

Confessions of a Bride

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Ann's impulsive kindness caused the pitiful old creature on the bed to give her a critical "once-over" and to ask:

"Which Lorimer is your husband?"

"Jim!" Ann proudly replied.

"The handsome aviator?"

Ann nodded.

"He's a invalid—I read it in a paper." Then after a pause, "Little girl you ought to be at home this minute taking care of him instead of fooling around me. What are you doing here when he needs you? And how on earth did you get into jail?"

Ann explained briefly that she was seeking atmosphere for a drama she was about to write.

"Silly girl! Silly girl! You don't know your own heart, child! I'll bet there's a man, not your husband, somewhere in the back of your head, making you act like a little fool!"

Ann did not recall, she merely grinned in her monkey fashion, and pulled apart the sections of an orange, handing them to Madeline, one by one.

"The old woman paid no further attention to me. I did not interest her in the least. I suppose that is the usual penalty the good pay for their virtue. One is simply overlooked if one is normal. But the abnormal, like Ann, make a hit. Madeline perceived what I knew well that little Ann Lorimer belonged to the destructive half of her sex. And she dared to say to Ann what I had only dared to think about her. I could have applauded Madeline, but she needed no encouragement.

"Now when I'm about to die, life goes plain, some ways." Madeline Marche rambled on, with many pauses between her words. "Mrs. Jim Lorimer, quit your flirting! You're cheating yourself, as well as your man! Love is a farce—or love is not—just as you make it, my dear!"

I heard all that she said, although I appeared to be watching the two little girls who were playing with their dolls in the yard next to the hospital.

Madeline's voice had fallen to a whisper when she spoke again:

"Once I thought that I was drinking deep of life because I loved a man who lied to his wife for my sake. I was vain because I ruled him—another woman's husband! After awhile I found that his love for me was no more sincere than his love for her! He lied to both of us! I was piped and I left him. He cried, I remember! The next man who loved me lied to his fiancée—for my sake! It was all the same. They were all the same—the men who have made love to me! There was no truth in what they offered me! They thought they were drinking deep of life—life—life! They were only drinking deep of lies—their own lies—and mine!"

"Everybody cheated!" murmured Ann.

"Not I never cheated! I swapped lies for lies!"

Suddenly Ann's voice shrilled in a whisper:

"What's the matter with her, Jane? Look! What's the matter?"

I looked—and touched the rubber bulb which summoned the nurse from her station in the hall.

And then I drew the white sheet over the whiter face.

For two days after that visit to the hospital, Ann Lorimer revolved about her husband's invalid chair. Jim brightened the first day and tired the second. His wife's vivacity

only be nice to Jimmy! It will not be for long—I stopped, for there was no sense in telling Ann she would soon be a widow and free to go where she pleased with Van or to have another man. I didn't want her to have hysterics and make Jim worse.

"Please phone Bob and tell him where I've gone. I haven't time!" I hung up the receiver, dressed quickly, sped down town, joined Van on the mezzanine and explained. I told him the sad truth about Jim, and I couldn't control my emotion. In the midst of my agitation, I looked across the hotel lobby to the mezzanine on its farther side. And I beheld my husband, Mr. Robert Lorimer, regarding me accusingly.

(To be Continued.)

BUCHANAN.
Prosecuting Atty. Gore of St. Joseph was in town Tuesday morning. Buchanan high school defeated Berrien Springs high school in a

one-sided basket ball game in Rough's hall Monday night. The final count was 28 to 7. The Buchanan boys played their best game of the season and used excellent team work to advantage. Rexford Smith and Irving Poulsen starred at the forward positions while Mitchell and Mitchell kept the crowd interested by their whirlwind guarding and long distance shots. Both these guards have the ability to pass accurately and with a little more coaching should develop into stellar players. The preliminary game between the second teams of the two schools resulted in an overwhelming victory for the locals who won on top of a 58 to 8 score. The locals scored almost at will and completely outclassed their opponents. H. Peck of Buchanan was the individual star of this game. Following the games the High School concert orchestra played for a dance, given in honor of the visitors. The next game on the sched-

ule of the high school is with Gallen high school at Buchanan next Friday night.

Miss Helen Wells returned from the University of Michigan today to spend a few days with her parents.

George Wells has gone to Pittsburg, Pa., in the interests of the Oliver Plow Co. He will remain in the East indefinitely.

Oscar Swartz, adjutant of the local post of the American Legion, has received more definite literature from the war department in regard to reinstatement of exservice men's insurance. Any exservice men may receive this information by consulting Mr. Swartz.

Al Landsman of Niles is working at the Landsman ice cream parlor in Buchanan and will make his residence at the home of L. Landsman on Detroit st.

