

THE WIFE

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

CHAPTER LXXXI Mrs. Clayborne at Last Decides to Visit Ruth

All day Ruth thought of Brian's unappreciative remarks at the breakfast table. Often her eyes filled as she recalled the almost sneering tone in which he had belittled her work, and called her a "know-it-all" sort of person. Then, too, she had constantly in her mind that question: "Where has he spent the time after his lesson? Was it with Mollie King? And if it was why didn't he tell her frankly? She never nagged, never scolded him, regardless of what he had said. Perhaps if she would speak to him once in a while, talk to him about his duty to her—the duty he owed his wife—he might do differently. But no sooner had the thought arisen than it was dismissed. Brian would not be criticized. She must find some other way. But there was one thing she might do—propose to meet him after his lesson and have a little supper at some gay, inexpensive place. It would do them both good to go out in that way, twice a week. Perhaps things were getting a bit monotonous for Brian.

It came to Ruth that somewhere she had read that, "A man will stand anything as long as he isn't bored." Was Brian becoming bored and was that the reason he sought Mollie King? Mollie was bright, she was witty. Ruth acknowledged that in her own mind she could not hold her own with the Greenwich Village girl. And then Mollie was so much more worldly wise. She knew her New York and so many people whom Brian found interesting.

Yes, perhaps that was the trouble. Brian was bored. She must now find the solution. An antidote for Mollie King.

She did her work in an abstracted manner which caused Arthur Mandel to glance often in her direction. "Has her husband found fault with

her for going to dinner with me?" he asked himself and felt guilty, wondering if it were so and if he had caused her pain. He wished she would tell him. He couldn't fix his mind on his business while she looked so worried and anxious.

"Aren't you feeling well, Mrs. Hackett?" she finally could keep silent no longer. "I am sure you over-tired yourself yesterday."

"No, indeed, I did not, and I feel perfectly well. I am trying to solve a puzzling question, and probably that made me look as if I were tired."

"Is it about the business, may I ask?"

"Yes—it is business," she answered, with her conscience by saying to herself that, "It was her business to keep her husband's love."

"Please do not look so anxious over it. If anything troubles you and the letter announced she would bring it to me."

"It's not so bad as that," she replied, wondering what Mandel would think if he knew what it was over which she was worrying.

After this conversation, Ruth pulled her wandering thoughts back into line. She was a business woman. She must learn not to let anything, even Brian's occupancy of her mind during the hours belonging to the firm, so interfere with her duties that she was natural, busy, interested, self, and Arthur Mandel smiled to think he had made such a mistake, and could not help a throb of pleasure at the thought of the earnest, personal way in which she had regarded some business matter of his.

When Ruth reached home she found a letter from her aunt, Mrs. Clayborne. She had made up her mind to make her niece a short visit and the letter announced she would arrive the following day.

"She's come round at last," Ruth told old Rachel. "I knew she would

forgive me. She's so sensible about everything else."

"Don't be too sure, honey, she's forgiving you. She's coming to see 'you' is living and of 'you' is happy. I know her, I do."

"Now Mamma Rachel, don't you try to spoil my happiness. I am so glad she is coming. I haven't anyone else to visit me you know. I never had many folks."

"'You got old Rachel, ain't you?' Ah 'you' husband," she added, but in a different voice.

"Yes, and what should I do without you?" she teased the woman who had been so much to her always, and ignored the part of her speech referring to Brian. She knew only too well that her mamma's sharp eyes had detected her occasional unhappiness; and that she resented it.

"But we mustn't talk; we must have everything lovely for her. I am so glad to see her coming. I won't get in until seven o'clock, so we can meet her, both of us—meaning Brian—and I will ask Mr. Mandel to let me off all day Saturday. Oh Rachel, I so long to see her."

When Brian came in a moment later he was astonished to see Ruth whirling Rachel around the dining room, both of them laughing gaily.

"Stop that racket and tell me what's up," he exclaimed.

Continued to-morrow

RETREAT CONTINUING

By Courier Leased Wire
Geneva, Sunday, Nov. 17.—The retreat of the German armies from the western front is continuing in the greatest disorder, according to information received by the Swiss federal authorities at Berne. The anarchy in Germany is said to be far worse than during the Austrian retreat from Italy. Swiss newspapers say the military and civil authority has disappeared in western Germany.

RANELAGH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
A number from here attended the celebration of the end of the war at Brantford last Monday.

Messrs. J. A. Jull, F. Winkell and Thomas Wood attended a business meeting at the parsonage, Kelvin, on Thursday night.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Palmer's little child took place Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Almas mourn the loss of one of their sons by influenza. The funeral will take place from their residence on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Saywell was called on Saturday by the bedside of her mother, who is very ill at St. Thomas.

TEETERVILLE

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Dr. Bell is on the sick list at time of writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillard of Waterford visited at E. House's on Sunday.

Snatch thieves broke into Mr. Jackson's garage and stole about \$200 worth of goods. Mr. Atlebury lost a buffalo robe the same night.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter of Dover spent Sunday in the village.

Mrs. Maggie Brompton is having an auction sale on Saturday of her village property.

Mr. Penn and family of the Plains visited at John Jackson's last Sunday.

Mr. S. Miller and daughter spent Sunday at Waterford.

J. T. Scott is able to be out once more after his sickness.

Mr. Rtee is no better at time of writing.

DAMASCUS AND BEYROUT.

Historic City Has Been Delivered From Turks.

Damascus, the capital of Syria, which was recently captured from the Turks by the British army, is an ancient town occupying a site of singular beauty, 57 miles from the seaport of Beyroul.

