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THE SYLVESTER DIAMOND

By BLANCHE ROBERTS

CONCLUSION

The door of room 240 was closed and she pushed it open gently without making a sound. A nurse was standing over by the window and did not hear or see her enter. Dan was lying there, his head wrapped in yards of bandage, and his eyes were closed. He was very pale.

"Dan," she breathed close to his ear.

His eyes came open instantly.

"Honey!" he cried and reached a hand to touch the face so close to his. "Honey, darling!" The gladness in his voice warmed her heart as she kissed him.

The nurse spun around. "How did you get in?" she demanded sharply, threateningly.

"Never mind," put in Dan. "Please leave us." The nurse looked uncertain. "Go on," he ordered firmly. "Get out."

She went then.

"Why did you come back, Honey? Why didn't you make good your escape?" His eyes caressed her while his voice scolded.

"I was not running from you, Dan," she said slowly, and lifted his hand to her lips. "It was Joe. I was running from him. But he is dead now."

"Yes. In an auto accident. He tried to kill me before he died." She touched the bandage on her shoulder.

Dan closed his eyes for a moment as if to shut out the thought.

Honey took a deep breath. "Dan, look at me. Let me tell you before they come and take me away."

He turned his eyes up to her and new hope was in their depths.

"The woman who had the diamond was not the real Mrs. Sylvester," she stated with emphasis, sure of her ground. "The real Mrs. Sylvester died and the woman impersonating her was her nurse."

"How do you know, Honey?"

She put fingertips over his lips so he would not interrupt her again as she hurried on with her explanation.

"The Sylvesters lived in Europe. After Mr. Sylvester's death his wife moved to a mountain village. She was an invalid and soon became bedridden. The nurse took up the position as widow and passed Mrs. Sylvester off as an aunt."

Her voice was soft and vibrant with feeling as she went on with her story, her hand gripping his firmly for strength. The pain in her shoulder did not stop, and neither of them saw the small circle of red that came through the bandage and kept getting larger.

"Harry Sylvester was the black sheep of his family and when he left home as a young man, he took his mother's diamond, the most precious thing she possessed. It broke her heart to lose it. So before Harry's wife died, she managed to get a letter posted to his mother, telling of the nurse's activities which she was unable to prevent. But his mother died before she could do anything to recover it. The nurse did not know there were any living relatives and presumed her schemes were safe."

"And you, Honey?' He could not keep back the important question any longer.

"Harry had a sister who died and left a child. I am that child—Honey Sylvester Monroe. I promised grandmother just before she died that I would get the diamond back. But she did not want to go to court about it and let the world know that her son was a thief." Her voice was getting weaker but neither noticed and she went on, struggling against the pain in her shoulder. "When I met Joe Danburne, I knew he was a jewel thief and it was through him I learned of the whereabouts of the stone. He was planning to steal it.

"That is the reason I was seen so much with him. I had to get the diamond."

A tear splashed against his hand as she added:

"Grandmother has her diamond now, and nothing else matters if you forgive me. If I still have your love, Dan."

"Honey!" Never had she heard her name spoken in such a loving voice, and her heart leaped with supreme happiness. Then he saw her shoulder and the blood soaked bandage. "Honey!" he cried in alarm and reached out quickly to pull her into his arms.

The door opened in that instant to admit nurses and a doctor with Art at their heels. Honey had fainted, her bright head against Dan, his arms around her.

The doctor picked up the limp figure, but he saw the question in Dan's eyes and was compelled to answer. "Not too serious, I understand," he said kindly. "Just weakness from loss of blood."

"How soon will——" Dan began but the doctor interrupted. "She'll be fine in a week,' he said.

"I was going to say how soon could we be married," Dan said, "but that answers my question."

Art smiled and walked over to introduce himself to Dan.

(The End)

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At last, the unhappy victim turned despairing eyes upon the small one's beaming mother.

"Madam," he asked, "what do you call this dear child?"

"Kenneth," she replied brightly.

"Then pray, call him."

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"DEAR ANNE HIRST: In most of your answers to worried wives, I notice your advice has been to try to save their marriages. Please tell me if I have done the right thing.

"I've been separated from my husband now for four months. This is the third time. He is 24 (I'm 21) and very nervous and temperamental, a man who cares only for himself. I've grown nervous, and so have the children, from his always coming home angry.

"He breaks down the doors, frightens the children, preaches all night about the war. He would never take me home to see my family, though they live only six miles away. He says when I married him I was to give them up; when they came to see us, he ordered them off the place.

"He never trusted me with one cent. He fussed when I asked for the babies' clothes. He had our telephone put in his mother's house so I couldn't spend 15 cents to call my mother. Three cents is too much to spend for postage; all the mail goes to his office. He even told my neighbor not to lend me magazines (which I read to relieve my mind). I've given him hundreds of chances, but it's the same thing over again. UNCONTROLLABLE TEMPER.

"When my last baby was born (two weeks old now) he made so much trouble at the hospital that they sent me home on my fourth day. (I nearly lost the baby before I went.) He has even threatened to take his life.

"When I found out he drank, I knew my marriage was a mistake. We have gone without groceries so that he could buy beer for his parents and himself. (They even gave my baby beer!)

"Now I am living with my parents, who are wonderful to me. I receive only five dollars a week for support. He sends me roses instead of money!

"I am trying now to forget him, and raise my babies to be fine boys. Have I done right?

UNCERTAIN.

