

# THE WIFE

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

Ruth Sees Newport's Famous Ocean Drive for the First Time.

CHAPTER XXIX.

The next morning Ruth and Mr. Mandel started out immediately after breakfast to inspect the "Cary house," which was situated some distance away on the ocean drive.

Ruth thought she never had seen anything so beautiful as the drive was, that morning. The early sunshine falling upon the water through the haze that was over all, wonderfully dissolved itself into all the colors of the rainbow. The beautiful homes, so well kept, the shrubbery and the flowers, all caused exclamations of delight to fall from her lips constantly.

Mr. Mandel told her the names of all the owners of the drive property, adding little bits of personal history that he thought might interest her.

Already the beach was filled with a crowd of early morning bathers, adding color to the scene.

"I should love to spend a summer here!" Ruth exclaimed.

"It is a charming place—if you are in the swim," Mr. Mandel told her with a smile.

"But rather stupid, I am told, for those who are not."

"That would be so, naturally," Ruth mused, thinking of the caste laws so strictly observed in the little southern town in which her aunt lived.

The Cary house was a large place, beautifully situated. They had the keys, and as Mr. Mandel opened the door and Ruth passed in, something very like a groan broke from her.

"Awful, isn't it?" he asked with a smile.

"You see," he explained, "the original owner of the house was one of our nouveau riche. One of those to whom price, the cost in dollars,

represented value. The furnishings and decorations of the house show how false that idea is. The house itself is not so bad. It was built by good architect, who threatened to leave his job half finished if not allowed to go ahead with the approved plans without change."

"I should think he would have threatened something if the house would have been anything like this," she motioned with a sweep of her arm. "Why, it's a crime to spend money for such stuff," a hideous red plush davenport was the particular object of her scorn.

"Well, you have almost carte blanche to do what you please with the interior. There comes the land-scope garden, whom I was to meet. Here are the plans of the rooms and halls. Mark them in as you please. We have another set at the office."

"Thank you—" then, hesitatingly, "shall we get back to-night?"

"Why no! that is impossible. If we set through we will take the sleeper and get home in the morning. If not, we will go to-morrow night. Don't hurry through the work; take all the time you need."

Ruth mused, thinking of the caste laws so strictly observed in the little southern town in which her aunt lived.

"I'll wait until this afternoon, then telegraph Brian. I'll know by that time if I can get through to-day," she said aloud to herself as she started to make an inspection of the house, before settling down to the planning.

Thoughts of Brian intruded until she resolutely forced them from her mind.

"You go back where you belong, Brian Hackett, and stop bothering me!" she said, laughing aloud at her own nonsense. "I'll have trou-

ble enough with you when I get back home."

Thereafter she allowed no straying thoughts to impede her work. But long before the noon hour, she saw it would be an utter impossibility to do her work, and do it well, in one day. And so she told Mr. Mandel, when he told her to get ready for luncheon. They would return to the hotel, freshen up a bit, then lunch at the Casino.

Delighted at the treat in store for her, Ruth regretted she had not brought a more dressy gown. But when she joined him downstairs, it would be a very capricious man who could have found fault with her. Surely Mr. Mandel had no such intention.

Daintily, her hair shining under the small hat, Ruth was really appropriately gowned even for the fashionable Casino. They had thoroughly enjoyable luncheon, then, exuding herself for a moment, Ruth sent her wire to Brian before they returned to the ocean drive mansion.

"Home on Thursday, Ruth," was all she said. It was Tuesday. Brian had been alone one night, he would be alone two more.

"Won't I catch it?" Ruth said to herself as she joined Mr. Mandel.

"But I might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb. He'd have made just as much fuss if I had gone back to-day."

"Did you get your wire off?" he asked.

"Yes, thank you. I thought Mr. Hackett might worry if I were not at home to-morrow, so wired him not to expect me until Thursday. You see, he had no idea my work would take me away from New York."

