

THE WIFE

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

CHAPTER LXXXVII

Brian Talks of His Hopes and Disappointments to Mollie.

Things did not work out entirely to Mrs. Clayborne's satisfaction. This was principally due to the fact that Ruth did not lend herself in any way to the schemes her aunt had planned. Of course Mrs. Clayborne had said nothing of them; she was far too shrewd to make a faux pas of that kind. But whenever possible she advocated accepting Mandel's invitations, and was tactfully insistent when speaking of him to Ruth.

But Ruth was in love with Brian. Her work done she was far happier with him than to be at the opera or anywhere else with others. So she managed to evade most of the things Mandel proposed, and to do it in such a way he could but accede.

Brian had tried his best to be natural before Ruth's aunt; but always there was a little constraint in their intercourse, a forced pleasantry, that was obvious to both of them—and to Ruth.

"Don't act afraid of Auntie," she said to Brian one day. "She won't eat you."

"I'm not afraid of her but somehow I feel all the time that she blames me for your going to work; that she disapproves of me as a husband for her niece," putting his feelings into words for the first time in many weeks.

"Nonsense! I don't deny Aunt Louisa felt so at first. You remember her letters. But she's all over it now that she sees what my work is, how whappy I am in doing it; how cozy we are, and how nicely we are getting along. Then too, dear Auntie knows that I love you, that we are happy together. I think she never quite knew how much I cared before." Ruth blushed as she confessed her love for her husband. She was naturally diffident where her affections were concerned, and no tof-

ten did she say as much.

"Just the same she doesn't like me. It would have pleased her better if you had married a man like Mandel. She's gone daffy about him, by the way she talks."

"It isn't that Brian, Ruth patiently explained. "It is because he is so kind to me, makes my work so pleasant. And that employees were terribly overworked and so miserable. She's found out she was wrong. I am so happy that she has, and that when she goes home she will feel different about us and about my working."

"Then, I wish while she is here you would come with me to the shop with her. It seems strange that you never have met my boss," she finished with a smile.

"I don't know why I should meet him! He'd most likely patronize me—or try to."

"Oh, no he wouldn't Brian. He isn't that kind. Really he isn't face. Then I want to show you my desk. The nice, quiet corner where I can keep to myself."

"Perhaps—some day I'll drop in," he returned, and Ruth had to be contented. He would make no further concession.

It had been two weeks since Mrs. Clayborne arrived, and she was beginning to talk of going home. While she had not been able to do as she wished about throwing Ruth with Mandel, she was not at all disheartened.

"Time, fate and proximity have been known to accomplish wonders," she said to herself. "They are much together, he loves her. He'll not give up easily."

Unfortunately on the very day that Mrs. Clayborne left for home, Ruth was once more sent out of town on a commission. Brian at once flew to Mollie King for sympathy.

"I've had to be on my good behavior all the time Mrs. Clayborne was with us, then just as I might be comfortable again off Ruth goes and leaves me alone with Rachel. It isn't fair to a fellow!" he stormed.

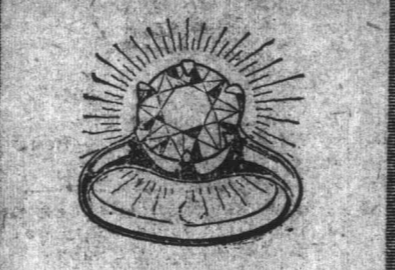
"Of course it isn't. It is Ruth going to stay long this time?"

"How do I know; two days or two weeks! It's all one to her, so long as she is pattering over that decorating business. I tell you Mollie, it has got to stop! I want a home, my wife's society when I go home and— I might as well say it—I want children like other men. Honest, Mollie, I don't care a rap for fancy things, for all the fuss about eating and the house. I just want to be comfortable and feel well—like I do with you and I don't. I can't eat when I think that Ruth is working, that she is away. These decorations and working for that firm mean more to her than I do! I suppose I shouldn't have asked her to marry me until I had gone further in my profession. At least until I had made more money. But I did, and that part can't be helped. But I'd rather have a little three room flat down here in the village, with Ruth fussing up messes in a kitchenette like yours, and a kiddie running to meet me than to live as we do." He laughed a little then said, "There I feel better! I've got that out of my system. Now come on, we'll go out to dinner."

That evening Mollie was more gentle, more sympathetic than ever before. Brian's talk of a home and kiddies had affected her more than he perhaps had either realized or intended.

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Perhaps one of the most biting things the enemies of the Hohenzollerns in Germany are doing, at the present time, is the recalling of the Kaiser's remark on the occasion of his accession, thirty years ago, "I will lead you into glorious days." It is pretty difficult for a people subsisting on quarter rations, and wearing paper-soled shoes, to imagine these days glorious. At all events, what they want now is some one to lead them out of the days Wilhelm led them into.

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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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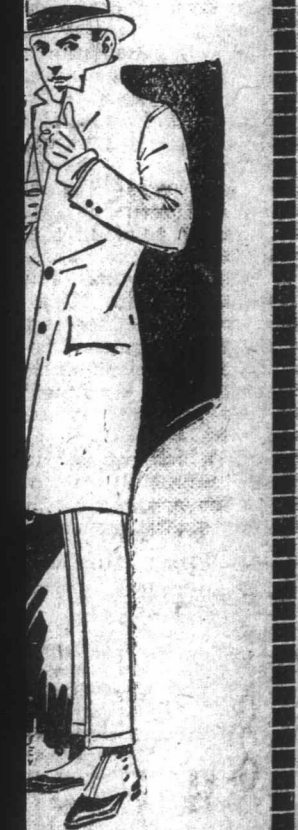
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