

THE WIFE

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

CHAPTER XVII

Ruth returns from Washington. Ruth hated to go to Washington. Never since she had been in the shop had she so dreaded leaving Brian. Had you asked her, she could not have explained her reason—not so that it would have been clear. It was more a vague feeling that something would happen, that something threatened them.

But she was a business woman. So she put aside her fears and, after telephoning Brian, started immediately for the Capital.

"What?" Brian had ejaculated when she called him.

"I must run over to Washington for a day."

"Oh—"

"I'm awfully sorry, Brian, but it can't be helped. I'll be back late to-morrow night. Would it be asking too much to meet me?"

"I'll be there if I can. I suppose it will be the last time."

"Yes—gets in somewhere about midnight."

"Very well. I will be there."

His tone was so cold, so detached, that Ruth wanted to cry.

"Good-bye, dear," she said instead.

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On the train was a newly married couple. The girl about her own age. They were so happy together that Ruth's eyes filled as she watched them.

They chatted like two magpies, they laughed at everything and at nothing at all, as young things are inclined to do when happy. Their looks caressed each other, and occasionally when they thought no one was looking, his hand would steal over and pat hers lovingly.

If only she and Brian could be together like that.

Stabbin' quick came the thought that but for her, they might be. It was she who was leaving Brian, not him who had left her. She was the

one who made it both possible and probable for him to search for other company to help him pass the time. Had she—was she doing wrong?

No—she decided not. As usual she concluded that if he could not be true when she was working for them both and sharing everything with him, he would not be true even if she were "slaving in his kitchen."

As she expressed it to herself.

But she could not shake off her uneasy feeling; neither could she take her regard from the young couple who were so devoted to each other. She felt annoyed with herself. She was silly to be so easily affected by what she saw—and felt.

She went into the dining car and ate a good dinner, then felt better. When the train reached Washington, she was quite herself again and anxious to begin her work. It proved delightfully interesting, and the time passed so quickly that she was ready to go back almost before she had once again thought to worry about Brian.

She did feel anxious, however—just once.

It was just as she was falling to sleep. Suddenly she wondered if Brian was at home or if— he was with Mollie King.

"Please don't forget me, Brian," she whispered, then fell asleep.

She had no time for thought, all the next day. And was so tired that she slept nearly all the way to New York. She was over-joyed when she saw Brian waiting for her at the head of the stairway. He took her hand, kissed her, and led the way to a taxi.

"I'm starved, dear. I was so tired I slept all the way, and so did not get any dinner."

"All right, we'll get a bite here."

While they were waiting for the simple order to be filled—Brian refused to have anything—she told him

all about her business trip and what she had accomplished. He made no derogatory remarks, neither did he show any interest. Ruth felt piqued that this was so, and rather impatiently gave voice to her feeling.

"Even if you aren't interested, you might pretend to be when I try so hard," she said petulantly.

"Who asks you to try? I don't."

"Even so, you might be human."

"That's the trouble. I've never known what to call it before, but I'm too human. I'm just a plain flub-dub sort of a man; and you are made of different stuff. I was a fool to think we ever could think alike."

"Why, Brian Hackett! What do you mean?"

"Nothing—at least nothing much."

"You know I didn't mean to find fault, but I am tired."

"I know—and I am—well—just human."

After this they spoke little until they were at home. Then once more Ruth tried to talk of what had happened while she was away; where he had been, etc. But Brian was strangely uncommunicative. Ruth felt that he was concealing something, and it worried her.

Continued To-morrow.

TO ADDRESS ALL ALLEES.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Berlin, Dec. 11.—It is officially denied that the German government has continued to address notes exclusively to the United States after receiving the request of the Washington that official communications from Berlin in future be forwarded simultaneously to all the hostile belligerents.

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DANISH STEAMER LOST.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Beverly, Mass., Dec. 23.—The loss of the Danish schooner Scotia Queen off Cape Hatteras on Decem-

ber 19th and the rescue of Captain F. J. Richards of New York and his crew of six by the steamer Gulf-

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pany's fleet, became known to-day upon the arrival of the steamer.

The crew of the schooner had been clinging to the rigging of their waterlogged craft for 18 hours when they were seen by the

unconscious from the oil steamer, under the direction of Captain Anderson, accomplished the rescue at

great peril to themselves as the high seas threatened many times to swamp their small boat. With the exception of the captain, all the

men of the Scotia Queen are from Parrovero, N.S., where she was formerly owned.

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By order, R. C. DESROCHERS, Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 19, 1918.

Mrs. Duff Slemm Was Honored by the Choir Members

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in oratorio work, and sang in a very finished manner. "Come Unto Me," the second part of the aria being taken by Miss Louise Jones, who also sang acceptably. Miss Laura Wilson gave a splendid rendition of "Rejoice Greatly," her sweet full voice singing the difficult runs with fine effect. Miss Gladys Garvin sang "O Thou That Testest" and "He was Despised" with that smoothness of tone and touch of emotion that always characterizes her work and makes it so enjoyable and finished.

Mr. George Sweet sang with his accustomed skill, snap and laudable attack, "Comfort Ye and Every Valley," also "But Thou Didst Not Leave." Mr. J. A. Hedrod was entrusted with the difficult bass numbers, and thoroughly justified the confidence reposed in him. His numbers were "Thus Salk the Lord," and "Who May Abide."

"Behold, Darkness and the People Do the Nations." He executed the difficult runs in this last aria with smoothness and his singing throughout was highly commendable. The choir sang with magnificent attack, and the various fugue figures were given out with a

powerful delivery. The tone throughout was crisp and clear, and their work in every number was of a very high order and finished. The organ symphonies and accompaniments were played by the organist and choirmaster, Mr. Clifford Hight. In the Pastoral Symphony he secured some beautiful effects of tone coloring and the atmosphere of this soothing number was admirably conceived. The technique displayed in the great arias was fine, clear, crisp and finished and the organ work was a great factor in securing a most memorable performance of the work. After the service the choir and friends adjourned to the school room, where the choir made a present of a beautiful piano lamp to Mrs. Duff Slemm, a former member of the choir. Mr. Clifford Hight in a most appropriate speech made the presentation to Mrs. Slemm and her friends, to which her husband responded in a most befitting manner. The next ceremony consisted of the Benediction by the minister, Rev. J. D. Phares.

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