

A SWEETHEART AT THIRTY

The Story of a Woman's Transformation
BY MARION RUBINCAM

Chapter 96.
WHAT ESTHER KNEW
"I'd love him more, because he would need me more," Vi said, and therein gave the keynote of her whole character. Vi was the sort who could love a man, not only in spite of his faults, but because of them. The woman who has this trait is to be pitied and envied, too, for though she will be unhappy perhaps more than other women, she will achieve a happiness at other times that her less romantic sister rarely knows.

My mind was so busy with this and other problems that I slept but little that night. And when I awoke, I saw with a start that it was 9 o'clock. I looked across the room, but Vi had gone—indeed, she was at her work for at least an hour by this time. "I got up and got breakfast," Esther said when I appeared in my kimono. "It's all ready, I didn't wait."

"That's nice, I'll have a bath and be ready in 10 minutes," I told her. One of my greatest joys in my new life was the breakfast—when I sat idly with the second cup of coffee and the morning paper. Esther, in one of her "house gowns"—flannel in winter, calico in summer—walked about the room examining our candlesticks and pictures, and finally settled down at the table with me. Plainly, Esther did not share my enthusiasm for the morning's news.

Finally she went out to the kitchen and got herself some coffee and came back.

"You're not taking your exercises," she accused me.

"Not this morning. I don't want to take the time," I answered. "After I dress, we'll go out and see the city."

"Looks kind-a cold," Esther commented, staring through the window.

"But it's gorgeously clear," I said. "And an ideal day to go up to the top of the Woolworth Tower. Three sets of elevators, Esther, and you are about 700 feet high. I think you can see the city, and the country, and the most gorgeous view past the harbor and far out to sea."

"I'd get dizzy that high."

"Oh no," I soothed her, and went on trying to convey my enthusiasm. "After I walk down where the high buildings are and I'll take you on the subway—"

"But I'd be afraid of one of them things! Suppose it fell in?"

"But it doesn't!" I answered and laughed, though I was beginning to be discouraged by this time. I began to see now that the narrowness for which own fault.

"We'll do anything you want," I said. "What was all that Vi said last night about sticking to someone in spite of everything—I suppose she meant that the narrowest of which I glanced up, startled. Of course I might have known that Vi would be overheard—our apartment was so very tiny. And how much had Esther heard? She sat there stolidly enough, her little eyes roaming the room while she waited for my answer, her hair, recently combed, already beginning to come down in wisps about her forehead. Esther had a trick of pretending she knew less than she did, sometimes—there was nothing to do but come out with the whole truth.

And I did, softening it as much as possible.

"You been helping her deceive her family," she accused.

"No, for we haven't really deceived. We simply have not told you, and you never asked. Perhaps it was a negative deception."

"I dunno what you mean by that—I guess our minister would say it was a sort of lying, though," Esther was a little triumphant over this. "So they're engaged?"

"No," I answered, glad the truth was wholly on my side now. They were, but when this trouble started and Bud's name was involved, he refused to let Vi stay engaged, but re-

leased her until he could clear himself.

"Humph!" Esther commented. "That's one good thing, at any rate. As he won't clear his name, they won't be engaged."

"But the boy is innocent—"

"Maybe, but you admit it looks bad for him. And it's in his family. His father was in a nasty mess about the time Bud was born, and his grandfather was in jail once—"

"Oh come, Esther," I broke in, thoroughly impatient. "His family has been too strict, if anything. You know how gossip travels in our little village—"

"If she marries him, her father won't leave her a cent," Esther said with a little air of triumph.

"Good heavens, Esther," I broke out, now at the end of my patience, "if her father has any money to give her, it seems to me he might let her have it now when it will do her some good, rather than later—"

"Well, she might need it later, when she's older—"

"There you are!" I cried in despair. "Always planning for the troubles that come from failure, never planning to avoid failure." This was plainly beyond Esther, so I went on.

"What good would \$2,000 or \$3,000 do Vi when she's an old woman, too late to build a career of her own? But \$2,000 or so now would send her through college to graduate—and then she would be fitted to make her own career—"

But Esther could not or would not see it. And finally I said:

"But I'll send her on through college myself—after I marry Francis. But mind you, Esther, I'm taking her away from you and Jim when I do this. She's more my child than yours if I give her her real start in life."

"She always was," Esther said placidly. "Laura's my child. You've always put notions in Vi's head."

I was content to let it be this way.

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a married woman and have two children, school age. My husband is a good provider, and is good to me. We have kept my mother for the last twelve years. She owns property in Wisconsin and gets rent for it right along. I have quite a few brothers who never give anything toward her support, and don't keep her any of the time.

My husband is willing to keep her, but he does think my brothers ought to help, too. So far, we have not got anything. She helps quite a bit around the house. I think I ought to be entitled to something for having her when I have kept her right along

and the rest have done nothing for her.

