

Married Life the Third Year

BY MABEL HERBERT URRER.
"WANTED—A pleasant, well-lighted furnished room in private apartment by lady living alone. References, R. X. 274."

Three times Helen read this advertisement, then laid down the paper and gazed unseeing out the window. Why not? Why couldn't she? Why had she never thought of this before? The spare room was never used except as a sewing room or a store room. And now while Warren was away—why couldn't she take a room?

What easier way could there be to help pay the expenses? And Warren's letters were so vague about when he would return. He might be gone a couple of months longer. Why shouldn't the room be rented during that time? Again she took up the paper and reread the advertisement. Then she read several others, but they were all "gentlemen" or "bachelors" or "couples" who were seeking rooms. This was the only woman.

All that day Helen thought of nothing else. Surely this was the solution of her eager desire to make some money. Just what the room would be worth she did not know. She searched through the columns of "rooms to let" and so few "rooms wanted." But womanlike it was this point that finally decided her. The fact that it might be difficult to secure a roomer made it seem even more desirable.

SHE ANSWERS IT.
After spoiling several sheets of paper in variously worded attempts, Helen finally wrote out this answer:

West St., New York.
Feb. 17th, 1912.

R. X. 274.
I have a pleasant comfortable furnished room in a modern apartment with all conveniences. Should you care to see it, would be glad to show it to you any time. Very truly yours, Mrs. W. E. Curtis.

Phone ———— Riverside.

Helen was not quite satisfied with this. She felt vaguely that she should say more—describe the room and give an idea of the price. But she did not know what to ask, and somehow she shrank from praising her own apartment. The cheapest rooms in the "to let" columns were described as "luxuriously" or "handsomely" "exquisitely" furnished. Were she looking for rooms herself, she would feel that the places which were not so overpraised would be the better places.

Yet it was with much misgiving that Helen mailed her letter. Probably she would get no answer at all. "R. X. 274" might receive so many offers of "large and luxuriously" furnished rooms that her own honest note might be overlooked.

The next day Helen found herself looking for an answer with every mail, although she knew none could hardly be expected so soon. Her letter had come to the newspaper office, and would have to wait there until advertiser called or sent for it.

However, she satisfied some of her impatience by putting the spare room in perfect order. The sewing machine and table were moved in Warren's room. Then the room was thoroughly swept and dusted, a fresh linen sent put on the bureau, and even the pink satin cushion had its lace cover washed and ironed.

It was not a "luxurious" room but it was pleasant and comfortable and completely clean. And Helen surveyed it with satisfaction.

"Is you expecting company, ma'am asked Della, who could no longer restrain her curiosity as to why this room should just now be put in such special order."

DELLA IS TOLD. Knowing Della would regard the advance of a roomer with much disfavor, she had not yet told her.

"No, I'm not expecting company, Della, but I'm thinking of renting this room while Mr. Curtis is away."

Della gasped, "Rentin' the room? You mean you goin' to take a roomer?"

Helen nodded. "Yes, for a little while."

Della opened her mouth, as though to make some explosive protest, and then shut it quickly. There was something in the quiet dignity of Helen's bearing that checked any decided expression of her disapproval so she contented herself with a mumbled:

"Didn't know this was a roomin' house," as she polished the mirror with unnecessary force.

"Expenses have been very heavy this winter," answered Helen coldly. "And if I can't shall rent this room to help reduce them."

And there was a note in her voice that warned Della to make no further comment, but her fierce polishing of the mirror showed plainly her resentment.

That day passed and still Helen heard nothing from "R. X. 274." But the next morning, about ten, the phone rang and an unfamiliar woman's voice asked to speak to Mrs. Curtis.

"This is Mrs. Curtis," said Helen. You answered my advertisement about a room I'm up in this neighborhood this morning—could I see it now?"

"Why—why, yes," in confusion.

