

In The Realm Of Woman---Some Interesting Features

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

A PAT ON THE BACK

CHAPTER LII.
When I got home I found Mrs. Sexton there, waiting to see me. "Now tell me all about the dinner—everything!" she ordered, after I had laid off my wraps and insisted that she do the same. "Don't forget anything."

I commenced at the very beginning. I told her how nice George had been about dressing, how wonderfully he looked; then of his compliments about the decorations, the menu, the costume idea, etc. Also how delighted he had been with the place cards. When I spoke of them, I thought I detected a change in her face; but as she said nothing, I concluded I had been mistaken.

She asked after each of the guests—how they looked, whether the costume was becoming or not; then veered back to the place cards.

"May I see them again? Yours, I mean," she asked.

"Oh I am so sorry! but I took them down to be framed." Then I told her of meeting Mr. Gray and Mr. Carpenter; of their turning to walk with us; of Julia Collins and her unkind remark; and that Mr. Gray made Mr. Carpenter turn back because of it.

"I'm sorry you met her, but go on."

So, encouraged, I told her the rest of the story. How Merton had returned and helped us select them, and then how he had stayed behind when Evelyn and I started home. Of our meeting with Mrs. Collins and what she had said, and my answer. She laughed and urged:

"Repeat what you said to her, please."

I did, and to my surprise Mrs. Sexton said: "Bully for you! I couldn't have done better myself."

Mrs. Sexton Tells George. I urged her to remain for dinner and, finally she consented. To my horror, we were scarcely seated before she repeated to George every word I had told her. My face flamed. I was indignant that she should so treat a confidence, even though I had said nothing about keeping it from George. That she could have any other motive save to embarrass me, I never thought.

"I tell you, Mr. Howard, I am proud of my pupil," I heard, when I had conquered my indignation enough to heed what they were saying. "Why, I couldn't have given Mrs. Collins a better answer, myself. Your wife will soon have the aplomb necessary to deal with older and more worldly wise women."

I wondered what George thought. He smiled at Mrs. Sexton, and made some remark to James who stood at his elbow. But various expressions had chased each other across his face. I thought I detected annoyance, anger, and also—could it be—a sort of pride. Anyway, I noticed that every little while all through dinner he would look back at me with an inquiring expression in his face, as if he were newly appraising me.

I hoped he would not scold me after Mrs. Sexton left. I need not have worried. He never mentioned the subject.

I finally concluded he hadn't considered it worth while, and dismissed the subject.

Every little while I would feel so happy with George. Life seemed really worth the living—life with him, I mean. I was very careful not to offend him in any way. To say nothing before him at which he would cavil. And to make my ideas conform to his wishes.

I wonder if anyone who reads my story has been through the same experience and knows how hard it is to restrain all natural impulses, and to intrigue oneself to please another? Many times I would fall in some way—usually without the least idea in what particular I had failed—and I would be miserable for days because of the coldness with which George treated me. Never could I become accustomed to his leaving me so much alone in the evening. And it was often because of a complaint on this score that he was peevish with me.

George never confined either business cares, or his pleasures, to me. It seemed strange, as, at home, my father and all the neighbors told their wives everything that occurred. I read much at this time, the monthly magazines which were overflowing with fiction, some of it of a hectic sort, and many novels.

Often after finishing a story I would compare my life with that of the heroine. If she were unhappily married, I always tried to figure out which one was to blame. Usually, though, the author laid all fault on the woman. It was, I told Evelyn once, as if all women were Eves, trying to make the Adams of the world eat apples.

(To be continued)

THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

That women make highly successful farmers is shown by the fact that nearly 2,000,000 of them are in charge of farms in this country.

Miss Anna C. Garrett, superintendent of the Frankford Hospital of Philadelphia, has gone to Italy to instruct volunteer Red Cross workers in nursing.

The Government has appointed 55 women deputy sheriffs to look after the welfare of girls in the vicinity of training camps and cantonments.

Senators favorable to women suffrage are planning to make a fight to have it granted throughout the country on the grounds that it is a measure of war efficiency.

Miss Esther Cleveland, daughter of the late President, was married in Westminster Abbey to Captain W. S. B. Bosanquet, an officer of the famous Coldstream Guards.

The American God-mothers' League has been organized by Mrs. William Leonard Davis to supply the American troops in France with luxuries, such as tobacco and newspapers.

Officers to lead the woman's land army in raising crops this summer will be trained at the school of horticulture for women at Amherst, Pa.

Miss Emma LeClair, of Lowell, Mass., has organized a veritable battalion of death known as company A, first woman's regiment of Massachusetts.

Steel helmets have been furnished to women drivers in London to protect their heads from exploding German bombs dropped from aeroplanes.

A girl cannot live on less than \$11.70 a week in New York, according to figures furnished by the state factory investigating commission.

