

A SWEETHEART AT THIRTY

The Story of a Woman's Transformation

BY MARION RUBINCAM

Chapter 63
HELEN COMES

If we created a sensation when we arrived with our new clothes and what Jim called our "sty manners," certainly Helen threw us all into shadow.

Violet drove over to the railroad station to meet her, and when they came to the house, it was at the slack time of the day—when the men were coming in from the fields for supper, when the children were assembled in their own yards waiting the announcement of the meal, and when a member or so of each family was out on the porch.

I went out to meet them when I heard the horse coming. Like all country folks, we knew the peculiar characteristics of our own horses, and could distinguish their way of trotting from the sound made by all the other horses.

Vi had the buggy with the top down and there was Helen, hatless and coatless, in a green flannel smock over a white flannel skirt, the smock trimmed with colored embroidered wool roses, and her short hair blowing in the wind. I was used to seeing her in bizarre costume, and of course, short hair was no novelty to me after my winter in the art students' quarters of the city.

"Hello! It's heavenly to see you both again," she cried, jumping over the wheel before the carriage had stopped entirely and putting her strong arms as tight around me as she could. "This is a darling place and I'm crazy over it already. That hilltop on the hilltop a mile back on the road is the most wonderful thing! Do those hills always develop that misty purple on the horizon? I shall write a poem about it. Oh!"

This last was because I turned to Esther, who came out to greet the guest.

I introduced them, and then Jim, who came around on the porch, and finally James who, I knew, was eager to meet this girl that we talked of so much.

The greetings were lacking in enthusiasm. A sudden chill fell on all of us. I forgot entirely that Esther might find this woman "queer," and that Jim, conservative to the last degree, would undoubtedly not approve. And we had asked her for two weeks—then we were all to go back together.

The chill lasted through supper, a meal made very elaborate by the addition of strawberry jam made that summer, a lot of vegetables and an elaborate layer cake. Esther stared frankly and not very pleasantly, and Jim retired into that curious shell he could draw about himself.

Only James seemed to approve—of course the hired men stared their eyes out, but that was to be expected. But James seemed to like Helen at once. He lost his sullen look, he even talked a little to her, and his rather sleepy eyes lit up several times. Since the day of the quarrel when Jim had

smashed the boy's workshop, James had not uttered a word at any meal.

"Do you think the neighbors will see her?" Esther whispered to me fearfully as we gathered up the dishes.

"I suppose so, why not?" I answered, on the defensive at once.

"Well, she says she's going upstairs to get into something cool," Esther said. "Let's hope it isn't full of—whatever she called those things on the funny waist she wore."

"They wear a lot of wool embroidery on clothes in the city," I said crossly.

But if Esther objected to the very smart flannel smock and skirt that Helen wore on the trip, she gasped at the cool frock she came down to the porch in. Like many girls in that part of New York, Helen had "gone in" for Batik silks, in the leisure left over from running her tea room.

She came down now in a long, shapeless gown of silk bathed in a cobwebby design that covered it, the silk itself shading from deep purple at her feet, through lavender into rose, and almost shell pink around her face. A strange design that suggested gazelles and

SALT AS A BEAUTIFIER

On Board Steamer. As I write these articles I am, of course on shipboard, but by the time they appear in print I will be at home again and settled down into the routine of work. I am so strongly impressed with one thing, however, that I feel I must talk about it today.

That is the great value of salt as a beautifier. It is quite amazing, to see how salt air and salt water improve the complexions of my fellow passengers. We have been out several days; when we came on board, most of us were just a little fagged out and a little apprehensive as to what the weather would be, and whether or not we would get seasick, when we passed Land's End and struck the open ocean.

I saw faces drawn into weary lines, mouths that drooped, hollow skins, wrinkles that came only from late muscles, yet now you would scarcely recognize the people, so different have they become!

Of course, the rest and fresh air have a great deal to do with it, but of that I am going to speak again. Today I am most interested in talking about the value of salt—rather so strong that it fairly stings the skin. In the mornings when the steward calls us, we tumble out sleepily and go down the corridors to the bathrooms where a bath of sea water that is delightfully clear and as hot as could be wished, is ready. I have never yet met anyone who could get any farther out of the so-called salt water soap, but the strong, hot seawater is so cleansing and so stimulating that soap is not necessary. I have found that if the complexion is a little too sensitive to stand a washing in hot seawater, the only necessary thing to do is to rub it first with cleansing cream, then wash off as much of the cream as the hot seawater will take.

After such a bath and a brisk rub-down with one of the stiff Turkish towels the steamship companies delight in, the skin is a cream and pink tint, which is the essence of good health.

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trees and birds was done over the front in blues and greens. The whole had taken a great deal of work and, as I knew, was worth many hundreds of dollars.

"I shall do a scarf like that view of the fields in front," Helen said. "Green trees around the top, and a setting sun, animals—symbolic ones worked into the design, and the whole on orange silk to suggest the golden haze over the fields."

This was a language new to her hearers. Esther made a supreme effort at polite conversation.

"What a pity you had an accident to your hair," she said. "Did you burn it, or did you have a fever, that you had to cut it off?"

Helen stared in a puzzled manner, then laughed.

"Oh, I bobbed it because I like it so. Gives me more time to do things I prefer. Really, combing hair is a waste of energy—unless long hair suits one's type. Enid looks best with her hair high, as she has it now, and Vi with her's in a debutante knot."

There was a silence. Helen broke it by asking:

"Do you mind if I smoke? I get so restless in the evenings when I don't. Besides, that sunset should be viewed through a haze of smoke."

Jim got up deliberately and left us. Esther had not the power to move.

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We are engaged. If we marry I intend to keep working for awhile at least, to help him get a start in life. Do you think I ought to give him up and marry some one I don't care for just because he has money? I can't do that. Not that mother doesn't want me to be happy, but she hates to see me work.

Do you think a man loves a girl when he comes every night for ten months? He is devoted to me. I don't enjoy going out anywhere without him. Kindly advise me.

BROWN EYES. You should not marry a man just because he has money. Neither should you marry a man who hasn't any. I would advise you to keep on with your work and to remain single until your fiancé has made his own start. If he works conscientiously at a job and tries to improve his methods in every way he can, he is bound to advance. It seems to me both of you are making a mistake in seeing each other so often. Neither gets enough rest or solitude. You would be better off and get along more rapidly in business if you only saw each other three times a week. It looks as if your fiancé really loves you since he is so devoted and happy for ten months.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a young man, 21 years old, and in love with two beautiful young ladies, one 16 and the other 17. I gave them a very nice Christmas present, and the one that I loved the dearest did not even thank me. I feel very much hurt over it. Do you think it would be best for me to continue going with her, or go with the other? E. M. D.

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