

# The Confessions of a Wife

CHAPTER CXLIV.  
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Jim Edie took charge of the "party" immediately, phoned for a taxi, ordered seats, and, beside all the while chafing Dick, he found time to pay me one or two very delicate and discriminating compliments. I liked him from the moment I heard his voice behind my chair at dinner.

Jim was Dick's best friend, and it was a great joy to him that he could not have been at our wedding.

"I'll never quite forgive you, old chap, for not helping me out on that momentous occasion by being my best man," said Dick.

"I don't have to be Mrs. Dick that I'm the best man," answered Jim. "She can see that, and now right here I want to say that I'm going to call your wife Margie. I know you mighty well, Margie, for Dick wrote me all about you before the wedding, and not forgetting letters very regular in Alaska, I read his descriptions over many times. Usually a lover's descriptions may be taken with a grain of salt, but I assure you, Dick, you did not do justice to your subject."

"Margie," said Dick, "Jim would compliment a woman with a crooked nose and a cross eye. Not that he is flattering in this case," he hastened to add as he saw the somewhat quizzical glance of Jim, "but when Jim Edie refrains from making a pretty speech to a woman it will be when he is deaf, dumb and blind."

"Come along, children; the wagon is ready," said Jim, and he started out of the dining-room in a manner that called the attention of all the people at table to his six feet two of splendid bone and muscle.

"I know you will like Jim," whispered Dick as we followed, "and I'm mighty glad he has come back. We'll have some splendid times together. We'll 'flax' around and find a pretty girl for him and we can make a party of four."

"What do you say about introducing him to Mollie," said I.

"For the last week I have had to neglect Mollie and she would enjoy the theaters."

"Mollie is all right, but my dear Margie, she is too young, too unsophisticated to train with Jim Edie."

"You must learn, Dick, that Mollie has grown up. She will be nineteen the day after tomorrow and I want you to invite some of your friends to a theater party for her."

"All right, dear, but, by George, it does seem strange to think of Mollie as anything but a baby."

By this time we were at the taxi door and Jim pushed Dick into the front seat and calmly sat down beside me with the remark: "Give your friend from the wilds of the West a chance, Dick, you have been basking in woman's smiles for the last year and I have been out in a country where a woman is as rare as a roc's egg."

"What are we going to see?" asked Dick.

"The Merry Widow," said Jim.

Dick was delighted, as he had not seen it, and, although I can very little for musical comedies or comic operas, even I was pleased with the melodic music and the sensuous beauty of the waltz as danced by Donald Brian and Lina Abarbanel.

I sat between Dick and his friend, and, as the sensuous beauty of the waltz unfolded itself, Dick's hand stole over and clasped mine. I forgot, all our discussions and again became his sweetheart who thrilled at his touch.

From this dream I was awakened by Jim's cheery voice, saying: "Now we'll go and have something to eat where the lights are brightest."

"And the orchestra is loudest," supplemented Dick.

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**NURSE SUES ESTATE**  
Suing the estate of H. C. Kirshbaum for \$1,317.50, which she says is due her for professional services, Miss Martha Prazner, a nurse, yesterday itemized the work which she did. It includes ironing, cooking, washing clothes and giving personal care to the sick man.  
**Ethel Gets Divorce**  
NEW YORK, May 6.—Ethel Lorraine Belmont was today awarded a divorce from Raymond Belmont, son of August Belmont, and \$100 a month alimony. Young Belmont is in Europe.

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It is an interesting fact that many members of the reigning families of Europe, as well as members of the nobility, are taking up useful occupations to benefit the conditions and surroundings of those who look up to them for succor. And the Red Cross work seems to make the greatest appeal to the women.  
The queen of Bulgaria is deeply interested in hospital work, and is now on her way to America to study modern nursing methods.

