

A SWEETHEART AT THIRTY

The Story of a Woman's Transformation
BY MARION RUBINCAMChapter 48
AN UGLY SUSPICION.

I gave up trying to convince Esther after a time that I did not want to have anything to do with Mark Upjohn. She had a curious mind, this sister-in-law of mine. Once an idea was fixed in her head, it was practically impossible to get it out again.

She knew that 13 years or more ago I had liked Mark. I was not sure then that I ever had liked him. I think I was in love with love, not with the man—the case with most young girls. And in all the years that passed, she had let the idea grow more firmly rooted—that I was broken-hearted when Mark went away and married, and that I must be overjoyed when he came back again, looking for a second wife.

If she only knew!

It was not that I disliked Mark. No woman thoroughly dislikes any man who is in love with her. She may not love him, she may not approve of him, but she will never be completely indifferent. Perhaps it is the egoist in all of us. We at least approve of the man for having the good sense to see our desirable qualities.

But I never saw Mark these summer days, or thought of him, without having another image come before my eyes—another man Mark's age, more successful than Mark, who had other qualities.

This man was Francis Meade, Bud's employer, who that one evening had explored our end of the town with us and ended by stretching himself out in our most comfortable chair and smoking a long cigar while Vi and I made coffee.

I remember he said he made it a point to know all his employees personally, even to his office boys, and when he found real ability in any one of them, to push the boy as hard as he could—to give him start in business.

Mark had said something like that—but in what a different way! He was taking what he considered a kindly interest in his nephew, Billy—but Billy's family were afraid to contradict him for fear he would withdraw his favor, which he made them feel every day. As for Billy, he frequently worked 14 hours out of the 24, for Mark.

And there was the physical difference, too. Mark at 40 was fat and settled, his hair was thin, worn out in spots, and rolls of flesh spoiled the outline of his face, no matter what angle you looked. Francis Meade at 40 was tall and slim and well knit; he said he played tennis in odd moments and that he spent many evenings at an athletic club keeping himself fit.

But of course I could not tell Esther this. I was not even conscious of it all myself. I simply knew that the only sort of man I ever could like would be a man of Francis Meade's type—never one like Mark.

"Them as can't get what they want, should take what they can get," Esther remarked very ungrammatically in answer to some such thought of mine.

"If I can't have what I want, I'd rather do without," I answered.

"Yes," she said, "you always was a tool, Enid."

And seeming to feel at rest about me now, she went on about some work, and left me alone in the room.

And she was at rest in her mind, too. For we had worried the family a great deal when we came back. We were different, yet they could not exactly find the difference. For even when we dressed in the badly made clothes that we had owned for years, and worked until we were thoroughly tired out—even then, there was a difference. After a time, I began to realize what this difference was.

But as Esther left the room, Violet came in. I had seen her standing out at the gate, broom in hand and her damp hair blowing off her forehead, talking to Billy Diggs. Violet was one of the few girls who could look charming under any circumstances. She had been scrubbing the porch, and has her skirt tied up over a bright petticoat, and she looked a little like the statues of Dresden china shepherdesses, with her broom for the shepherdess crook. Billy, delivering groceries, showed little desire to drive on.

"Billy brought us some mail on his way past the post office," she said. "This looks like a letter for you from Helen."

"Did you get mail?" I asked. Bud

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ELINOR GLYN MEETS HER IDEAL HEROINE



Elinor Glyn, at right, and Gloria Swanson, her ideal heroine.

When Elinor Glyn, famous author of "Three Weeks," recently arrived in the U. S. she announced she had come to find the "ideal hero" and "ideal heroine" for a movie which she was writing. She selected Gloria Swanson as her ideal heroine. Miss Swanson has starred in "Why Change Your Wife" and other screen successes.

SEAL SALE IN COUNTY PROVES SUCCESSFUL

publican of Illinois, who said the measure was designed primarily to insure the punishment of persons guilty of defrauding the government during the war.

County as well as city solicitors for the Christmas seal sale are sending in constant requests for more stickers. Few figures have been available as yet but those that have come in are all very encouraging and up to all expectations. The 2,500 stickers sold at the high school in two days is an example of the support that is being given to the sale even by students.

Many Wayne county ex-service men are suffering with tuberculosis and it is said most of them contracted it while in service. The Home Service Committee of the Red Cross has recently come in contact with 15 ex-service men of this county who have tuberculosis. Seventy-five per cent of the proceeds from the seal sale will be used to fight the white plague in Wayne county. To carry on the work efficiently during 1921 "10 cents per capita" is asked.

Since he shows by his neglect that he is not deeply interested in you, it would be unwise to put too much faith in what your friend says. He probably spoke well of you and your friend placed too much importance on his words.

Keep the ring and pictures a few weeks longer and if you do not hear from him, return them.

BILL IS AIMED AGAINST GOVERNMENT DEFRAUDERS

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Perfects Language Test.

Dr. Charles H. Handschin, of Miami University, has perfected a linguistic test which is attracting the attention of educators throughout the country. Dr. Handschin's method consists of a pre-determination test by which a student's capacity for learning a certain foreign language may be measured before the student begins the study of the language. Trial tests recently made in Philadelphia, Chicago and Syracuse

are said to have resulted success-

SHRINE CONVENTION TO BE IN SAVANNAH NEXT YEAR

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 11.—Imperial Potentate Ellin L. Garrison of the Order of the Mystic Shrine today announced that the annual convention of the Shriners will be held at Savannah, Ga., next year, instead of Atlantic City, as previously intended. The convention date will be changed from June to May.

RIGHT ARM FRACTURED

WINCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 11.—While cranking an automobile Friday, Clarence Summerville, of Farmland, suffered the fracture of both bones in his right arm.

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