

## A SWEETHEART AT THIRTY

The Story of a Woman's Transformation  
BY MARION RUBINCAM

## Chapter 99.

OUR TALK.  
"And when," Esther asked, "are you going to be married?"

"I don't know," I answered truthfully. "Francis wants it to be February. He says we will go to Paris first, and then straight down to Italy. It will be warm there, and when we go north again we will meet the spring, and have the fine weather all the time."

"And this is January!" Esther exclaimed. "My land, Enid, how about your trousseau?"

"Why bother about one?" I answered. "I can't afford the sort of clothes I will have to wear as his wife, so I will wait and get what I need abroad."

"My land!" Esther breathed entirely overcome by all this.

"And then," I went on dreamily, thinking of the plan Francis had made at tea the day before, "then we will go into Holland, which is most lovely in the spring, and over to England. We will be in London early in May, when Francis says he likes it best."

"He has been there before?"

"Oh, often!" I answered casually. "Next summer Francis' mother is to lend us her house in Connecticut, and over the hot weather we will have our real home decorated and furnished, ready for next fall."

"Have you picked one out already?" Esther's little eyes were growing almost large with excitement. I had never talked like this to her before.

"Oh, no, but Francis owns several, you know." It was hard to keep a certain little worldly pride from my voice, and a certain amusement from my eyes as I spoke, watching the effect each statement had on my sister-in-law. I remembered how she had urged me to marry Mark Upjohn—who owned a house in a village and an interest in a small business. There was more than vanity in my mind now, however, as I gave Esther this succession of imposing facts. I had a purpose.

"The one he likes best," I continued, "is in the East Sixties—I mean the streets that run from 60th street to 69th street," I explained, seeing that she did not understand. It is near the park, and though it looks small, it will do quite well. We shall do it in old Colonial furniture."

Esther was hanging on every word. I gave a rapid sketch of the place as Francis had described it.

"Violet is to have a little suite of her own on the third floor," I finished. "A sitting room, bedroom and bath. I think I shall cover the walls with yellow damask, and have blue hangings, and as much blue worked in as possible. I always think of Vi as being blue and gold."

"You always had sentimental ideas about the girls," Esther spoke a little impersonally. I was selfishly elated—already she had given her up, though in the tiniest measure, to me.

"Well," she summed it up after a while, "all I got to say is you are awfully lucky, running off with a rich man. Who's hat thought it?" She looked me over curiously. Strange what a difference clothes make in a woman," she went on with a sigh.

"Clothes," I answered. "Do you think they make so much difference? It's not that—I mean, it is not the richness of clothes that counts. Look at Mrs. Baxter at home—she has money, and you know what she looks like! It is the sort of clothes you choose, and the way you hold your self when you wear them. It is more than that, it is whether your skin is clear and your hair nice, and whether your voice is soft and your words well chosen, whether your manner shows thoughtfulness."

I broke off. I hadn't meant going into a lecture. "It is whether you love other people and respect your self," I ended.

"I never had a chance," Esther complained, using the excuse of the weak. "I guess maybe if I had spent Jim's money for fine clothes, instead of making over old house dresses from decent calico, I might—he might—"

she hesitated.

"Found some other woman more attractive," I finished brutally.

But there was no use going into details. Esther was what she was because she had chosen the careless way. It was something that at least

she had recognized the difference between what I had made of myself and what she had let circumstances make of her.

"Oh, he'll do it, too, sometimes," Esther said suddenly. "You are in love now, and so is he, and you think Meade will be faithful to you all the time. But men never are. You are 36 or 37 now, though I admit you don't look more than 30—not that, sometimes. But you will be 40 and begin to lose your figure, and get wrinkles—and there will be some young chit come along—"

A RED NOSE.

This is the season when there are always many complaints about red noses. That's because the weather is colder, of course.

But the real causes of red nose are many. The most common is digestive disorders; after that, poor circulation. A doctor gives the following as what he calls "Local Causes":

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"If so," I broke in, "it won't be because I have let myself grow less pretty or dainty, or because I have allowed my illusions to be destroyed." But thinking of the deep quality of Francis' love, I was not dismayed at Esther's gloominess.

We had waited so long for this, both of us, that now it had come to us, so great a love, we both treasured it—and could never hold it lightly.

"Well, you had better marry him soon, anyway," Esther remarked, standing up and pulling her red shawl closer around her. "I am glad you have got a chance like this. I never had one."

"Esther!" I exclaimed suddenly. "do you want one?"

"What do you mean?" she asked, turning round on me in surprise.

Tomorrow—I Go Back.

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when it had been indicated by a vote on a previous motion that the pro-primary people had the upper hand.

The previous motion which was that the Beardsley bill be called from the committee, was carried 26 to 21. By many this was regarded as the real test vote because in this vote the senators were going on record in a roll-call vote.

It is taken that some of the senators who otherwise might have voted with the anti-primary crowd on the killing of the bill, switched when they saw by the outcome of the previous motion that the anti-primary crowd had the finish. But even if the vote of 26 to 18 is taken as the real test of strength, it is seen that the pro-primary people do not have much of a margin to travel on.

Break Would Turn Tide.  
Any considerable break in the Democratic ranks in the senate might turn the tide, but the primary supporters were greatly encouraged by the fact that four Democrats attended the conference with the governor. They feel certain that there are four Democratic senators who will remain to the finish and as has been stated, the gossip is that at least six will remain with the primary supporters.

There was a great deal of comment today about the open manner in which the conference had been held in the governor's office and the announcement made that representatives of the state committee would assist in the attempt to reach a compromise on the question.

It is nothing new for members of a state political organization to hand in legislation, but heretofore it has been done quietly, and while the newspapers have published a lot about it, they have never published any open and frank announcements as they were able to do yesterday.

McCray Changes.  
It was noticeable, too, that Governor McCray has changed his political tactics since he engaged in the speaking fight at the start of the session. In that contest he took personal charge and at his rooms in the Claypool hotel interviewed many of the members of the house in the interests of the candidacy of McCature. But in the present fight he has turned the contest to the state committee and

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has merely satisfied himself by expressing his views on the question.

Some of the anti-primary people said today that this system, while it might work very well for the governor, would not be very good for the fight against the primary. They feared that the attitude taken by the governor would indicate to the legislators that, while he entertained views on the question, he did not intend to apply pressure. Even if he had not intended to use pressure, they said, it would have been better for their fight if he had remained in a non-committal position, thus leaving legislators in the dark as to what they might expect.

Toner is Busy  
Edward C. Toner, of Anderson, who was one of the directors of the primary side when the Beardsley contest was on, was in the city last night and was busy around the hotel lobbies. Another man who was busy in the crowds was Senator Clem Richards, of Terre Haute, who is supposed to enjoy close political relations with Senator New. Senator Richards is on the anti-primary side, and voted

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