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**MRS. LAURENCE
TRIES HER
HAND.**

By KATE TUCKER.

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The bugbear of Doctor Laurence's
life as general practitioner in the small
town of Crawford was cases that are
generally known as "nervous." He
was courageous and versatile, as most
small-town doctors have to be. He
would go his rounds fourteen hours
out of the twenty-four during epidem-
ics; would go with steady nerve
through operations that would have
tried a more celebrated surgeon; he
would listen patiently to the queries
of young mothers over their infants'
teething difficulties—all that sort of
thing. But when a patient said
"nerves" Doctor Laurence wished to
give up.

Mrs. Laurence, however, had been
reading up on modern methods of
treating nervous disorders in the doc-
tor's medical journals and in the
popular magazines. Psychopathy was
her latest hobby, and somehow, in spite
of the five little Laurences, Mrs.
Laurence always had time for some
hobby.

"I really feel," she told the doctor
one evening while the mother's help-
er, Vera, was patiently putting the
younger two Laurences to bed and the
older two were dancing an Indian war
dance as a preliminary to putting them-
selves to bed, "I really think that I
would have a positive talent for psy-
chic healing. You know reputable doc-
tors are taking it up now. There is a
wonderful future for it. I don't see
why you don't go in for that sort of
thing. All the best doctors are doing
it. Take Robert Ludwell, for instance.
His case is purely psychopathic—per-
fectly absurd for you to look at the
case in any other way. What you
want to do is to get down deep at the
root of the matter. He doesn't sleep
and he's losing weight, not because he
has overworked on that book of his,
as you tell him, but because of some
fear image that lurks in his mind. It
is your duty to probe down till you
find it, and then, through the force of
your mentality over his, to dispel that
fear image."

"So you said," commented Doctor
Laurence, and then—"perfect bosh,
perfect bosh." He paced back and
forth before the living room open fire.
"I wish I could do something for Rob-
ert, however."

There was suddenly an unusual
note of pleading in Mrs. Laurence's
voice. "Will you let me try?" she
said, and apparently Doctor Laurence
agreed, although if he did agree it
was surely not because he had any
interest in his wife's theory of psy-
chic healing.

The first step in Mrs. Laurence's
campaign to cure Robert Ludwell
took place the next evening, when
the doctor asked him to spend the
evening at his house, without, of
course, suggesting to him that Mrs.
Laurence was going to administer her
first treatment in psychic healing.

There was considerable confusion.
Vera, the mother's helper, had been
away on her very rare afternoon off.
The twins refused to be put to bed
by anyone else and their rebellion
gave the cue to the older child to
fall downstairs, with considerable in-
jury to his tired feelings, but no
great bruising. So dinner was late
and the confusion still was discern-
ible when Robert arrived.

There were intermittent walls from
the nursery, a slamming of dishes in
the kitchen and glimpses of the rather
flush-faced, distracted Vera as she pur-
sued the older children through the liv-
ing room in her effort to pack them off
to bed. But Mrs. Laurence was not
one to be much ruffled by such mild
domestic confusion, and eventually she
managed to sit beside Mr. Ludwell
alone before the fireplace and make
the first probing.

She discovered one thing. He had
a horror of boarding houses. He
disliked boarding house coffee. He
likewise had a horror of any sort of
confusion. He intimated when Mrs.
Laurence asked him point-blank why
he had never married that possibly it
was because he was a recluse by na-
ture. He had to have quiet for his
writing.

So Mrs. Laurence decided to invite
Mr. Ludwell to leave his boarding
house and spend a month at the Lau-
rence establishment. There he would
have no more boarding house coffee,
there would be no more confusion, she
was sure.

She was surprised when he ac-
cepted her and the doctor's invita-
tion. She hadn't expected he would
come so willingly. And the doctor
was even more surprised.

"He says he wants to be away from
confusion," gasped the doctor.
"I am sure you don't think there

is ever any confusion here," said Mrs.
Laurence, "and the coffee is certainly
better than the kind one gets in a
boarding house." Mrs. Laurence was
planning now for her system of psy-
chopathic treatment on Mr. Ludwell.
If she succeeded with him, she might
take the work up as a career—she
might become quite a specialist.

Meantime Doctor Laurence had been
making observations, and he had ob-
served a pair of pretty blue eyes which
he had come to regard with something
akin to fatherly affection. He noticed
that at times those eyes turned a very
soft limpid blue and then dropped in
confusion. And then he would glance
across the room, only to find a pair
of supposedly melancholy dark eyes
suddenly delve deep in a book or news-
paper.

At times Mrs. Laurence was profuse
in her apologies to Mr. Ludwell. At
breakfast she would ask him how he
slept. "I hope you didn't hear the
twins," she would say. "They were
up earlier than usual, and Richard fell
out of bed. You may have heard him
screaming in the night; not hurt, mere-
ly frightened." And you might have
discerned her confusion, which was
deep-seated because it had been part
of her plan to have the Laurence
household breathe that calm and quiet
which would be the proper antidote for
the boarding house fear image.

Then one evening you might, had
you been hidden somewhere beside
the side veranda of the Laurence
homestead, have heard the following
conversation. It was an evening when
Doctor and Mrs. Laurence were attend-
ing some board meeting or other and
Vera was at home to look after things,
as usual. Mr. Ludwell, in spite of a
previous engagement, had remained
home also.

"Did you get any sleep last night
at all?" asked Vera wearily.
"Some," commented Ludwell; "what
was the row in the nursery?"

"Well, Richard woke up at eleven
and decided it was a good time to bite
his sister Bell's big toe. He has been
waiting for a chance to get even. That
woke the twins, and so it went on, and,
of course, some one is always sure to
wake at five, and then they begin
again."

"Hard on you," said Ludwell sym-
pathetically. "But there's this about
it. When I do get a chance to sleep,
I sleep hard. I never saw such confu-
sion—the boarding house was Eden
compared to this bedlam."

"Then why do you stay?" came a
rather shy question that seemed to
trail off weakly toward the end.

"You don't suppose I'd leave you
here, do you? And I'll tell you, Vera,
that what has set me on my feet again
after the exhaustion that followed get-
ting out my last book in such a fright-
fully short time was because I felt that
I wanted to know you. After I knew
you and saw how hard you worked
here, I felt I had to pull myself to-
gether so I could take care of you. I
wanted to be able to offer you a home
where you could get away from this
confusion."

Then there was a silence, during
which, if you had listened, you would
have heard nothing. Then from Rob-
ert Ludlow: "How wonderful you are,
Vera." And from Vera: "You—you
are wonderful, too."

Robert and Vera left the Laurence
household in more confusion than they
found it. Confusion, of course, be-
cause the mainstay and prop in the
guise of Vera was going. But then
there was the satisfaction to Mrs. Lau-
rence that she had succeeded amazing-
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leine, whose place on the Champs Ely-
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this spring than it experienced at its
brilliant opening last year, and whose
collection of early summer models is
remarkably beautiful, show many
dresses with little old-fashioned aprons
with blaes. They do not make these
aprons of the same material as the
frock, as one might suppose, but use a
contrasting material. If it happens to
be an embroidered fabric no additional
trimming is used, but if the material
is plain, the apron is embroidered.

Among these models, too, is seen the
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