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LOVE and MARRIED LIFE by the noted author Idah McGione Gibson

A Letter--and a Problem.
All day long I kept away from Helen thinking that when she wanted me she would send for me. My thoughts were divided between her and John. I started at every knock on my door, for it seemed incredible that John would not telegraph me as soon as he received my message. The hardest thing in the world to

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do is to wait, not knowing what the next moment may bring forth. We can face sorrow, pain, a great crisis, but the suspense of waiting, waiting and watching is torture thrice refined.

About five o'clock in the afternoon Helen came to my door again. "Forgive me, dear, for seeming so self-centred, but I have the theory that one can share joy with other people, but one must bear sorrows alone."

"Helen, dear, your rule doesn't suit sorrows, as you never shared my happiness, notwithstanding we have been so near and dear to each other."

For a moment she was silent and then all at once she came over and threw her arms about me, and cried, "I am afraid, Katherine! I am afraid!"

Meant as a Compliment.
"Helen," I replied, "I didn't think you knew that sensation." And I meant it as a compliment. Surely she had been the captain of her soul. She had shown courage when she defied public opinion and married Robert Gaylord and I couldn't think of her having fear.

For answer she said, "Only the innocent prattle of a child could make me lose my courage."

"What do you mean? Who's child?"
"Ruth's and Bobby's. Oh, Katherine, I was so strong in my love! I told Ruth that Bobby loved me, that he was mine--that she had no part of him, and yet, my dear, she has the biggest part. Their children--Ruth's and Bobby's--are rivals that I can not successfully combat!"

"But I thought that one of Ruth's conditions was that Bobby should not see the children," I said, wondering. "I thought that was the only way she would let him have the divorce."

Helen convulsively closed her hands over the letter she had been holding ever since she came to my room.

"I will have to let you see it," she said, more to herself than to me.

"Don't give it to me unless you wish to," I remonstrated, although I was by this time consumed with curiosity. For answer she held out the little crumpled sheet and I took it from her.

Letter from a Child.
It was a letter from a child, written with uncertain fingers. It began, "Dear, dear daddy: Mother says we haven't got a daddy any more. She says that she's going to be both papa and mamma to us. But oh, daddy, daddy, we miss you so. Nobody plays with us like you did, and even Towzer doesn't thump his tail on the floor any more when he hears a step in the hall. Of course, mother loves us, but she can't play much with us, daddy, and ride us on her back like you did. She is grown up and we always knew you were just a little boy inside of you. Won't you come back to us, daddy? Mother does not know we are writing this letter, but Mr. Collins was at the house yesterday, and he told us where you live. And so we are sending this letter to you. Kitty and Nibs are both helping me write it. Nibs was so sure that you were dead and up in the sky, but I told him that I knew you were not and that you loved us all the time. If you come to see us, perhaps you had better not come to the house, Kitty, and I will meet you down at the gate of the pasture lot. Nibs, you know, is too little to come. We want you, daddy, we want you so! Mother cries

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Told in Twilight

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Brig-Gen. Mansuelli and Mrs. Mansuelli, Ottawa, are guests at McAlpin House while in New York.

Capt Theodore Gonzila, Queen's, spent a few days in Cobourg, the guest of his friend, W. F. Kerr, crown attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hollister, Kingston, have been visiting friends at Farron's Point.

General and Mrs. J. Lyons Biggar and their daughter, Miss Violet Biggar, left recently for Italy and at present are residing in Nice.

Mrs. W. E. Rees, Gananogue, is at South Orange, N.J., where she will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ira A. Kip III.

Misses Fausta and Hilda DeWolfe, Gananogue, have returned home from visiting friends in Kingston.

Mrs. S. T. Chown, Renfrew, is visiting her sister and son, Murray, at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Roughton, King street, are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. S. Burrows, Belleville.

Miss Mildred Calver and Miss Isabelle Shaw, Kingston, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Day, Gananogue.

Miss Coey, Newark, N.J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ross Livingston, Johnson street.

a lot sometimes, daddy. Ruthie."

Always a Binding Cord.
I read the letter through and the appeal of those children affected me deeply, but I don't think Helen saw it. I looked into her troubled face and she said to me:

"Don't you see, dear: don't you understand? There will always be a cord binding Bobby to his wife as long as these children live and love him! I don't know what to do with this letter. I dare not let Bobby see it, and God knows I dare not keep it from him. And there will be more letters, of course. Oh, Katherine, I am almost sure that the unhappiness I had when I found that I was in love with Bobby and felt that he could not be mine, is nothing to the fear and suspense that I have now! It is just as the children say in their letter. He is nothing but a big boy, to be petted and amused, variable as the wind. I am sure that when he

reads this letter he will go at once to see the babies. And when he sees them he will forget me. I don't want to be selfish, Katherine. Certainly I am not jealous of Robert's children, but it is so terrible to find that we

cannot cut ourselves off entirely from the world, no matter how much we may desire so to do! Oh, Katherine, Katherine, what shall I do!"
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