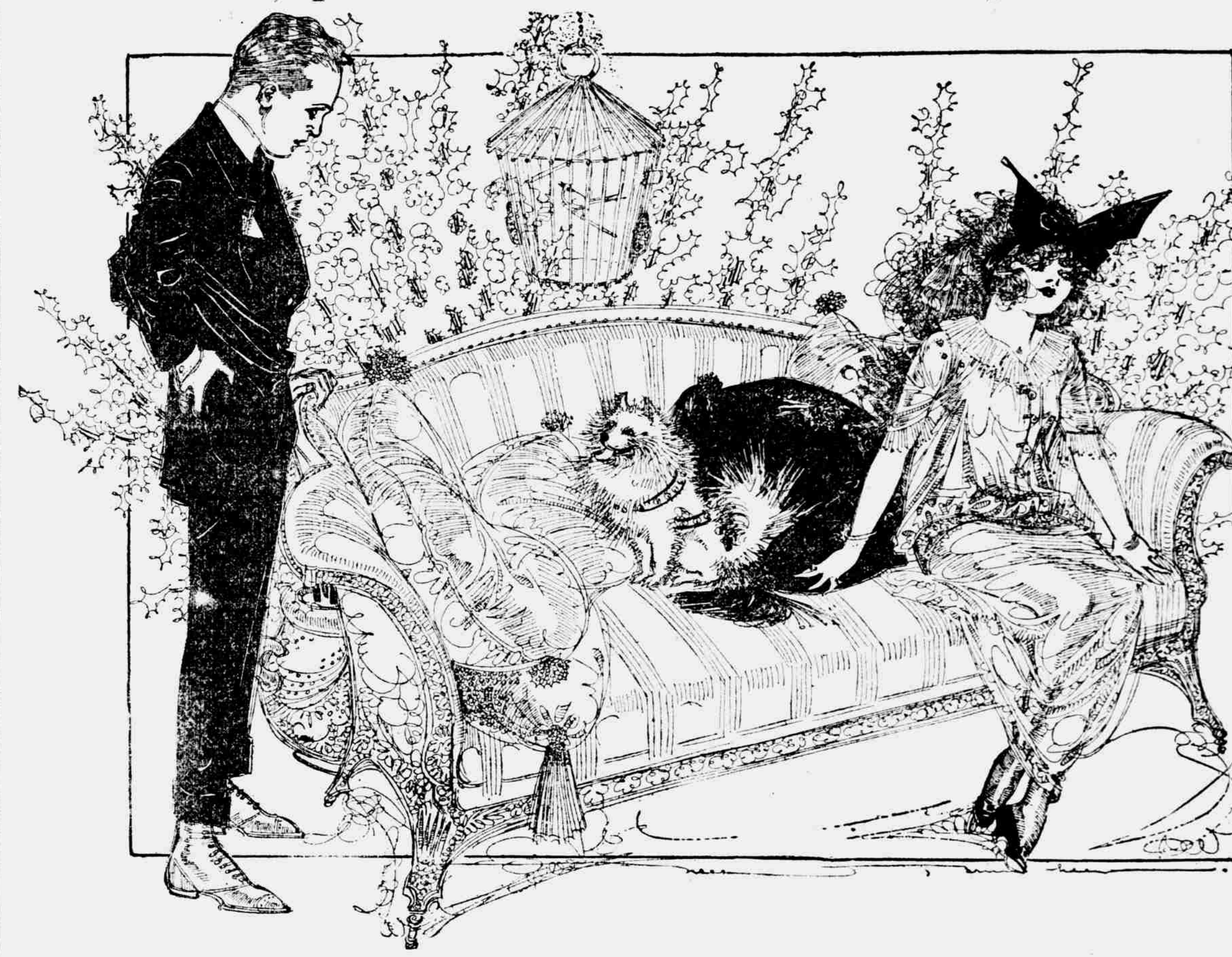
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Her First Proposal



Her first it is, too. So you see, with that, it is entitled to come in the list of "terrible minutes!" It might be that it will be their last, but when Youth is this young two round-cheeked things with fraternity pins on their chests, his hair with the convict cut, hers clinched at the nape of the neck

"Then, I'll be there in half an hour." Helen hung up the receiver in a flurry of excitement. In half an hour! Hurriedly she changed her house gown for a fresher one, and again went over the spare room with the dust.

