

# THE CONFESSIONS OF ROXANE

By Frances Walter.

## DICKY TELLS ME OF HIS LOVE

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I never could remember all that happened that evening. Strange as it may seem, it was Dicky who calmed me after my outburst. Happily for us, my laughter had reached the ears of only a few persons seated near us, and, after all, no distressing scene had been created.

Another fortunate circumstance was that Dicky had not seen his sister at the other end of the dining room. Angry as he was with Arthur, one can easily imagine what might have happened if the poor boy had known that, after humiliating me, Arthur had gone to spend the evening with Myrtle.

My hysteria had made him forget his own anger, and so when my agitation was at its height, he placed his hand on mine as it lay on the table, and, pressing it gently, urged me to be calm. There was something about the boy's words and something in his manner which had the desired effect, but I still was keenly aware of Arthur's presence at the other end of the room, and it required all my self control to prevent others near me from noticing that something was wrong.

"Roxane," said Dicky, "I was right in my suspicion. Your husband does not love you. He is a brute."

"Why Dicky, I exclaimed, 'You must not say that!'"

"I will say it," he continued passionately. "If he had loved you he would not have left you as he did. I could see that he was angry when he found you here with me, but after he did find you he would have stayed if he had cared for you. It is just as I told you. He does not love you. He is slipping from you."

The waiter had brought the wine, and Dicky raised his glass and drained the entire contents. As I watched him I saw the color come back to his face and an added lustre shine in his eyes. Again he placed his hand over mine.

"Roxane, dear," he said, "if Arthur does not love you, I do. You are the most beautiful and the sweetest woman in the world."

"Don't!" I cried, drawing my hand from his. "I am sure Arthur does love me."

Dicky leaned forward suddenly. "Look at me, Roxane," he said. "Can you expect me to believe that that man loves you? Why did you ever marry him?"

I noticed for the first time that he had ceased to call me Mrs. Pembroke and was addressing me by my first name, but I did not object. Indeed, it seemed but natural that he should call me Roxane, so intimate had we become in a short time. Then, too, he seemed to have grown older. A day or two before I had



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looked upon him as a boy; now he was a man, and a very handsome man. Besides he was making love to me and no one could blame him for not wishing to use my husband's name in speaking to me.

The pressure of his hand on mine interrupted these thoughts and brought me back to myself. He was bending close to me and gazing passionately into my face. The low, distant music from the orchestra, the intoxicating perfume of flowers, and the influence of the wine and the contact of our flesh combined to almost make him wild. I saw that I must do something quickly or he might take me in his arms in the presence of the throng of fashionable diners.

Disengaging my hand and pushing back my chair I rose.

"Come, we must go," I said. He gazed at me in blank amazement for a moment, but under the circumstances there was nothing else



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for him to do, and he got up. The waiter toppled over a chair or two in his haste to reach us and bring my wraps. Dicky led the way to the east entrance, near which his sister Myrtle and Arthur were seated.

I knew full well what would happen at that moment if he saw my husband with Myrtle. Aroused as he was with the thought that he loved me, and already angry with Arthur, he would, I knew, attack him, if he came upon those two together. Placing my hand on his arm, I guided him adroitly to the north entrance of the room and breathed a sigh of relief as we reached the doorway leading to the street.

On the way home Dicky spoke hardly a word, nor was I in a very talkative mood. I had many things to think of. Not the least was the fact that I had led this boy to love me. I realized that in less than a week he had changed from a happy, thoughtless youth to a deep feeling man with ideas and emotions which, unless guided by manly strength, might drive him into a vortex of misery.

As we stood before the door of my home a softer mood came upon him. Lifting my hand to his lips he kissed it gently, and without a word turned and walked into the night.  
(To be continued)

### Workmen's Diamonds.

In a certain vault in a room in the Trade and Commerce Department at Ottawa repose thousands of diamonds. They lie there without the protection of time locks and armed guards. No burglar alarms provide scientific precautions against their abstraction for the reason that no such attempt is feared.

The explanation of such immunity is to be found in the fact that the stones, though they are diamonds, are not of the precious variety. They are of the kind known as industrial diamonds, used by glaziers, steel manufacturers and for other such purposes. The British Government has ruled that they must not be exported, even to Canada, except through the Trade and Commerce Department, and accompanied by a sworn statement by the importer as to their destination. The reason is that the diamonds are of use in many branches of manufacture connected with the war, and it is desired to keep them out of the hands of the enemy. Their actual value, however, varies from a few cents to some forty dollars each, depending on their size.

### Dental Corps' Work.

Interesting figures, showing the enormous work performed by the Canadian Army Dental Corps, are found in the recently-presented report from that corps for the period from July 15, 1915, to March 31, 1916.