"Indeed!" was Mandel's reply. "Then they started again for the 'Cary house,' and Ruth soon was again absorbed in her task.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

## NORFOLK NEWS

### FLAX IS READY FOR SHIPMENT

Norfolk County Crop Will Require Five or Six Cars

#### NEWS FROM SIMCOE

Simcoe, Sept. 21.—(From Our Own Correspondent).—It is estimated that five or six cars will be required to haul out the Imperial Government flax grown in the County of Norfolk. Probably half of the amount is now ready for shipment.

Received in Bad Condition. Out of the Coal Business. Wm. Sutton is no longer in the coal business. Simcoe will probably be short his allotment. J. B. Jackson, the only remaining local vendor, informed the writer yesterday that he could obtain now a few cars of soft coal, but that no hard coal is yet in sight.

Down 1,400 Feet at Long Point. Drilling continuously except Sundays the men out on the bleak sands at the western extremity have pushed the casing down 1,400 feet. They are just passing out of the second sand stratum with practically no gas in evidence, worth mentioning, and to-day are entering the shale above the third sand stone stratum. The present depth corresponds with 11,000 feet in the township of Woodhouse, so far as the formation is concerned. This well started with a 13-inch casing, which has been reduced successively to ten, eight, and now 6 5/8 inches.

The western well at the Point left standing for a few days with 40 feet of casing, was abandoned, the casing resisting all attempts at driving further. The steel derrick is being moved a short distance for a new beginning.

The deepest well in this field was put down at Vittoria, 3,200 feet, and gave no reward. Next in depth is the Simcoe well on Pond street, 2,000 feet, which now throws a strong stream of mineral water rich in sulphuretted hydrogen, but which gave no showing of gas.

Special at St. Paul's. Miss Louise Vaughan, of St. Louis who has been heard with delight and profit here aforesaid will address the congregation of St. Paul's to-morrow evening; subject A Private Interview. The pastor's morning sermon will be "The attraction of the Cross."

Clay Roads in Bad Condition. So impassable are the clay roads after continuous rains that the anniversary services in one of the Jarvis Churches have been postponed. Rev. M.S. Fulton of Simcoe, who was to have been the preacher of the day, was informed that the usual congregational could hardly be expected to turn out to-morrow.

Removing to Hamilton. Mr. James L. Acker and family leave for Hamilton on Monday. Their

Michael Clark, Jr., Killed. By Courier Leased Wire. Calgary, Alta., Sept. 20.—Word was received by Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., for Red Deer, on Wednesday night that his oldest son, Michael, had been killed in action. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Clark has two other sons at the front.

Two For Ships Sunk. By Courier Leased Wire. Bulletin: London, Sept. 21.—Entente naval units and allied troops operating along the River Drina, in northern European Russia have sunk two enemy ships and have captured three guns, according to an official statement issued by the British War Office to-day. Heavy losses were inflicted on the Bolshevik forces by the Entente Allies.

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A very interesting event took place last evening in Bethel Hall when friends gathered to say goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Busby who are leaving to pursue studies at the Brooklyn Missionary training school before they leave for their chosen field of service for the Lord in dark Africa.

After a tasty supper provided by the Missionary study class an adjournment was made to the Main Hall where Mr. Berham, a returned missionary from the West Indies gave a very earnest talk in the work carried on there. Mr. Geo. Crook of Hamilton also gave a helpful address.

Mr. and Mrs. Busby were called to the front and presented with a substantial purse as a token of fellowship from the assembly. The Missionary study class and the Women's Sewing circle presented them each with a wrist watch, assuring them at the same time of prayerful interest in their welfare. Mr. Busby feelingly thanked the friends for the gifts and gave a little resume of how he had long felt the call of God to the dark parts of the earth and how the Lord had at last made it possible for him to go.

Mr. Alex Lundy acted as chairman and Dr. Bier and Mr. W. J. Craig made the presentations on behalf of the friends.

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