

GLORIA THE FLAPPER WIFE

Gloria Receives a Check for \$50 From Dick.

THE STORY SO FAR:
GLORIA GORDON, beautiful flapper, married DICK GREGORY, a struggling lawyer. Her idea of marriage is fun and fine clothes. . . but no work or children.
She refuses to do her own housework and hires a maid. But Dick has to let the maid go. Gloria has swamped him with debts.
She becomes infuriated with an actor, STANLEY WAYBURN. When he leaves town to go to New York, Gloria follows him. But he spurns her. Then she tries to get a job as a chorus girl and fails. Finally she comes home to Dick. He takes her back, but out as his wife.
Gloria begins to suspect he is in love with his secretary, SUSAN BRIGGS. Dick stays out late one night, and Gloria sure he spent the evening with Miss Briggs. But next day she learns that he was at the home of DR. JOHN SEYMOUR, who had killed himself because of the love affair between his wife, MAY, and JIM CAREWE.
The breach between Gloria and Dick widens. Gloria packs up and leaves him. Finally, one afternoon, filled with homesickness, she breaks into their house and puts fresh flowers in the vases. She realizes at last that she loves Dick. When she goes back to her parents' home, her mother gives her a letter from Dick.

By Beatrice Burton

CHAPTER LXI

GLORIA'S heart beat fast. A telegram coming in the dead of night couldn't startle her more than this letter from Dick.

...What was in it? What did he have to say to her?

Her fingers pressed the envelope. There seemed to be several folds of paper within it.

But without opening it, Gloria slipped it into her apron pocket. She could feel the eyes of her father and mother watching her. She knew that they were waiting for her to open the letter. . . to tell them what Dick had written.

But, somehow or other, she wanted to be all alone when she read that letter.

There was just a wild chance that Dick was asking her to come back to him, in it. "And if he wants me, I'll go home this very night!" Gloria promised herself.

She raised her eyes to the cuckoo clock that hung above the sideboard. Half past seven. . . In another hour or two she might be in Dick's arms, again!

With an effort she went on talking: "I saw May Seymour this afternoon, Mother. She's going away from Indianapolis. Says she'll never come back here as long as she lives."

Gloria's mother forgot all about the letter in this exciting piece of news.

"Well, I should just think she would go away! I should think she'd be ashamed to show her face among decent people, anywhere!" she said, with spirit. "I always told you she was no good, didn't I?"

What was the name of that man she used to run around with, right under her poor husband's nose?

"Jim Carewe," Gloria answered. "And what do you think? He's going to be married to some little girl just out of school, next fall. The

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Biggest Selling Joint Remedy in the World

—Advertisement.



"Here's an ad that looks pretty good to me," she said to her mother.

engagement was announced in the paper the other day."

An expression that plainly said "I told you so!" flashed across Mrs. Gordon's face. She was "Mrs. Grundy" herself, at that moment.

"I never saw it fail to happen!" she cried. "Men will run around and have a good time with women like May Seymour. But when they settle down, they marry some girl who still thinks the moon's made of green cheese!"

Gloria laughed.

"Mother, you amuse me," she said. "Nobody thinks the moon's made of green cheese, any more. Flappers of seventeen know more than their grandmothers knew at seventy."

MRS. GORDON shook her head. "Of course, if you think that knowing how to shimmy or roll a cigarette is knowing anything, you're right!" she said, "but we old-fashioned women weren't so slow. When I was your age I could run a house all myself. . . washing, ironing, baking. Everything!"

"Yes, and she used to make all my shirts, too," Gloria's father added, mildly. "And your little dresses, Gloria. Remember how cute she used to look in those pink gingham dresses, Mother?"

Mrs. Gordon nodded. Her blue eyes filled with tears as she looked across the table at Gloria. This was a terrible thing for her. . . this breach between Gloria and Dick. Like a death in the family, almost!

That this should have happened to her little Gloria! The little daughter, for whom she had worked and prayed for twenty years. . .

Gloria read her mother's thoughts. She carried her dishes out into the kitchen, and then ran upstairs to her tiny bedroom.

With shaking fingers she tore open the envelope.

She took out the paper that was in it. . . a double sheet, folded around a check. A check for \$50. That was all.

There wasn't a word written on the paper. . . not a word! Just the money. . . the check. As if money were all she wanted!

"So that's the love letter!" she said, having chills and fever about, for the last fifteen minutes! . . . Nothing but a measly check!" she said, ruefully.

She sank down on the edge of her bed, turning the slip of paper over and over in her fingers. Then she looked into the envelope once more. . . Just to make sure that there was a letter from Dick in it. But there was none.

Gloria tore the envelope into tiny pieces, and flung the check down on her dresser. That bit of paper. . . It was the death blow to her hopes!

Puzzle a Day

Fifteen years ago there were nearly 200 passenger car manufacturers. Today there are only 72. The latter figures is memorable for another reason. It can be divided into four parts, to the first part you can add two, from the second part you can subtract two, the third part can be divided by two, and the fourth part multiplied by two. The result in each case will be the same. If you add two to the last part you will discover the number of manufacturers turning out the greater part of the automobiles.

What are the parts that 72 can be divided into?

Last puzzle answer:

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Biggest Selling Joint Remedy in the World

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"I certainly can't," Gloria replied. "Dick's been my husband for a long time, and he's got to pay for it!" Her little chin was firm and hard.

She stood suddenly. "Come on, let's go downstairs. I'll wipe the dishes for you," she offered.

In silence they cleared away the dishes and set to work to wash them.

THEY had almost finished when Gloria's father came in from the back yard, where he had been sprinkling his little garden.

"Well, what are you two so quiet about?" he asked.

Gloria laughed shakily.

"I had a windfall. Dick sent me \$50," she answered, "and Mother and I don't know what to do with it."

Her father came over to her and laid his hands tenderly on her shoulders.

"Don't touch a nickel of his money," he said. He felt that whatever the trouble was between Dick and Gloria, it couldn't be his "baby girl's" fault. So in his own mind he blamed Dick for her unhappiness.

"We took care of you twenty years, daughter," he went on. "I guess we can do it a while longer. . . You send his money back to him."

Gloria looked thoughtful. "Do you know, I believe I will," she said suddenly. "Tomorrow morning I'll get up early and hunt a job. Thank goodness I know how to earn a few dollars!"

But she was filled with sadness that night, as she sat in her room, looking out into the dark street. Behind her on the dresser the alarm clock ticked loudly. It was set for 6 o'clock in the morning.

"Back to the old grind!" Gloria said to herself miserably.

She had always been hard for Gloria Gordon to rouse herself at break of day, and go out to work long dreary hours. How much more difficult it was going to be for Mrs. Richard Gregory, who had had her breakfasts in bed for many months. . . who had had her own home, her own automobile.

CLORIA couldn't eat the poached eggs and toast that her mother cooked for her the next morning. She looked through the "Help Wanted" columns of the paper as she sipped her coffee.

"Here's an ad that looks pretty good to me," she said to her mother: "Wanted: Experienced stenographer, with knowledge of bookkeeping. Good salary."

The address was that of a real estate firm in the Hume-Mansur Bldg.

"I think I'll go there," Gloria made up her mind. "It may be the very place I want."

But when she got off the street car in the downtown district, she did not turn toward the Hume-Mansur Bldg.

Instead she went straight to Dick's office, with the eager swiftness of a homing pigeon.

She pushed open the door and stepped inside. Dick and Miss Briggs stood talking beside the desk in the inner room.

They looked up in surprise as Gloria came toward them. She did not even glance at Susan Briggs.

"Hello, Dick," she said. He did not answer.

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