

THE WIFE

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

Ruth is Told She Should Use Her Talent.

CHAPTER XVIII.
Nothing loath, Ruth changed her dress and they walked to the next corner where there was a restaurant. It was an expensive place, but, as Brian explained:

"A rabbit is no good in a cheap place. They just can't make them so they won't string. We won't have anything but that and a bottle of beer. We don't come often, you know."

Ruth was in no mood to cavil at anything. But she couldn't help but think that they wouldn't have been there then, had it not been for the money she had earned by doing the dishes for her aunt, instead of his having been given to a decorator.

They had been seated but a moment, when she heard Brian exclaim:

"By George! if there isn't Kenneth Page. Excuse me a minute, Ruth."

Ruth's eyes followed Brian as he hurried to a table at some distance from them. She saw him engage in an animated conversation with a good-looking man a little older than himself; then they both came over to her.

"Ruth, let me introduce Mr. Page, an old college chum of mine, even if he did graduate about the time I entered. Sit down, Page. We're going to have a rabbit. Dined at home, but you know how it is—one likes to get out occasionally."

Mr. Page had acknowledged the introduction very pleasantly. Ruth felt his keen blue eyes appraising her, her costume. She knew she was correctly gowned, and felt a thrill of pleasure. Her clothes were so elegant, so unquestionably the latest mode, that the most critical could

find no fault with them.

"Have a rabbit, too, Page, or will you have something else?" Brian asked gratefully, playing the host.

"I'll have the rabbit, thank you," he replied, adding that it was an unexpected pleasure to meet some one he knew.

"Page is a bachelor," Brian explained to Ruth. She thought him a most attractive one, but refrained from saying so. He was very blonde, but still manly looking. He had perfect manners, and it really was a relief to have a third one in the party. Had anyone said that Ruth wanted to talk to anyone but Brian, she would have been surprised and shocked. But the little tilt over the dishes had left them both rather quiet. And Kenneth Page was exerting himself to be entertaining.

"I wonder where Hackett found her; she's a stunner! But she brought him money," he said to himself as he looked at her expensive clothes and the jewelry which was in such perfect taste.

In a way, Ruth sensed his thoughts and it made her uncomfortable. She had the right to wear what she pleased, whether Brian could afford it or not. Her clothes were her own; her aunt had given them to her. Then her thoughts were interrupted. She heard her husband say:

"My wife is crazy over all that stuff; you'll have to talk to her. I am absolutely ignorant on the subject."

"What subject, Brian?" Ruth asked; she liked to hear him bellow a little himself.

"Interior decorating. Page is a decorator, and has just received imitations, so he says. It's all Greek to me, as you know."

Ruth was at once interested, and

showed it plainly in her face as she turned to Kenneth Page. Bachelor, dilettante, society's favorite and a director.

For an hour they talked. If Ruth was interested, Page was surprised. The breadth of her knowledge; her appreciation of materials and stuffs; her acquaintance with the modes and architecture of different periods, was really most unusual.

"You are a student," he declared, smiling.

"Of that particular subject, yes. My aunt, with whom I lived, allowed me to purchase everything published on the subject, then let me experiment with her home."

"I should like to see it," he returned simply—the woman forgotten, in his interest in what she could do.

"It's a peach!" Brian interrupted, "a perfect peach! I'll bet you haven't a man on your staff who can improve on it," he finished proudly.

"Why don't you give something of such a talent to the world? Isn't it rather selfish to hide it under a bushel?" Page asked, then plainly showed his surprise when Ruth abruptly changed the subject. She had no wish to provoke a discussion at that time.

"What that Kenneth Page had said to her, lingered long after they had bidden him good night. It helped to hold her to her determination.

"Perhaps sometime he will need me in his office," she said to herself. The next morning, she hurried through her work. It was just eleven o'clock when, armed with a list of interior decorators taken from the city directory, Ruth sallied forth. She would not stay in the kitchen another day. She would be a business woman, in spite of opposition from either Brian or her aunt.

(To be continued to-morrow.)



GOING TO SENATE
Wm. G. Weichel, ex-M.P., for North Waterloo, and defeated Unionist candidate in the last election, who is said to have an excellent chance of being given a seat in the Senate, returned vacant by the death of the late Brig-Gen. James Mason of Toronto.

