

THE WIFE

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

Ruth Overhears Brian Tell Mollie King Things Which Annoy Her CHAPTER XXIX

If Ruth thought of Mollie King during the short time they spent going from their home to that of Mrs. Curtis' Brian was also busily engaged.

He wondered if Ruth had expected him to buy \$200 dresses when she married him? If she expected to keep right on doing the same things and wearing the same clothes she had been in the habit of doing and wearing, when she lived with her wealthy aunt? She would find she "had another think coming." Then for the first time he, too, wondered if he had made a mistake. If he would better have married a girl like Mollie, one who had not been accustomed to luxuries, and who would be satisfied with what he could do for her.

Mrs. Curtis welcomed them warmly. Scarcely had Ruth laid aside her wraps before Mollie and a young man appeared. He was the sort of a man Mollie affected, and Ruth had never known.

"Why didn't he get his hair cut?" Ruth wondered when they were introduced; that it was part of a pose she had no way of knowing, as men of Claude Beckley's character, rather his kind, were unknown to her.

He was an artist, Mrs. Curtis had explained. And he, like Mollie King, lived in that delightful where most of the artists and writers congregated, and she added:

"Your husband used to spend most of his time down there, as I know you are aware. A charming place. I just love to go down there and dine. Although Mr. Curtis says it's not dining—that it's just eating. But he always will have his joke."

Ruth had been furtively watching Claude Beckley while Mrs. Curtis talked. She concluded she did

n't like him. His manners were too free and easy, and he didn't look well-cleant. His tie was greasy, and he was in such contrast to the few men she knew—Brian Mr. Mandel, and those she had met in her new business relation—that she felt uncomfortably conscious of it when she tried to talk to him.

Mollie King was in a gay mood and though her dress was just a cheap voile, costing perhaps ten dollars, Ruth had to admit she looked very sweet; and that she was really well-groomed. If her escort was not. But then she recalled that Mrs. Curtis had told her that Mollie was different; that she liked her better than any of the Bohemian class to which she—Mollie—belonged.

The dinner was a very gay one. It seemed to Ruth that everyone talked at once. Especially Claude Beckley. Ruth was seated between him and Mr. Curtis, and she could scarcely get a word with her host, for whom she had taken quite a liking. Then, too, Mr. Beckley talked so loud, that, listen as closely as she could, she missed what Brian and Mollie King were talking about. Brian sat between Mollie and Mrs. Curtis, and as the hostess was busy looking after the comfort of her guests, it gave Brian the opportunity to be confidential with Mollie. At least he looked confidential.

She had to confess that Mr. Beckley had a certain ability in conversation. He seemed to have a superficial knowledge of almost every subject. Occasionally, he would say something which might have interested her had she not been listening so closely to catch what Brian was saying.

"I haven't had such a good time in a year," she heard Mollie declare with emphasis. Ruth wondered if it was a reference to the dinner she had shared with Brian when she was in Philadelphia.

"Neither have I! It was like old times," Brian had lowered his voice, but either because his mouth was full, or for some other reason, Beckley had stopped talking for a moment, and Ruth heard her husband's reply distinctly.

She was shocked. Why, they hadn't been married quite a year yet. And Brian was telling another woman that he had had a better time with her than he had had with his own wife in all the time they had been married. Of course he didn't mean it! He was only trying to be polite and had spoken extravagantly. But it hurt, just the same.

All through the remainder of the dinner, Ruth was so quiet that Mrs. Curtis asked her if she were ill, and Mrs. Curtis gave her a sharp look, while coming to her help by declaring no one had a chance to get in a word edgewise when Claude Beckley was around.

"I'd ask you often, Claude," she said in a bantering way, "if you weren't such a monopolist."

"I'll promise not to say another word if Hackett will stop making love to Mollie. That's fair, isn't it, Mrs. Hackett?"

