

"The Love Pendulum"

By MARION RUBINCAM

AGAINST THE WALL
Chapter 74.

So it came to me that way, so cruelly I could not but know all the ugly details. I could see them sitting about talking of it, of me, of Win. Later I learned that my picture of the scene was accurate in every detail.

The gossip was led by May and Martha, naturally, since both these women were unhappy and, with the curious hardness of unhappy women, they found a little consolation by dragging other women into misery.

It came up at an afternoon tea at Elias. Half a dozen of them had assembled to sew for charity. Such was the irony of it. For all the gossip of the town, all its scandals, all the known and half-guessed transgressions of everyone in Wellesville, were brought out, commented on, enlarged, made convincing—while they sat there sewing for charity!

There had been talk enough over the first hint that Win and I were separated, and talk before that because we were not happy together. Of course, being women, they defended the man—or perhaps I am too hard on them. After all, Win was their old friend, their own townsman. After all, too, he was "the catch" of the town, a man with youth, good looks and money, rich (according to their standards) and he was carried away by an utter stranger—a girl who was rich enough not to need his money, and who "had the pick of the big city" as they expressed it. Matrimonial opportunities are limited in a small town, where the feminine population usually outnumber the masculine. In a big city, one's choice, it seemed to these girls, had no limit.

Naturally they resented me, naturally they were glad to believe the worst of me!

Led by the unhappily married Martha, they talked of my own matrimonial unhappiness, putting it down to my own extravagance, my frivolity. "I led Win a dance," as they said. Knowing it was Win who led the mad dance I reluctantly followed, I almost smiled at this.

Then I came back ill, and their consciences hurt them. This made them, not penitent, but uncomfortable. But they had more to gossip about—Win was not with me. They regarded me as dangerous, they thought I wanted to attract more men in the town. If one of my old friends called, it was a week's scandal. Husbands were carefully kept as far from me as possible. Martha, hating her own husband, was the most anxious of all the wives!

Then came Connie, and Colin. Both my maid and I had told the child's age—so one whole afternoon was spent, always while they sat sewing.

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl eighteen years old and have been going with a fellow for a year and a half. When I started going with him he treated me as nice as possible, but later on he started calling up at eight o'clock if he wanted to come down at 8:30. For the last four or five months he has been coming regularly three nights a week. For the last two weeks if he happened to be down two nights in succession he would call up about a half hour before he was supposed to come down on his regular night and say he couldn't come down. I treat him mean so he will not think I like him.

Now I have found out that he has been going to another girl's house instead of coming to mine. He promised me, and made me promise not to go out with any one else. Do you think he really has any respect for me? I have caught him several times in lies, but he always apologized and promised not to do it again. I went out with another fellow two or three times and this fellow got angry and asked for his picture and quit speaking. Would you advise me to give him up?

I would advise you to go with other young men and let the young man with whom you have been keeping company do whatever he pleases. Let him stop speaking since he was away and do not let him know you care. It is foolish to go with one person exclusively unless you are engaged to him.

for charity, counting months and days, and little details, some deciding it wasn't my child, some that she was not as old as we made her out, some that the reason I said nothing of her birth was because "I did not dare confess it."

Then from the tiny fact that in the sun the child's hair glistened with red lights, poor Colin's name was dragged into it.

After May left, I sent a note to Mother Taylor and almost demanded her presence.

"Why don't you like Connie?" I asked when she sat in my little living room. "Oh, don't deny it—I've been listening to gossip and I want to know all of it now."

"She's a nice child," she protested feebly, her gray eyes roving around the room, as though the poor dear were trying to find a way out of an uncomfortable situation.

"Do you believe she is my child?" "I haven't seen you since you were married," was all her answer to that. "Then you do believe it? Why do you think then that I should hide the

fact? Do you believe she is Winthrop's child?"

"I—I—how should I know? They all say different things."

"Some that she isn't! Some imply that Colin is—well, why repeat it? I didn't even know Colin until a little while ago."

"Well, they do talk," Mother Taylor was at last relieved that the subject was up for discussion. "It seems that all believe she's yours, but she was born too early. It's as bad for Winthrop as you. And you did elope suddenly."

I sat silent, hurt, angry, wretched, disillusioned. At one blow my lovely quiet country village was taken from me. Instead of a refuge of peace and quiet, it was a howling monster that wanted my happiness, my good name, my very life.

"What wicked people they are!" I said finally. "Mother Taylor, you know better, you certainly don't believe this nonsense, do you? I'll bring Mrs. Anderson down here. The only way to convince these people there's no scandal is to produce the child's real mother. She may look enough like Mrs. Anderson to make them believe, and stop this talk."

I was against a wall, the whole town, fighting me. I suddenly hated them, feared them. I wanted to run. But I wouldn't.

