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## The Promoter's Wife

By Jane Phelps

### NEIL'S AUNT IS TO VISIT THEM RATHER INOPPORTUNELY

CHAPTER LXXVII.

Was Neil's conscience troubling him that he was so impatient now-days? He never used to be so. This occurred to me when I left him in the library. I felt disappointed that he would not talk to me. Ever since his western trip he had refused to really talk of anything with me. Yet in spite of the disappointment I was happier because Mr. Frederick had been with him. I wondered what he had said to Neil; if he had told him of what was gossiped concerning his business; if he had advised him—offered to help him get straightened out? Somehow I felt sure he could make everything come right—if only Neil would let him.

I gave the bills I had laid upon the desk only a fleeting thought. I had spent so much money, run such big bills without a suspicion of a doubt that it was the right thing for me to do, that they seemed of little consequence. What mattered was Neil. If by being associated with men of "shady character" his business was ruined, his character assailed, he must disassociate himself from them. Of course, regardless of what even Mr. Frederick had told me, Neil had been led astray by these men. They were all older than he, most of them much older. He was full of enthusiasm, anxious not only to make money, but to prove his ability in the business world. Really even now I cannot but think he cared more for that than for the money. He loved history especially in regard to his cleverness in outstripping other financially. I had been so proud of him that I had fed his vanity lavishly ever since I married him. Others had also—until lately.

I was rather anxious too because his aunt, Mrs. Carter, who lived next door to us at home, had written him coming to pay us a visit. I knew her strictly economical she was, how little she thought or cared for show of any kind. I wondered if she would be inquisitive, and if she would either hear or guess at other reports concerning Neil.

When I read her letter to Neil he looked anything but pleased.

"It's rather a bore having her just now," he said, "but I suppose there is no help for it. If I hadn't visited

### Some Snobbery

W. F. Nickle, as reported in Hansard, April 14, 1919.

"Do we desire to emulate the example of Great Britain? Sometimes she is set up as a proper example to follow. . . . But I am sure that in a manner such as is under consideration this afternoon (titles) this Dominion should act on its own judgment. . . . I was struck with an article written by Robert Blachford, the great English socialist. . . . Mr. Blachford had received a letter from an optician in England who wrote as follows: "I am a practical watch and clock maker and optician, and besides possessing the oldest business in the town, I am old-fashioned enough to love my children and to wish to do my best for them, AND PAY FOR IT."

"I approached the principal of one of those higher schools, somewhat snobbishly described as "for the sons of gentlemen," and was told that my boys could not be accepted because I "kept a shop" in the town, and other words, because my children have been so foolish as to choose a vulgar tradesman for a father, they are to be socially and educationally ostracized.

"I had hoped that four years of horrible war had washed out that kind of snobbery and class cleavage, but it appears I was wrong.

"I may mention that the parents of at least two of the high school scholars owe me money which I shall never get."

Commenting on this letter, Mr. Blachford stated: "This matter of the optician's letter may seem trivial. But it is not. Nor does the matter end there, for the letter indicates something more than a class or caste division amongst the people; it shows us quite plainly that there is something radically and seriously wrong with a nation in which such blind snobbery is possible. It shows a national misreading of values, an appreciation of men not by their deservings, not by their ability, nor by their character, but by their garments, or their occupations, or their manner of pronouncing certain words."

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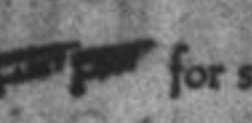
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### TALKING IT OVER

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#### Stupid Man

"You know, since I got my car I don't mind walking a bit," said the smart young society woman, with a chuckle at her own expense. Before Fred got me the car, I complained bitterly every block I walked. Now I insist on walking a little every day for my health. I suppose it's the fact that I have the car that makes walking so attractive."



We had to smile at the naivety of her confession. It betrayed such a very real and characteristic. I can remember my own heart burnings until I should become the owner of a much coveted automobile. For a week after I got it no part of the day seemed interesting to me but the evening I could hardly wait for the proper time to wear it. "I thought you liked it." "I do, very much."

"Then wear it, you got it to wear, didn't you? What's the use of HAVING it if you don't?"

"No, I got it so that I would know what I COULD wear it if I wanted to."

"You women are the dickens!"

A man can never be brought to understand that it is no hardship to have ringless hands when you have three diamond rings lying in the safe at home; or that it is not too cold to wear a suit in winter if you have a fur coat hanging up in your wardrobe. A man (especially a married man) is quite a stupid animal. Don't you think so?

**Pelts By Airplane.**  
Watertown, N.Y., May 8.—Air Pilot E. E. Barlow, flying a Curtis J-3 tractor biplane, who landed on the Jefferson county golf club this here last night, en route to New York from the Canadian north woods took the air this morning at 10 o'clock. The flight is being made to demonstrate the commercial utility of the airplane. Barlow is carrying 400 pounds of pelts from trappers in the Canadian Northwest to the New York market. He is a former member of the Royal Flying Corps.

### Drop the Brag, Advice of New York Newspaper

New York Globe.

In all frankness it needs to be said that Canadians are not to be blamed for representing the presence in imported American wares called "acts" of that rather low thing called snobbery. If on our own stage the performers must too often forget that for more than three years other people were laying the costly foundation for the triumph America only helped in the last few months of fighting to attain, let them by all means remember it when they cross the border. It is distasteful to right-thinking Americans, who tolerate it as the inevitable price of a great many other cheap devices to provoke applause; it is nothing short of an insult to Canadians who were shedding blood while Americans were being exhorted to remain neutral in thought as well as in deed.

The tardy mummery of it was barred by the World's Toronto dispatch reporting the device used by one ingenious American manager to make his peace with the Toronto public. The word "Canadian" was merely substituted for "American" in a topical ballad intended to immortalize the soldier who had never been "hooked." Fortunately the words "German" and "Turk" have not enough syllables to fit the rhythm of a score that was adapted originally for Americans, so we may hope to be spared news that the song is having a run in enemy lands after peace admits outside talent.

To absorb the Canadian point of view we have only to imagine the spectacle in our own theatres of actors in Canadian uniform singing and shouting bombast proclaiming that Canadians were just about all there was to the resources of the Allies. Too much waving of the Canadian flag in the United States could become tiresome. Endless yards of animated film portraying the military glories of the Canadians could eventually bore us. We could get fed up on Canada exactly as the Canadians are getting to march U.S.A.

To claim for the American army, in whose achievements we take a great and justifiable pride, more than it achieved is only to prejudice the interests of the true record.

**Start Building At Once.**  
Toronto, May 8.—This city may proceed with its housing scheme at once, Sir William Hearst notified the city that the Ontario Government would undertake to pass the city's draft housing bill at the next session of the provincial legislature. The draft bill was submitted to the Premier by the city solicitor and the finance commissioner, and it was after Sir William had gone over its provisions that he informed the city officials that this would become law in due time.

Charles H. Covert, Belleville, passed away on April 29th in Rochester, N.Y. He was a son of the late John Covert, Belleville.

### RECORD GRAIN SHIPMENT.

More Than Million Bushels so Far Through Quebec Elevator.

Quebec, May 8.—More than a million bushels of grain has passed through the Quebec elevator since the opening of navigation, about three weeks ago. This is a record for grain shipment from the Quebec harbor, but it is by no means the capacity of the elevator here, which can handle two million bushels in storage and offers facilities for loading and unloading vessels. It is expected the present navigation season will prove one of the busiest of many years for Quebec harbor.

President Wilson has issued a call by cable for a special session of Congress to meet on May 19th.

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