

GLORIA

THE
FLAPPER
WIFE

Dick Discovers Wayburn Was
In Gloria's Car When It
Was Wrecked.

THE STORY SO FAR
Gloria, Gordon's beautiful flapper, marries Dick Gregory, a struggling lawyer. Her idea of marriage is fun and she is determined to have a good time.

Dick borrows Macie, his mother's maid to teach Gloria to cook. But to the disgust of mother Gregory, Gloria won't learn. Macie leaves because of Gloria's wild parties.

Then Gloria hires Raughild Soren, another maid, but they can't afford a maid, so she swamps Dick with debts for new clothes and an automobile.

Dick becomes dangerously ill with pneumonia. Dick's doctor, Dr. May Seymour, sees a great deal of Stanley Wayburn, an actor, with whom Gloria is in love. Dr. May Seymour, wife of Dr. John Seymour, warns her against being with him. When she asks him if Gloria is good, he says she has been snubbed because of her foolish affair with him.

Wayburn says he has the offer of a job in New York. When Gloria gets \$200 from him, Dick's secretary, Miss Briggs, tells her that Dick has been fired. She goes to see the doctor, who says he is improving the back yard as a surprise for Dick.

Wayburn and Gloria go riding one afternoon. Wayburn, drunk, makes violent love to Gloria. In an effort to stop herself, she forgets to steer the car, and it overturned in the road. Wayburn is severely injured. Gloria is found and taken to the hospital. There she calls for Wayburn.

By Beatrice Burton
CHAPTER XXXXII

LORIA was asleep when her mother arrived at the hospital.

Mrs. Gordon and the floor nurse sat at the foot of her bed talking in low tones.

"She won't wake up for a while," the nurse said. "We gave her a sleeping powder."

Gloria's mother clasped her hands tightly together.

"You're sure she's not seriously hurt?" she asked, for the third time.

"Well, her collar bone's broken and she's pretty well bruised," the nurse answered, for the third time, also. "But she's not going to die, of course."

"Who is 'Stan'?" she asked, after a moment's silence. "She kept asking about 'Stan' before she went to sleep."

Gloria's mother didn't answer. She knew at once who 'Stan' was. That had been what Gloria had always called that good-for-nothing Wayburn!

Mrs. Gordon wondered if Gloria had been seeing Wayburn all during her married life. She wondered if Wayburn had been with her when the car had been wrecked that afternoon.

She stood up and looked at Gloria's face.

A year ago Gloria, in her sleep, had looked as innocent and sweet as a baby. Mrs. Gordon had often told herself so when she had gone into her daughter's room to fuck her up for the night.

Now that look of child-like innocence had gone. There was a new and hard expression around the beautiful mouth.

What had brought it there, Mrs. Gordon wondered.

And as if in answer to her question, Gloria stirred in her sleep and murmured "Stan..."

One hour later she stirred again and opened her eyes. She smiled as she saw her mother, who was sitting beside her.

"Car?" Gloria asked, after a few minutes. Her voice was drowsy.

"I guess it's pretty bad," Wayburn. "Your dad's going to see about it in the morning," Mrs. Gordon answered. She took the fingers of Gloria's bandaged hand in hers.

The girl winced and drew them away.

"Stan?" she asked, after another long pause.

Mrs. Gordon shook her head. "Was it Wayburn who was with you in the car this afternoon?" she asked.

Gloria closed her eyes. She pretended that she was asleep so that she would not have to answer her mother's question.

But her pale lips quivered and a tear slid down her cheek from under her shadowy lashes . . . then another.

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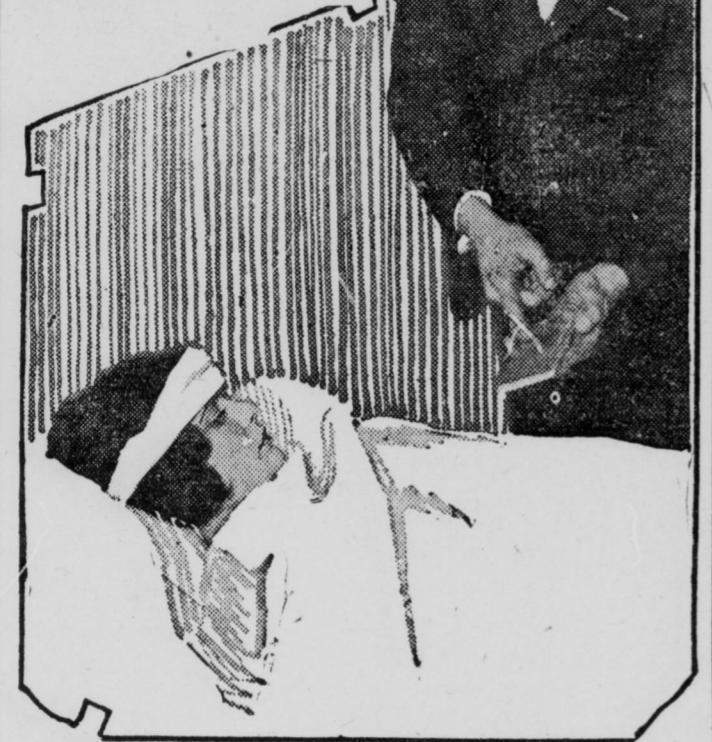
burn was with our Glory today, do you?" he asked again.