When lack of funds prevented the erection of a new hospital at Palm Beach, four women started in and raised nearly \$20,000 in a few days.

Miss Mary C. O'Neill, an Atlantic City girl, claims the honor of being one of the youngest successful real estate operators in the entire United States, if not the world.

A department for the maintenance and housing of women workers in munition plants has been erected in the war department and is directed by Miss Mary Van Kleek.

Mrs. Henshel Tupes, wife of Col. Tupes, commanding Fort Hamilton, is a graduate Red Cross nurse and is caring for invalid private soldiers under the command of her husband.

Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow and Miss Elaine W. Rosenthal, both golf champions, defeated William B.

Southern and George W. Carroll, two prominent experts over the Pinehurst championship course recently.

The title of Heroine of Sweden has been conferred on Mrs. Ira Nelson Morris, wife of the American ambassador to that country, because of her wonderful work among the poor and destitute of Stockholm.

So that the average wage scales will not be lowered when the men return, leaders of women's activities throughout the country are insisting that feminine workers should receive the same rates that were paid men.

The suspension of laws throughout the country prohibiting married women from teaching school has been requested by P. P. Claxton, federal commissioner of education, in order to replace the large number of teachers who have entered the war work.

This Skin Peeler All the Rage in Society

There is a growing tendency among women of culture and fashion to pay more attention to hygienic means of preserving their charms. The advent of mercolized wax doubtless has been largely responsible for this. This remarkable substance produces complexion so natural in appearance, so magically beautiful, artificial complexion is no longer desired. Instead of "doctoring" an offensive skin, the skin is peeled off. The wax peels the skin so gradually, in such fine particles, no discomfort is experienced. The fresher, younger skin beneath, wholly in evidence within a week or two, is lily white, satiny soft and smooth. It's not a patched-over complexion, but a brand new one. That's why mercolized wax has become such a rage among society folk. The wax is put on nights like cold cream and washed off mornings. All druggists have it; one ounce will do.

About Old Violins. Old violins have been of great interest to many persons aside from performers on the instrument. In fact, many of the finest collections have been formed by people who could perform but little, if at all, on the instrument. There is something fascinating in the contemplation and the masterpiece over a century, some almost two centuries old, and the perfection attained by the old Italian violin makers has never been surpassed. The beautiful wood and the rich transparent varnish of a genuine Italian violin is a delight to the eye, and the care used in the various points of finish, the exact insertion of the purfling, the triple strip of inlay around the edges is something machine like in its perfection.

Is it any wonder then, that a lover of art, and of tone quality, becomes little by little an enthusiast on the question of an old violin, and possessing one good one, that he should gradually add to the number as specimens are found which differ, and yet are alike, but show the individuality of the different makers? So few fine collections have been broken up within the past few years that the news of a sale of old collections comes as a welcome chance for such as are interested in old instruments.

Wealthy connoisseurs will without doubt speedily take the old violins off the market as many of them are beyond the means of the average violinist.

Miss Ella Frances Harris, known throughout the east as the Children's Lady, has been commissioned as a special attaché of the American Red Cross in Paris, to take charge of welfare work among fatherless French babies.

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Told In Twilight

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Miss Beatrice Lambert, Clergy street, has returned from a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Clarence Chown, Montreal.

Mrs. T. J. Shanks, Hamilton, is now in Belleville, where she will spend the summer.

Miss Doreen Taggart, Queen's University, will return next week to be present at the convocation. Her mother will accompany her. Later, Miss Taggart, in company with a friend, Miss Sheridan, Brockville, who is also a student at Queen's University, will leave for the Canadian west to engage in teaching during the summer months.

Sir John and Lady Hendrie have returned from Virginia. During their absence they were at Hot Springs and Richmond and also spent a couple of days in New York.

Lady Borden is out again after her recent illness.

Mrs. August Belmont, formerly the famous actress, Eleanor Robson, recently returned from the front trenches where she was sent abroad as a special commissioner by the American Red Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franklin Macintosh, South Mountain, Ont., announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Emma, to Mr. Robert S. Urquhart, of Ottawa, the marriage to take place shortly.

Elizabeth Maloney and Agnes Nester, both representing Chicago women's trade unions, have been appointed to the Illinois industrial survey commission to study conditions under which Illinois women work. They will recommend legislation to better these conditions.

The first member of the famous Russian Battalion of Death to arrive in this country was a girl named Verprinski, who obtained six weeks' leave of absence and journeyed from the firing line through Siberia, Japan and across the United States to Boston to marry.

The first unit of the Women's Overseas Hospitals, U.S.A., will include ten doctors, a dentist, a pathologist, thirteen trained nurses, six ambulance drivers, four mechanics, a dietician, wireless operator, pharmacist, and two clerks, all women.

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