She had not the slightest idea how to receive an applicant for a furnished room, nor did she know what rate to ask. But she hoped to get some idea of this from the woman herself.

The half hour had not quite passed when the "prone range" again and "Mrs. Morrison" was announced. The name sounded quite and well bred. Helen pictured a modest little woman, a widow, probably mourning. But when a moment later she opened the door it was to receive an overdressed and rather flashy looking woman. She wore an immense plumed hat with a heavily dotted veil through which the yellow of her hair were plainly evident. And with every movement came a whiff of heavy French perfume.

For the first few moments Helen was so confused she hardly knew what was said. Instinctively she felt she did not want to rent her room to this woman.

NOT LARGE ENOUGH.
"Yes, a very pleasant room," and Mrs. Morrison gazed around with keen scrutinizing eyes. "But it's very small. You haven't one larger?"

"Oh, no—this is the only room I have."

"Is this a good sized closet?" crossing the room and opening the closet door without seeming to think it worth while to ask Helen's permission.

"No, it's very shallow—that wouldn't hold all my clothes. But I suppose you'd put in a wardrobe."

"Oh, no; I couldn't—I haven't any," murmured Helen.

"Well, I suppose I could make this do. I might put some books and a curtain across that other door and hang some things there. Now I'd like to see the bathroom."

Helen flushed at the woman's imperative manner and silently led the way to the end of the hall. Mrs. Morrison scrutinized the immaculate clean bathroom and shot a shrewd glance into the open doors of the dining and sitting room as she passed.

"Now what do you ask for this," she demanded abruptly as she re-entered the spare-room.

"Eight dollars," answered Helen despatchingly, thinking she was putting upon it a prohibitive price.

"Eight? Do you ask eight for so small a room? I've seen lots of them at five."

"I shouldn't care to let it go for less than eight," she replied.

"Well, I suppose one does have to pay for cleanliness, and this is about the only really clean place I've found. Now how about breakfast? Could I make some arrangements to get my breakfast here?"

"Oh, no, no," hurriedly. "I couldn't think of serving any meals." "Well, I'll let you know tomorrow. That's high for this room, but it's clean and I rather think I'll take it. Here's my card—I'm the buyer of millinery at you want there."

And before Helen could recover from her surprise, she was gone with a final:

"I think I'll take it, but I'll let you know definitely tomorrow."

Helen came back to the spare-room and sat down limply on the bed. Eight dollars! She had not hoped to get more than six for there were many advertised in the "to let" column as low as "three-fifty."

Eight dollars every week! How much that would mean! This was not the type of woman she would have chosen for a roomer—but should she let that influence her? She had been

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Babette is the prettiest girl in the

so desperately longing for some opportunity to make money—to keep her from being wholly dependent upon Warren. And here was the opportunity! Could she refuse it?

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HOOSIER SOCIETY IS FORMED AT ATLANTA.
The newest society club of Atlanta, Ga., was formed yesterday at the Hotel Ansley, and the membership consists entirely of Hoosiers. Over one hundred Indians joined at the initial meeting, and the new organization will be known as the Hoosier Society of Atlanta. Several social events have been scheduled, and this club will be one of the most important in Atlanta.

REV. ZERBE TAKES UNIQUE SUBJECT
ELDERADO, O., Jan. 2.—The Eldorado dramatic club met with success last night when the members presented the "Corner Grocery," at West Manchester. This is the second performance, the first being in the local opera house Christmas night.

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By Nell Brinkley

OPENS SCHOOL FEB. 1

Giles Says West Side Building Not Accepted.

The new Joseph Moore school will not be opened for use until the beginning of the next semester, the first of February, said Superintendent Giles today. The contractors have practically completed their work, but have not turned the building over to the school board for acceptance. Plans for the dedication will not be announced until the school is completed and ready for use.

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MOTORCYCLE CLUB TO ELECT TONIGHT

Officers for the coming year will be elected by the Motorcycle club at a meeting tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the clubrooms. The final event of the year 1913 was the celebration on New Year's eve, when members of the club went to the Coliseum, where a flashlight picture was taken, and later, after a short ride, they went to the clubrooms for a social meeting.

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