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## LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGione Gibson

**Hearts in Tune.**  
Since time began all humanity has tried to solve that paradox called man. Poets have exclaimed: "What fools we mortals be!" materialists have tried to explain that not by spiritual effort, but by body cells, is the world's progress made; the emotionists say it is "love that makes the world go 'round"; philosophers have tried to make us believe that "whatever is, is right," and psychologists have taught that only by something intangible, which we call soul or spirit, is humanity raised above the clod.

The English poet has said, "The proper study of mankind is man, but with all our study we have not as yet reached any satisfactory conclusion."

Men have glorified in the fact, or at least the affirmation that it is impossible for them to understand a woman, but I believe that it is impossible for either man or woman to understand one's self.

At the time of which I am writing, notwithstanding I had been made very, very unhappy by my husband, I still loved him. His very touch had power to thrill me, his smile to warm me, and when I heard him, in evident sincerity, say that I was "staunch, true, the real thing—a short-tempered"—I knew that in his strange way he, too, loved me.

Nature had evidently made us mates. In my eyes my husband was one of the handsomest men I had ever seen, and I must have been, what he would call in his slang vernacular, "easy to look at." And yet the vistas of our minds were as far apart as the poles. The lines of our sympathies seem to be diametrically opposed and our mental reactions to events and conditions seldom coincided.

**Whole Womanhood Revolts.**  
I said to myself, "I will try and give in to his sense of possession," and then my whole womanhood revolted! I, too, was a sentient being; I, too, had a mind quick to discern and eager to put its theories into action. Why should I always submit to his dictation?

Then the door opened and my husband stood just within, and on his face was the smile that I had known and loved so well in our courtship days.

"Feeling all right, girl?" he asked in a tone that made me understand that he had forgotten all that had gone before in the last few days, and that I was to him just what he had made me in a few sentences which he had spoken to his mother outside my door.

"This is a purely masculine quality of mind," I said to myself even while I resented his taking everything for

granted. "Here is the place where I will try to meet John more than half-way."  
"Yes, I am feeling better," I answered with a smile which brought him quickly to my side and bending down, his lips brushed mine.

"Well, I've fixed it with mother," he announced. "She's had two joints this morning. One, that this house does not belong to her, and the other, that she has got to begin to consider herself a grandmother," and he smiled sheepishly.

**Says He's Proud of Her.**  
"Never mind, Katherine, I know I'm a brute at times, but all men are, dear. I probably will be just as proud as you are when I impart the news that I am a father of a splendid boy!"

"But what if it shouldn't be a boy, John?" I whispered.

"It will," he smiled confidently. "Fate is not going to worry me with any more females."

"Now my dear, don't you get up unless you want to," he said solicitously. "I've told mother to keep out of here, unless she has something pleasant to say. I'm afraid, however, that she will insist upon sending the furniture up here. I've told her to have it placed in the unfurnished room at the end of the suite."

"Is there an unfurnished room there?" I asked eagerly. "How lovely! We can have a door cut through and it can be made into a nursery!"

John laughed with such wholeheartedness that I had to join in as he said teasingly:

"Oh, my prophetic soul! What will mother do then?"

**Place of Their Own.**  
"Perhaps John, it would be better for us to get a place of our own?" I ventured once more. "Your mother has lived here many years and I would hate to make her unhappy in it."

"Don't you worry, dear, she'd be unhappy anyway. She's unhappy when she's not happy. She'd be unhappy if she stays here with us and she'd be unhappy if she goes away. She's a woman that thrives on unhappiness. After you have been here a while longer you will find that the only way to live with mother is simply to go on about your own business in your own way and let her be as unhappy as she likes. I've been doing that ever since I was 10 years old and it works."

A great light flooded my consciousness. There was the key to John's character. Could his love for me and the coming baby change it?

Tomorrow—What a Man Admires

### THE ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN

There are approximately 3,000 women ministers in the United States. Women in Finland have had the right to vote for the last thirteen years.

More than 16,000 women are employed in the textile mills in Georgia. London's women police are paid at



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In Norway women have forced through a law requiring health certificates before marriage.

About 40 per cent of the enfranchised women made use of the ballot at the last election held in Germany. There were more than 25 women running for the state assembly in New York in the last election.

Recent statistics show that Germany has a big excess of women over men. To each 1,000 men there are now 1,165 women.

Mrs. Jean H. Norris, recently appointed a magistrate in New York city is the first woman ever designated to serve in a court in New York city.

Miss Mildred Wright, a society girl of Milwaukee, Wis., is one of the pioneers in the new field for women—that of landscape gardener.

Miss Johanna C. S. Mackle of the Harvard College observatory has discovered a new star in the heavens which will be charted.

Miss Carmen Aguinaldo, the daughter of Aguinaldo, former rebel chief of the Philippines, is enrolled for the coming year in the University of Illinois, where she will make a study of American ways.

