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Mr. and Mrs. Sallie

—being the Confessions of a new wife—

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Sallie Hears News of Curtiss
"Come with me to my hotel," suggested Mrs. Wright, "for I want to talk to you about a great many things and a hotel room, in New York, is about the only place I know where we won't be disturbed." She put up her smartly gloved hand and hailed a passing cab. I could hardly wait to ask news of Curtiss but I forced myself to talk impersonally until we were cozily seated in her room at the hotel.

"Shall I order a bit of luncheon to be served here?" asked Mrs. Wright. "Please, I'd rather not," I replied. "I can't bear the thought of food right now. I'd rather talk, that is, if you don't mind."

"Suits me splendidly," she agreed. "I never take anything but orange-juice and spinach and I'm better off without even that, for I'm always struggling against inches of fat which have an annoying way of annexing themselves to my waist-line!"

I smiled distractedly and she evidently sensed the fact that I was ready for news from Curtiss and home. However, I knew that her inherent good taste would not permit her to discuss a subject of such an intimate nature, unless I started it myself. So unable to contain myself a moment longer I turned to her and with ill-concealed eagerness asked how Curtiss was and when she had seen him last.

"I seldom catch a glimpse of him except early in the morning or late in the afternoon, but I've never seen a man lead a more regular life. He comes home about five o'clock every afternoon and, because my room is on the same side of the house as his,

"Oh, yes, I see," her voice was undisturbed, "she told you that, did she? Well I'm not surprised, but what does shock me somewhat is your believing such a thing about a man like Curtiss Wright."

"But I haven't had one word from him since I've been away," I complained, with self-pity in my voice.

"Did he ask you not to go?" she asked quickly as if she had seized upon the reason why Curtiss had refused to write.

"Yes, because he violently disapproves of Ellie, and because," my voice was unsteady, "because he begged me to have faith in him. But I couldn't, when he was running around with Letitia Evans and wouldn't explain any of the things I wanted to know."

Mrs. Wright crossed the room and put her arms around me. There was sympathetic understanding in the gesture, as if she were comforting a child.

"Listen, Sallie dear," she said, "your mother and I were like sisters, you know, and there was no one who understood her reactions and moods better than I. You are identically like her and I believe I understand you equally as well. You left Curtiss because you were jealous and hurt and, because he asked you not to go, he was also chagrined. He's been waiting to hear from you and you've been waiting to hear from him. It's just a lovers' quarrel, the principle of which is as old as the hills. Two fiery, pride-full persons each trying to hold out as long as possible and in the meantime suffering untold anguish of heart."

"Certainly not! For they aren't true, I tell you. Curtiss Wright hasn't looked at Letitia Evans since you've been away and the last gossip I heard was that she was flirting outrageously with a new minister in town. It's a case of 'off with the old, on with the new,' where Letitia is concerned."

"Is he married?" I wanted to know.

"Oh, yes 'Tish Evans likes to play with fire. She's been known to say that having an affair with a married man was much more thrilling. It's too bad that she ever crossed your path, Sallie, for she is undoubtedly a mischief-maker. Her family's position is all on earth that saves her from ostracism of the worst sort. But," she hurried on, "regardless of Letitia or Ellie or anyone else, what I want to get, Sallie-dear, is this—that you and Curtiss are married and, if you expect to remain so, you must make up your mind that when misunderstandings arise you've got to have faith in him. May I speak perfectly plain?"

"I want you to," I declared.

"If you had stood bravely by like a good soldier, this little fling with the Evans girl would have blown over, leaving Curtiss with even more love and respect for you in the end. I don't know the reason behind this entanglement of his but I do know it has not materially effected Curtiss or his moral fitness. He's not one to go in for double-dealing. I've known him since he was a child and he's always had one of the highest codes of ethics I ever saw."

"I know, I know," I interrupted, "the whole thing was such a bitter disillusion and I guess that's why it hurt and was so hard for me to understand."