Mrs. Riley Zerbe has been appointed as substitute teacher for the first grade in place of Miss Anna Keller who has been forced to resign on account of illness.

The ladies of the Buchanan 30 Club very delightfully entertained their husbands at the Clark theater Monday evening. A 7 o'clock dinner was served to the 61 guests, after which a very pleasing program was rendered. The table decorations and place cards were in keeping with St. Valentine's day. The first number on the program was the club song, "Michigan, My Michigan," sung by the entire club. The Spizerintum quartet next sang several pleasing numbers, followed

by a reading, "Buying a Flyover," by Mrs. H. F. Kingery. The high school music teacher, Miss Charlotte O'Meara then sang two very beautiful selections, "Mavis," and "Smilin' Thru." After a brief intermission Mrs. George Deming, Jr., gave a reading, "Somerset of a Movie Goose," after which Mrs. C. F. Pears sang "Out Where the West Begins" and "When Love is Done." As a closing feature of the program the guests joined with the hostesses in singing "America." The remainder of the evening was spent in an informal way, dancing and cards constituting the entertainment. The committee in charge was as follows: Mrs. C. F. Pears, chairman, Mrs. H. O. Chamberlin, Mrs. Strayer, Mrs. L. B. Spafford, Mrs. Riley Zerbe, Mrs. Loyd Sands, and Mrs. George Deming, Jr.

The Blue Bird class of the Presbyterian Sunday school held a Valentine party in the church basement Monday evening. The evening was given over to the playing of games and story telling, after which refreshments were served.

Miss Cleo Portz was in Niles Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. B. Jennings has returned to her home in Buchanan after an extended visit with her son-in-law, C. B. Tuttle of Niles.

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Rexford Smith was a business visitor in Niles Tuesday afternoon.

