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## LOVE and MARRIED LIFE

by the noted author  
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Is John Beginning to Understand. "I am quite sure," said Elizabeth, as we went down to the car, "that you won't be back in time to tell the men where you want the goods placed. Shall I do it for you?"

"Just tell them to put them anywhere," John called back without turning his head. "I haven't the slightest idea what Katherine wants to do with any of it, and we will have plenty of help to put them in place."

"It isn't necessary for you to come, John," I said, as we got into the car, "surely you must have some business this morning that needs your attention."

"I have nothing that is pressing except to get that house in shape so that we can sleep there tomorrow night, if possible."

I smiled a little to myself as I thought of how John was writhing under the amount of money which must be paid out every day for us at the hotel, and I confess I was a little bit happy to think that for once in all the time that we had been married, I had beaten him in money matters. Alas and alack! I did not know what was in store for me in the future, and it is well that I did not.

I reached home just in time for the baby's feeding, and as usual with her in my arms I forgot everything but her sweetness and the comfort that she always brought me.

**Baby Has Been Fretting.**  
"I am glad that you have come, Mrs. Gordon," said Miss Parker, "for the baby has been fretting, and I think that she has caught a little cold. But as soon as she has nursed I am sure that she will be better and take her nap as usual."

John fidgeted about the room. I was not sure just what made him so nervous, and yet I was not particularly surprised when he burst out:

"I don't understand, Katherine, why Elizabeth told you that she had not been in the house before."

"Well, my dear, you didn't really tell me that she had been."

"No, of course I didn't but I knew that you knew that she had from the way that you looked when she plumped out that story of not having been over. She must have forgotten about it."

"No, my dear John, she is too clever a woman for that. She knew of course just how I would feel about crossing the threshold with you, and she played up to the idea, forgetting, John, just how stupid a man can be in circumstances like these."

"Then you really think I am stupid, Katherine?" he asked.

"Not more so than any other man," I answered.

"Well let's don't talk about it any more, and if you can, I wish that you would come with me back to the house and tell me where you want the furniture put."

Although I was very tired I decided that I would not let John know anything about it, and started immediately.

When we arrived I found that Elizabeth Moreland had made the mistake of reminding Alice. Alice was also there, but Tom had evidently had to go about his business. Elizabeth had an annoyed look upon her face and for the first time I saw that when her face was in repose she looked absolutely cruel. There are many women whom we think are always happy, always charming, whom we never see without smiles upon their faces, and we are quite surprised sometimes when we catch them unawares to find that their faces express something very different from anything that we had dreamed of them. Elizabeth Moreland did not see John coming up the stairway behind me and she did not feel it necessary to compose her face into one of her radiant smiles, therefore I was sure that John caught the glimpse of absolute discontent upon her face. The sight of this moved me to pity, but it evidently surprised and annoyed him.

"Are you still here, Elizabeth?" he asked briskly.

**Turns Her Face.**  
She gave a start and turned her face. "Why, yes," she said. "Didn't you expect to find me?"

"I didn't think anything about it," he answered gruffly.

"Well, I thought that I would remain, as Alice was going too," she rather timidly ventured, "but now that you and Katherine have come I think that I shall be going."

"Tell my chauffeur to take you home in the car, Elizabeth," I said, for I really pitied her.

"I can walk," she answered. "I think that I need the exercise."

"That is the first time that I ever knew Elizabeth to walk when she might as well ride," said John as she went out the door.

"I don't think that she would have objected, John, if it had been you who offered the motor," said Alice.

John looked slightly bewildered, but Alice smiled at me. She understood perfectly, and as John went out to direct the men who had just come up with a furniture van she turned and said: "I believe upon my soul, Katherine, that at last John Gordon is seeing just where that woman is going to lead him if you will let her."

"I am not sure, Alice," I answered.

"John, you know, with his one-track mind, is only thinking of getting me and the baby and the entire family into this house and shut off the \$40 per day that we are paying to the hotel."

"Maybe so, maybe so," she retorted, "but I think there is a glimmer of light beginning to permeate his brain."

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## Diary of a Fashion Model

By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

I had quite a delightful adventure one recent sunny day. A friend of mine who writes society notes for one of the smart magazines, invited me to go to what she called a swell function. It was at a palatial home on Long Island, or rather in the gardens that surround it. Of course she had to get some data about some of the speakers—all women of note—but what interested me most was the modes.

As we sauntered about the lovely grounds admiring the landscape gardening, we saw the beautiful gown I have used for our illustration. It was worn by a young woman whose dark eyes and very fair complexion made a pleasing impression on the spectator. She was standing at some distance from us so I said:

"Marie, just wait here for a few minutes till I make a sketch of this frock."

"Certainly," she assented. "Of course," she added, "I am not an authority on dress, but that does seem charming. What is the material?"

"Don't you recognize a fine linen when you see it?"

"Well, these sheer things all look so much alike to me that I never know just what's what."

"And I suppose you'll ask me next what sort of lace is combined with it, so I will anticipate your question and tell you that it's fine."

"Now that was one thing that I knew, but all the same I think it makes a pretty border to those apron-like panels which are the same at the front and back of the skirt."

