THE WIFE

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

Brian Finds Out That Ruth Wears Expensive Clothes.

CHAPTER XXXVIII.

The invitation for Mrs. Curtis' dinner came just as Brian was leaving for the office. The note had said the dinner was to be informal, and Mrs. Curtis had added: "Please don't dress."

"Thank goodness for that!" he had said. Brian hated to dress for dinner. He was naturally indolent and unless the occasion was a particularly formal one, he objected to wearing a dress suit. Ruth was exactly the opposite. She liked to dress herself, and was very proud of her handsome husband when he was "dolled up," as he called it.

"I wonder who else will be there," she had said as she stood in the door to bid Brian good bye.

"I thought you said Mollie King was going," he had answered quickly, then looked uncomfortable. "Good bye!" he called and hurried away.

"Why did he look so uncomfortable when he himself was the one to mention her?" Ruth said aloud as she closed the door. "He looked sort of guilty I wonder"—she didn't finish the sentence, but as she dressed for the shop she looked very serious, and once or twice she sighed a little.

Occasionally there came to Ruth a feeling that perhaps she had made a mistake in marrying Brian until he had advanced further in his profession. She had also wondered once or twice if she had made a blunder in taking a position, but, as quickly dismissed the idea. Why should she do things that were disagreeable and so save thirty or forty dollars a month (which a servant cost them), when she could do something she really loved to do and earn forty a week? There was no argument at all that she could see.

No, if Brian were foolish enough to be hurt, why he would have to be, for a while, until he became more reasonable. He would come around after a while, just as he had about the moving. When he had seen that it was feasible, he had been very nice about it. She never dreamed that he had consented simply and solely because of her remark that it would give him a better standing. She had thought it might have some weight of course, but that he would have absolutely refused to move had she not put it upon that score, she had no idea.

The dinner was to be at seven o'clock. Ruth took particular pains with her dressing, and she looked very chic and lovely. She wore a dark blue chiffon with a girdle and trimming of Oriental-looking stuff, with slippers and stockings of the same shade as her dress. She also, at the last minute, slipped her pearls around her neck. She had not intended to wear them, but she would look her very best because pretty Mollie King was to be there. She had wished, while dressing, that it had been a formal affair so she could have worn one of her lovely dinner dresses. She had scarcely worn them at all, she thought regretfully. They would be out of style soon.

"My, but you look nice!" Brian had said impulsively when she joined him. "That's a stunning dress."

Ruth was so pleased at the compliment that she forgot all about Mollie King, that she had really dressed to outshine her; but intrigued herself that she had made herself attractive simply for Brian.

"I am so glad you think I look nice. The Curtises are your friends and I should hate to have them call me a frump."

"No one could ever say that about you." Then, a thought striking him for the first time, he asked: "How much did that dress cost?"

"Aunt Louisa paid two hundred dollars for it. Of course that did not include the slippers and stockings".

Open-mouthed, Brian stared at her. In all the months they had been married the cost of her clothes never had been mentioned. He had not the slightest idea of the cost of such clothes as Ruth wore. He had asked the question now only from impulse.

"It's lovely, isn't it?" Ruth went on, "Aunt Louisa bought it at the same shop she has bought her own clothes for years. The one where most of my trousseau dresses were made"

"And did the rest cost as much?"

"Why—yes, most of them. Some more. Why?" Ruth never talked of clothes.

"How in the world are you going to get any more when they wear out Any more of that kind, I mean."

Ruth laughed heartily at his frightened expression)

"Oh, I guess we'll manage to get them someway."

"Not that kind, Ruth," he said soberly, "I never dreamed women's clothes cost so much." Then, his face lighting, "You must find out where Mollie gets her clothes. She always looks pretty and she has scarcely any money. Will you need any soon?" He happened to think that she had said nothing about new clothes to him, and she hadn't been working long enough to do very much about replenishing her wardrobe.

