobat or magician, but a celestial comedy is a novelty. Hong Fong, who is to appear at the Empress in the new bill is said to be one of the cleverest of his race and a comedian of more than usual ability. He was born in Canton, but has been upon the English speaking stage for a number of years.

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