

# The Wall Flower

by Marion Rubincam

**Synopsis of Preceding Chapters**  
 Pandora Nicholson is so painfully shy that when she meets new people she can think of nothing to say to them, and never knows what to do with her hands or feet. She lives as a poor relation with her Aunt Maude, her uncle and their very popular daughter, Gladys, all of whom frequently tell her that she is hopelessly stupid and queer. She has only one friend, Morton, shy like herself, whom she loves devotedly. When Gladys, who has everything, suddenly marries Morton, Pan fancies herself heart-broken.

She goes to New York to live with Gloria Gates, a brilliant, erratic woman, whose little son, Frankie, she takes care of. Among kinder people Pan begins to find herself. She finds the really caring for Gloria's friend, George, who goes with them that summer to Europe. In Europe Gloria now a widow, marries Santley Collins, leaving Pan in charge of Frankie. George who has been in France, returns to London. He says he has always been in love with Pan.

## A MARRIAGE

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George had said they would be married that week, and Pan had only one objection.

"It makes the time we are engaged so short," she said. "And after all, isn't that supposed to be on of the nicest parts of getting married?"

"Probably," George agreed. "I never was engaged, so I don't know. I don't want to hurry you, of course."

In spite of his gentleness and sweetness, there was a little wistful note in his voice that touched the girl.

"It isn't a matter of being hurried," she said. "There aren't any great preparations to make. It isn't as though we were having a grand wedding. I'm not even buying a trousseau."

To George, being a man, a trousseau was quite an unimportant part of a wedding. He had often wondered why all his friends spent hectic weeks with dressmakers and made tiring rounds of shops buying new clothes—more than they wanted always—when it was assumed that normally they had at least a sufficiency. He decided once it was because they liked long newspaper descriptions of their dresses, and magazine pictures showing the gowns posed on models, with artistic high lights thrown on laces and carefully thought out shadows to bring out the richness of texture.

"But Pan's different, such nonsense wouldn't appeal to her," he thought comfortingly once. And he never occurred to him that Pan, being very feminine indeed, rather longed for the frills and frivolities that go with marriage ceremonies.

But she had very little money of her own, she had spent all her allowance on clothes when she and Gloria were in Paris. Gloria had left her a generous sum, but that was for living expenses and she would not cut into it.

"I'm marrying George, that's more happiness than I ever thought would come to me," she told herself once. "Nothing else matters beside that."

But when she and Frankie were taking a stroll one morning, she stopped before a shop window that displayed the conventional white satin and pearls and tulle. Frankie looked at the gown critically:

"Mother never wears that sort of thing," he observed and thereby condemned it and all like it. "Come on, Pan, there's a hurry-gurdy up the street, do you thing the bobby will get on play?"

George had returned from Paris Tuesday, when Pan had come back from the country. That night they had become engaged. "We'll be married this week," George had decreed.

Wednesday—this was Thursday. George came around with a license. Their names had to be "posted" a few days in a registry office, it appeared. "We'll be married Saturday morning and go off to some romantic little

country town, they have good inns—and I'll get a nursemaid for Frankie, so I can have a little of your company all to myself."

"Oh, are we all going away again?" asked the child, who had heard this. "I'm going to marry Pan, you see," George explained.

"Oh!" Frankie was unimpressed. "Everybody's getting married. I'm glad I don't have to. When we get home, will we all live in your big studio, George—you and Pan and mother and Sautley and me?"

His dark eyes regarded his friend with interest. "I like to play with your paint brushes," he added, by way of explanation for his eagerness.

"I don't think mother would approve of such a mixed family," George said indulgently. "But Pan will live there anyway."

"Oh no, mother won't let her leave us," said Frankie, with the air of one who knows all about it. So he refused to be troubled by these various upsets in his placid scheme of existence. He stood still long enough for Pan to smooth down his rumpled light hair and straighten his always crooked tie, then went on with one of the interminable games he often played with himself. George watched the deft fingers that smoothed the boy's hair and generally set him to rights.

"Just when I think you are such a child that I've no business to marry you," he observed, "you become so old and matured that—"

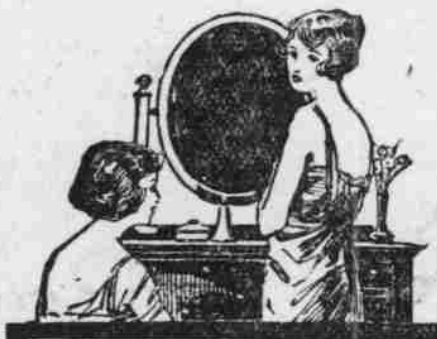
"That you feel I ought to adopt you," Pan smiled. "But we must have witnesses at the wedding, mustn't we? Shall we go call on Mrs. Clarke and ask her?"

