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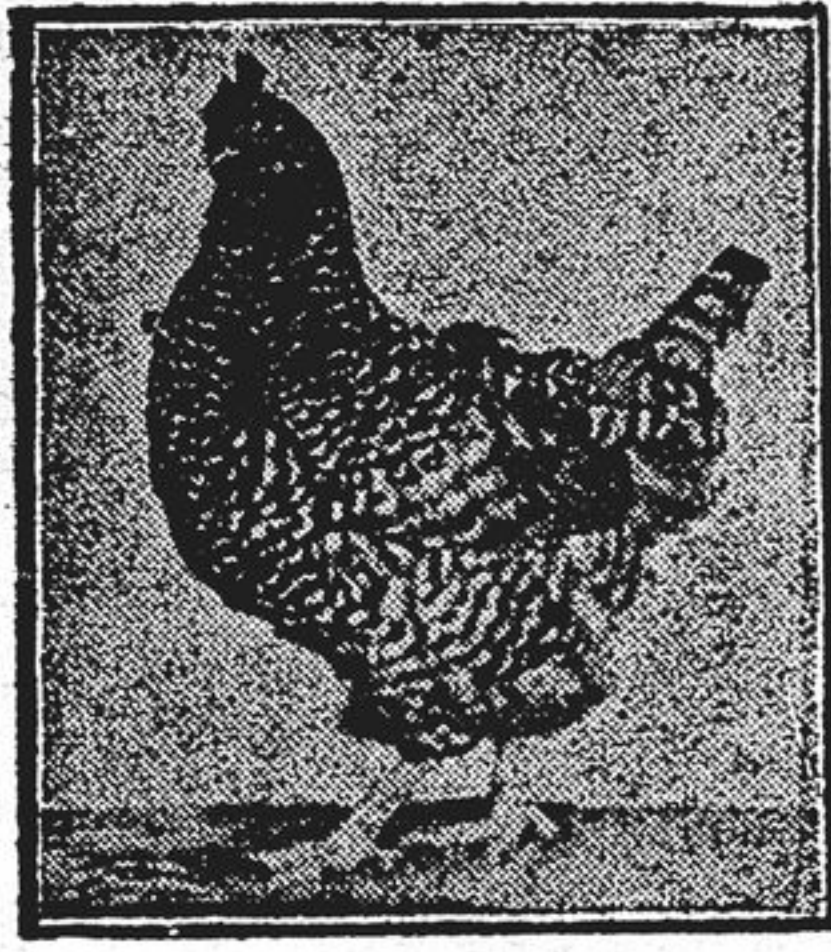
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## HALVES OF A WHOLE

Peggy Quite Unconsciously Proved Herself Competent as a Minister's Wife

By MARION OLIVIA GREGG

### Two Proposals

"I'm not at all the kind of a girl you ought to marry," said the girl decidedly, looking at the man in front of her with serious eyes.

"The consideration as to whether you are the kind of girl I ought to marry has never entered my mind. The fact that you are the girl I want to marry is never out of it," rejoined the man, gazing back at the girl with eyes as serious as her own.

"Do I look like a clergyman's wife—do I, John? Did you ever see one with hair like mine? Nothing on this earth will keep it tidy. Ah, it's all very well to laugh—as a smile hovered round the man's clean-cut mouth—"but I'm not cut out for a clergyman's wife. Even my name is against it. Peggy! It ought to be Mary or Jane, or something solid."

"And all this means," said the man quietly, "that you don't care."

"I suppose it is that I don't care enough," said the girl gently. "I do care; you know that, John. I want to be your wife, but I don't want to be a clergyman's wife. Oh, I'm getting mixed! What am I saying?"

"Simply that you don't care enough," said the man, leaning forward and taking both the girl's hands in his. "I was mistaken, that's all; I imagined you did. What idiots men are! I thought I could make you happy, and I could, too!" he added hotly, holding the small hands so tightly that the girl almost screamed.

"That's not the point altogether. Could I make you happy? And the people, and the parish, and the bishop, and all of them? Oh, John, I couldn't; don't ask me!"

"But I'm not asking you to marry the people, and the parish, and the bishop, and all of them! Only me, Peggy!"

"Yes; but a clergyman's wife affects them all, and I couldn't be prim, and set a good example, and look after mothers' meetings and things. Don't say any more about it, John; I just couldn't do it! You don't mind very much, do you?" she added quickly, as the man's face suddenly set hard.

"Only so much that I shall never marry anybody else," he replied gravely.

And the look in his steady brown eyes haunted the girl for days.

"And I've spoiled your life?"

"No, not spoiled it; only left it incomplete. I'm just the half of a whole, Peggy, and you are the other. You don't feel it, so you will probably marry somebody else, and fit in quite well; but I couldn't. Ah, my dear, I feel like fighting for you, and making you mine! But it would be altering your whole life, and it wouldn't be fair, unless you cared for me in the same way."

"But we can go on being friends, John?"

no, dear; you can never be friends with your other half. I must have the whole of you or none of you, so it's just good-bye!"

"And what if I change my mind?" "Then I'm always there, waiting to be made whole. Good-bye!"

Six months later the girl sat in the same room, wondering how she was going to answer this altogether different young man gazing at her with excited eyes.

"Do you feel that I am your other half?" she said suddenly; and there was a serious note in the musical tones.

"Half? Heavens, no! You're my whole, my everything! Peggy, you must—you shall say 'Yes'; I can't go on like this! I'm mad when I'm with you, and worse when I'm away from you! Say 'Yes' now!"

"But it would be silly to say 'Yes' if I don't mean it," said the girl, very gently. "What would be the good of that?"

"Ah, but you would in time."

"No; I never should!" And there was a note of finality in the girl's voice. "Tony, you will think I'm a perfect idiot; but some time ago—oh, months!—a man told me that he was one half of a whole and I was the other, and that I belonged to him. Wasn't it a weird idea? I laughed at the time, but—but—oh, I don't know! Anyhow, I can't marry anyone else; it would seem like bigamy, or something!"

"Confounded impudence!"

"Oh, no; it wasn't impudence!" said the girl sharply, as a vision of the other man's strong, serious face flashed across her mind. "It was just the greatest compliment he could pay me!"

"Peggy, I believe you're in love with the beggar!"

"No, I don't think I am; but it's the idea of the thing somehow, to belong to someone so absolutely as to be their other half. Not a toy, or a plaything, or a treasure, or an idol; but just a half, without which they can never be a whole!" added the girl softly, with a far-away look in her eyes.

"Then there is no hope for me?"

"No hope? You silly old boy; there's every hope! You must find your other half. You've got one somewhere, you know, and a much nicer one than I am, I expect!"

"Rot!" ejaculated the young man inelegantly, as he flung himself out of the room.

### The Completed Whole

In the quiet weeks that followed the girl slowly realized how much she had missed the other man in the last six months. And then an energetic female of advanced years, and still more advanced ideas, came upon the scene, and enfolded the girl in a scheme for "brightening the lives of children in the slums."

"But I don't know anything about children or slums," said Peggy helplessly, as the other rapidly sketched out a plan of campaign.

"You soon will"—with something between a snort and a sniff.

"But what do I do?" persisted Peggy, feeling rather like a timid fly caught in the toils of a particularly energetic spider.

"Oh, talk to them!"

"The children?"

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