

The Diary of an Engaged Girl

By Phyllis Phillips

HER SECOND THOUGHTS ON ENGAGEMENTS IN GENERAL. Gracious, I've been so busy being engaged, and feted and fussed over, that I have hardly had a minute to think. I feel as if my brain were spinning sometimes. Mother is going to see this thing through in proper style. There's no getting out of being Mrs. Jack on the tenth of June as far as she is concerned. That much is certain. I've been to half a dozen teas and as many dinners since I became engaged. Heavens knows, I never was that important before. Who'd ever have suspected that one little word could so change the whole horizon? Why, now I'm a personality. I am allowed to have an opinion and the older women have sort of taken me "under their wing" in that sweet way that they have, don't you know? Personally, the whole process bores me to death. My face fairly aches tonight from smiling at people I don't give rap for. Oh, for one little hour with Dorry, for one cigarette, and a pally slap on the back from dear old "Brix."

Dear creatures, I never felt so faithful to them as I do now. These, of course, are happiest hours of my girl's life. Everyone says so. And yet I just feel, somehow, that Dorry and Jean and the rest of the gang are every bit as happy as I am; and they are certainly freer.

Funny how mother can enthuse over what she prophesies as "that sweet lack of freedom" that will come once the ceremony is over. It sends the cold shivers down my back, to tell the truth, the very thought of such, and yet I always remember that Lindsey has managed to have her own little way at a scratch all her whole sweet life. My motto is, Why worry?

Dear me, I could have slapped Jack properly yesterday for telling me to "put that," when I waved to "Brix" and Jean, as we whizzed by them in "our" car. Of course, he was just as sweet as he could be as soon as he had said it, but that note of authority registered with yours truly, believe me.

I was hoping against hope that we could manage to have a wedding "a deux"—just slip off by our lonesomes and have the knot tied and then off to the mountains, no fussing. Nothing but a huge and dressy wedding will suit the family, though. Jack's people have the same sentiments, it seems, so there you are. After all, a bride is but an incident at a wedding.

Such agony as I have gone through these last few days. I hate to think about it in detail. I just know we've been to every shop in this city and been waited on by every cross saleslady that the shop could produce.

I detest trousseaus. Mother has been almost indecent about the whole thing, seems to me. Why, I could

ed to pick out the place for the honeymoon at least.

I sort of hate to leave this room of mine, it's so completely part of me and my dreams; and I have had so many heart to heart talks with the real Lindsey in it that no one ever suspects exists. I just love my small, white bed and the funny pictures I have collected since was a kid and—oh, dear me, I'm getting quite sad, and that will never do for a prospective bride.

Jack sends me red roses and wonderful lilies of the valley every day. He is sympathetic about the fittings and shopping, so that helps some. I hope that he is trying to realize that I love comfort before everything else and will take to my beloved smocks again just as soon as the honeymoon is over. He hates them, because he says that they remind him of art crazy girls, artists' clothes and studios. I love 'em because they are so comfy. He is not in the least bit artistic. Horribly matter of fact, if the truth must be told.

He bates bobbed hair on women and despises women that smoke. They don't bother me.

(To be continued.)

NEW TREASURE CERTIFICATES ARE OFFERED BY HOUSTON

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Secretary Houston announced a new offering of treasury 4 3/4 certificates of indebtedness, bearing on March 15 and maturing in one year. Purchase of treasury certificates on the installment plan is made possible by a ruling announced by secretary Houston.

Unless you agreed in court to support the child without the help of the father, you can sue him for child desertion. If you find it difficult to take care of the child properly, the father should help you regardless of agreement.

When the father is older he may see that he made a mistake to let you and the baby go, but you have no

Heart and Beauty Problems

By Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a young divorced widow with a baby girl three years old. My husband doesn't care anything for the child. He stays in the same town I do and doesn't even call to see how she is. He never sends her anything, not even for Christmas or her birthday.

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