"No, not very soon," she replied. But all the way to the dinner she was strangely quiet. Brian had known nothing about her clothes, their cost, etc., and she was his wife. How was it he was so well posted about Mollie King's affairs. How did he know that Mollie had scarcely any money. Then her lip curled The idea that she would wear the cheap sort of things a girl like Mollie King would wear! It was ridiculous.

Sometimes Ruth forgot that she was no longer being supported by her aunt.

To-morrow — Ruth Overhears Brian Tell Mollie King Things Which Annoy Her.

CROWN PRINCE BORIS

Of Bulgaria, in whose favor King Ferdinand is likely to abdicate, according to confidential information received at the Vatican.

COURIER COMICS

Somewhere.

Mrs. Flatbush— So your husband is "somewhere in France?"

Mrs. Bensonhurst—So I believe.

Mrs. Flatbush—But don't you know where?

Mrs. Bensonhurst—No.

Mrs. Flatbush—Don't you feel somewhat concerned?

Mrs. Bensonhurst— Why, no. When he was here I knew he was somewhere in America but half of the time I didn't know where.

He Must Be Enjoying Life.

"Doctor, you told my husband to get the fresh air."

"Yes, he should remain out a good part of the day.

"He does that. But kin he get the fresh air with a pipe in his mouth all the time?"

Kept Happy.

"There are many beautiful sights in and around Paris. We were over there before the war."

"I suppose your wife found much to interest her."

"I think so. She spent most of her time in that hall of mirrors at Versailles."

Expert Camouflage.

"I see you are wearing a chevron for bringing down aeroplanes. I did not know you were an aviator."

"I'm not."

"How, then, did you get the chevron?"

"I'm a camouflage expert, I painted a sausage and a stein of beer on a fence and the German airmen came down to get them. Then our men captured them."

What She Hoped.

"I am quite a near neighbor of yours now," said Mr. Bore. "I'm living just across the river."

"Indeed," replied Miss Smart, "I hope you'll drop in some day."

Now and then you run across a fat woman who would rather eat all she wants of all she likes than be thin.

Time to Resign.

A retired army officer tells of an army examiner who had before him a very dull candidate. The man proving, apparently, unable to make response to the most simple questions, the examiner finally grew impatient and quite sarcastically, put the question:

"Let it be supposed that you are a captain in command of infantry. In your rear is an impassable abyss. On both sides of you there rise perpendicular rocks of tremendous height. In front of you lies the enemy, outnumbering you ten to one. What, sir, in such an emergency, would you do?"

"I think, sir," said the aspirant for military distinction, "I would resign."

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Oats, bushel	0 00	0 76
Rye, bushel	1 50	1 60
Straw, baled, ton	7 00	8 00
Wheat	0 00	2 10
Barley, bushel	1 00	1 05
Vegetables.		
Beans, quart	0 25	0 30
Cabbage, dozen	0 50	0 60
Watermelons	0 10	0 30
Carrots, basket	0 30	0 50
Onions, basket	0 00	1 40
Green tomatoes, bas.	0 00	0 25
Cucumbers, basket	0 35	0 65
Cabbage, head	0 05	0 10
Celery, large	0 00	0 10
Potatoes, bushel	0 00	1 50
Potatoes, basket	0 40	0 50
Tomatoes, basket	0 30	0 45
Beets, bunch	0 05	0 10
Pumpkins	0 10	0 20
Corn, dozen	0 20	0 25
Green peppers, bask.	0 50	0 60
Cauliflower, each	0 10	0 25
Squash	0 20	0 35
Fruit.		
Apples, basket	0 25	0 70
Plums, basket	0 60	1 00
Pears	0 75	1 15
Grapes, basket	0 00	0 50
Grapes, box	0 00	0 15
Meats.		
Dry salt, pork, lb.	0 30	0 35
Fresh pork, carcass	0 21	0 24
Bacon, back trim	0 35	0 50
Bacon, back	0 45	0 45
Beef, boiling, lb.	0 20	0 25
Beef, roast, lb.	0 25	0 30
Beef, steak	0 30	0 40
Chickens, dressed	1 00	1 95
Chickens, per lb.	0 00	0 35

BUFFALO MARKET.