"I'm afraid I do," Mrs. Gordon answered firmly. "I'm afraid I do! She wouldn't answer me when I asked her about him."

Two weeks later Gloria was able to sit up and have visitors. The first of them was May Seymour.

The minute Gloria laid eyes on May she saw that she was bursting with bad news.

"Well, I must hand it to you for giving the gossips the best nine-day



"How did you happen to have this along with you?" Dick asked.

wonder of the year, Gloria?" she said, after she had kissed her on both cheeks.

Gloria started. "What do you mean, May?" she asked. There was a queer, sinking feeling at her heart.

"Well," May went on cheerfully, "that cat, Mrs. Wing, saw you pick Wayburn up in your car the afternoon of the wreck. She said that Wayburn was three sheets to the wind . . . And the story's going round that you were too bold for Wayburn! I guess I'm some little Sherlock Holmes!"

Gloria stared at May without speaking.

"Mrs. O'Hara asked John who 'Stan' was," May went on. "And it never occurred to John who 'Stan' was . . . But the minute he told me about it I knew you were still calling for Wayburn! I guess I'm some little Sherlock Holmes!"

"It's not true!" Gloria burst out angrily. "I hadn't had a thing to drink! Not a thing!"

Gloria smiled sweetly.

"You can tell me the truth, dearie! You know I'll never breathe it to the soul," she said.

"I do care whether you do or not: I tell you I didn't have a thing to drink! It was raining and the car skidded into the ditch, that's all," Gloria said.

"But Stan was with you, wasn't he?" May asked.

"Yes, he was," Gloria answered defiantly. "But how did you know he was?"

"Oh, doctor's wives hear things, you know. Things that happen in hospitals!" May answered mysteriously.

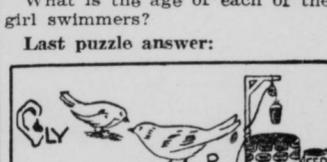
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"S HE'S been seeing that Wayburn again. I'm sure of it!"

Mrs. Gordon said to Gloria's father that night, as they walked home. "The nurse says she's been calling for him ever since she came into the hospital!"

"Do you think he was with her in the car when it turned over?"

Mr. Gordon asked.

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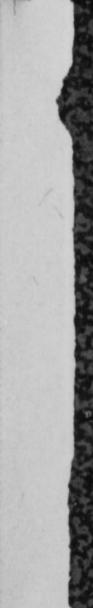
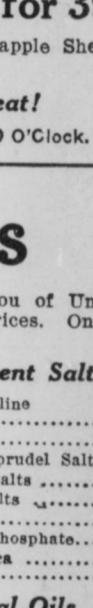
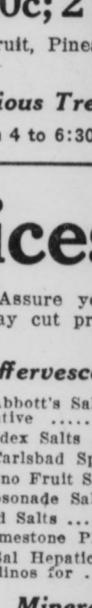
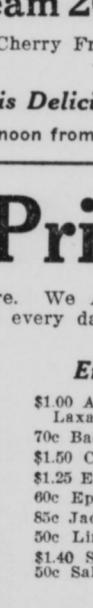
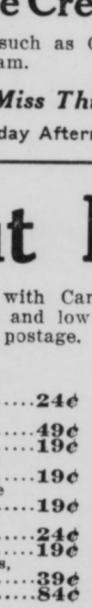
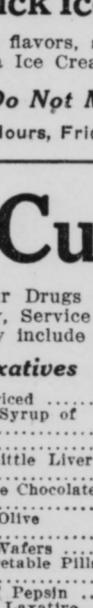
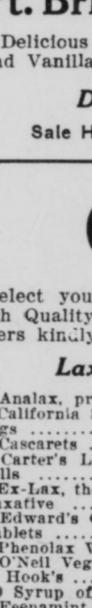
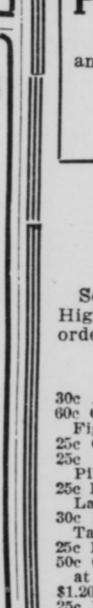
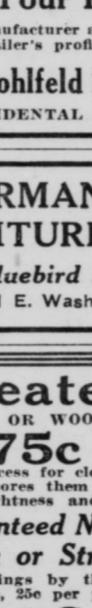
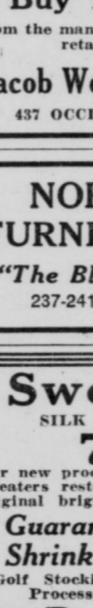
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