* I HAVE CONSIDERED your situation from every angle. I do not see what else you could have done but leave this husband who caused you so much anxiety and alarm.

He seems to be one of those badly balanced young men who indulges himself as he pleases, and takes no thought of the consequences of his tantrums on you and the children. He does indeed seem to love only himself. Determined to have his own way, he keeps you shocked and upset by his outbursts of temper, his disregard of the babies, and his neglect to provide for you all.

No young wife can stand such a life. You tried to. You left him three times, only to return at his beseeching. Now you have reached the end of your rope. Who can blame you?

I do try to help unhappy wives and husbands to preserve their marriage — if it has good in it. But of what use can such a man as your husband be to his wife or his children? If any man has reason to BE A MAN in every sense, your husband has. Evidently it is beyond his power to change.

I am so sorry!

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When a husband lacks the character and self-control to cherish his wife and children, the wife must take things into her own hands for everybody's sake. Anne Hirst can help you out of your confusion. Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

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A doctor who had a neurasthenic patient said to him: "Say each morning, 'The Mediterranian sun is beating down on me and curing me!'"

A week later his patient went to report progress.

"Doctor," he said, "I'm much better."

"Good," replied the doctor. "Go on with the treatment, and don't forget that the Mediterranian sun is beating down on you."

In another week the doctor called on him and was horrified to find the blinds down.

"What happened?" he inquired of the maid.

"Please, sir, Mr. Robinson's very ill."

"Heavens, what was the cause?"

"Sunstroke, sir."

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ACROSS
1. Copy
4. Mountain crest
9. Crude metal
12. Irritate
13. Ponders
14. Prickly seed covering
15. Architectural member
17. Regular stopping places
19. The cream
21. Poem
22. Made a mistake
24. Discover
26. Connected with
28. King Arthur's lance
29. Illuminating device
31. Molten rock
33. Marbles
35. Grated
37. California bulrush
38. Lock openers
40. Before: prefix
41. Whirlwind
42. Go by
44. Bards
46. Month of the year (ab.)
47. Opera by Puccini
49. The north star
52. Biblical character
55. Be obliged for
56. Devoured
58. Self
59. Aim
60. Pillar
61. Period

DOWN
1. Hummingbird
2. Cage
3. Outer
4. Exist
5. Corrode
6. Consider
7. Beverage
8. Bar legally
9. Musical instrument
10. Extend
11. Bitter vetch
15. Malt liquor
18. Pastoral poems
20. Unoccupied
22. Poetic Muse
23. Rascal
25. Nimble
26. Open
27. Grows dim
30. Inquires
32. Seemed
34. Wigwam
36. Serpents
39. Condition
43. Semicircular building parts
45. Wood sorrel
46. Vehicle on runners
48. Russian city
49. American poet
50. Acknowledge
51. Loop and knot
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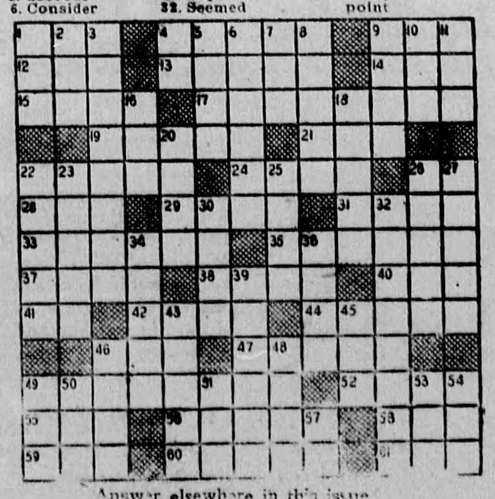

Answer elsewhere in this issue.

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I remove ink from a piece of linen that has been sent to the laundry and returned with a number on it?

A. Apply a saturated solution of cyanide of potassium with a camel's hair brush. Wash in cold water immediately after the mark is removed.

Q. How can I keep parsley fresh for several days?

A. Place the sprigs of parsley in a jar with screw top, keep in the refrigerator, and it will keep nice and fresh for many days.

Q. How can I tint plain, white, canvas shoes?

A. They can be tinted any desired color by using a small package of good dye, and applying with a brush.

Q. How can I prevent clothing from sticking to the varnish of a chair?

A. Rub the chair with a cloth dampened with turpentine, and follow with a cloth wet with linseed oil. Rub thoroughly with both applications.

Q. How can I keep a half lemon fresh, when a recipe requires only a half?

A. It will keep until a use is found for it if it is pressed firmly on a small dish, cut side down, and placed in the refrigerator.

Q. How can I make the cover of the ironing board smooth and tight?

A. Tack or fasten the cover on the board while it is wet, and it will be absolutely smooth and tight when it dries.

Q. How can I prevent an unpleasant, leathery odor on gloves, caused by the hands perspiring?

A. This can be prevented by dusting rice or talcum powder into the gloves as soon as they are removed.

Q. How can I prevent the undercrust of a custard pie from soaking up the custard?

A. Bake the crust about half-done before filling in the hot custard, and this will be avoided.

Q. How can I take proper care of leather chairs?

A. First use a damp rag to wipe off all dirt and dust, then rub with a cloth that has been dipped in the well-beaten white of an egg. After the egg has been dried, rub thoroughly with a clean cloth.

Q. How can I soften a paint brush that has become stiff and hard?

A. Place the brush in a pan and cover it with vinegar. Allow it to boil until the brush is soft and pliable.

Q. How can I toughen the straws of new brooms?

A. By dipping them into boiling hot suds before using.

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