Mrs. Clarke was quite overwhelmed. "This child—and to be married!" she exclaimed. "You are a fortunate man, Mr. Ridgeway—or may I call you George now? Such a child—but no, you're not going to be married in a registry office—what nonsense! And no wedding cake or wedding gown, dear me, I shouldn't feel it was legal, somehow!"

"And that brave little girl living by herself in a hotel and taking care of a child too. Will Gloria be back in time for the ceremony? You haven't told her! Dear me! Well, you're moving right over here, and you can't be married until next week at least and I'm going to help select the wedding gown. Yes, and the ceremony will be here—quiet as you please, but a civilized wedding, at least, with an officiating clergyman. Of course, and we'll keep Frankie until you come back—"

## Tomorrow—Preparations

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## Beauty Chats

By Edna Kent Forbes



This sort of sewing is pleasant and restful.

The last time I wrote a Beauty Chat particularly for young mothers I suggested that they wear loose and attractively made smocks. For the first

thought of the young mother is quite apt to be one of dismay at the idea of losing temporarily, and perhaps permanently, the slim lines of her girlish figure. She need not lose them permanently if she takes care; later I shall give her many suggestions about this. Temporarily, of course, the figure must change and perhaps seem ugly to her for a while. But smocks will make her appear youthfully slim for many months.

This first thought about herself is not selfish as it might appear. It is quite right and proper for a girl to pride herself on having and keeping an attractive figure. It is no more vain of her than to be proud of good health. Besides, her pretty face and attractive figure have endeared her to the man she loves best; it is quite natural that she should fear the loss of any of her pretty characteristics. Such fears are groundless, as she will soon find out.

To keep her prettiness during this often trying period she must have sufficient rest, otherwise her face will look tired and little lines will form around her mouth, while her whole figure will lose its spring and elasticity. While resting she may be doing useful work. In fact, if her first thought is for herself her second will be for the trousseau of the tiny baby. This can be sewn while she lounges in a comfortable chair, or better yet, slumped up in the corner of a couch with her feet straight out before her. This is a graceful, comfortable position, and one in which it is easy to sew. Fortunately she will want the trousseau hand made for at this time she should not use a heavy sewing machine.

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FATTY—The only way to reduce the legs and ankles is by means of vigorous exercise or massage, unless one reduces the whole body. The latter method is much more effective since it can be accomplished so easily through right choice of kinds of foods.

Worried—You are taking very good care of your skin through cleansing it at night and closing the pores with ice; yet you may be so exposed to soil that such cleansing will not check the formation of blackheads. Give your complexion a weekly treatment for this trouble alone. A professional one would be the best, and if you cannot continue with them, you can repeat them yourself at home. Most busy women in large cities keep their skin clear in this way.

All inquiries addressed to Miss 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.

## Democratic Election Judges Will Meet Monday Night

All election judges appointed by Frank R. McFall, Democratic county chairman, will meet in the county headquarters of the Democratic organization, Room 219, Colonial building, at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening.

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 New Chestnuts

## Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl of 15 and have been invited to a dumb party. I wish you would suggest a few ways to dress.

### IN DOUBT.

There is no particular costume for a dumb party. Wear the dress you like the best.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: Kindly print a lotion for chapped hands.

### RUTH.

Glycerin, one ounce; bay rum, two ounces; carbolic acid, 20 drops.

## Called by Death

JAMES M. KIRKPATRICK  
 EATON, Ohio, Nov. 6.—James M. Kirkpatrick, 62 years old, retired farmer and lifelong resident of Preble county, died suddenly Saturday night

about 8 o'clock in his home here on Dean street. He had returned home from a trip down in town only a few minutes before the fatal attack came upon him. He had suffered from high blood pressure for some time.

For a number of years Mr. Kirkpatrick lived on a farm near New Hope on the Richmond pike. He removed to Eaton 11 years ago and for a time was engaged in the seed and feed business. He was widely known in Preble county.

Surviving him are his widow and two sons, Leroy Kirkpatrick, of Dayton, and Lawrence F. Kirkpatrick, of Richmond, Ind.

Brief funeral services will be conducted Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in his late home, followed by more extended services in the Christian church. Burial will be in Concord cemetery, a few miles southwest of Eaton.

HUSTON WILLIAM LYBROOK  
 HANNA'S CREEK, Ind., Nov. 6.—Huston William Lybrook, 72 years old,

## Cambridge M. E. Church To Open Revival Service

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Nov. 6.—The Methodist church will begin a three weeks revival meeting next Wednesday evening. They have secured the services of Rev. Naftzger and party. Mrs. Naftzger will preside at the piano and assist with the singing. James E. Campbell will be chorus director and soloist. The party comes well recommended.

died at his home here Sunday after a lingering illness. He was a prominent farmer of this community.

He is survived by his widow; three sons, Clarence, of near Boston, and Harry, and Marion of near Fairhaven; and one daughter, Julia, at home. Also eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Concord Christian church. The Rev. Albright will officiate, and burial will be in the Concord cemetery.

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