"Of course it is!" Ruth answered her cheeks flushing at the innocuous youth's idea of a pleasantry. "He should be ashamed of himself," she added with an effort to hide her embarrassment under the light persiflage in which her neighbor seemed a past master, and to which she was such a stranger.

After dinner they went to dance. "Just six of us, and a victrola," Mrs. Curtis had laughingly remarked. Of course Brian would dance first with her, Ruth thought. But Brian immediately announced the fact that he had a special engagement. To-morrow—Ruth explains that Brian has Not Yet Bought Clothes For Her.

COURIER COMICS

The Right View.

Mrs. Snobson—My dear, you don't really mean to say you darn your husband's hose.

Mrs. Wright—Of course I do, if a man foots his wife's bills, she should at least be willing to fill his stockings.

Common Complaint.

"Even the field hospital close up to the firing line in France had time for an occasional laugh," writes Malcolm Adams of the Red Cross.

A party of wounded marines were being taken to a base hospital on a much over-crowded motor truck. The nurses accompanying them became anxious about their wounds.

"I hope I am not hurting any of you," she said.

"You're hurting me a lot," replied one of the soldiers.

"But I am nowhere near you," exclaimed the nurse, indignantly.

"That's what's hurting me," was the calm reply.

A Thifly Camouflaged Antelope.

The railroads were tied up with the worst freight glut in history. The train was fifty-seven hours late, and he was waiting.

"Get me something so that I can figure out when I will get to New York," he commanded the colored porter.

"Yes, sah, I'll get you a timetable, sah," replied the porter.

"Time-table? Time-table? What I want is a calendar,"—Christian Register.

Quite Another Chap.

A rookie was reading an article about the Kaiser which compared him with Nero.

"What was Nero?" he asked of a fellow-rookie.

"Wasn't he a man that was always cold?"

"Naw," was the reply, "that was zero, another guy altogether."—Transcript.

For Modern Children Only.

Note from the "movies": A well-known actress was recently filmed for Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll's House." In announcing the new film, a provincial theatre is said to have put forth this placard:—"Coming—A Doll's House, by Henrik Ibsen. Bring the kiddies."—Christian Register.

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Cabbage, dozen	0 50 0 60
Watermelons	0 10 0 30
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Cucumbers, basket	0 25 0 65
Cabbage, head	0 05 0 10
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Fresh pork, carcass	0 23 0 24
Bacon, back trim	0 35 0 50
Bacon, back	0 45 0 45
Beef, rolling, lb.	0 20 0 25
Beef, roast, lb.	0 25 0 30
Beef, steak	0 30 0 40
Chicken, dressed, lb.	0 00 1 95
Chickens, per lb.	0 00 0 35

TORONTO MARKETS

By Courier Lease Wire

Toronto, Oct. 3.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards today, 274 cattle, 26 calves, 637 hogs and 863 sheep. Trade was slow and there was little doing in any class of live stock, except calves, which were slightly firmer.

Export cattle, choice, \$14 to \$15; medium, \$13 to \$14; bulls, \$9.50 to \$10; butcher cattle, choice, \$10.50 to \$11; medium, \$9.25 to \$10; common, \$7 to \$7.50; butcher cows, choice, \$8.50 to \$10; medium, \$7.25 to \$8; canners, \$5 to \$5.50; bulls, \$7.25 to \$8; feeding steers, \$3 to \$4; hogs, \$10 to \$11; milkers, choice, \$9 to \$10; sheep, ewes, \$13 to \$14; 50; bucks and cuts, \$6 to \$10.00; lambs, \$16 to \$15.50; hogs, fed and watered, \$19.25; F. O. B., \$18.25; calves \$16.75 to \$17.50.

WORDS AND DEEDS

What They Say Differs From What They Do.

The following appeared in the London Globe under the heading, "Hun Words and Deeds":

"We see everywhere how our soldiers respect the sacred defenselessness of woman and child."—Prof. G. Roethe, in "German Reflections in Difficult Times."