The River Barada, the Abana of the Bible, intersects the city in a deep, rapid current, averaging 50 feet wide; about 22 miles eastward the river empties itself into a lake, which, in the heat of summer, transforms itself into a morass. On the river's northern bank is a large and comparatively modern city; but the whole of the ancient city, and the principal buildings, are spread over the plain on the south. By an admirable system of channels and pipes the river water is conveyed into almost every house, supplying that first requisite of eastern life and luxury. The orchards, gardens, vineyards and fields of Damascus cover a circuit of at least 60 miles; their unrivalled beauty and luxuriance is owed to the Abana. This river irrigates over 200 square miles of land; the River Awaj, the ancient Pharrpar, irrigates nearly 100 more.

The history of Damascus reaches far back into the mists of antiquity. Josephus says the city was founded by the Syrian king, Aram, who is ready a noted place in the days of Abraham. In the centre of the city stands the great mosque, and near it are the grey battlements of the old castle. Towering minarets and swelling domes, tipped with golden crests, rise above the white-tiled roofs.

The gardens and orchards encompass the whole city.

The houses of the city belie the rough appearance of their exteriors and are within scenes of splendor, and the admiration of every visitor. The population is estimated at 150,000.

The manufactures of Damascus are principally silks, woolen and cotton cloths, gold and silver ornaments, arms and household utensils.

In 1830 occurred the Moslem massacre of Christians, when the whole of the Christian quarter was burned and 3,000 adult males murdered in cold blood.

Beyroul, which at last accounts was threatened by French cavalry, is the most important seaport town of Syria on the coast of the Mediterranean in the pashalik of Acre, is 57 miles west northwest of Damascus. It is a place of great antiquity and may perhaps be identified with the Berothah of the Phoenicians. For a time at least it was under the supremacy of Sidon. Destroyed by Trypho, the Syrian usurper, about 140 B.C., it was restored by the elder Agrippa about 41 A.D., raised to the rank of a Roman colony and adorned with an amphitheatre and various splendid buildings. In the third century it became the seat of a school of jurisprudence which long maintained its reputation and was attended by several eminent men. Beyroul was damaged by an earthquake in 551 A.D. In the time of the Crusades Beyroul again rose to importance and was captured by Baldwin I. in 1111, after a two months siege. Early in the 17th century it became a chief seat of the Druses, who held it till 1762, when it again fell into the hands of the Turks. In 1772 it was bombarded and plundered by a Russian fleet, and in 1840 it was nearly destroyed by the attack of the British under Admiral Stopford.

End of Glacial Period.

Dr. Maxwedn Manson, an eminent authority on geology, points to the fact established by recent Antarctic explorations that the great ice cap covering the region of the south pole is shrinking. From this he draws the conclusion that the gradual subsidence of the age of ice of which the polar ice caps are the existing remnants is still going on and that we live, so to speak, at the tail end of the glacial period. He expresses the conviction that the same succession of geological climates has prevailed in Antarctica as in other latitudes and says that the evidence collected in recent Antarctic explorations is corroborated by the comparatively recent uncovering of temperate land areas, and the progressive retreat of the snow line to higher elevations in temperate and tropical latitudes and toward the poles at sea level. He comes to the conclusion that the disappearance of the ice age is an active present process and must be accounted for by activities and energies now at work. He considers it as proved that the rates and lines of retreat are and have been determined by exposure to solar energy and the temperature established thereby and by the difference in the specific heat of the land and water hemispheres.

Weapons of War Different.

Weapons which were thought massive and powerful in 1914 are puny in 1918. Thus heavy artillery, whose weight tied it down to fixed fortifications, is now moving merrily over the field of battle. Where formerly we talked in millions now we talk freely in billions. Before the war twenty-five to thirty knots was battle-cruiser speed; to-day we have ships of from 150,000 to 200,000 horsepower steaming at thirty-five to forty knots. A notable instance of this growth is in the field of aviation, where the British have airplanes of 600 horsepower, and the Italians have gone up to 1,000. And the end is not yet.

"The Vorwarts."

Under the heading "German 'Who's Who,'" the Globe of London asks some very pertinent, not to say pointed, questions, and supplied the answer. "Who told us," it asks, "that France was blind, Italy exhausted, and Great Britain almost finished by the U-boat war? Who greeted America's entry into the war with a feeling of relief and a cry of 'God be praised! Who told us that America would be unable to bring a single man or ship to Europe?' And the answer? The Vorwarts."

n stewardship, which was elected.

Smythe of Sydenham St., a brief address, wished every success, explaining a deep interest in its

D. Fitzpatrick, of Brantford, also paid a tribute to the Women's Missionary, fine on to outline the nature of the program.

Paris W. M. S., prior to at noon. This afternoon on Chinese missions was

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HORSES—3—Brown mare, 8 years old, sorrel horse, 7 years old by Dr. John; 1 bay horse, 4 years old, by Red Elk.

CATTLE—14—Nine pure bred Short-horns, viz: Red cow, 9 years old, due to freshen Dec. 8th; red cow, 7 years old, due to freshen May 29th; red cow, 8 years old, fresh; roan heifer, 2 years old, due to freshen Feb. 26th; roan heifer, 10 months old; red heifer calf. These are extra good milkers and head of best. Three bull calves; 5 head of grade Holsteins, 2 years old, if not previously sold. All pedigrees will be furnished at time of sale.

SHEEP—Ten Shropshire breeding ewes; 1 Oxford ram.

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FEED—A quantity of hay, about 300 bushels mangols, corn in stalks, HARNESSES—Set double harness and odd parts.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under cash, over that amount ten months credit will be given on furnishing approved security, 4 per cent. off for cash on credit amounts.

Jasper Crooks, Proprietor.
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Welby Almas, Auctioneer.

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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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SURPLUS CHARGES.
By Courier Leased Wire
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