

The Married Life of Helen and Warren

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Helen's Vanity Receives a Blow When She Sees Her Gowns on a Younger Woman

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"Thirty dollars a week!" repeated Helen. "Oh, I'm so glad for you!"

"Yes, it does seem princely after three years of plying the typewriter. When I gave Mr. Richards notice—herofore—to retire me to fifteen," Laura's laugh was harsh. "Generous of him, wasn't it?"

"You've always been so bitter against him."

"Why shouldn't I be?" defiantly.

"The work I did was worth more, and he knew it."

"Now I'm through. Didn't I glory in telling him?"

"But these moving picture people—how did you get in touch with them?"

"Mr. Carr bowed where I did last winter. He thought then he could get me in—but only as an extra. They pay five dollars a day, but the work is uncertain and I was afraid to risk it. Last week he called up and said there was a chance in the regular company; to come right over and see Mr. Stanley, the director."

"And he engaged you at once?"

"No, I'd no experience except that one week with the Universal. But they were to take some pictures in Jersey the next day, Sunday, and he said he'd try me out. I was terrified. I felt everything depended on my work that day. But it was cloudy and they didn't do much, so I had only one scene. Monday they put me in a week at thirty a week. Now it's up to me to make good."

"Oh, you will," encouraged Helen, warmly. "I know you will."

"If only I had some clothes! I've been an evening dress desperately. They lent me one for a supper scene, but it was a mile too big."

"Why, I'll gladly lend you any of mine."

"Oh, I didn't mean that." Then, impulsively. "But if you could—until I have a chance to get some."

"You know I'd love to. Come in here, we'll look over what I have."

Her best gowns Helen kept in the large hall closet. And now she took down several from their hangers and turned them right side out.

"You're so many!" enviously. "Oh, how attractive! I love this!" Laura held up a pale blue chiffon, with a knife-plaited underskirt.

"That's old. I got that in London on our first trip, three years ago. Look how badly it's worn—the chiffon's all pulled to front."

"But that wouldn't show in the pictures. It doesn't matter if they're surrounded or worn, it's only the style and material that show."

"Try it on," urged Helen. "No, sir, you can't lie there!" lifting Pussy Purp-Mew from the soft plushness of a white chaise.

Slipping out of her shirtwaist and skirt, Laura, radiantly expectant, raised the blue chiffon over her head.

"Your corset cover's too high," as Helen started to hook the gown. "Wait, I can turn it in."

"Oh, it's so graceful—and it just fits me!"

"It does look well. I didn't think we were so near the same size."

"What're you two doing in there?" called Warren, who always resented being left alone in the evening.

"Laura's trying on some of my gowns. She may have to borrow one for the pictures." Then, impulsively, "Go let Warren see you in that."

Aglow with excitement, Laura ran into the library.

"Great!" laying down his paper, "Say, that's stunning on you! Suit you better than it does Helen."

Helen knew this was true, but she shrank from having it put into words. Though they had been schoolmates, Laura, with her cloudy hair and vivid coloring, was several years younger; and, beside her, Helen felt suddenly commonplace and old.

When she tried on the next gown, she whirled about before a mirror, then darted off with a joyful "I want Mr. Curtis to see this one."

"Turn around," commanded Warren. "Jove, you can wear Helen's clothes all right. That suits you to a T."

Helen had grown very quiet. She was genuinely fond of Laura, but she could not keep back the vague bitterness that every woman feels toward another who is younger and more striking.

As she looked Laura into the last gown, she glanced over her shoulder into the glass. She, too, looked older.

"I shouldn't think of borrowing this—it's too new and fresh."

"Oh, you wouldn't hurt it." Helen tried to be generous.

"No—no, one of the others will do just as well."

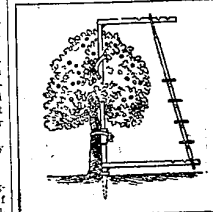
This time when she ran in for Warren's approval, Helen did not go with her. Instead, she stood waiting by, and seeing that Warren, slowly sticking the pins

Horticultural News

REVOLVING LADDER IS HANDY

Fruit Picked Without Damaging It or the Tree Which Bore It—Applicable to All Orchards.

The scientific picking of fruit requires that the operation should be performed without damaging the tree, which often occurs when ladders of the ordinary design are thrust into the branches. The revolving ladder support shown in the accompanying cut has been invented and patented by a California orange grower. While the idea is applicable to all that are in the orange grove, where the crop is not gathered at one time as in other fruits, but is collected at a number of successive pickings. A peculiar characteristic of the orange tree is that it frequently bears on its branches fruit in many different stages of development, all the way from the bud to the ripe fruit.



Permanent Ladder for Fruit Trees.

The oranges are picked at different times, the season being influenced by the convenience of the grower and the condition of the market. There would be, therefore, more incentive to the owner to erect permanent supports of this character among the orange trees than in an apple orchard, for instance where the entire crop is removed at one operation. Then, too, the orange trees are more fragile than other trees, and the grower must necessarily exercise more care. The apparatus consists of a shaft with one end buried in the ground near the tree trunk and extending upright through the tree top. It is fitted with an arm horizontal with the means for securing the top end of the ladder there. This device may be swung all around the tree so that every part may be reached and the fruit picked without disturbing a leaf.

RED RASPBERRY SPUR BLIGHT

Disease Recognized by Irregular Brown Spots on New Canes—It Can Be Controlled.

By WALTER G. SACKELL, Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station.