"Don't try to, Sallie. Just trust Curtiss and know that he still feels the same way about his ideals regardless of the way things LOOK. Don't you know that the most worthwhile things of life, anyway are those that we can't see with our eyes or fathom without understanding. Take birth and immortality and friendship and springtime, with the return of peach-blossoms, sunsets and moonlights, and even love itself. Those things that can not be analyzed in the cold light of reason." She paused for a moment and we both sat thinking over what she had just said, then she spoke again; "That's the way you've got to take Curtiss. Go back to him, dear child, and don't allow anything to come between you and his love. He has missed you so! He has a hungry look in his eyes that would melt a stone. And don't think or talk about the past. Just dwell in the glorious noon-tide of your love."

"Oh, you're wonderful!" I cried, and you really think he wants me?" I wanted her calm assurance once again.

"Well, you're a good sport, aren't you?" she asked and a delicious smile lurked in her keen blue eyes. "All right," she concluded, not waiting for my reply, "you're willing to try anything once, I presume, so suppose you take a chance on the reception you'll get from Curtiss and, she chuckled in amusement, if he throws you out of the house, you can always come to me!"

Sallie returns home in the next installment. How does Curtiss receive her? Read next week's installment.

Our idea of a real optimist is the New York preacher who says he is praying for Henry L. Mencken.

State of Illinois,
County of Lake, ss.
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SAID COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Marinus Andersen, deceased, and in the Matter of the Application of Astrid Andersen, Administratrix of the Estate of Marinus Andersen, deceased, for leave to sell real estate to pay debts.

vs.
Inga Andersen, Roy Andersen and Norman Andersen.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of a decretal order made and entered of record on October 7, 1926, in the above entitled cause, in and by the Probate Court of Lake County, Illinois, at the October Term A. D. 1926 of said court, the undersigned, as Administratrix of the Estate of Marinus Andersen, deceased, will on Tuesday, the 16th day of November, A. D. 1926, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, sell at public vendue at the premises herein described, in the City of Highland Park, in the County of Lake, in the State of Illinois, to the highest and best bidder for cash, all and singular the following described real estate, in said decree described, to-wit:

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for the purpose of paying debts and claims against said estate, and costs and expenses of administration thereof.

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I can not help but notice how early every evening he turns out his light. I haven't been spying, mind you, or anything like that," she added with a smile, "but when houses are as close as yours and mine it is almost impossible not to get an idea of a neighbor's daily routine. For instance," she hurried on, "Several times when I've been sitting on my terrace I've seen some young people drive up and ask Curtiss to go out. He answered each time with an excuse. As a matter of fact, I don't think he has accepted any invitations to go out a single night since you've been gone."

"Where does he have dinner?" I asked interested in even the smaller details of his day.

"At the club, so Eva says. She's my maid. I sent her to him when you'd been gone two weeks and he made arrangements with her to come in every morning to clean and dust."

"You're an angel!" I exclaimed, "do you mean to say he hasn't even had a date with—"

"That foolish little Evans girl?" she read by thoughts, "no, and she's been by several times for him in her car, but, after a brief conversation, she always drives off—alone. You remember what I told you a long time ago about Curtiss not caring a snap of his fingers about her, don't you, dear? Well, I hope you believe me now."

My heart leaped with hope and gladness and I wanted to shout for joy.

"But Ellie told me that he wanted to marry her. That he was just waiting for me to get a divorce."

"Is Ellie the friend with whom you are staying in New York?"

I nodded my head.