## STRIPED RIBBON FOR SIMPLE BUT SMART COSTUME



Occasionally among the many extreme models created by the Parisian fashion-makers there can be found one apparently intended for every-day wear by an every-day woman.  
This costume seems to be one of the latter type. It is smart as well as rather simple. The suit is made of crepe de chine cloth trimmed with striped satin ribbon, which gives it a decidedly down-to-date touch.  
The coat shows the new cape effect.  
With the idea of wars and rumors of war in America, the Paris designers have been putting out gowns that have a decidedly military air.  
In one of the splendid fashion places was shown, the other day, a gown and cape of bright blue chiffon broadcloth made very plain with a low-tied sash trimmed with brass buttons and gold braid. With this was worn a blue helmet cap with a bright red upstanding feather.

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# What They Ask Cynthia Grey

Dear Friend: Would you be kind enough to help me find my mother. I haven't seen her since I was a child of 8 months old, and am now a boy of 18 years.  
I came from Woonsocket, R. I., where I was living with my father. I arrived here Sunday evening, and have tried almost every possible way to locate her, but with no results. She receives her mail as Mrs. Margaret V. Lee, Gen. Del., and I inquired if she had called for my mail, and they told me that she hadn't. She is in the millinery business, and I looked all over the Northwest, but could not find her. Now if you think it would help, would you kindly put a few lines in your column concerning this? I believe it would help me a great deal. Thanking you in advance,  
Yours truly,  
GEORGE DEQUOY,  
Cr Hotel Hydab, 5th Av., Seattle.

Will you please tell me what to do to keep my sister from biting her fingernails. When she gets a little excited, she starts to biting her nails. She keeps them bitten off until they just look terrible.  
Thanking you very much,  
DOCKY.  
A.—Of course the excitability is back of the girl biting her nails, and should be corrected. In the meantime a solution of salicylic acid dissolved in water applied to the nails will help.  
Miss Grey: Please tell me if there is any hope for our little English waiter. He has been going off his noodle lately. I told him I would do the best I could for him. Please oblige.  
WAITER NO. 2.  
A.—Now, that's too bad. If you had told me the cause, as well as the effect, I might possibly find a remedy. Under the circumstances you would better humor him and do whatever he asks of you, as quickly and quietly as possible.

Dear Miss Grey: Does a woman's wedding ring belong to the wife or the husband? Does the engagement ring belong to the man or the woman after marriage? Are the wedding presents given to the man or the woman? Has the husband the right to claim any of them? If a woman marries a widower, has she any right to any share of his property? Please answer.  
Yours,  
TIMES READER.  
A.—The engagement ring belongs to a woman always if she marries the man who gave it, if she breaks the engagement, she should return it.  
The wedding presents are given to both and should be enjoyed jointly. Certainly the husband has as much right to them as the wife.  
A woman has a legal right to one-half of her property and money accumulated after marriage. The property either had before marriage is individual property.  
Dear Miss Grey: Will you please tell me is it proper to leave calling cards when you return a first call when the person is not at home? And if there are two of the same family, should each use cards? Would you advise to leave calling cards when they are at home?  
Thanking you in advance,  
MARY JANE.  
A.—In calling, whether at home, or not, leave a card for the person on whom you are calling, and if married, leave one of your husband's for both husband and wife—if the person on whom you are calling is married.

**Society**  
A handsome reception to members and friends was given by the Wittenagmote club last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Noonan on Prospect hill. The special feature of the evening's program was a lecture on Jane Addams by Marshall Dawson. There were several delightful musical numbers during the evening.  
The Tacoma Master Plumbers' association has issued invitations to a complimentary banquet to be given at the Tacoma hotel Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, in honor of the Association of Master Plumbers. A. M. Goddard is chairman of the arrangements committee.  
The W. C. T. U. federation will hold a business meeting Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the headquarters, 810 South Ninth street. The W. C. T. U. picnic will be held at Point Defiance park Saturday afternoon.  
Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Parker will entertain for the Eureka Rebekah Card club tomorrow afternoon at Odd Fellows' hall.  
Mrs. A. S. Read of South 12th street, who has been seriously ill, is reported to be improving.  
Mrs. Ralph Cunningham will be hostess Friday afternoon at three tables of auction and an informal tea in the interests of the Children's Industrial home.  
Mrs. A. R. Titlow gave an auction bridge party yesterday afternoon for the Children's home.

