

THE WIFE

BY JANE PHELPS, AUTHOR OF "MARGARET GARRETT'S HUSBAND," AND OTHER NOTABLE STORIES.

Mr. Mandel Sees the New Apartment Before Brian.

CHAPTER XXI.
Ruth was greatly disturbed because of Brian's admission that he had discussed her with Mollie King, although she said no more about it. "He was awfully afraid she would think he couldn't take care of me. I wonder why?" she soliloquized, after he had gone to sleep. She was wakened. There had been things said that she wanted to think about. It was all so different, in the little southern town where she had been raised. There, people never talked personalities at a dinner party. Neither had she ever known anyone who compared at all with Claude Beckly, to be received by nice people. Yet she liked Mr. and Mrs. Curtis; they surely wouldn't have invited him had he been objectionable as he seemed to her.

"I must be awfully old-fashioned in my ideas," she muttered. "I shall have to make myself over a little, I guess. But I—wish—Brian wouldn't discuss me with Mollie King—or anyone."

Again the thought that perhaps Brian would care more for her if she were contented to stay at home, do the work and live as they would have to live on what he earned, crossed her mind. But, as before, she immediately dismissed it. She would not surrender her occupation. Instead, she would enlist Brian's cooperation, and make him see that they would be, far more comfortable in her way than in his.

Ruth had yet to learn that home-building is an absorbing task. That to most men it is THE absorbing task, and one they think should contribute and satisfy a woman. Brian was one of this sort. He remembered, in his own home where poverty, stark and unlovely, had always been a

guest, his two sisters dressed in calico and remained at home and helped cook, clean and do all the menial tasks that those who lack money have to do. Yet he never gave a thought to the fact that had his sisters, even one of them, had independence, initiative enough to fly the home nest and go to work, life might have been not only easier for them all, but far pleasanter.

Ruth had no intention of having her work a bone of contention between herself and Brian. Far from it. It had been, it was, her idea to make that work a bond between them; to have it help her to make Brian's home a happy one, to help give him good, nourishing food, properly cooked; to relieve him as far as she could, and he would let her, of the annoyances of housekeeping.

She was both exasperated and depressed by her knowledge that Brian had discussed her with Mollie King. She could not forget it. She succeeded in suppressing her desire to find fault with him because of it, and compelled herself to appear interested whenever she spoke of Mollie—which he often did.

Once when he had talked of Mollie for some time, Ruth recalled that somewhere she had read that if "a person was falling in love they unconsciously talked of the person with whom they were enamoured."

Could it be that Brian was signaling to care for Mollie King? She dismissed the idea with a shrug of her shoulders. But somehow, Brian seemed different. She could not find him in accord with her so that she felt like encouraging and praising him as she did when they were first married. Brian too felt there was some change in Ruth—a change he could not understand, so laid it to her work. Had they quarreled it

would have perhaps been better. Quarrels sometimes clear the air. But things never went as far as that. Occasionally Brian would sulk. There it would stop until one or the other would forget, and be natural once more.

Ruth had rented the apartment near the office. She had attended to everything herself. Brian had acted sulkily, uninterested. But when they were settled, even before, (it took Ruth many weeks to make the place as attractive as it finally became) he would frequently remark that "he guessed it really was better for a lawyer to live in a decent place. He had mentioned it to Curtis, and Curtis had agreed with him."

Mr. Mandel had gone over to the apartment, one day before they moved in. Ruth had met him near there and asked him if he would like to see it. He had been very gracious about it, although she realized it must seem small and mean to him. It was not then furnished, but the walls had been decorated according to Ruth's directions, the lighting was in order, and the dainty figured curtains hung.

"You will have a very attractive home," he had assured her kindly, "doesn't Mr. Hackett think so?" "He hasn't seen yet," Ruth confessed, flushing, "he has been busy," she added, hating to have Mr. Mandel think Brian had not cared / to visit the home in which she was so proud. Of course, she could not explain that Brian was sulking because she had found fault with him, a few days before, when she had dragged the unwilling confession from him that he had again borrowed of Clark; and had made no explanation of why it was necessary. To-morrow Ruth sees Brian and will tie King together at the noon hour.

