

**Mr. and Mrs. Sallie**  
—being the Confessions of a new wife—  
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"What do you mean, Ellie, and how on earth did you know about Curtiss and Letitia Evans?" I demanded. "A little bird told me."  
"Please be serious," I pleaded, "this is a matter of my life's happiness and you are joking."  
Ellie sat up, in what was for her a dignified position, and lapsed back into the more serious mood in which she had made her first announcement. "Listen, Sallie, I hadn't meant to spill the fact that I was on to Curtiss' misdemeanor but I couldn't sit back and watch something like that put over my best friend and act like a dumb-bell about it."  
"I've known all summer that they were seeing each other but I had no idea anyone else had noticed. Do you reckon—?"  
"No, I don't think the whole town is on to it, yet," Ellie interrupted, "but of course your own set is bound to sit up and find interesting gossip in such a flagrant disregard of the conventions. It's even gotten to Jacksonville because Marjorie Chenworth wrote me about it. She told me to make you come up here and get away from the whole situation."  
"You don't think that—?"  
"I couldn't go on."  
"That your paragon of saintly virtue is actually side-stepping?"  
I ignored her slang and carsasm and nodded.  
"Well, of course, I don't know how far he's fallen for the wiles of this Letitia Evans but I do know this, Sallie, any woman, provided she is reasonably attractive, and sets her mind to it, can get any man, and any wife who holds her husband might just as well put it down to luck and nothing short of it, that 'the other woman' has failed to make her appearance with her flattering compliments and fresh enthusiasm. Why, I bet she even laughs at his old stories," she concluded.  
"I see what you mean, but I can't think that Curtiss has gone very far in this thing, Ellie. I feel that its just an entanglement with this Evans girl that he stepped into before he realized her true nature and I believe even now he's trying to get out of it with the least harm and scandal."  
Ellie sniffed.  
"It must take a whale of a lot of love to have that much confidence in someone who has treated you like Curtiss. I might as well tell you all your friends are perfectly indignant. Marj, for instance, wrote me that I should insist on your coming up here and getting away from an ugly situation. She addresses you and knows what a sacrifice you've made already for Curtiss by giving up all the luxuries you've been accustomed to and economizing ever since you've been married. What does he do to show his appreciation? Have an affair with a rude little flapper!"  
"I don't think it's exactly that," I defended.  
"It has all the earmarks, ma chérie."  
"Anyway," I continued, "I couldn't have done anything but help Curtiss, you see that really was my duty and besides—I loved him so that it made everything easy."  
It had not been easy and I realized the moment that I had said it that I was beginning to tell a string of petty lies to protect Curtiss and recognized it for a primitive emotion, indulged in, no doubt, by the cave woman in order to make 'her man' appear a hero.  
"My contention with him is that he is deplorably lacking in appreciation of you, Sallie. Why you could have married any one of a dozen splendid catches and you threw them all over for Curtiss."  
"Don't forget in all fairness to him, Ellie, that he has some very wonderful qualities and this is the only thing that has come up to keep us from being perfectly happy."  
"I won't admit his perfection!" she declared, fiercely, "he's always struck me as being exceedingly narrow-minded." I knew then at that very moment that Ellie had enlisted on the side against Curtiss and any attempt to make her change her view-point was useless.  
"That's just why I married him," I contended, "a sort of balance-wheel for my own impulsive enthusiasm. I was hopelessly frivolous, Ellie, and you know it, and Curtiss certainly has made me over."  
"That's just why I think he's so inconsistent. Why doesn't he, himself, put some of his lofty ideas into practice? I'll have nothing good to say for him, Sallie, and if I were you, I'd put in for a divorce from him tomorrow."  
I winced at the word.  
"Oh, no, no, it hasn't come to anything like that! Why, I'd have no further purpose in living with Curtiss you see, you've misjudged him

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Paul W. Blanchard, Jr., One of New Class at the Army Academy

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