Tomorrow—The Fight.

**AN EGG SHAMPOO**

The woman who realizes the value of an egg shampoo for her scalp must eventually have beautiful hair. There are few treatments more effective than this for beautifying and improving the hair.

Some people will tell you that it is necessary to use three to six eggs for an egg shampoo. This is a foolish extravagant waste in these expensive days. One egg is sufficient for any ordinary head of hair two eggs for even the thickest hair.

Beat up the egg until it is quite light, yolk and white together. Rub this into the scalp and cover the hair as thoroughly as possible.

Let it dry in.

It will take 30 minutes or more and it may feel rather sticky and messy. The egg dries over the scalp and absorbs all the oil and dirt and grease and dandruff so that when you begin your shampoo you have no trouble in making the scalp absolutely clean. Everyone knows that it is impossible to wash all the dandruff from the scalp with a plain soap and water shampoo.

Wash off the egg with warm water and any good mild soap, castile or tar for preference. Use soap over the scalp at least twice and three times if you have been using an oil tonic. Rinse with water a little hotter than what you washed with and rinse again several times. It is not so hard to rinse the soap from the hair when you have first used an egg. If you can dry your hair in the sun so much the better. You will have a beautifully clean scalp and soft glossy hair which will be benefited by the sulphur in the egg.

M. W. T. M. G. K. F.:—When the shoulders and back are too stout, it shows the whole body is overweight and general reduction will correct this. Exercises will help, but reduction is the real solution. Deep breathing, which fills the lower part of the lungs, will exercise all the muscles of the back and consume the surplus fat on the ribs and shoulders. For the bust formula, send a stamped, addressed envelope.

Worried:—Consult the doctor about this oppressive sensation. It is quite possible that you merely have indigestion, which will often mislead people into thinking they have heart trouble.

C. L.:—Massage the legs each night.

Friends Dedicate Church

Sunday Afternoon, Oct. 16

LYNN, Ind., Oct. 5.—Dedication services for the Cherry Grove Friend's church, will be held here at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16. The Rev. Truman C. Kenworthy will be in charge, assisted by several others. An all day meeting will be held at the church.

WABASH IS PREPARING TO ENTERTAIN LEGION AT STATE CONVENTION

WABASH, Ind., Oct. 5.—Arrangements for the American Legion and auxiliary conventions, to be held here Oct. 10 and 11 have been completed and tickets for the show to be given Sunday evening for the members of the two organizations have been distributed.

It is estimated that between 2,500 and 3,000 members of the legion and auxiliary will have arrived here by Sunday evening, when the first entertainment will be given. For those desirous of seeing signal corps pictures taken during the world war a show will be given at the theater. On account of opposition by the Ministerial Association and Woman's Christian Temperance Union here, this show will be for legion and auxiliary members only.

Plan Union Meeting
For those who desire to attend union religious services and hear a special lecture, the Ministerial association will give a special program at the First Methodist church. Dr. Lyle Rader of Chicago will give the address at the church.

Wednesday, decorators were to arrive here and "dress" the city for the convention, placing two car loads of flags, bunting and signs over the business district.

All of the state officers of the legion will arrive here Saturday afternoon to open headquarters and the majority of the district headquarters will be opened Saturday afternoon, as well as headquarters for the four candidates

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for the office of state commander, they being Col. Walter H. Unversaw, of Kokomo, Dr. John H. Gilpin of Fort Wayne, Dr. L. C. Sammons of Shelbyville and Joseph D. O'Neill of Muncie. According to the convention program, all organization work must be completed by 10 o'clock Monday morning.

TRADE NOT AFFECTED BY AIRPLANE CRASH

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Oct. 5.—When the daily Strasbourg to Paris passenger and mail airplane crashed to the ground at Le Bourget, a few days ago, killing the four passengers and the pilot, newspapers here said it would hurt business for the air lines for a little time to come.

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one for Strasbourg and the other for Prague. They carried their full quota of passengers, most of whom were reading the morning papers giving full accounts of the smash-up of the airplane, the wreckage of which was in plain sight of the travellers about 100 yards away from the taking-off point. Two passengers were refused as no accommodation could be found for them.

SEEKS AIRPLANE PATENT
LAPORTE, Ind., Oct. 5.—Taking the roll out of the control of aeroplanes is the object of an invention on which

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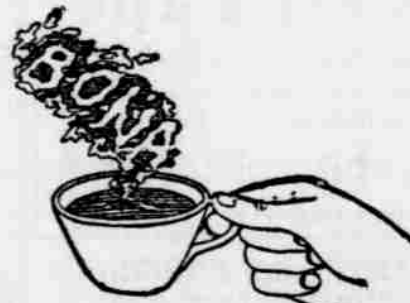


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