NORFOLK NEWS

TYPHOID IN SIMCOE

Citizens Want Cleaning Up of Town as a Preventive Measure

SPANISH 'FLU ALSO?

(From our own Correspondent) One Man of Whole Platoon Unscathed

Simcoe, Oct. 5.—J. H. Butler has received a letter from his son, Corporal J. Butler, of the 14th Canadian, descriptive of an advance described a few days ago in the papers. The young man came through with one scratch after his platoon had gone over the top four times. He was the only man left of the whole platoon.

Another Soldier Landed
Platoon J. Hawkins was yesterday reported arriving Toronto, and is expected home to-day. He is pretty well used up, but expects to be able to get about after a few months. Our last advice of him was that he was going about on crutches.

It would be just like David Melvor to drop out the same train. If true, he has silenced the reporting official.

Telephone Rates
The quarterly statements from the Ball Telephone Co. intimate that in future subscribers' contracts will be subject to the dispositions of the Railway Municipal Board. This is a forecast of a change in rates. If the Board will just cut the local rates half and require the company to junk their entire switch board and buy a new one, getting service for their money. It is out of the realm of conjecture to state that any attempt to increase rates in Simcoe will result in a considerable slump in the number of phones used. This is time for the Board of Trade to get busy.

Why This Typhoid?
Up to the present the Board of Health has no announcement to make regarding the origin of typhoid in town, but there are not a few splendid humors to give that body an idea. In almost every instance there is in the vicinity of the disease an outside closet, or a pile of kitchen refuse, and more objectionable material. And if all the castigation that has been heaped on the Board of Health, that body would have spent all last night making plans for a Sanitation program for to-day. It is not enough when the officers are the victim of their carelessness and wanton disregard of sanitation conventionalities. But even then, we have no matter to report on an invited disease. power to report on an invited disease.

Dr. Toll Victim of Epidemic
Dr. Toll visited on Sunday the first case of the new influenza epidemic and on Tuesday he had to quit work himself. It is said that while the young make a quick recovery, the disease is very contagious and leaves the adult susceptible to other flues. Some yesterday suggested that the schools be closed, but with churches, picture shows and other intermingled gatherings, better judgment prevailed. The public schools will close for the week, next Tuesday night for the first and the teachers' convention which follows.

Odd Ends of News.
Mr. Cole, the teacher, who failed to appear at the High School opening has been located at Moose Jaw, Ing. has been located at Moose Jaw, Ont. Harry McNally, overseas with the Dental Corps, and a former student of the High School here, graduated on Thursday as a P. A. News reached from Toronto yesterday. It's a boy.

R. Laforte of Walsingham broke the silence of the corridor at the Robertson for last night on his way to military headquarters to try on a new suit.

The Dominion police officer left after coffee hours to interview a gentleman for whom there is in waiting a warm suit for the winter. Superintendent White of the Works Department has called the Mayor's attention that the by-law prohibiting the scattering of foreign manure on the streets is being so generally disregarded in respect to corn husks that something should be done to enforce the by-law.

Alex. Markle of Brantford, formerly of Forestville, purchased a home in Simcoe on Thursday and will take possession on December 1st. Mr. Markle is aware that Simcoe's tax rate is the lowest on record, and that there is no more desirable place than in Southern Ontario for those who desire to live quietly and economically.

The 1918 street watering rate will be 1 1/2 mills, just half of last year's rate.

J. W. Church has been requested to place his prize Boston on exhibition at the fair next week.

Another citizen of Townsend has passed away in the person of Mrs. Lewis Hyde.

A Hamiltonian working on the dam reconstruction work at Dover, name not given, was severely injured yesterday on the job. He had his right thumb badly crushed and the femur splintered. One Word More.