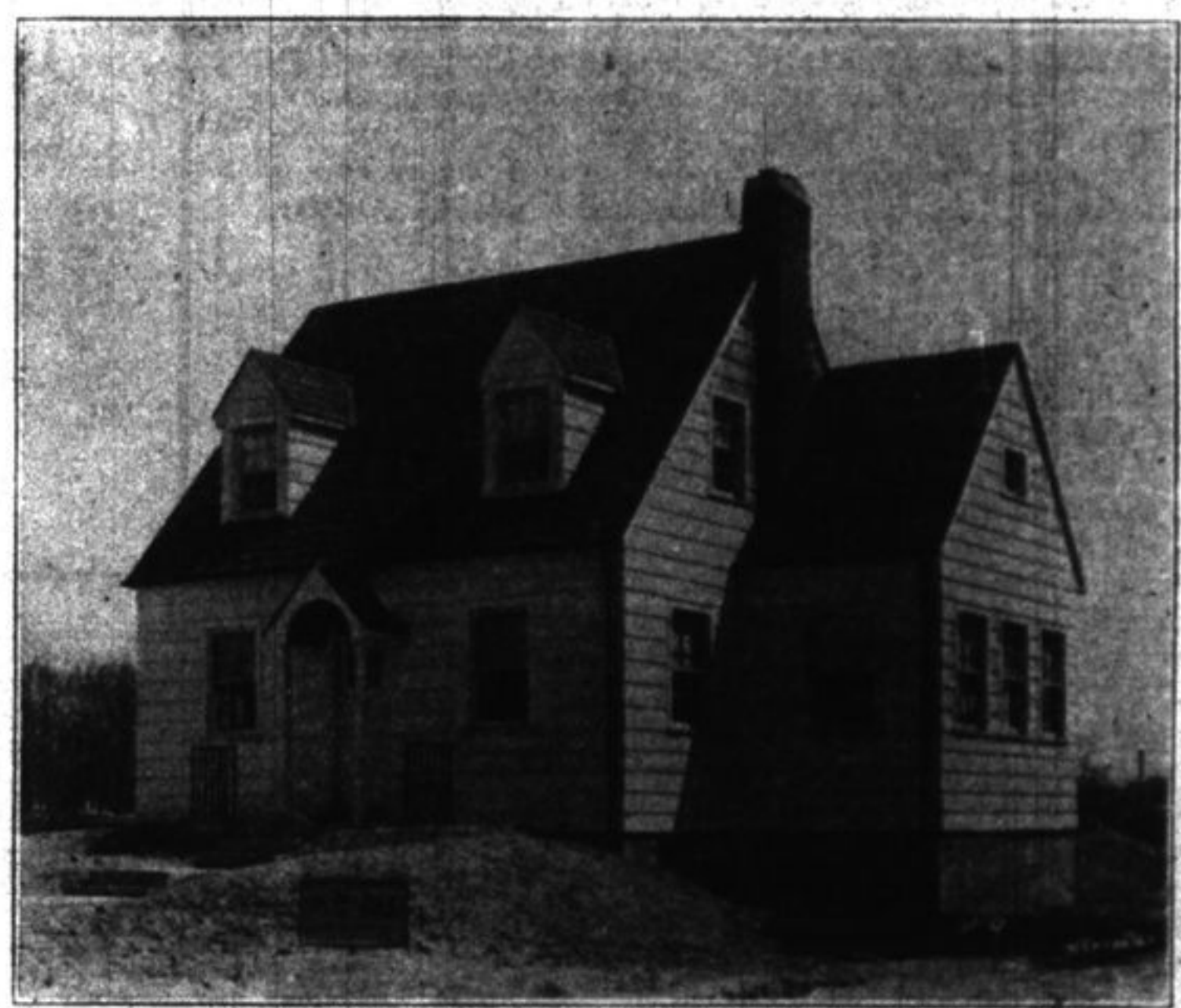
"Oh, how I wish I could have talked to you instead of Ellie! You see she told me that I wouldn't have any pride or self-respect if I ever considered returning home and when that didn't keep me from thinking about him day and night she told me he WANTED a divorce so that he could marry that—awful girl." My voice broke.

"Why, the little rascal!" Mrs. Wright exclaimed, "It's difficult to understand anyone who is supposed to be your friend planting such a hideous idea in your impetuous little head. There are women, though, Sallie, without loved-ones of their own, who delight in taking away the one thing in the lives of others which they think they've been cheated out of themselves. It's a destructive complex, the psycho-analysts claim. A form of envy too, which often drives them to unscrupulous lengths."

"But I think Ellie means awfully well," I defended, "she seems to be fond of me, really, in her way."

"That's just it!" Mrs. Wright broke in, "she's one of those 'duty-friends' who are fastidiously frank in affairs that concern them not in the least. They are as insidiously dangerous as a snake! Having no sweetness or ideals of their own they revel in destroying these qualities in the lives of their friends. Oh, I've known women of that type, Sallie dear, and they are the last ones on earth to be conscious of the subtlety of the methods they employ to wreck happy and contented homes."

"Then you don't think Ellie knew for a certainty all those horrible things she told me?" I asked, avidly anticipating her words.



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