By Courier Leased Wire

East Buffalo, Oct. 2.—Cattle—Receipts 150; steady.

Calves—Receipts, 250; steady; $7 to $9.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,600; 10c lower; heavy, $20.25 to $20.23; mixed and yorkers, $20.25 to $20.40; light yorkers and pigs, $20; roughs, $17.25 to $17.50; stags, $12 to $15.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 3,400; slow, 20c lower; lambs, $10 to $16.50; yearlings, $8 to $13.50; others unchanged.

CHICAGO MARKET.

By Courier Leased Wire

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; market 15c to 25c lower than yesterday's average. Butchers, $19.20 to $19.65; light, $19 to $19.60; packing, $18.15 to $19; rough, $17.50 to $18; pigs, good to choice, $17 to $18.

Cattle—Receipts, 12,000; steers strong to higher; butchers cattle unevenly, 10c to 25c higher. Calves strong.

Sheep—Receipts, 42,000; lambs slow but steady.

TORONTO MARKET.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Toronto, Oct. 2.— Receipts at the Union Stock Yards this morning were 924 cattle; 112 calves; 1650 hogs and 1745 sheep and lambs.

Trade was quite active this morning although cattle were barely steady. Hogs were unchanged. Milkers were in good demand.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Export cattle, choice, $14 to $15; Export cattle, medium, $13 to $14; Export bulls, $9.50 to $10; Export 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, $9.50 to $10, medium $7.25 to $8, canners, $5 to $5.50, bulls $7.25 to $8; feeding steers, $8.50 to $10; Stockers, choice, $8 to $8.50; Stockers, light, $6 to $7; Milkers choice, $80 to $130; Springers choice, $90 to $140; Sheep, ewes $13 to $14.50; Bucks and culls $6 to $10; Lambs, $16 to $16.50; Hogs, fed and watered, $19.25; Hogs, f.o.b., $18.25; calves, $16.50 $17.

TOWNS FIRED.

By Courled Leased Wire.

Paris, Oct. 2.—The towns of Roulers, railway junctions in Flanders, have been set on fire by Germans, in face of advancing Belgians British and French troops. French guns now control the railway line running from Ostend through Thourout and Roulers to Courtrai.

British monitors are co-operating actively in bombarding the German lines on and near the coast.

RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Amsterdam, Oct. 1.—At a sitting of the main committee of the German Reichstag on Monday Vice Chancellor von Payer read a decree from the emperor announcing the resignation of Imperial Chancellor von Hertling. It is announced that the former chancellor had called a meeting of party leaders to discuss the situation. An indefinite adjournment was then taken by the committee.

FRENCH ARMIES TO FORE.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Oct. 1.—The War Office statement to-night referring to aviation, says:

"Captain Argues destroyed an enemy machine on September 27 and two on the 28th, bringing his total number of victories to 12. Sub-Lieut. Maddington on September 29 brought down a German airplane, bringing his number of victories to ten, five balloons and five airplanes.

ANTI-GERMAN RIOTS.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Paris, Oct. 2.—Anti-German and pacifist riots are in progress through Bulgaria, according to a Zurich dispatch to The Journal. It is added that rumors are current of the formation of a national cabinet in Bulgaria under the leadership of Premier Malinoff and Dr. Chenadieff released from prison a few days ago under a pardon by King Ferdinand.

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LIBRARY FOR LONDON.

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NIAGARA FALLS' POPULATION.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 1.—The population of Niagara Falls is 12,434, an increase of 666, according to Assessor Robinson's report issued today. The total assessment is $9,621,600, an increase of $800,000 over last year.

MADE RESTITUTION.

Chatham, Oct. 1.—James Fisher, former Dominion police officer here, convicted a week ago on a charge of passing a worthless cheque for $50 on a local merchant, was released on suspended sentence to-day after making restitution and paying the costs of the court, amounting to $20.

Where does the local athlete generally get his primary training? In the Y. M. Gym, of course.

Miss Margaret Pringle, 17, of Owen Sound, was the victim in a fatal automobile accident near Markdale.