

## "A Man and His Wife"

An Intensely Interesting Human Story of Wide Appeal by the Author of "The Fortunes of Fanny."



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Chapter I.

John Hamilton had married for love, and he was as much in love with his wife at the end of six months of wedded life as he had been when he bestowed upon her his name and what he could spare of his moderate income. And Isabel, his wife, loved him dearly. Perhaps this was one reason she had a sense of chagrin when any jar occurred to mar the calm of their united lives. Like many other women she had supposed that marriage to the man she loved would be perfect happiness. If you were not happier married than single, then why marry?

To the woman to whom happiness is the goal there come many periods of disillusionment and such a one had come to Isabel today.

She was at the breakfast table. Many conjugal disputes originate at the breakfast table as all wedded couples know. John remarked that the cream for the cereal was thin and watery in appearance.

"One doesn't get such cream nowadays as we used to have when I was a boy," he observed. His dark eyes were not as bright as they were when he smiled, and his well-shaped mouth wore a discontented curve.

"We don't buy pure cream," Isabel told him, "but use what comes off the top of the bottle of milk. I had to let Cynthia open the bottle as soon as it came this morning, so the cream did not have time to rise."

"Was there no milk left over from last night?" John queried.

He asked the question not because he cared especially, but because he felt—as good husbands sometimes do feel—in a slightly contentious mood this morning.

"No," replied his wife. She, too, had a swift sensation of resentment as he asked the question. Why should John care whether all the milk brought into the house was used yesterday or not? That was her affair—the business of the wife and housekeeper.

"You know," she added by way of explanation, "that we had a custard pie for dinner last night, and, though it was a small one, it took a pint of milk."

The Two Quarts of Milk Causes a Rumpus.  
"And we get two quarts every day, don't we?" the husband rejoined. "I should think that would be enough for any cooking and to leave some over for the next morning. I can't imagine what becomes of it all."

It was not like him to be so petty, his wife reflected.

"What is the matter with you, John?" she said. "We have been married for six months and you have never before accused me of dissipating the milk."

She tried to laugh, but she was not

really a bit amused. And her husband hearing the laugh, knew that she was vexed. All at once it seemed to him preposterous that he, the man who put up the money to run their small establishment, should be reproved for asking things that he had a perfect right to know. He set down his coffee cup and looked across the table sternly. The fact that his wife was pretty, that her eyes were very blue and her cheeks very pink, and that her hair waved bewitchingly about her face did not soften his heart. For there was in those blue eyes a gleam that was not of tenderness.

"Really, Isabel," he said slowly, yet with an emphasis that betokened displeasure, "since I pay for the materials that are brought into this flat, need you be surprised if I occasionally take the liberty of making an inquiry or two with regard to the way in which they are disposed of?"

"If I overdraw my housekeeping allowance you might have a right to investigate," the wife retorted. "But you know that each month I have a little something left from it."

"And you know that I have never asked you what you do or mean to do with a penny of that 'little something'?" John reminded her. "It is yours to spend as you please—and my only stipulation is that it does not go for expenses or bills that I am supposed to meet. It is yours to spend just as you like and on anything you like. As I am generous enough to insist upon this, I cannot see why you should resent my inquiring about the quantity of milk we buy, and what becomes of it."

The wife sighed. "Well," she said, "I only know that the milk goes. Yesterday I made a cake, and that took a cup of it; I drank a glass of it when I came home from my walk in the afternoon, and that accounted for another half pint; you took a glass at bedtime last night and a pint went for custard. There!" triumphantly, "you see that accounts for most of it—for, of

course, some was used for the porridge yesterday morning."

The Wife Resents the Man's Interference.  
"Certainly not more than a half-pint," the man said judiciously. "So you will please note that there is at least a pint that went nobody knows where. Probably Cynthia drank it," he added grimly. "All colored people like milk. You should watch your servant, my dear."

"I can hardly tell her not to take anything that I have never seen her take," the young housekeeper protested.

Cynthia was her first maid, and an inefficient one at that, for which reason she was paid lower wages than a competent servant would have received. Yet the mistress had a secret dread of Cynthia's wrath. It would be disagreeable and inconvenient to have her leave.

"That's what I say about women," declared the husband, pushing back his chair and rising from the table. "They will not run their home on business principles, and if a man dares suggest that they change their methods, they are peeved. They have no business sense. Now in my office if an employee were to take advantage—"

"Oh!" the wife interrupted him. "What do I care about your office? I am sorry my management does not suit you. But it's the best I am capable of!"

John glanced at his watch, though it is to be doubted if he noticed what the time was.

"I am going," he observed coldly. Bending over his wife's chair he kissed her on the forehead, as she did not lift her face to his.

"Good morning!" he said stiffly. "Good morning!" she returned as stiffly.

It was the first time they had ever parted for the day with hard feeling on either side.

(To be continued.)

## FAIR WEATHER AIDS FARMERS WITH PLOWING

ECONOMY, Indiana, April 9.—George Ballinger has the contract for remodeling the Frank Greenstreet residence.

Allie Weyl took Mr. and Mrs. George Canady and children, Lindsay and Uneda to Richmond Thursday.

Dr. W. L. Ballinger and family of Chicago arrived Thursday for a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Weyl arrived home from California Thursday.

Mrs. Ora Edwards and daughter Thelma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fraser Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Williams lead the W. C. T. U. meeting this (Friday) afternoon.

Margaret, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Loop, celebrated her thirteenth birthday anniversary by giving a party. The guests were Misses Mary Ballinger, Ruth Atkinson, Mary Weldy and Juanita Atkinson.

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Mrs. Martha Gard, 75, died from the effect of pneumonia, and the funeral was held Wednesday at Beuna Vista.

Mr. and Mrs. Link Morrison and daughter, Ruby, Earl Morrison and daughter, Bernice, and Mrs. Glenna Clark attended the funeral of Helen Boyd, the 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boyd, at Millville Thursday.

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