

In the Realm of Woman --- Some Interesting Features

"The Wife" By Jane Phelps

MOLLIE IS DANGEROUSLY SYMPATHETIC

CHAPTER LXXII.

Brian really did not feel as injured as he had before, when Ruth had left him to attend to business for the firm. But, led on by Mollie's sympathetic questioning, he made it appear to her that he was thoroughly miserable and misunderstood. And Mollie, innocent of intent to wrong Ruth because she thought Ruth cared nothing for Brian, else she would not be so indifferent—made Brian think of how much more comfortable it would have made things, had Ruth been more like Mollie.

He did not go so far even in his thoughts as to wish he had married Mollie instead of Ruth, but he was dangerously near such a position. "It was so jolly to talk to Mollie. She always understood a fellow," he thought as he talked away, saying more than he really meant, as men so often do under the same or similar circumstances.

Mollie had reached over and laid her soft, warm hand over his when he told her how dreadfully lonely it was to go home and sit alone all the evening after grinding in the office all day.

"It takes all the spunk out of a man," he had said. And Mollie had sagely agreed.

"Perhaps, had Mollie known that Brian had done better since his marriage than before (but, even at that, he was too indolent to do his best), she might not have been quite so sympathetic, not quite so tender in her manner toward him. But feeling him abused, she took a motherly sort of an attitude which man always enjoys.

"Poor Brian," she said more than once during the evening. And she thought "merry in haste, repent no longer!"

pent at leisure," but would not say it for fear of hurting Brian's feelings. Yet Mollie still admired Ruth, still regarded her as quite wonderful in many ways. She often thought of the nice dinner she had given Claude Beckly and herself; of what an easy, gracious hostess she was. She envied Ruth her poise, her easy manners even under trying circumstances. Mollie had realized that Claude Beckly's familiarity was obnoxious to Ruth and had taken him to task on the way home for his impudence in calling her by her first name.

"She is different from our crowd! She doesn't call people by their first names. The idea of you telling her to call me 'Mollie'! I was furious!" Then, "You should have been looking at her when you called her 'Ruth.'"

"Brian wasn't if she was," Beckly had answered with a hint of sarcasm.

"Brian is one of us. She is not," Mollie had answered, and in that answer had expressed her feeling toward Brian. He was one of them. They understood each other, were contented and happy doing the same things, visiting the same places. While Ruth was of a different mould, although it is doubtful if Claude Beckly were able, like Mollie, to detect that it was also a finer mould.

"You don't understand, Claude. She had been brought up in the most conventional way. Things we do in the village, innocent as they are, would shock her terribly. She wouldn't understand us any better than you seem to understand her. You have queered our getting asked up there to dinner again, I'll bet a nickel."

"I hope not!" he had returned in

such a fugalicious tone that Mollie had laughed heartily and invited him to "good feed" he might miss.

Mollie told Brian something of this conversation with Claude. She dwelt on the fact that Ruth did not care for his friends.

"I don't see how one so conventional ever came to think she could go to business."

"She didn't, for some time," Brian answered, flushing a little. "But you see, Mollie, she had done a lot of such work in her aunt's big house, a wonderful home. Then she isn't a bit domestic. She hates housework," he confessed the hard work of the house, as do many man, with domesticity. Yet many of the most domestic, home-loving women do not care to be in the kitchen all the time.

"I suppose she earns a big salary in that well place."

"Oh, fair."

"She doesn't do beautifully."

"I don't believe she has bought a new dud since we have been married. She had clothes enough to last a lifetime."

"And I have two little, cheap dresses a year," Mollie waived, pretending to be unhappy because of it and not caring at all.

"You are more attractive in them"—Brian stopped. He must say nothing disparaging of Ruth, "I don't believe she has bought a new dud since we have been married. She had clothes enough to last a lifetime."

"And I have two little, cheap dresses a year," Mollie waived, pretending to be unhappy because of it and not caring at all.

"Come and see me often, then, Brian," she said softly. "You will find me that way most of the time."

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G. H. Brown, Colborne, a sailor on a lake steamer, died in Hamilton on Friday, aged sixty-three years.

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TALKING IT OVER With Lorna Moon

O Woman, How Shall a Mere Man Please You?