What would you advise me to do?

ANXIOUS TO KNOW.

Yes, indeed, your brothers ought to help. Surely each could afford to give you three to five dollars a month, and with all contributing you would receive enough to relieve your husband of the expense of having your mother.

It is quite true that you ought to be thankful to have your mother with you, but at the same time it is only right that your brothers should show their regard for your mother by helping with her support. Write and tell them how you feel about the matter, and doubtless some of them at least will respond to your appeal.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: What would you do? Something that you simply loathed to please your parents, or please yourself and try something else.

I think that since I have just found out what the big ambition is in my life, I should follow that. If I had known this five years ago, how much easier it would be now.

I am discouraged and don't know what to do because everywhere I turn people scowl at me.

ROSEMARY C.

It is difficult to answer without knowing more about your case. It seems to me, however, that you should choose for your life work what interests you.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl of seventeen and in love with a boy of twenty-one. He says that he loves me, too, but I object to his kissing me, and he says that I do not love him on account of that. Please tell me how to act with him so he will believe me.

A READER.

Act as you have been doing. At your age it would not be wise to convince a young man that you love him.

News of the Counties

GREENSFORK, Ind.—The last number of the Lyceum course will be given next Tuesday night, Feb. 8, at the Christian church. The "Merry Musical Maids" will be the entertainers. This is to be the best lecture of the course.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind.—Rev. Reece, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Subject, "Intelligent Prayer." Evening subject, 7 p. m., "The New Preacher." B. Y. P. U. Service from 6 to 7 p. m.

NEW PARIS, O.—Mrs. Irene Weisenburger, Mrs. Ruth Miller and Miss Helen Biles entertained the members of the Live Wire Class of the Presbyterian Sunday school with a dish supper at the home of Miss Biles. Thursday evening. Supper was served at 6:30, after which a short business session was held. Contests helped to make it a most enjoyable evening. The guests were Mrs. Mary Schmalenberger, Mrs. Fannie Aker, Mrs. Susie Colvin, Mrs. Chloe Collins, Mrs. Fern Ward, Mrs. Lova Brandon, Mrs. Louise

Hawley, Mrs. Henrietta Hawley, Mrs. Ethel Reid, Mrs. Grace Jordan, Mrs. Mary Biles, Misses Ruth Wisman, Helen Sawyer, Evelyn Northrop, Irene White and Phyllis Ward.

MILTON.—The Home club met Friday evening with Mrs. Park Manlove. The subject for the evening was "Indiana." Interesting talks were given on the natural beauties of the state.

Mrs. Kinney read a paper on "Charitable Institutions." Miss Cora Brown and Mrs. Joseph Gause and the club sang "Indiana."

Miss Anna Gingrich had as guests, Mrs. James Daniels and Mrs. George Rockefeller of Connersville, and Mrs. George Lambertson and Mrs. Roy Davis and son of Straughn.

LEWISBURG, O.—Mr. and Mrs. George Bowers were pleasantly surprised by a number of their neighbors and friends who gathered at their home recently to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. It was also Mr. Bower's forty-sixth birthday.

LYNN, Ind.—The Williamsburg K. of P. degree team will give work in the Esquire and Knight Ranks to a number of candidates at Spartanburg Wednesday evening. The Fountain City lodge and candidates have been invited to attend.

LYNN, Ind.—Hubert Thurston, proprietor of a garage in Carlos City, received a serious injury while repairing a car there recently. Thurston had started the engine of the car and some of the revolving parts caught one of his gloves, drawing his hand into the machinery and mangle it badly. It will be some time before he can resume his work in the shop.

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Spring Specials in Shoes

Ladies' low heel solid leather Vici Kid Comfort or semi-dress Oxfords, the kind you have been paying \$4.85 for—
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Ladies' Tie Back Jersey Blouses, all colors; were \$5.00; Monday \$3.59

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Monday we will clean up all Children's Coats, ages 6 to 12; regular prices were up to \$18.00; Monday choice \$6.95

Ladies' Gingham Dresses, Monday \$1.98

Serge, Silk and Tricotee Dresses, new spring styles; Monday \$15.00

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One lot of Boys' Dress Shirts, neck bands and collar attached, sizes 12½ to 14, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values; special for Monday, each \$5c

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Men's Cotton Sweaters, dark grey with or without collar, \$1.75 quality; very special Monday \$1.29

One lot of Boys' Mackinaws, fancy plaids, size 9 to 15, \$10.50 value; special Monday at \$7.69

Men's suspenders and belts, 75c grade; Monday at 50c

Men's blue stripe Overalls and Jackets, all sizes, special per garment 98c

One lot of Boys' Sweaters, reds, blues and greens, sizes 6 to 14 years, \$2.50 grade; special Monday \$1.75

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Fancy yellow stoneware 2-qt. Water Pitcher; Monday special at 49c

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