"And you notice that at the sides there are tapering panels of the linen bordered with little frills of the finest net, while small flowers of the white linen are cleverly tucked beneath the puffings of the skirt? The embroidery is done in a very fine white mercerized cotton and shows much solid work that is decidedly effective."

"I like the dash of color in the sash, for white or black always seems rather uninteresting unless enlivened by some gay color."

"Well, that is all a matter of taste and in many ways I refer to the white frock. However, this girle is made from a pastel-toned ribbon pale blue on the one side and pink on the other, and its long streamers dip toward the hem of the skirt."

"The hat takes my fancy," was Marie's next remark, as I hastily noted the details of the dress in my sketch book.


I could readily appreciate that, for she adores those huge chapeaux made of colored leghorn or horse-hair. This one was a big leghorn and its trimming was of pale green cur-rants mesh high in the front. This style of decoration is extremely popular at the present time. And it is not deemed necessary to follow the natural colors of the fruit, although I have seen some such a natural shade of red that you might almost imagine you were gazing at the real luscious curant.

Another effective trimming that is used not only on the large hat such as is shown here, but also on the small upturned models, is lily of the valley. Its tiny flowers lend themselves well to novel decorative arrangements.

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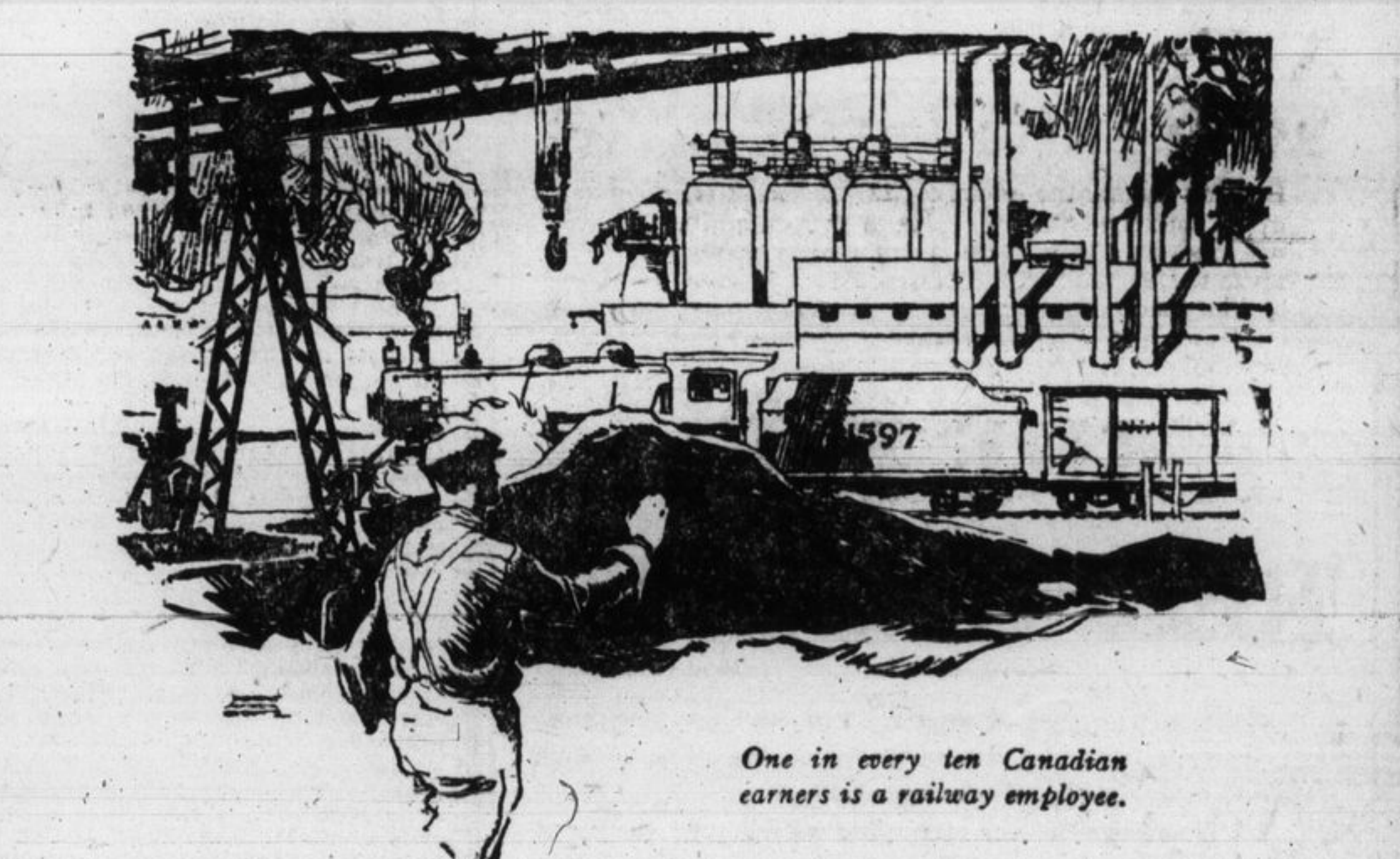
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