"He's the kindest man in the world, but when he starts poking around in the kitchen when I am cooking on Sunday morning I could throw something at him," said the wife who was noted for her good cooking. "When he gets a lid of pots in the oven I just know that he is going to say 'hadn't I better lower this gas dear?'" In fact, I sometimes shout "No don't" before he gets the words out. If he would only understand that the kitchen is my workshop and that I know perfectly how high to turn the gas six days a week without his help! One would think from his constant agitation on that point that I made a practice of burning the meals every day except Sunday.

"Well if he stops at poking around in the kitchen you haven't got much to complain about," asserted another wife. "Jack and I have been married five years and I haven't put a meal on the table but he can tell me a different way of cooking that particular meal! According to him his aunt (who brought him up), cooked everything in a way that never was before on land or sea. I used to try out all the wild ideas he blamed on his poor dead aunt, but they always came to a tragic end for they never tasted as they should, and Jack would assure me that cooking was a gift and that I didn't have it. Now I just hear his advice with a philosophic silence and tell myself that it isn't half as bad as the things some wo-

men have to put up with. But I do long to ask him to write a cookery book and give all his marvelous knowledge on cooking to a bright-eyed world—only he might take me seriously.

"I certainly think you two have very little to grumble about," said a third wife. "At least you have husbands who recognize there is such a thing as cooking—good or bad. I have prepared food for my husband for fifteen years and I feel exactly as if I were feeding a slot machine. It he complained or complained I would fall in a dead faint with astonishment. It doesn't matter if I have burned the soup, or have prepared a meal fit for a God, the reception of my effort is the same. I don't know if my husband is morose or preoccupied when he eats, but I do know that he is perfectly silent, and any attempt at conversation is ignored or answered with a grunt. Why if my husband poked around in the kitchen I would be in the seventh heaven! An interfering kind of man is better than a man who never has anything to say."

Charles Franklin Danby, resident of Brockville for the past eight years, died on Thursday, following a brief illness of influenza and pneumonia, at the age of thirty-three years. Deceased was born at Lyndhurst, son of the late John Danby.

Dr. A. H. Declercq, Montreal, a native of Pembroke and forty-four years of age, has been appointed general medical superintendent of public asylums for the province of Quebec.

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New York World.

In the midst of an epidemic which has caused much depression of spirit, there is a note of cheer in the report from Washington that the prohibition leaders in Congress are agreed that there is nothing in the State laws to prohibit the distribution of whiskey in military camps as a preventive or anti-dote for influenza.

But apparently these custodians of the moral as well as the physical health of the nation take no account of the fact that there are many people throughout the country who regard liquor moderately used as a natural therapeutic agent in the treatment of the common ills that flesh is heir to.

Not all the "boys" who need protection against the so-called "Spanish" malady are in military camps, and a goodly number of the vigor of youth; not all of them have had the advantage of physical training which enables them to offer the strongest resistance to insidious germs. Many of them are "old boys" who have become accustomed by long usage to the tonic effects of a little "nip," to be deprived of which means to be deprived of their panacea against unseen and malignant foes.

It is a historical fact that the establishment of prohibition in a community is followed by an alarming decline in the public health and a consequent increase in the number of doctors and drug stores. To these "old boys" consulting a doctor and negotiation with a drug clerk are a waste of time and a vexation to the spirit. They are equipped by experience in the compounding of their favorite prescription, and some of them are so particular to have the ingredients of such quality and blend that they frequently import the needed article that the palate most craves and the system demands.

Some of them have even acquired the lingo of the profession and have become experts in the art of "self-medication." They take a pardonable pride in following the old injunction, "Physician, heal thyself!"

The decision of the Congressional arbiters of taste and guardians of the public health that alcoholic liquors can be safely used as a specific in certain infectious disease is at least a concession to public requirements in an emergency whatever may be the attitude of the Congressional arbiters under normal conditions.

Even if Congress shall pursue the matter of prohibition to the bitter end, it has pointed the way for some maladies to become not only epidemic but almost universal.

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No. 23 Local	8:45 a.m. 10:17 a.m.
No. 7 Mail	3:10 p.m. 3:47 p.m.
Going East	Live City Arr. City
No. 18 Mail	1:40 a.m. 2:17 a.m.
No. 16 Express	3:10 a.m. 5:52 a.m.
No. 6 Mail	7:20 p.m. 12:55 p.m.
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