

Told in the Twilight --- In the Realm of Woman

THE CONFESSIONS OF ROXANE

By Frances Walter.

BETTER THOUGHTS.

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As we wandered back in Mariam's direction we were both silent, each occupied with grave thoughts. How nearly had we come to disaster? Or would it have been disaster? He had betrayed his secret to me in no uncertain manner. That he loved me there could be no possibility of doubt, but was his affection merely the passing whim of one who felt sorry for a neglected wife, or was it the abiding passion of a man calling for his mate? And if? How far had my admiration led me? A few minutes ago I was ready to throw myself into his arms and beg him to love and cherish me forever. Did I mean it? Was this infatuation to remain permanently with me, or was it merely the result of my own consciousness of Arthur's cruelty? Was I willing to deliberately cancel my marital obligations and go with this new-found companion? Could he take the place that Arthur formerly filled? What would be in store for me if I took such a step? And if I did not, what would happen to the friendship which had sprung up between this marvellously magnetic man and me? Would he go from me and forget me, and if he did, would I forget him, or would his absence become more and more a source of bitterness as the days wore on and my woman's heart failed to find the comfort with which his presence had filled me?

These and a thousand other questions virtually pertinent to my present and future crowded upon me as we walked through the deep rich grass. I could not answer them. So many conflicting emotions were tossing me about that I had lost my perspective. I could not see my own affairs in their proper relation one to the other until I was alone and away from the influences which had led me to such lengths.

I glanced up to Mr. Gordon's face, but I could read nothing. What were his thoughts? Did he think less of me because of the weakness which had betrayed me, or had he been drawn closer together by that very weakness? Had he momentarily been willing to disregard the canons of conventional morality and take me away from Arthur? If so, had he returned to the shrine of conventional morality or was he still willing to become one of the central figures in a scandal?

My feelings as I write these words is very different from what it was that day. I have known several men who went away with other men before the divorce court had granted them a legal right to marry, and I have yet to know of happiness coming out of such a step.

It is a very different matter after the divorce is granted, even if, sometimes, there is little difference in the mortality involved, and second marriages after divorce often prove as happy as any marriage could be. Nor is this wonderful. It is largely a matter of self-control, of strength of character, or regard for the decencies of life. Take the case of two imaginary women. Both are married. Both realize they are not properly mated, and both determine upon separation from their husbands because they have found others with whom they know they were destined to be mated. One woman leaves her home secretly and flees with her lover. The other quietly seeks another domicile and files suit for divorce. Now watch what happens.

The woman who has fled with the man of her choice soon realizes that she is bound hand and foot. She is tied to her husband by every legal bond, yet she is living with another man. Her social status has become a minus quantity. She takes rank with the woman of the street. She dare not show her head among respectable people for fear of the treat-



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ment she would receive. She hides herself in her own home, chafing over the restraints which are thrown about her until she becomes morose or reckless. In either event she endangers the affection of the man with whom she has fled and to whom alone she may look for rehabilitation. If she loses his affection there is nothing left for her. Her only chance is that her husband quickly obtain a divorce, enabling her to marry before her lover's passion cools. This happens in rare cases. More frequently the unfortunate creature is deserted by the man who has been her companion in flight, and she ends it all with suicide, or else ekes out a pitiable existence apart from those things which make life worth living — an existence which proves a living death.

In the other woman's case, she has had the courage to set deliberately about remedying an error. She has found herself mismatched and she seeks a release in the only legal way possible. It is granted her, and she

weds the man who, she is convinced, will make the remainder of her life happy. She may lose a few friends, but others will remain. She may regret the past, but she still has her self-respect. The worst that can be said is that she made a mistake in marrying her first husband. Above all, she is sure of the affection of the man who wed her under such circumstances. But none of these thoughts came to me as Mr. Gordon and I went to rejoin Mariam. My mind was too confused, too much occupied by the incidents which had just occurred, to dwell upon matters of pure speculation, to reason from cause to effect, or to generalize from the earlier observations of my life. I was taken up wholly by the emotions which swept upon me and which had all but carried me out into that sea of uncertainty and despair which I have just described. It is while one is in such a mental chaos that a slight incident sometimes occurs to affect one's whole after life. (To be Continued.)

