

## The Diary of an Engaged Girl

By Phyllis Phillips

Aunt Cecilia is going to marry Jeffrey—some time in the fall. She told me so last night, after I came home from dinner with Jack and she suggested that there be a double wedding in the family!

Then she told me all about Jeffrey, and how he had never stopped loving her in twelve years, and seemed to be the happiest man in the world, now that they had met again, and everything was settled. They are going to live right in New York for a while—and I just know how excited they both are.

The she showed me her hope chest, begun so many years ago. Such lovely gossamer things as Aunt Cecilia had made for herself, such exquisite handwork on most of the undergarments. It made me blush at the thought of how mother and I had been seen driving around from shop to shop for the past three weeks, buying ready-made things.

"Lindsey, darling," she explained, "there's a dream hidden away in every bow-knot of ribbon, and in every ruffle of lace, and now each one is to come true." She actually hugged some of the prettiest chemises, and giggled like a school-girl. I was quite nervous, but then there's nothing to be done about it, for I find that my education has been neglected. I can't sew.

There was a needle still stuck in one of the nighties, just where Aunt Cecilia had left off—after the quarrel. And a tear fell onto it with a splash as she looked at it. Then she left it out, and asked me that it would be finished before the next evening.

"It was to have been my bridal nightie," she said softly. "My bridal nightie."

"And it still can be, you dear darling Auntie, there's no reason why you shouldn't wear it, just as you planned."

"No, Lindsey, I can't bear to think

### Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a married woman with a family and a husband. He would rather gamble than do anything else. Although he makes good money and provides well, he loses a lot playing cards. I do all my own work, sewing and washing, to cut expenses. I lay away \$70 to \$80 a month, but he draws it out, and when I go to have the bank book checked there is never much left. If I say anything about it he says: "Don't you get everything you want?" or "It's a pity you didn't get John D. Rockefeller's son for a husband."

I just feel like leaving and never coming back. I work hard and can't save. I would like to have a little home of my own and have planned so much, but my hopes are all leaving me. Please tell me what to do.

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Spend more money yourself. You work so hard that you make yourself nervous and unfit to face your problem. You can not make your husband give up gambling by arguing with him. Your best argument will be to keep surplus money out of his reach. Have more help in your work so that you will have more time to enjoy yourself. What money you save, put in a personal savings account which he cannot touch. I believe he will be pleased when he finds you are spending more money. A man, as a rule, does not want his wife to be close with money and a slave to work.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am nineteen years old and an excellent housekeeper. I am without a mother and am keeping house for my father. We have a large family. After my mother died father's mother stepped in and I was thrown out. I got a light house-keeping room and then I got sick so the people I was staying with took me in as their daughter.

The woman was like a mother to me. She has a grown-up son considered very good looking and neat. At first he was just like a brother to me, but after I went back home he became more than a brother. He thinks a great deal of me and I also of him. He has kissed me several times. Is that wrong? I learned to love him.

He made a date with me to see him uptown, but I did not see him. Later I saw him and the first thing he did was to apologize and he wanted to kiss me again.

He has been married, but is divorced. What should I do? I am worrying about him because I love him and would like to go with him.

I THANK YOU. Tell the young man that you have decided not to kiss him. Stick to what you say. Unless he asks to marry you, he has no right to ask for your kisses.

In the future do not make plans to meet him in town. Ask him to call for you at your home. If you fly to him too quickly, he will lose interest. Men want most the women who are hard to get.

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of it now, somehow, in connection with the fulfillment of my dreams. It is so intrinsically a part of my unhappy hours, after our separation. There's lots of time for me to make another one before my wedding day. I want this new one to be sewn with fingers that tremble with joy, and fastened with ribbons of rosy hue, symbolic of my happiness. Away with the dark thoughts of the past, away with everything but dreams of love and delight. Besides, it's—why, it's not a bit chic—this pattern (any more)! Which statement proved to me beyond all else, that my Aunt Cecilia is every bit a woman. And one after Jeffrey's own heart.

Right there and then we planned the most gorgeous trousseau that the feminine heart can desire. I quite forgot about my own creations in the pleasure of thinking of hers. It is difficult to realize that I am fourteen years younger than she, when I listen to her discuss her future. Aunt Cecilia is very innocent—nearly ignorant about life, and men. I'm not. I face the most brutal facts bravely, where she covers them up with camouflage till I could weep for her. Girls now-a-days are seasoned young things. Shocking! So, now I spoke of my bridal nightie with the nonchalance and aplomb of a woman who has lived to wear several. Something is wrong with either Aunt Cecilia's point of view, or mine, without a doubt.

I explained to her, with a giggle.



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that possibly I was the reincarnation of some one of those famous women of history who had been much married; hence my savoir-faire about it all! Personally, however, I blame Baisac for my sophistication. His books are a liberal education. (To be continued.)

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