

# THE WIFE

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

The Head Clerk at Mandel's Instructs  
As to Her Duties.

CHAPTER XXII.

Ruth's lip quivered when she realized that Brian had gone without the usual caress, but she choked back the tears and went about her work. Now that she had planned to have someone to do the distasteful tasks, they seemed more hateful than ever. Someway, too, she could not hurry, but kept thinking of Brian and his displeasure. Finally she decided not to wash the dishes, but to clear the table, make the bed, and do the dishes when she prepared dinner.

"I know I shall just hate to see them when I come home, but I haven't time to do them now," she said aloud as she looked at the clock. There was but an hour in which to dress and reach the shop.

Promptly at quarter to nine she walked into the door of the decorator's. Mr. Mandel had not yet arrived—so the clerk, an innocent-looking youth, told her—she found out afterward that, in spite of his looks, Jules La Monte was an expert in his line. She asked where she should put her hat, and then sat down to wait.

Just as the clock struck nine, Mr. Mandel walked briskly in.

"Ah, good morning, Mrs. Hackett," he said, then at once began to give La Monte some instructions in short, terse sentences.

"He doesn't waste words," Ruth thought as she waited, quietly listening until he had liberty to return to her. But when he finished with La Monte, he added:

"After you attend to what is necessary, I want you to tell Mrs. Hackett something of her duties. She will be as far as she is able—take Miss Candee's place," then he walked into the room with "private" on the door, closing it after him.

She had supposed he himself would explain her duties. That he had regaled them to the clerk, made her feel that he did not think her worth while spending his time with. This feeling showed, of course, how little Ruth knew of business or its ethics.

"I shall be only a few moments, Mrs. Hackett," La Monte said as he turned from her. "Suppose you look around until I return."

"Thank you, with pleasure, Ruth sauntered through the shop, rather the street floor. They occupied only a small room, but she did not feel free to go upstairs on her own initiative.

As she passed from one wonderful art object to another, as she allowed her fingers to touch caressingly the soft Oriental silks, she breathed a sigh of pure happiness and satisfaction. She had forgotten Brian's displeasure; she had even forgotten Brian himself.

She had walked toward the front of the shop. Passing was a man who reminded her of Brian. His walk, the set of his shoulders, his way of carrying his chin. She immediately felt guilty. She really loved her handsome husband, and that the beauty around her could cause her to forget him, made her unhappy for a moment. Then came the thought of the four little rooms—the kitchen with the soiled dishes in a pan, covered by a towel. All in a world of day, when Brian was at the office, alone, causing her to again regain her placid manner before La Monte returned to her.

"This way, Mrs. Hackett!" he led her to the elevator. "Most of your work will be on the next floor," he said.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

## Toronto Cook is Acquitted

Evidence Showed Phenol in  
Jar Rings

Report of the Analyst With  
Reference to Matter

Bracebridge, Sept. 12.—Isabel Brown, the Toronto cook, who was accused of attempting to poison Mrs. Margaret McAdam, was honorably acquitted this afternoon by Judge Mahaffy, 11 when shown by the analyst's report that phenol poison was contained in the rubber rings which were used by the accused on fruit jars, and that this serious condition was unknown to the cook. Crown Attorney Thomas Johnson subsequently informed the court that the analyst would make no further inquiries as to the extent of the rubber, or the extent to which they were in use, as he believed such investigation should be made by the Attorney-General's Department.

Miss Brown has been detained in jail for several days pending an investigation by Crown Attorney John Johnson, who was called in yesterday. The jelly was blamed for bringing on the sickness, and Crown Attorney Johnson sent the jar to L. Joseph Rogers, Professor of Analytical Chemistry at the University of Toronto, for a report.

Jelly Permeated With Poison.

The analysis, according to the report made by Mr. Johnson in court, showed that the rings used in sealing the jar contained phenol.

That the top portion of the jelly was permeated with phenol, the rubber being derived from the rubber.

There was not sufficient poison on the ring to cause death, there was enough to result in sickness to the person eating the jelly tainted with the phenol.

"Will you take any further action to investigate the extent to which the infected rings have been used, or trace from whence they came?"

Mr. Johnson was asked.

"I don't think so," he replied.

"Any further action rests with the Department at Toronto." Thus far Mr. Johnson has not been communicated with by the Department in reference to the matter.

Glass Company Detected Poison.

Hamilton, Sept. 12.—(Special)—Dylon Lison, 30 Beechwood Avenue, about a month ago bought a bottle of maple syrup off a local grocer. On this tasting it left a bitterness in his mouth, and he took it back to the grocer. All the bottles in the shop were opened, and had the same bitterness of taste, and an odor of carbolic acid. It was thrown out. A few days ago Mr. Lison bought some rubber rings for fruit jars. His wife boiled them before using them, and discovered that they had a carbolic acid odor, and his belief is that he has come in contact with the phenol, and that the syrup and rings were poisoned as a result of German activities. J. W. King of the Dominion Glass Co., sometime found a quantity of tainted rings and had them replaced before any were destroyed.

Find Traces of Carbolic Acid.

Gal., Sept. 12.—In the investigation into the question of poisoned rubber presented for rings, Dr. J. H. Radford, Medical Officer of Health, found that rings purchased at different stores showed traces of carbolic acid on them. But this afternoon he announced that a test showed only small quantities of the poison, so small in fact that there was not sufficient on one ring to kill a fly. Asked as to why the poison should be there, he said the only way he could account for it was that carbolic acid was used in some process for preserving the rubber.

Its mining possibilities, which include gold, are very great; its forests are huge, and, in addition, it has a great future as an agricultural country, and already, for instance, produces an amount of butter so large as greatly to arouse the cupidity of the Germans. As a field for agricultural implements and cognate manufactures the country presents a field whose importance can hardly be exaggerated.

Like Our Prairies in Winter.

"In the inland parts of Siberia," he says, "the winter climate resembles very closely that of the Canadian prairies." There is more snow, containing a depth in the north, or Amur railway line of four or five feet at times. On the southern, or Manchurian line, the snow is not so deep. The thermometer occasionally drops low, but the air and snow both as a rule are dry, as in Western Canada, so that the cold is not piercing. Spring comes at about the same time as in Canada, and the summers are hot.

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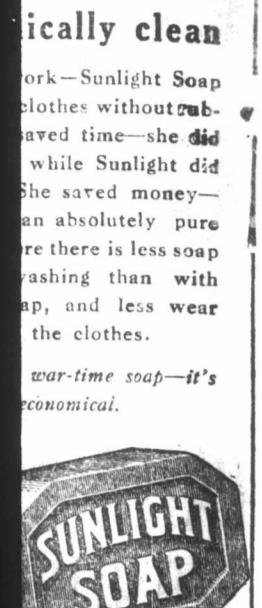
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