MAYOR MACBRIDE BEFORE LEAVING

Issues a Farewell Message to the Citizens

Port Dover Harbor and the Local Coal Supply

Mayor MacBride left the city last evening to be absent for a month. He carried with him a number of representatives.

I noticed by your paper Hon. Mr. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, is to visit Port Dover on Saturday next in order to look into harbor conditions there. I also received a letter from him to the same effect. The proper development of this harbor is a matter of vital importance to every class in Brantford.

The manufacturer, the merchant and the workman. It means a great big thing for the city and there should be the most hearty cooperation in backing up the Board of Trade or any other body helping to move the matter. The politicians have had their say in the deputations which visited Ottawa and believe that it would be a good thing to have some prominent and practical manufacturer give an address at the Port in order to inform Mr. Carvell of the business aspects of the case. I had hoped to arrange for Mr. George Wedlake to speak but he unfortunately is indisposed. Some other man of equal business sense should certainly be selected. The Board should work all together on this thing with no one holding back.

THE COAL QUESTION.
With regard to coal, matters have been properly systematized and a card index instituted. Mr. Bannell is preparing lists for all the dealers in the city. Allotments to each customer via the coupons will first be filled, the coupons coming ahead of everything else. Mr. Henderson as City Solicitor will see that the regulations issued by the Controller are enforced. The dealers have given excellent assurances but after ten days there will be a checking up in each dealer's office. To those who are "carrying on" it will be all right but in the case of failure to do so Mr. Henderson will take the coal coming to that firm and see that it is allotted. However it will not anticipate any trouble. With regard to coal for soldiers' wives the Standard Company will deliver same after ten days there will be a checking up in this way and for coupon orders so that delivery will take some time. In the interim I only ask the general public to be as patient as possible and not to bother either the City Treasurer or the City Solicitor as they will both have their hands full. People should not rush forward with any complaints until a reasonable time has elapsed and then this step should be taken by sending either a letter or postcard addressed care of Food Controller, No. 230 Dufferin street, on TUESDAY, Sept. 10th, at 10, the whole of her household furniture, Parlor: Emerson square piano (beautiful case); rug; 2-piece parlor suite (upholstered in silk); mahogany table; pictures; lamp. Diningroom: Sideboard; heater; table; carpet; couch; chairs; four rockers; clock; jardiniere stand; curtains; blinds and poles; pictures and dishes. Kitchen: Garland coal range with reservoir and high shelf; linoleum; chairs; rocker; pictures and blinds. Summer Kitchen: Stove; boilers; tubs; cooking utensils; soakers; lawn mower. Bedroom No. 1: Dresser and commode; bed; bed springs and mattress; carpet; curtains; blinds; pictures and bedding. Bedroom No. 2: Dresser and commode; iron bed; springs and mattress; bedding; curtains and blinds. Bedroom No. 3: Dresser and commode; chest drawers; bed; springs and mattress; mirror; curtains; blinds and bedding. Hall: Arch curtains; linoleum and chair. Two and a half tons of coal; some wood and ten hens.

The real estate consists of a very fine six-roomed white brick cottage, with good cellar and electric lights, in A-1 condition, which will be offered at 4 o'clock, immediate possession. Terms of the real estate 10 per cent. of the purchase price on day of sale, balance in 30 days; household furniture, cash.

SAMUEL E. PITCHER, Administrator.

By his solicitor, Martin W. McEwen, S. P. FITCHER, Auctioneer.

