

**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 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 to-night from smiling at people I don't give a rap for. Oh, for one little hour with Dorry, for one cigarette, and a pally slap on the back from dear old "Braxy."

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 "cut that," when I waved to "Braxy" 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 "à 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 sales-lady that the shop could produce.

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

have got all the underwear that I needed just by quietly slipping in and out to Haiman's and no one would have been the wiser, but not so with mother. She tells the world that her daughter is about to be a bride. She seems to spare me no blushes. Why, she is quite openly frank about taking half an hour to decide on whether pink or blue crepe de chine "nighties" will please hubby more. When she does come to a decision I find I have had little to do with the choice. She invariably announces that she is sure "Jack will love me to death in the pink ones—any man would!"

Then, there's the wedding dress. How I shall ever be able to make a proper "entrance" in it is more than I can see. There seems to be yards and yards of train and it's so pompous somehow, not a bit like simple, little me. I know I'm ungrateful for looking at it that way, but I did dream of a gray traveling costume and a goblin blue hat. Father and I are the two people who have had least to say in this whole business, and we feel very close to each other just through this.

I have been fitted until my head aches, and I have tried on so many shoes and slippers that I have lost all desire for anything but the simple sandal. Verily, the path of the engaged girl is strewn with struggles. Never mind, perhaps I shall be allowed

to pick out the place for the honeymoon at last.

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 I was a kiddie and—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. Horridly matter of fact, if the truth must be told.

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

(To be continued.)

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By Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson

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I have to support myself, which I made an agreement with him to do. Would you let him go on as he has been doing or would you sue him for child desertion?

Sometimes I think I will not bother him or even let him see the babe, since he does not care for it. He is a fellow who is a great lover of home and mother. Mother always came first. Some day, don't you think he will come to his senses and see his mistake. I do not love him any more; he has done so many mean things to the child and me, but I like him too much for the kind of a man he is. TWENTY-ONE SUMMERS.

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

Christmas time or her birthday, shows how little he cares.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: We are two school friends, juniors in high school. Will you please tell us what would be proper to use on our faces, as we have to walk quite a distance to school, and the wind and cold chafes our faces? This makes them very rough and powder does not go on smoothly. TWO PALS.

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Dear Mrs. Thompson: Is it proper for a girl 19 years old who is very small for her age, to wear her dresses well below her knees, and let her hair hang down her back in curls, reason to believe he will be sorry for what he has done. The fact that he has not remembered the child at

caught on the back of the head with a ribbon? She desires to dress in this way until she is 20. Do you think it would be proper?

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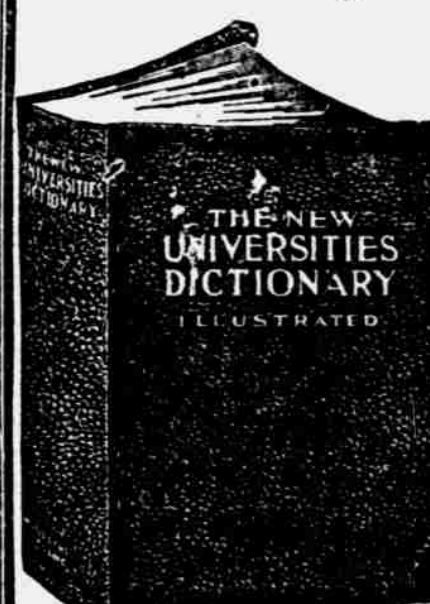
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