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CHAPTER LXXV
Brian Tells Ruth He is Going to Learn Typewriting
When Ruth was busy with her interesting well-paid work, she was happily forgetful of many things that when she was idle came home to her with a rush. So now when Brian said that he almost forgot he had a wife, she determined immediately to impress that fact more strongly than ever upon him.
"I should think they might let you take it easy for a while, and rest up," he had said, when she leaned back in the taxi with a sigh of content at being with him.
"Oh, I'm not so tired that I was a happy sigh," she smiled toward him.
"I have a surprise for you," it was a good time to tell her.
"What is it?" she was all interest: at once.
"Your lazy husband is learning typewriting. I am going to type my own letters after this."
"Oh, Brian, how nice," then quickly she added, "Not because of what it will save, alone, but it will make you so much more independent."
"Yes, that's why I'm learning. Of course I shall hate to leave you alone; but I shall only go twice a week, I have to go evenings of course."
For a moment Ruth's heart sank. Then she thought, "There I have been urging him to do more and the first thing he proposes, I want to object," so she smiled and said:
"I shall miss you awfully, but of course I know you can't learn sitting home with me; you won't be very late at the school will you?"
"Not very! Probably ten or half past," she had mentioned the "school," not he, but he took no pains to set her right.
"I'll try to be contented."
"You should be! Here you have

been gone over a week, and I haven't kicked!" Then he wished he hadn't spoken. What if she asked if he had been alone all the evenings she had been away? "I hope Rachel will have something good; I expect you are fed up on hotel grub," they were on dangerous ground, so he changed the subject.
"Indeed I am! One of Rachel's dinners will taste awfully good; I hope she gave you nice things while I was away."
Brian was saved the necessity of replying by the taxi stopping at the door. He must tell Ruth he had not been home, before she had time to question Rachel. But first he must pay the man and take her bags in for her.
After Rachel had been hugged and kissed and told gleefully:
"You just wait! Mamma Rachel, until you see what I have brought you," Brian followed her into the bedroom where she laid off her things, and then said quickly:
"I shall enjoy one of Rachel's dinners too." Because of the typewriting lessons, I haven't been home to dinner except the first night. I thought I would get along as far as I could while you were away."
"That was right. You weren't lonely then? No wonder you said you almost forgot me. If you didn't come home at all," as she replied, Ruth wondered where he did dine, and a picture of Mollie King flashed across her mind. But she would ask no questions, say nothing to spoil their evening together.
"I've set chicken 'n' land, honey," Brian announced, when she called them to come to dinner. "An' co'n fritters an'—"
"Don't tell me any more, Rachel," Ruth said, "keep the rest for a surprise," then in an aside to Brian: "I expect she has tired herself out getting a big dinner for us."
Rachel heard.

"Dead I ain't tired, Missy Ruth! I ain't had nothing to do since you Dea gone, and I ain't no dinner to cook, an' it has been terrible lonesome for ole Rachel!"
"Thank goodness I told her I had been out," Brian thought as he saw Rachel disappear into the kitchen. "I knew she'd tell."
"Poor Rachel," Ruth laughed. "I expect she thinks you should have stayed at home and entertained her instead of learning to typewrite. I imagine it was lonely for her."
"I told you she would be out of place in a New York flat," Brian replied, rather glad to have what he had told Ruth confirmed. "She'll be leaving you, then you will have a hard time to find a maid as good as Crawford."
"Oh, mammy won't leave. She likes to rumble. Did you ever see a darkey that didn't? But I'll bet a pair of gloves you couldn't get her to go, now that we are together again."
Brian said nothing further, but he thought that he would, just as soon have kept Crawford, even if Rachel would be the better cook. Rachel would be sure to tell Ruth whenever he remained over when she was away and more than likely would tell the time he came in. He had nothing to worry about for a while, however; Ruth herself had prevented that by saying he would be in "school."
To be truthful, Brian had a slanted feeling as he wondered what Ruth would say if she knew the "school" was in Mollie's flat, and what Mollie herself was his teacher.
To be Continued.

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GOES TO AMERICA
By Courier Lensed Wire.
Rome, Nov. 15.—Monsieur Grati, papal under secretary of state, left to-night for America.

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DEMobilIZATION PLANS DISCUSSED
Cabinet Committee and Departmental Officers Hold a Conference

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—Details of the plans under which Canada's troops at home and overseas will be demobilized and returned to civil life were discussed by the cabinet committee on reconstruction and development and departmental officers in a conference this morning and by the Ministers in council this afternoon. The problem which will in the near future confront the government involves, first, the military process of transporting the men and discharging them from the army; and secondly, their assimilation in the industrial life of the country. In the solution of the problem three departments are concerned; the Department of Militia, the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Soldiers' Land Settlement board, a branch of the Interior Department. That being so, the Government set, at the undersigned, an appointing committee whose duty will be to co-ordinate the action of these various bodies.
Steps are being taken to ascertain the previous occupation of the soldiers, arrangements which any of them have made to return to their former employment, and the preferences they may have as to their future place in civil life. Simultaneously there will be created agencies whereby the Central Government may be kept informed of opportunities in different parts of the country for the absorption of returned soldiers into industry. The effort then will be so to regulate the release of men from the army that the labor market will not become congested.

Troops at Home First
In connection with the military process of demobilization, it is understood that the troops in Canada will be first disbanded. Of these there are some 40,000 on duty, 10,000 in hospitals, and 16,000 who have been freed from military service. Movement of irradialized soldiers in hospital ships from England to Canada will continue as during the years of war. Some other troops from overseas may be transported to this country before many months have passed. There have been suggestions that the men abroad be returned in units. On the other hand, it is stated by one authority that regard will be had to length of service and to the claims of married men to be brought home to their families without delay. Furthermore, it is likely that an effort may be made to meet the demand for labor for pivotal industries, for railways, telegraph and telephone services, for shipbuilding, and for seamen for the mercantile marine and for agriculture.
Twenty dispersal areas will be established in the Dominion. Soldiers will be transported to the areas to which they belong, and there will be accommodated until their discharge from the army is complete.
In the Department of the Naval Service, too, preparations are being made for the paying off of men comprising the crews of patrol boats and other vessels which will go out of commission when peace is concluded. Of such men there are approximately 5,000.

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In connection with the earlier increases the readers of many daily newspapers have been required to pay \$1 or more per year for their newspapers, while the subscription price of very many weekly newspapers has been increased from 50 to 100 per cent. In many cases still further increases will be necessary.
But all the three million dollars increase in paper costs cannot be loaded on readers; some of this sum must come from the advertisers—this in the form of increased advertising rates. Advertising rates in Canada are generally speaking, much lower per thousand in circulation than in the United States. Speaking on this point the editor of Marketing, a Canadian advertisers' newspaper published in Toronto, says in his last issue: "In meeting the Canadian publishers' calls for higher rates, advertising buyers should not fail to recognize that for years they have benefited by the publisher's undervaluation of his space, and should be the more willing on that account to recognize the present necessities." To all of which The Courier agrees.



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