Altogether 201,610 dental operations were performed upon officers; of this number 56,079 were extractions. The total number of fillings was 86,887; total treatments, 15,304; total dentures, 10,895; total prophylaxis treatments, 10,710; total devitalizations, 11,732, making altogether the above-mentioned number of operations.

Three hundred and ninety-two officers received dental attention during the nine months covered in the report.

### Followed the Bathers.

Few eligibles can escape the ubiquitous recruiter in these days, and the young fellows who sought refuge in the swimming pool at High Park on Sunday received a watery shock. Two recruiting sergeants also dived in and came up like submarines alongside of the sportive and sent a torpedo question into him without the slightest warning.

### Bather Drowned at Renfrew.

Renfrew July 17.—A young man named Edwin Daviau was drowned in the Bonnechere river on Friday while bathing with some companions. He took cramps while swimming and disappeared.

## "Low Cost of Living" Menu

**Menu for Wednesday**

**BREAKFAST**  
Blackberries or Fruit of Choice  
Boiled Cereal  
Ponched Eggs, Toast or Rolls  
Jam or Jelly  
Coffee or Cocoa

**LUNCHEON OR SUPPER**  
Thick Soup, String Bean Salad  
Bread and Cream Cheese  
Blackberry Holly-Poly  
Milk or Tea

**DINNER**  
Baked Hamburg Steak  
Mashed Potatoes and Parsley  
Lettuce and Onion Salad  
Currant Sherbet  
Coffee

**Baked Hamburg Steak**  
Materials—One pound round steak, 2 tablespoons grated onion, 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley, ½ cup beef suet, 1 teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 cup fresh breadcrumbs.

Utensils—Mixing bowl, meat chopper, teaspoon, tablespoon, two measuring cups, plectin.

Directions—Put the meat and beef suet through meat chopper; add breadcrumbs, onion, parsley, salt and pepper, and mix well. Shape like sirloin steak; put on plectin that has been brushed with drippings and lay a few slices of bacon on the top; bake ten or twelve minutes—that depends on how you like the meat cooked. A little gravy can be made after removing meat; add a little water, thickening and caramel. Place the meat in centre of hot platter and put the mashed potatoes around the edge, the gravy over the meat. Sprinkle all with chopped parsley and a dash of paprika over the potatoes.

P.S.—The green peas are served around the potatoes. Not only does this make a most attractive dish, but it all comes on one platter, thereby saving the washing of dishes and is easier to serve.

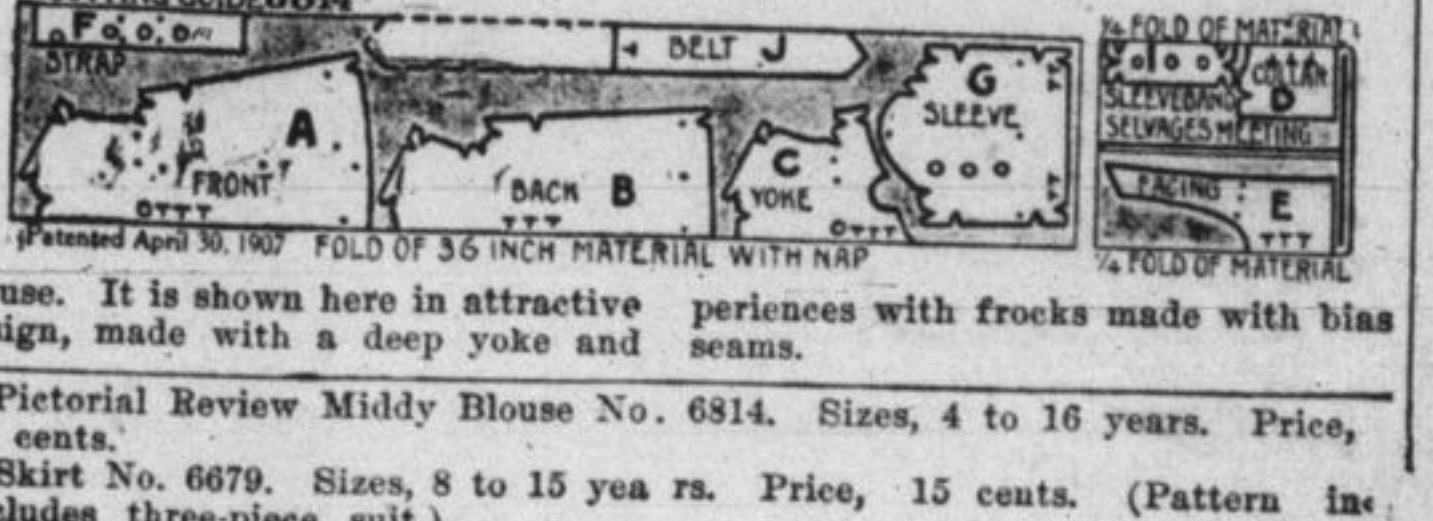
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