

The Diary of an Engaged Girl

By Phyllis Phillips

At sight of Jack dancing with another girl I felt quite upset, for a moment. My next thought was that my escapade with Bixy was nothing out of the ordinary after all. This sort of thing was "being done" by the descendants of our very best families. A most comforting discovery, I can assure you.

As I began to think back on all of Jack's mandates to me, and of his constant command that I remember the fact that I am engaged to him now, and therefore mustn't be seen with Tom, Dick and Harry, for his sake as well as mine, I grew rather resentful. How could he have the effrontery to dictate to me, when he himself was doing the very thing that he had asked me not to do, innumerable times? Men are funny creatures. They have lots to learn, and I feel somehow that Jack is going to learn his full quota from me, despite my nineteen years and inexperience! I must say that I kept my presence of mind beautifully for one so young. Truth to tell, I found myself curious to catch a glimpse of Jack's charmer. (Occasionally I revert to type.)

Of course I controlled this unladylike desire promptly, and with my most enchanting smile continued my conversation with Bixy. We were soon deep in the evolutions of the modern woman, her changed position in the world, and just what its effect would be on the family life of the future, etc.

Bixy is so interesting when he gets started on this subject. Jack will never even discuss it, not with me,

at any rate. But I am beginning to see that there are ever so many things that a fiance will not do with the object of his affections that he will do and discuss with some other "objet d'art," let us call her! You see I don't know the girl's name, hence the sarcasm.

Bixy seems to think that matrimony is a great joke on the two parties involved. Especially if they are young. He says that no two people can vow to love each other indefinitely at twenty, and be held to strict account for such a rash promise at fifty. That is, not very many. It's against all natural needs, instinct and delicacy. I never thought of it in this light but there may be something in it, after all.

Pretty soon, my curiosity overcame me, and I stretched my head to get a good look at Jack and that girl. He was holding her very close, and looking down into her eyes as though he knew her very well. I felt something tighten in my throat. The girl was much smaller than he, and very pretty. They danced beautifully.

Bixy noticed my agitation and asked me what was the matter, and I told him. He shrugged his shoulders, and held my hand. "Poor little Lindsey, we are a bad lot, we men, I'm afraid."

But I smiled as bravely as I could, and assured him that I was quite happy, and that Jack's affairs were minor matters to me, in spite of our engagement.

Of course I did not want to be seen by Jack, for some reason or other, so we had to sit in our corner till long after the time we had intended to—

and it was a quarter past twelve before I landed home, and right into the bosom of my family!

One look at my beaming and unabashed escort, and the jig was up. I told Bixy good-night in a clear voice, and then said good-night to the rest. Before they could start in at me I whirled up to my room. The silence was nasty, though, I can tell you. And now here I sit, with a heavy feeling of disgrace upon my once so

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He has thrown slurs at me for the past two months in a joking way, but I know he really means them. He has said to single men in my presence that if he did not have anybody but himself to keep he could be worth thousands in a few years. I know there is not another woman to cause him to be this way. He just wants to be alone.

He has often asked me why I did not go to work. I haven't had very much experience in working and I feel that my place is at home with my child. I don't want to leave him with anybody else to take care of. I do all the sewing for the baby and myself. I am thinking of staying in my home town when he goes to take up his business and get myself a position. I can live on as I am living. I can't think of leaving him or a divorce because I love him too much.

My husband is affectionate and jolly, and as long as I do what he desires most he is in a good humor. I try to please him, but can't always. What shall I do?

A MILLION THANKS. Remain with your husband. The strain of his new undertaking is probably making him nervous and he says things which he would not think of in normal circumstances. For the sake of your child, if for no other reason, you should remain with your husband lest some estrangement arise from separation.

It is ridiculous that you should go to work. Your place is in the home, caring for your child and husband. When your husband suggests a position he is unreasonable and shirking his duty to you and his child.

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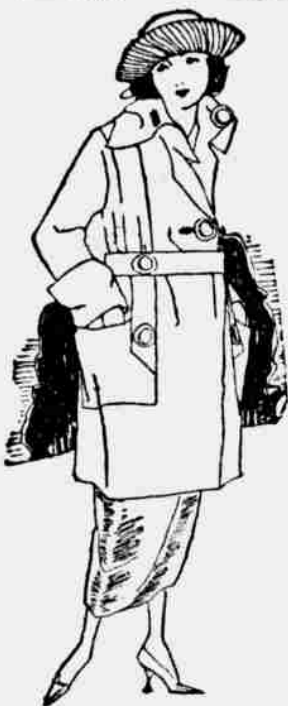
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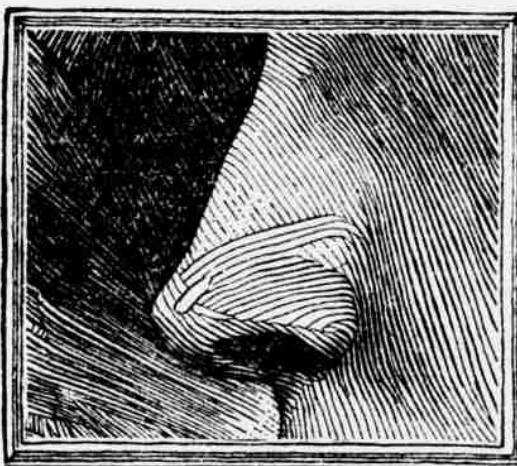
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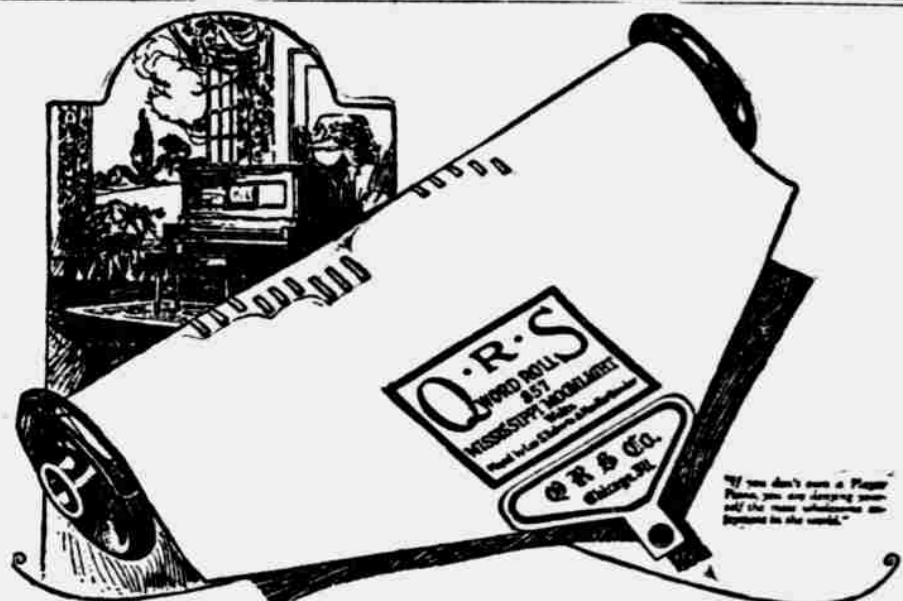
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