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"THE WIFE"

By Jane Phelps.

A FALSE—THEN A TRUE—PEACE PROCLAMATION

CHAPTER CXXXVIII.

Ruth was quietly working, one morning, not long after Brian had been decorated, when the sirens and tug whistles began to blow; when all the bells in New York pealed out the news which quickly spread to all the business houses; that peace had come. War was over!

Like the other houses, Mandel closed his store for the day. He and Ruth called up Mrs. Clayborne, asked her to meet them, and then went to one of the gay restaurants to watch the hilarity, and to join in the gladness the news had brought.

All of them put aside all personal feeling save that of happiness for country; and for the lives which would be saved by this early peace. (Early as far as America was concerned.)

Mandel took them home in his car when they tired of the confusion in the restaurant, driving them thru the streets where the crowd had not made going impossible. All that evening Ruth and her aunt talked of the wonderful news, of what it would mean to the country, to them, and to others.

"We will have to go right on giving and working for some time," Mrs. Clayborne remarked, "it will cost a lot to bring the wounded home and care for them; and for ships to bring the troops back." We must not think that we have done enough because there will be a peace, after a little; we will have to keep right on for a year or two at least."

"We will be willing, too!" Ruth rejoined, her voice gay with happiness. Brian was coming. That thought had been with her every moment since she first understood what the sirens were trying to tell the people. Brian was coming had added to her gladness that the horrible war was over, that the murder of brave men, innocent women and children, would stop.

Then came a doubt of the authenticity of the news. Then it was denied. People who had exhausted their emotions about the news, went almost depressed, some almost discouraged. Ruth could scarcely keep still a moment. She bought every paper she could get so that she might read the latest news. Never had days seemed so long. The Sunday following was interminable.

Monday came, and with it also came the ratified news of peace. Another wild wave of enthusiasm swept the country. Yet something of the spontaneity of the first celebration

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man to obtain the man that she desires for herself is not the reason one might assign offhand. It is not because it is possible for her to make a subtle appeal to the sex instinct. It is rather because she is able so easily to arouse in him an emotion which is more perpetually powerful than even the sex instinct, and that is his vanity. For man is the vanquisher of all created things. Besides his vanity, the vanity of a woman or that of a child is faint and feeble. And it is not, like a woman's vanity, an assured one. Paradoxical as it may seem when stated, man is at once extremely fair and extremely modest.

By Jane Phelps.

"Now, man is brought up in the belief that women do not, instinctively and by nature, feel an attraction to the other sex. Men think of them as quite unattracted by anything like passion or sympathy until they have been admonished, as it were, by the call of the mate. It is because of this that they can play so irresistibly upon the vanity of man."

The simple minded male who finds a woman ready to respond to his advances feels himself flattered to the very depths of his soul. He thinks that he is singled out as an exception to the great law of feminine indifference.

"It is a firm belief, this simple creed, which is devoutly held by so many millions of men, most of whom go to their graves with their illusion still intact. And this illusion is one that is strengthened and perpetuated in a thousand different ways."

"But those who know, those who have learned the secret of the prison house, know that nature is mightier than the strongest of conventions; stronger than all idealizations and infinitely wiser, too. In her economy she has in fact assigned to woman the initiative in what relates to the perpetuation of the race. Man must do many things. He must meet and subdue the forces of earth and air and sea. And so to him, who has so much else to suffer and achieve, one thing alone is not assigned, and that is the sex instinct in its full intensity. This is the one marvellous and terrible possession of woman, and to it she is dedicated for all time. Hers is the supreme joy of life, and in neither can man fully and completely share, and that is why she must have in fact if not in theory, the right to choose the one with whom she is to mate."

It is because of the conception of the sex relation and the female nature that while a woman takes the man she loves no matter how she gets him, "Men do not want discarded women," as a writer says, "it is the same among all races and religions."

It is because of the average man, concerning whom we hear so much from men of anti-feminist persuasion, boasts of his immorality and holds the fallen woman "who has been his victim" up to ridicule and scorn. It has the most important bearing on the lives of women since it is the real cause of the double moral standard. Mr. Winston Churchill in his novel, "A Far Country," makes the hero give the following excuse for his immoral life, "men were made differently from women. They do not regard such things as so serious. Nature gave men desires."

In his article in Pierson's Magazine for 1914, dealing with the double standard Dr. William Howard says: "Silently she (woman) has had to put up with it all, this misunderstanding of her real nature. To hear men say they have to obey controlling impulses, and many wives hearing such statements remain silent. Some become nervously affected, while others take to rampant violence, or suppressing their true instincts, lead a life devoted to some really worth while cause."

"We cultured people are the greatest hypocrites on earth. We proclaim to the world the standard of monogamy, we are practically polygamists. One wife at home and many outside being our actual social state. No thinking man or woman can deny these statements. Woman's greatest love is thought to be the mere response to male demand, and everywhere we hear this view expressed by men to justify the double moral standard."

But the idea of the brilliant friend of Feminist are not original! "The reason it is so easy for a woman to obtain the man that she desires for herself is not the reason one might assign offhand. It is not because it is possible for her to make a subtle appeal to the sex instinct. It is rather because she is able so easily to arouse in him an emotion which is more perpetually powerful than even the sex instinct, and that is his vanity. For man is the vanquisher of all created things. Besides his vanity, the vanity of a woman or that of a child is faint and feeble. And it is not, like a woman's vanity, an assured one. Paradoxical as it may seem when stated, man is at once extremely fair and extremely modest."

TALKING IT OVER

With Lorna Moon

A Puzzle Game!

Why does any sane woman try to please a man—a husband I should say, since he is the most difficult type of the sex? Does any woman ever succeed? Has any woman ever succeeded?



No doubt the first cave woman left her lingerie on the wrong clump of grass (the one HE scratched) and was playfully reminded with a club; the fact that there was all-out-of-doors on which to hang it, wouldn't help matters at all. Hear the modern cave man—"My dear you read too much! Do you ALWAYS have a book in your hand? Why don't you sew SOME of the time?"—so she becomes Priscilla under the evening lamp and sews! Is it pleasing him? It is NOT! Hear him protest, "For heaven's sake put your work away; you're not listening to a word I say. I hope you are not going to be one of those women who are interested in nothing but fancy work!"

And then at the end of dull evening—Priscilla why do you never have company? I would like someone dropping in for every meal—we are too much alone. We're getting to be lonesome."

So Priscilla, ever anxious to please, invites the most congenial couple she knows, after a few evenings of companionship the modern cave man begins hating her for his club; he finds it takes a good firm grip of it and bangs Priscilla over the head like this, "Are we NEVER to be ALONE again?"

They are alone for some time. Is the club laid away to grow green with mould? No, see him fidgeting gently, a speculative wistful look in his eye. "Priscilla, why do the Greens never come now. Have they lost interest in us?"

They are poor distracted Priscilla to do? There's but one answer, Please the brute, but DON'T TRY—It sounds like a puzzle game—it is one!

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