Dear Miss Grey: I should like to put my case before you.  
My parents died when I was very young. Since then I have been so busy "bucking the world" that I have not had the time to enjoy myself. I am now nearing 40 years of age.  
Recently I fell into a legacy, so am trying to make up for the pleasures I missed. Some women laugh at me going to dances and amusements so much. Now, Miss Grey, do you think it's any great crime for me to make up in a measure for my lost girlhood?  
"MIDDLE-AGED."  
A.—There is no harm in enjoying yourself in the right way, but one should be very careful that it is the right way.  
I do not believe in anyone making a god of pleasure, whether it is dancing, or something else. Use your reason in all things.  
Dear Miss Grey: As you have helped others, perhaps you will help me.  
I am a young married woman, and have a husband and baby which I love dearly, and try to make home pleasant for all. But my husband has a widowed mother and sister to support, and they are making their home with us. But it seems that everything I do, either mother or sister-in-law thinks it ought to be done differently.  
I have asked my husband about it; but he always says "Perhaps they are right."  
I have never quarreled with either. I'd like to know how I could let them know I am "boss" in my own home without making any "hard feeling" between us. "DISCOURAGED."  
A.—Certain rights are yours in your own home; the idea of "boss" is wrong. Yours is the right to have things as you like them, providing it does not interfere with the comfort of others. At the same time if you can learn a better way from your husband's mother, or sister, be generous enough to do so.  
Dear Miss Grey: Since you have helped others, I have come for help

A delightful outing is planned for Friday evening by the editorial and business staffs of the Tacoma, the official Stadium High school magazine. The young people will go by launch to the beautiful summer home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Coffee, in Quartermaster harbor, returning by moonlight.  
Alexander Ballie will leave next week for a business trip abroad.  
The Trinity Guild women held a linen sale and tea in Trinity parish house this afternoon, to be followed by a parish dinner at 6:30 o'clock.  
The annual meeting and election of officers of the St. Cecilia club will be held Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Miles L. Clifford on North Oakes street. Mrs. Clifford is the retiring president of the club.  
The Tacoma branch of the Woman's auxiliary will hold its annual meeting in St. Luke's parish house Friday afternoon. Officers for the coming year will be elected.  
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The one illustrated is of white embroidered chiffon over a white satin under-frock.  
The model is not so popular as the ruffled tunic, but it will probably be worn more in the fall.  
Hotel Woman Hurt  
Tripping on the edge of the elevator floor in the Tacoma National bank building, Mrs. A. A. Nee, proprietor of the Hesperides hotel, fell heavily against the iron side of the elevator, and sustained injuries which will keep her to her rooms indefinitely.

## TACOMA PLAYHOUSES



BILLIE BURKE IN PAJAMAS

Miss Billie Burke, the actress, during her present New York appearance acts the role of a young girl so reminiscent in her tomboyishness, her love of athletics and determination to marry the man of her own choice that she might very well have been taken—in fact, probably was taken—direct from a living model still well known in Boston society. Throughout the three acts of this typical American comedy of a typical American girl Miss Burke literally runs through a young woman's entire wardrobe. From breakfast gown to pink pajamas—for the last sight of her at night—nothing is left unsaid of feminine apparel by the time Miss Burke has uttered the last snappy bit of dialogue put into the mouth of "Jerry."

## AMATEURS WILL TRY OUT FOR JOBS AS PROFESSIONAL VAUDEVILLIANS

The "teams" who appear at tonight's amateur show on the Empress stage are trying out for professional work, and their reception this evening will determine greatly whether or not they receive a contract with the Sullivan and Considine circuit.  
These teams are Mr. and Mrs. William Conley of Tacoma and Sadie and Charlie Weston, both of whom have had experience in cabaret work. Other acts on the amateur bill are Michael Ablay and "Young" Daniel, in a trick skating act; the Kennedy brothers, in songs; J. W. LeMar, who presents a Swedish dialect monologue; Ethel Leighton and Louise Atkins in songs and dances; and pretty little Tiny Bertr, in child songs.

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