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BRANTFORD MARKET

Butter	\$0 00	to 0 50
Eggs	0 48	to 0 52
Grain.			
Hay, per ton	13 00	to 15 00
Oats, bushel	.....	0 00	to 0 76
Rye, bushel	.....	1 50	to 1 60
Straw, baled, ton	.....	7 00	to 8 00
Wheat, bushel	.....	2 10	to 2 10
Barley, bushel	.....	1 00	to 1 05
Vegetables.			
Beans, quart	.....	0 25	to 0 30
Cabbage, dozen	.....	0 50	to 0 60
Cabbage, head	.....	0 05	to 0 10
Carrots, basket	.....	0 30	to 0 50
Onions, basket	.....	0 25	to 0 50
Celery, large	.....	0 00	to 0 10
Potatoes, bushel	.....	0 00	to 1 50
Potatoes, basket	.....	0 40	to 0 50
Tomatoes, basket	.....	0 30	to 0 40
Beets, bunch	.....	0 05	to 0 10
Cucumbers, basket	.....	0 35	to 0 85
Pumpkins	.....	0 10	to 0 20
Corn, dozen	.....	0 20	to 0 25
Green peppers	.....	0 30	to 0 40
Gaulflower, each	.....	0 10	to 0 25
Squash	.....	0 20	to 0 35
Watermelons	.....	0 20	to 0 30
Fruit.			
Apples, basket	.....	0 25	to 0 35
Plums, basket	.....	0 60	to 1 00
Pears, basket	.....	0 60	to 0 75
Meats.			
Dry salt, pork, lb.	.....	0 30	to 0 35
Fresh pork, carcass	.....	0 21	to 0 24
Bacon, back trim	.....	0 35	to 0 50
Bacon, back	.....	0 45	to 0 45
Beef, boiling, lb.	.....	0 20	to 0 25
Beef, roast, lb.	.....	0 20	to 0 25
Best steak	.....	0 30	to 0 30
Chickens, dressed	.....	1 60	to 1 95
Chickens, per lb.	.....	0 00	to 0 35

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET

Export cattle, choice	.....	\$14 to \$15
Export bulls	.....	\$10.25 to \$10.50
Butcher cattle, choice	.....	\$10.50 to \$11.50
Medium	.....	\$9.50 to \$10.50
Common	.....	\$7.25 to \$8.00
Cows, choice	.....	\$9.50 to \$10.75
Medium	.....	\$8.50 to \$9.50
Canners	.....	\$5.50 to \$6.00
Feeding steers	.....	\$7.75 to \$8.75
Stokers, choice	.....	\$3.25 to \$4.25
Light	.....	\$6.75 to \$7.25
Milkers, choice	.....	\$7.50 to \$13.00
Springers	.....	\$8.00 to \$14.00
Sheep, ewes	.....	\$14.50 to \$19.50
Bucks and rams	.....	\$8 to \$11
Lamb, \$17 to \$17.75	.....	Hogs, fed and watered
Calves	.....	\$19.50 to \$21.50
Hogs, l.o.b.	.....	\$18.50; Calves
	.....	\$17 to \$17.50.

BUFFALO MARKETS

By Courier Leased Wire.	.....
East Buffalo, Sept. 9.—Cattle	.....
Receipts 4,800; strong. Prime steers	.....
\$17.00 to \$17.50; shipping steers	.....
\$16.50 to \$17.75; butchers	.....
\$12 to \$16.50; yearlings	.....
\$13 to \$16.50; Heifers	.....
\$10.50 to \$14; Cows	.....
\$6 to \$12.50; Bulls	.....
\$6.50 to \$11.50; Stockers and yearlings	.....
\$10.50; Fresh springers	.....
\$8 to \$15.00; Calves—Receipts 800; strong	.....
\$7 to \$20.50.	.....
Hogs—Receipts 8,800; steady to a	.....
slight decline. Heavy, \$9.25 to \$9.50;	.....
Mixed, and yorkers, \$21; light	.....
yorkers, and pigs, \$20.75 to \$21;	.....
roughs, \$17.50 to \$18; stags, \$12 to	.....
\$16.	.....
Sheep and lambs—Receipts 3,200;	.....
steady; lambs, \$8 to \$17.75; yearlings,	.....
\$7 to \$16; wethers, \$13.25 to	.....
\$13.75; ewes, \$6 to \$12.50; mixed	.....
sheep, \$12.75 to \$13.25.	.....

UNION STOCK YARDS

By Courier Leased Wire.	.....
Toronto, Sept. 9.—The trade at	.....
the Union Stock Yards this morning	.....
was fairly brisk in all lines of live	.....
stock and prices were generally
steady.
Receipts 4943 cattle, 1499 hogs,
651 calves and 1,805 sheep.

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