Red raspberry spur blight makes its appearance about the middle of July and can be recognized by the irregular brown spots on the new canes. The fungus which is responsible for the discoloration invades the tissue surrounding the buds from which the fruit spurs arise and either destroys them outright or prevents their further growth and development. The disease can be controlled satisfactorily by spraying the young canes with bordeaux mixture when they are six to eight inches high and every two weeks thereafter until the picking season. The old canes should be removed as soon as the crop has been gathered, and a final application of the spray material should be given at that time. For this work we recommend an adhesive bordeaux mixture having a formula 3-2-50 and containing two pounds of resin fish oil soap to each 50 gallons.

BEES IN THE FRUIT ORCHARD

Buzzing Little Honey Gatherers Are True Partners of Orchardist—Results of Work Plain.

H. W. Collinwood of the Rural New Yorker, says: "We can easily forgive the bee his short working days when we consider the good he does. There is no question about the debt fruit growers owe him. People talk about the wind and other insects in fertilizing our flowers, but I am confident that any man who will really take the time and pains to investigate for himself will see that the bee is the certain result of his good work in a neighbor's orchard. Those bees broke the trees down just as truly as though they had climbed on the trees by the millions and pulled at them. The appearance of those trees after a few years of bee keeping have convinced any fair-minded man that our little buzzing friends are true partners of the fruit grower."

The Orchard Location.

The north side of a hill is the best location for an orchard, because changes in temperature are not so great as elsewhere. On south slopes the buds start too early in the spring, cold air descends in hollows and valleys and is likely to kill the young buds. An orchard near a lake or large pond is not likely to be injured by frosts, because the water tends to make the temperatures more even.

The Bonnie Conductor Lasse, Edinburgh, Scotland, has two dozen women street car conductors who are a thorough success in the new line of work. Other tramways are already recruiting girls and training them to be conductors. It is said that girls working in the English cartridge factories are so fired with patriotism that some of them work thirty hours in a stretch without any rest. Miss Elizabeth Lister has been appointed a stationmaster in South Wales, the first woman to act in that capacity. In the north of England and in Scotland and Wales the men workers are being supplanted in the fields by women, who can be seen following the harrow or digging and hoeing.

Saves Steps.

When the best and happiest housekeeper known to the writer was asked to tell the secret of her speed in housework she replied: "I never iron with a cold iron, cut with a dull knife or go to my kitchen to prepare a meal without a clean small hand towel; planned to my apron belt on one side and a similar dish towel timed on the other. Try it, and you will be surprised to see how much time and how many extra steps you will save."

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The United States has 3,000,000 square miles of territory, 100,000,000 acres of land. There are 875,000,000 acres of land in the farms of the country, but 475,000,000 acres of this area are unimproved and unproductive.

Transportation in California.

To compete with California's present street railway system a company has been formed which will place 100 motor buses and 400 cars for freight in service within a year.

One Led to Another.

"I tried to get you over the telephone half a dozen times yesterday morning, but the line was busy every time."

"Yes, my wife called up a neighbor to ask her a question, and before they got through each had asked the other not less than one hundred questions."

Some Jealous.

Patience—Is she jealous of her husband?

Patience—Is she? Say, she's jealous if he finds a hair in the butter that isn't hers!

Dangerous Situation.

"Awful station at the jail."

"Dear me! What is it?"

"They have the measles there, and all the prisoners have broken out."

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DEVELOPING

BLACKS

THE INVITATION.

"Hello, Mabel!"

"Oh, hello, George!"

"How are you, Mabel?"

"Just fine! How're you, George?"

"Same. Say, Mabel, let's go through the park this afternoon. What say?"

"Well—ahab ahem—I—I—ah—I'm kind of—well, I'm kind of tired, George."

"Then you won't go?"

"I'm so sorry, but George, you understand just how it is, don't you, George, dear?"

"Yes, I guess so. I suppose I'll have to ride with someone else, then."

"Ride?"

"Yes; my new eight-cylinder roadster came this morning."

"Oh, George! Did it really? Isn't that just splendid? Say—ah—George, I guess I'm not as tired as I thought I was."

"Well, I wouldn't take any chances if I were you, Mabel. It doesn't pay. I'll take someone else."

"But really, dear, I'm not tired a bit. Honestly."

"It's sweet of you to say that, but I don't want to take advantage of your kindness. Good-by, Mabel, until the next evening."

Next evening the roadster was waiting on the hook. "Darn it!" she muttered. "Why didn't he say so in the first place?"—Michigan Gargoyle.

Even after a man swears off he is apt to keep right on swearing.

One Left.

"The fog system is obsolete in schools, now, isn't it?"

"Yes, except the brain fog."

Ordinarily a young man refers to his father as "the old man." But if he desires to be particularly polite, he refers to him as "the old gent."

Probable.

"Pa, who started the saying that a man's wife is his better half?"

"Some man's wife, I reckon."

Safest Marriages.

The safest marriages are declared by a statistician to be those contracted with men under twenty-four or more than thirty-four years of age.

Good!

In that new banana which Burbank has evolved the skid-dy skin is omitted. This may be a gain for the banana and the public, but it's a painful loss for the professional funmaker.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Orchids.

The exportation of orchids from the Philippine Islands is increasing. In March, 1914, 10,000 plants were consigned to a San Francisco firm and arrived in excellent condition. During May 5,000 plants were shipped to the same firm. The consignments included four varieties—Solitaires, Amabiles, Studians and Sandierias.

On Time for Breakfast

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