"Low Cost of Living" Menu

Menu for Sunday

BREAKFAST
Huckleberries or Melons
Cereal of Choice
Ponched Eggs on Toast
Raisins Bread
Coffee or Cocoa

COLD DINNER
Green Beans
Cold Roast Veal
Vegetable Salad
Layer Cake
Fruit
Iced Coffee or Cocoa

HOT SUNDAY DINNER
Veal Broth
Roast Veal or pork Cold with Hot Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Lima or String Beans
Stuffed Pepper Salad
Layer Cake
Lemon Sherbet
Coffee

SUPPER
Bread and Milk
Cheese, Deviled Egg and Jelly
Sandwiches
Fruit and Cake
Milk or Tea

Menu for Monday

BREAKFAST
Huckleberries
Cereal of Choice
Creamed Dried Beef on Toast
Whole Wheat Muffins
Jam or Fruit Butter
Coffee or Cocoa

LUNCHEON OR SUPPER
Vegetable Chowder
Tomato Salad
Stale Sponge Cake with Fruit Sauce
Buttermilk or Iced Tea

DINNER
Grape Juice
Egg Cutlet with Tomato Sauce
Stewed Potatoes
Cabbage Salad
Sliced Peaches
Iced Tea or Coffee

Vegetable Chowder

Materials—One cup of diced potatoes, 1 cup diced onions, 1 cup diced carrots, 1 cup cut cabbage, 1 cup corn, 1 cup tomatoes, 1 cup lima beans, peas, or string beans, shin bone, 4 cups rice stock, 2 tablespoons salt, a little pepper, 2 tablespoons finely cut parsley.

Utensils—Saucepan, knife, measuring cup, teaspoon, tablespoon.

Directions—Wash the shin bone; put on with enough cold water to cover; boil one hour, then add the vegetables and rice stock; boil slowly one hour, then add salt, pepper and parsley and the meat from the shin bone cut in small dice.

Egg Cutlet with Tomato Sauce

Materials—Four eggs, 1 cup milk, 1 tablespoon butter, 2 tablespoons flour, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon onion juice or 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg, dash white pepper, dash paprika, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley.

Utensils—Small saucepan, measuring cup, teaspoon, tablespoon, knife, two small bowls, deep frypan.

Directions—Boil the eggs thirty minutes, lay in cold water and shell. Chop the whites fine and add to the cream sauce; add the salt, pepper, paprika, parsley and the mashed yolks of eggs; spread on platter and set aside until cold. When firm take one tablespoonful up in floured hands and shape into omelets three inches long, two inches wide, one inch thick, making the ends rounded. Dip in egg (1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon cold milk) being sure the cutlet is well covered, and then in breadcrumbs; fry in very hot fat. Serve with tomato sauce around.

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Mrs. Seth Barton French, prominent in New York society, who has just returned from a 7,000-mile trip on which she started in behalf of the allied hospital work and Serbian relief fund, has applied to Secretary of War Baker for the organization of hospitals there.

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Society

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Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Johnson street, entertained at luncheon on Thursday in honor of Miss Gladys Burton.

Invitations have been received in town for a dance at the Country Club in Brockville on Monday evening.

Mrs. George Pettit and her small son, who have been the guests of Mrs. Bernard Browne, "Kensington Place," have returned to Montpelier.

Mrs. E. H. Pense has returned home after a delightful visit at St. Andrews-by-the-Sea.

Miss Mabel Day, University avenue, left town this week to be the guest of Mrs. Joseph L. Haycock, Sr., Adolphustown.

Miss Elizabeth Sutherland, Brock street, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. Abbott, at Amherstburg.

Miss E. Johnston, Sydney, who has been Miss Edith Fraser's guest, is spending the week-end in Brockville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Laidlaw, Earl street, have returned from Chataqua Lake.

Mrs. W. H. Martin, Bowmanville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Mundell, Brock street.

Miss Julia Horsey is spending a few days with Mrs. Richmond at her summer home on Bostwick Island.

Mrs. White and Miss Ethel White, Ottawa, arrived in town on Thursday and are at the Y. W. C. A., Johnson street.

Miss Mabel Nesbitt has returned home after two weeks' camping with Miss Essie Kirkpatrick at Woodhull Lake, Michigan.

The marriage of Miss Gwendolen Stanley Bagg, daughter of the late R. Stanley Bagg, to Frederick Murray Smith, son of the late John Murray Smith, took place quietly on Wednesday at the residence of Mrs. R. Stanley Bagg, Montreal.

The marriage was recently solemnized at Saltwood Church, Kent, England, by Capt. Moore, chaplain of 83rd Battalion, Q. O. R., of Gladys Webster, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald M. Huestis, Toronto, to Capt. George Ashworth Fellows, 83rd Battalion, Q. O. R., C. E. F., eldest son of the late Rockcliffe Fellows and Mrs. Fellows, Ottawa.

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