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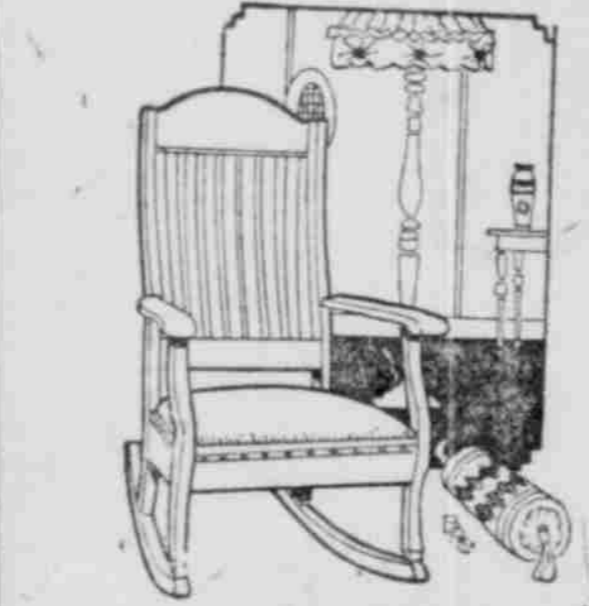
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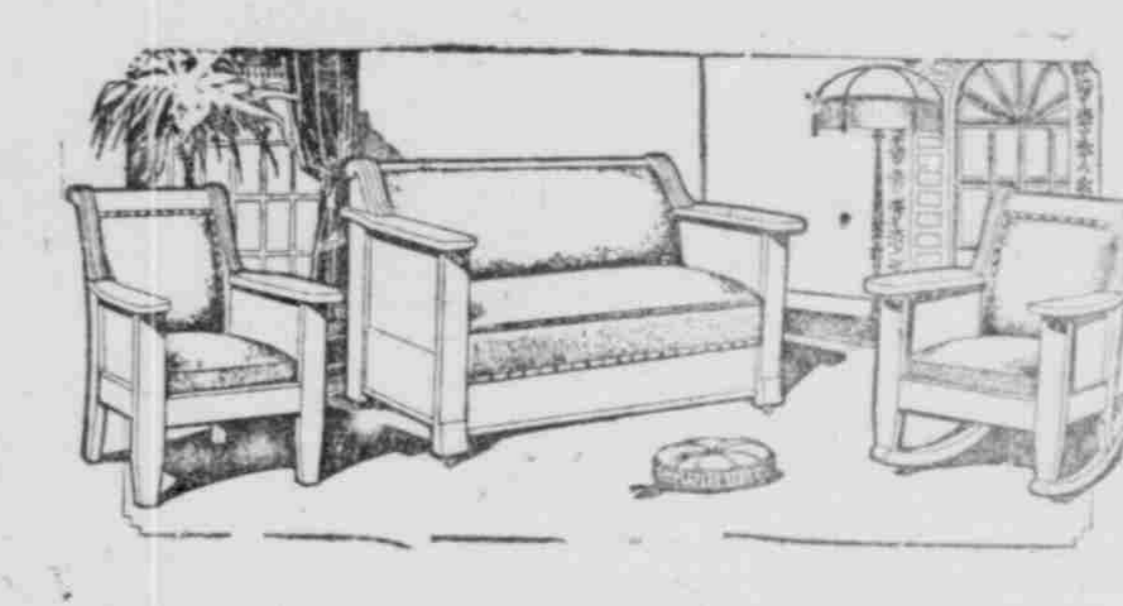
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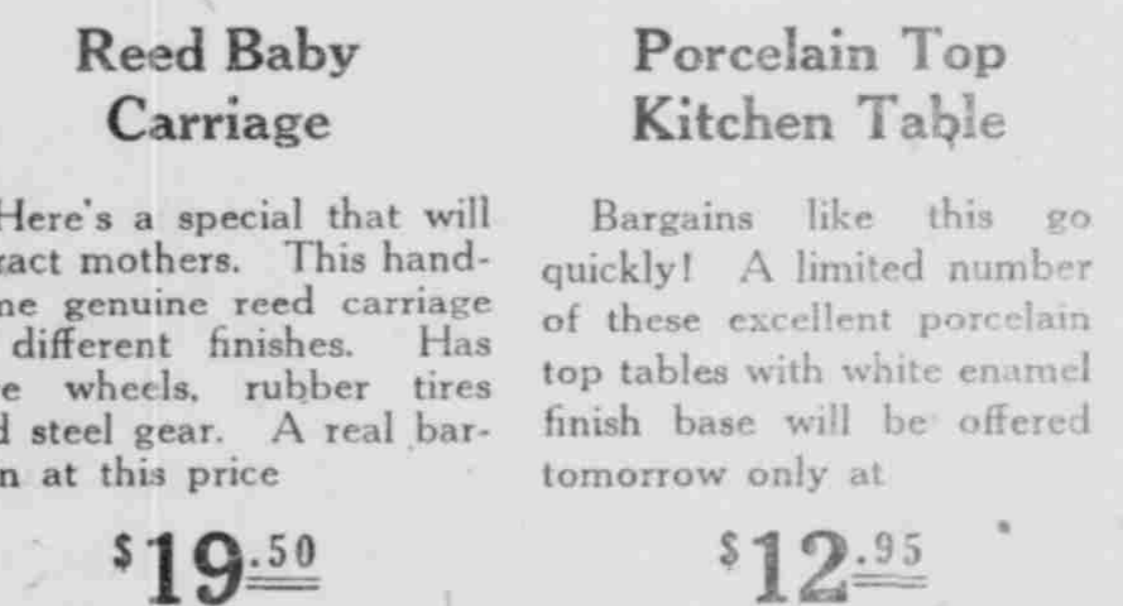
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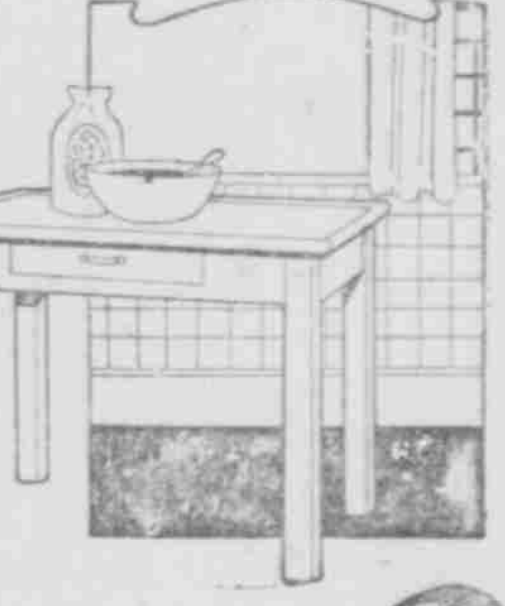
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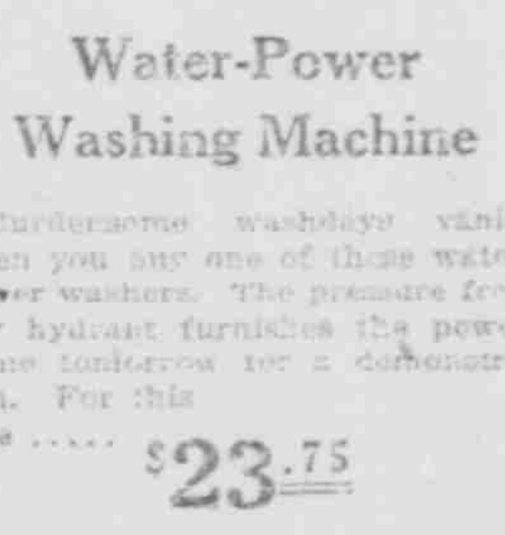
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