Edward Taylor, mentioned in Wednesday's issue as having failed to appear in court, charged with theft, is a son of his neighbor's lot in the North Ward, is said to be gradually folding his tent. His horses, hens and other chattels are being sold, and it is expected that the house will be vacant. Chief Canning, however, is on the job and Edward will sooner or later make a longer trip to court, in the usual way of putting it. Meantime this office has been given a week to publish a denial of our sum-

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The sample of corn left at the office to-day by J. Alex. Wallace measures 15 feet 3 1/2 inches in length. The crop from which it was taken is too tall for the binder, and is being cut by hand. It looks as if Windham township has produced the longest stalk, but the Simcoe stalks on the whole are the better plant with the best ears. A six-foot man can touch the base of the lowest ear on the Wallace stalk with his waist, and can do so without standing on tip-toe. We are allowing the root to count in the measurement. Each of the three exhibits now at the agency is pulled rather than cut. Old residents say they never before saw in Norfolk such length of fodder corn.

Mr. Kelly persists.
At a special meeting of the Board of Education last night Mr. Kelly persisted in the need of a building in the North Ward. He impressed the board with his view and a special meeting will be held to consider the matter.

Loss of Absence Extended.
The secretary was instructed to inform Miss McCoole that her request for leave of absence is granted. The Finance Committee recommended the payment of sundry accounts, totalling for the High School \$292.94, and for the Public Schools \$15.35. The big item of the High School expenditure was an item of \$281.70 for repairs to the science room. The chairman and secretary were authorized to requisition the Town Council for \$4,000 in advance of collections of rates, to cover August and September disbursements.

The Management Committee reported the engagement of Mr. E. D. Manning to fill the vacancy caused by the non-appearance of Mr. Cole. The secretary reported the contract forms duly completed. The report was adopted and the engagement of Mr. Manning confirmed.

Mr. Cole to Pay Penalty.
The secretary of the board was, on motion of Messrs. Lawson and Martin, authorized to write the Minister of Education in reply to his letter of Sept. 25th re Mr. Cole's contract, stating that if Mr. Cole shall pay this board the sum of \$180 in damages for breach of contract, being the excess of salary paid to get a teacher in his place, that he shall be relieved from his contract and all obligations to the board with regard thereto.

Too Late for Insertion Yesterday.
Poultrymen organize. Following a meeting of the executive held last week, the Norfolk County Poultry Association met at the agricultural office to elect officers and transact general business. The dates fixed for the winter show are January 21-2-3, and if it can be secured the Armoury will be used for the occasion.

Mr. A. F. Dwyer asked to be relieved from his duties as secretary treasurer after four years of continuous diligent and capable service. The officers elected are: Hon. President, John S. Martin, L. C. Gibson; H. Groff, Pres. H. A. Carter; 1st. Vice Pres. H. L. Johnson; 2nd. A. W. Widner; Sec.-Treas. Ver. Ervort.

Auditors, Geo. Atkinson, A. W. Widner. Supt. W. C. Everett. Director, Robert C. Erwin, Bert Thompson, J. C. Quinby, W. C. McCull, John Garland, A. B. Culver, Carl Thompson, Geo. Atkinson, W. C. Trinder, J. A. Andrews, N. C. Butler.

Mr. J. Alex. Wallace has promised to bring down from the Stock farm a stalk of corn that will beat our two-year, 14 foot 10 inch exhibit. Watch for it.

Houghton township fair must have been a hummer. One amusement stand operated by a Simcoeian is reported to have taken in over \$100.

School fairs held in almost every township of the county have been generally very well patronized, and there is general evidence of their being a stimulus to scientific husbanding of stock and cultivation of all crops, fruit, vegetables, roots and cereals, and they tend to keep the youth on the farm.

For years Inspector Cook has taken keen interest in the work and the agricultural representative, has worked strenuously for their success. Mrs. W. B. Tomkinson addressed the Women's Institute yesterday on the topic "The Ins and Outs of Conservation."