"As they continued their advance, the Germans collected about 400 men, women and children (some of the women with babies in their arms) and drove them forward as a screen against the Belgian forces holding the outer ring of the Antwerp lines."—Appendix to the Report of the Bryce Committee.

"We are still childlike in our inmost feelings, innocent in our pleasures."—Freidrich Lange, in "The True German Spirit."

"Went on the loose and 'boozed' through the streets of Liege."—Diary of a German soldier, quoted in the Appendix to the Report of the Bryce Committee.

"We take refuge in our quite peculiar idealism, and dream, alas aloud, of our ideal mission for the saving of mankind."—Hans V. Wolzogen, in "Thoughts in Wartime."

The German Secretary of State for the colonies has admitted that from 1902 to 1913, 105,000 natives have been killed in expeditions against them.

"We thank our German army that it has kept spotless the shield of humanity and civility."—Prof. W. Kahl in "German Reflections in Difficult Times."

"While a number of wounded were being attended to in a hospital at Gemery, a patrol of the Forty-seventh German Infantry appeared and began a general massacre of the wounded medical staff. The hospital full of wounded, was deliberately set on fire."—Germany's Violation of the Laws of War" (Bland).

"From all sides testimonies are flowing in as to the noble manner in which our troops conduct the war."—Pastor J. Rump.

"The brigade order is to shoot all Frenchmen who fall into our hands, wounded or not. No prisoners are to be made."—Diary of R. Brunelsson, One Hundred Twelfth German Regiment, prisoner in Great Britain.

"It is true that the breast of every soldier swelled with noble pride at the thought that he was privileged to wear the German uniform, which history has made a garb of honor above all others."—"The German and the War" by K. Engelbrecht.

"Detached parties were to enter the streets, but actually the battalion marched in close order into the town, to break into the first houses and loot. Like a wild pack they broke loose, each on their own; officers set a good example by going on ahead. A night in a barracks with many drunk was the end of that day, which aroused in me a contempt I cannot describe."—Extract from the diary of Guston Klein, a German private.

"The German soldiers alone are thoroughly disciplined, and have never so much as hurt a hair of a single innocent human being."—H. S. Chamberlain (the renegade) in "Treatise on War."

"My company is at Bourguies. Our men behave like savages; the sight of the slaughtered inhabitants defies all description. Not a house is left standing. We have dragged out of every corner all survivors, one after another—men, women and children found in burning cloister, and have shot 'em on mass.'—Diary of a Saxon officer.

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"There are no words to paint the horrors impending over the heads of more than a million Belgian children. Like hunted things they avoid the light of publicity, so grievous is their anguish; and what they have suffered, history never will tell. It may be well the story should be forgotten, for Christianity must feel the approach of such things, being possible in the twentieth century."

In Belgium, the gift of life has come to be regarded only as a legacy of pain. Yet the children of Belgium, clinging to life with a passionate love, for they have heard their parents say all will be well, and there will be sufficient food when the invaders is driven from the country. But until that day all is pain, and the menace of starvation and disease is omnipresent. Canadians can sympathize with these terrible conditions by contributing promptly and generously to the Belgian Relief Fund. Subscriptions should be sent to the local committee of the fund or to the central committee at 58 St. Peter Street, Montreal, Que.

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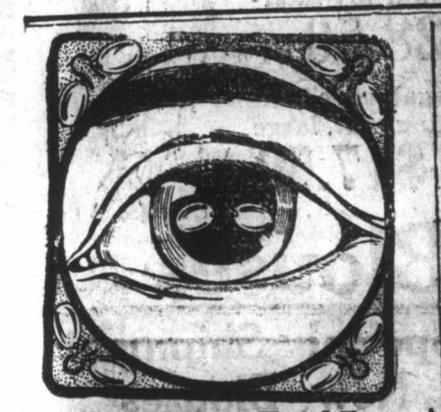
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