Mrs. Hetty Green, at the time of her death, was a creditor of the city of New York to the extent of several millions of dollars.

Miss Gladys Sheridan is said to be the first woman to be employed as a papal messenger to carry honors from the Vatican.

In some of the villages of France the women make sacrifices of their hair in order to pray good fortune upon lover or husband.

In the Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches, women enjoy every right of men, though a woman bishop in the Methodist church is unheard of.

The National Farm Congress of Women will present a resolution to prohibit the growing of tobacco in the United States.

Queen Elizabeth of the Belgians advocates votes for women, but does not believe in the equality of the sexes any more than employing militant methods to obtain suffrage.

The ambition of Miss Laura Brownell of Cincinnati, O., the first woman in the United States to pass the prescribed tests for aviator's pilot license since the beginning of the war, is to establish a new altitude record for women.

Miss Winifred Stratton, aged fourteen, of Mexico, Mo., is a real farmster. She has just completed mowing 30 acres of wheat, oats and timothy—all by herself. This included entire charge of the mowing team, repairing all trouble and generally handling the entire thing like a man would have done.

It seems probable that women will soon be employed in the country as engine cleaners and wipers. In both England and France during the war it was a common sight to see women in overalls, greasy and grimy taking the place of men around the huge locomotives and now the New York Central Railway has intimated that the experiment will be tried out in this country.

## Told In Twilight

(Continued from Page 47.)  
Crawford Dodds and his niece, Miss Jennie Dodds, Middleville, have come to Kingston to visit their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wilson.

Miss Adelaide Pope has returned to Ottawa from Kingston, where she attended the Royal Military College ball, and was the guest of General and Mrs. Victor Williams.

Miss Marjorie Brookings, attending Queen's University, and Wallace Brookings, O.A.C., Guelph, will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brookings, 195 Florence street, Ottawa.

Mrs. (Col.) Low, Cobalt, is to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Price, Aylmer, Ont. Her husband will follow next week. Dr. and Mrs. Saunders, Brandon, will also be there, which, together with Mr. and Mrs. W. Kings, St. Thomas, will make a reunion of the Price family for the festive season. The thermometer registered forty-two degrees below zero when Mrs. Low left her home in Kirkland Lake.

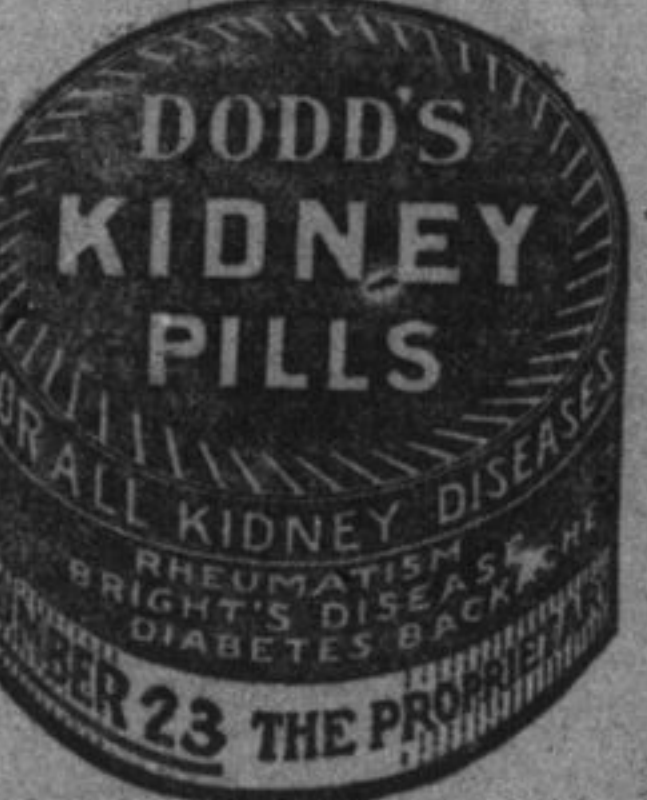
Lady Kirkpatrick is in Montreal the guest of Lord and Lady Shaughnessy for a few days. Lady Shaughnessy entertained at dinner in Lady Kirkpatrick's honor on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Steacy, Kingston, will spend the Christmas season in Ottawa with the latter's parents, Col. and Mrs. Douglas R. Street.

Lieut.-Col. J. B. Dunbar, Kingston, was in Lindsay on Wednesday. Jack Renton, who reached here on Thursday from the Dental College, Toronto, to spend the Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Renton, University avenue.

The marriage of Anita Margery, elder daughter of Capt. and Mrs. James T. Sutherland, to Eric Stanley McBride, Toronto, is announced to take place the latter part of this month.

The clerical party in Luxemburg, which represents the women of that country, control a majority of votes in the national chamber of deputies.



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