THINGS ARE ALL TWISTED AROUND.
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AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE.
W. J. Bragg, Auctioneer, will sell on Thursday next, October 10th, at 245 Nelson street, commencing at 1:30 p.m., the following goods: Two parlor chairs, almost new; parlor table, one and a half oak rockers, large leather rocker, parlor sofa, couch and cover, picture, blinds, curtains, 7 yards stair carpet, 2 chairs, 2 pair drapes, Radiant Home coal heater, dress form, sideboard, extension table, chairs, 20 yards Brussels carpet, 15 yards Ingrain carpet, rood rocker, 2 tubs, wringer, gas oven, ironing board, gas heater and pipe, lawn mower, screen doors, window screens, garden tools, kitchen table, pots, pans, dishes, 1 chest drawers, dresser, commode, books, garden tools, also many other articles.

On Thursday next, October 10th, at 245 Nelson street, corner of Brook street. Car stops at corner, commencing at 1:30. No reserve. Terms cash.
W. J. BRAGG, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
W. J. Bragg, Auctioneer, will offer for sale by public auction on Wednesday next, October 9th, at 99 William street, commencing at 1:30 p.m., the following goods: Axminster rug, 9 x 12; settee, mohogany rocker, up seat; 2 piece parlor suite, covered in tapestry; Heintzman square piano, jardiniere stand, 2 gas heaters, Axminster rug, 12 x 12; pictures, curtains, blinds, Axminster rug, 7 x 14; 5 leather heated chairs, side table, sewing machine, couch, refrigerator, hanging lamp, hall lamp, kitchen table, coal range with gas connections, ideal power washing machine, 12 yards linoleum, 3 way gas plate, steam cooker, garden tools, mirror, pots, pans, all kitchen utensils, curtain stretchers, 2 verandah chairs, birds' eye maple bedroom suite, oak dresser, commodes, beds, springs, mattress, a quantity of seakers and other articles, oak coal heater, lawn mower.

On Wednesday next, October 9th, at 99 William street, at 1:30 p.m. No reserve. Terms cash.
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Rye, bushel 1 50 1 60
Straw, baled, ton 0 00 2 10
Wheat 0 00 2 10
Barley, bushel 1 00 1 05
Vegetables.
Beans, quart 0 25 0 30
Cabbage, dozen 0 50 0 60
Watercress 0 50 0 25
Carrots, basket 0 30 0 50
Onions, basket 0 00 1 40
Green tomatoes, bas. 0 25 0 30
Cucumbers, basket 0 25 0 30
Cabbage, head 0 05 0 10
Celery, large 2 for 15
Potatoes, bushel 0 00 1 50
Pumpkins, basket 0 20 0 45
Tomatoe Basket 0 30 0 45
Beets, bunch 0 05 0 10
Pumpkins 0 05 0 25
Corn, dozen 0 20 0 25
Green peppers, each 0 10 0 25
Cauliflower, each 0 10 0 25
Squash 0 20 0 35
Fruit.
Apples, basket 0 25 0 35
Pears, basket 0 60 1 00
Pears 0 90 1 00
Grapes, basket 0 00 0 50
Grapes, basket 0 40 0 50
Dried salt, pork, lb. 0 30 0 35
Fresh pork, carcass, 0 21 0 24
Bacon, back trim 0 35 0 50
Bacon, back 0 45 0 45
Beef, billing, lb. 0 20 0 25
Beef, roast, lb. 0 50 0 55
Beef, steak 0 30 0 40
Chickens, dressed 1 00 1 50
Chickens, per lb. 0 35 0 45

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION.
New York, Oct. 5.—The explosion which occurred in the Gillespie plant at Morgan, N. J., at 10 a.m., was like many of the previous explosions, distinctly felt in New York, 29 miles distant and was even reported to have been felt as far away as Indianapolis. The explosion was caused by a city was again shaken at 10:30 o'clock with a series of explosions at the plant.

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