

## The Diary of an Engaged Girl

By Phyllis Phillips

This morning I started off bright and early to make several purchases for my new studio. It was the most thrilling hour in many months. I went poking into all sort of antique shops, and bought bits of copper and several hangings, not to mention the most artistic screen imaginable.

Finally I wound up in Vantine's. I was busy trying to decide just which of the many gorgeous materials before me I wanted for curtains, when something caused me to turn and face—mother!

You can imagine my horror. But that ready tongue of mine came nobly to my rescue, and I smiled serenely at her, as I explained that I was buying curtains for an artist friend of mine. She seemed satisfied, but criticised both mine and the absent artist's taste in the choice of colors for curtains. Women nowadays, she assured me, were crazy. My orange silk curtains seemed dear to me than ever at her words, and I explained to her that different people and their environments had different tastes.

After reminding me that I had an appointment at the tailor's at four o'clock, she swept out. I followed a few minutes later.

Such fun as it was fixing up that room. Jean and Dorry came over and helped me, and we certainly did wonders with things. Then we scoured round the neighborhood for an easel and some canvases. Everything was ship-shape before four o'clock—and the everlasting tailor.

When I had been mauled and fretted by that individual I went into a duck of a shop and bought me two of the most adorable smocks imaginable. Just the feel of them filled me with new life and ambition.

To my way of thinking, nothing in the way of clothes so perfectly expresses one's individuality as a smock. It can be such a ravishing and belligerent affair as well as comfy.

I felt like a true woman of the world when I finally found myself fitting my latch key into my very own studio door. And how wonderful to shut said door on the various upsets and depressions that make up the ordinary drab existence of Lindsey Turner herself!

Here was my castle in Spain, this spacious, remote corner of the world, fitted up by my own hand, and molded by me into the thing that I desired. I actually shivered with delight as I slipped into the brighter of my two smocks, and pushed my hair up into a gloriously becoming though untidy knot on the top of my head.

This done, I sat down before my easel.

At six-thirty, tired but happy, I

...ing the doorbell of my home, and got down to the family dinner just in the nick of time.

Father pinched my cheek as I slid into my seat, and told me that being engaged was vastly becoming to me; that me eyes were like stars, and my cheeks the color of a rose.

But ah! father doesn't know just what the joy of creating can do to perfect the looks of a girl artist; nor the sweets of possessing one's own latch key, to turning her eyes into stars.

(To be continued.)

## Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl almost 17 years old, and have never had a beau. Do you think it would be all right for me to write to a young man first whom I have never seen, even if my mother does object, and do you think it any harm to keep the letters hid from her. I have been writing to this young man for almost two months and he writes such loving letters. Don't you think it would be a romance for me to propose, as it is leap year, or would you wait awhile longer. Don't you think I am old enough to know my own business and be my own boss. My mother won't allow me on the street at night unless she can be along. Don't you think she is too strict on me?

Thanking you for your advice, The Wisest Girl on S. Third Street.

Instead of thinking you the wisest girl on South Third street, I would say that you were one of the most foolish girls in the city. A girl's mother is her best friend, and what a mother says should be taken as law, in all cases. The young man you refer to is probably merely seeking diversion, and if he cared for you at

all, he would meet you openly, and not be content with what you term "hearting" letters. I do not think a girl of 17 is old enough to mind her own business, and she is not her own boss, either by right or law, or morally. My advice is forget it, and try to interest yourself in better things than trying to deceive your mother.

Dear "Puzzled": Yes, I think you could win back the woman you so illy treated, but if I were she it would take a mighty good deal of consideration, kindness and general manliness on your part to convince me that you, a grown man, busy with the cares of the world, would treat me better now, after a few months, than you did when you were just starting your business life.

You had better not be too sure that she has been waiting for you all this time, either, for such heartless neglect years ago may have entirely buried her love for you. In other words, I would not go about recovering her friendship—and love—in any

thing but a docile and deprecatory manner. Yours is a stony path of explaining to an evidently sweet woman a very unexplainable proceeding on your part.

However, if you are sure you can be good and kind to this woman, and in the future treat her with courtesy and attention, obtain her permission to call. Perhaps she will not consent to this if you write or phone her, so call at her home at a time she will be likely to be in. Explain that you have an important matter to discuss with her, and then proceed to beg her forgiveness.

Mrs. Thompson. Dear Mrs. Thompson: My husband was killed in France. When I learned of his death I gave up housekeeping and went to live with my parents. I have a 19-year-old sister who lives at home who is the most selfish girl I have ever seen. She doesn't do one thing to help around the house. I have my baby to care for, the housework to do, since mother is almost an invalid, and the family sewing. Don't think I am complaining about

my own lot. I feel fortunate to repay father in some little way for all he is doing for me and will do my child. Sister is a constant worry to both father and mother. They reason with her but it does no good. She brings guests home to dinner without saying anything beforehand and does not even do the dishes to help.

Father thinks that the way my sister acts helps to keep mother poor in health, but he doesn't know what to do. Sister also spends more money than any of the rest of us. I think she ought to go to work, but mother won't listen to it.

Don't you think sister ought to go to work?

MARIAN. Yes, it seems to be that it would be good for your sister to hold a position where she will have to work. Since your mother objects, however, it is out of the question. Another way which would probably be even more effective than office work would be for your father to give her a conditional allowance. If she does certain things she will receive money from him, but not otherwise.

Unless the allowance is large enough to cover clothes the cure will be of little benefit. If a girl is free to buy all the clothes she wants, she usually cares little for other spending money.

Your sister's selfishness will lead to great unhappiness for herself unless it is curbed.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I love a certain girl—maybe I am too young to say love. She has moved from this town with her family. I was one of her classmates for four years and I liked to sit and look at her as I thought she was the only girl in the world I really cared for. I think about her at night.

Her parents were rather particular and did not want her to associate with boys and so I never went with her except to see her at school. I now see my mistake by not trying to go with her when it would have made me happy.

Since I have never been with her do you think it improper to write her? She might think I was not much by writing to her after she leaves and not

going with her here. Would you write or not?

INQUISITIVE. Write to the girl. To do so would not be out of the way in the least. She will probably be very glad to hear from you and will not consider the fact that you did not go with her when you were in the same town.

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