

The Middle Ground
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Chapter 62.

When a young woman cries, it is pathetic and appealing enough. An old woman's tears are irresistible, there is something so infinitely touching about the fact that age, which should have peace, has only sorrow.

Even Claire, whose sympathies were not her strongest point, was touched so that she too, felt her eyes grow wet.

She began to defend herself.

"It's not my fault," she said, and repeated it several times as though repetition must carry conviction.

"You don't understand. You have never tried to understand. That is why you are having all this trouble now."

"I have done nothing else but try to understand," Mrs. Talbot answered, honestly believing her words. "All this winter and spring I've done nothing but try to adjust myself to the views of my children. They all think they know more about life than I do, and I am older and their mother."

Tears were flowing fast; Claire, too, was wiping her eyes.

"It's not my fault," Claire went on. "Listen, I'll tell you where you have been wrong."

There was an inarticulate sound from the mother. But she made no objection.

"You think I have been a bad wife to Luther," Claire began. "I haven't. When I met him, Luther was just a funny, narrow-minded man, without any experience of the city at all, except what little he got at college—and he studied too hard there to meet anyone or to learn anything but his lessons."

"Seems to me he could get along without all this experience" you call being broad-minded," Mrs. Talbot interrupted viciously.

"You can't—and live in the city," Claire answered patiently. "They used to call him 'the preacher' because he looked so well, they said 'saintly'. But I liked him."

"Anyway, we were married. He was pure gold to all the men I had ever known. And he did me a lot of good. He made me see that things could be ideal, the way we read about them in novels. And I made him go around and to parties and gave him pleasure—that was something that he had been too busy and too poor to know anything about before. The poor boy had never been to a really frivolous

Heart Problems

Worried Wife—Nothing is more reprehensible than for a sister to make trouble for a married sister or sisters in her private life. If you parents are still alive, it would be the duty of the mother to talk to her about the wrong that she is doing. Your husband should not encourage her, either.

Mrs. M. W.—It is difficult to tell you what to do under the circumstances you relate. If you went back to the country, how could you support your six children? Sometimes husbands do foolish things and later see the error of their ways and reform.

Worried Mother—The question of the children living with their step-father should have been taken up thoroughly before you married again. If the youngest child is 15 years old, and perhaps is able to support itself, and the others are self-supporting, it might be well not to try to have them live with you. A mother, of course, loves her children, and will do everything she can to keep their love. Your husband, you say, is good to them, which shows that he is a good man. If the children will not return this kindness, it might be well for them to stay where they are. Perhaps they will change their attitude in a few years and see that your husband is making a good home for you.

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party in his life before I took him to one.

"And I made a nice home here, as you can see. He had been in dingy, dirty boarding houses, and before that at home—where it isn't pretty and comfortable as it is here."

Mrs. Talbot had to agree to that. Claire really had put together a very charming home.

"Only—I became restless with nothing to do all day. I wanted things Luther couldn't afford, but I was willing to work to get them, I didn't want him to work harder for me. It was not wicked of me to want to work to make his income larger."

"You said, a little while ago, something about my wanting to dance and sing and show myself off—because I am an actress. If I had been a clever seamstress, and had done sewing for other women to make an income, you would have approved of that as being 'good'. If I had been able to paint, you would not have thought it wicked of me to paint pictures to make money. If I had been intellectual, like Jane, and could have been a doctor, would you have thought it wicked of me to cure people for money?"

"But there is only one thing I can do—that is, dance a little, sing a little, and look pretty in fancy costume on a stage. That is my profession just as much as doing embroidery or talking in washing is the profession of some other women. Is it any more wicked of me to want to do the thing I can do than it is for them?"

"As for the men I see, that you think so wicked—" she hesitated, choosing her words carefully. "First of all, any actress must know a lot of people, must have what managers call 'a following'. Otherwise she does not draw, and she loses her value. She has to know lots of people who will buy seats to see her and talk about her to friends."

"I did know a lot of people. I wanted Luther to know them, too. But Luther decided that every man I knew must have been in love with me, or must still be in love with me. He didn't trust me—though I trusted him. He was jealous of all of them—even of some of the women."

"An actress loses a little of her popularity when she marries. She can't help it, men are not so interested in a married woman as in one who isn't. And men buy the theatre tickets. But I don't mind."

"In fact, I was so much in love with Luther, I didn't care about anything else. I wanted him to know all the people I liked. I wanted them all to come around and see me, as they had. I love lots of people. Luther didn't. He was jealous."

"And how about Jim Clarke?" Mrs. Talbot asked pointedly.

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Plans are being made by Perry Wilson, boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A., for a hare and hound chase for all boys in the city from the ages of 11 to 16 years, to be held Friday, Jan. 27. Schools will be dismissed on that date and the boys' division of the "Y" is planning to give the junior boys of the city some recreation for that.

The chase will start from the "Y" at 9:30 o'clock, the hares leaving at this time and the hounds following at 10 o'clock. Small bits of paper will mark the trail taken by the hares.

Every body going on the chase is requested to dress warmly and to take his dinner, consisting of weiners and buns, with him. The hike will be over by 2:30 o'clock, when a dip in the "Y"

pool will be enjoyed by all taking part in the chase.

Mr. Wilson will be in charge of the hike. Parents need not be afraid to allow their boys to enjoy this novel hike. Every boy in the city from the age of 11 to 16 years of age is invited to go.

The Boy Scout troop No. 5 will be employed in the postoffice, and now employ the hares for this chase. They are asked to report to Mr. Wilson's office for instructions Jan. 26.

Re-elect Timothy Nicholson
Anti-Saloon League Head

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COURTESY WINS HONOR
FOR RICHMOND MAN

Fred Pickett, former rural route carrier of the local office, and now employed in the postoffice, and now employed in the postoffice at Washington, D. C., is receiving recognition in his new position. Mr. Pickett is studying law at Washington and at the same time working in the post office.

During the Christmas rush he was on duty at one of the parcel post windows. Courteous treatment afforded by him sent several parcels through his window caused her to write to Postmaster Chance of the Washington office, commenting on the excellent treatment given her by Mr. Pickett.

In turn Mr. Chance wrote to the postmaster general, inclosing the letter written by the woman. The postmaster general replied that he was

very well pleased with the news that such courteous service had been afforded by a man from Indiana, his own state.

Aged Hollansburg Woman,
78, Dies At Home of Son

HOLLANSBURG, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Mrs. Louise Sweet Hawk, 78 years old, died at the home of her son, Paul Hawk, Tuesday night. Her son is the only survivor.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Fountain City Friends church Friday morning. Burial will be in the Fountain City cemetery. The Rev. Reynolds is to officiate.

EARTH SHOCKS FELT
(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 18.—Severe earth shocks were felt yesterday in many sections of Los Angeles, shattering windows and shaking frame buildings.

ELEVEN PERSONS INJURED
(By Associated Press)

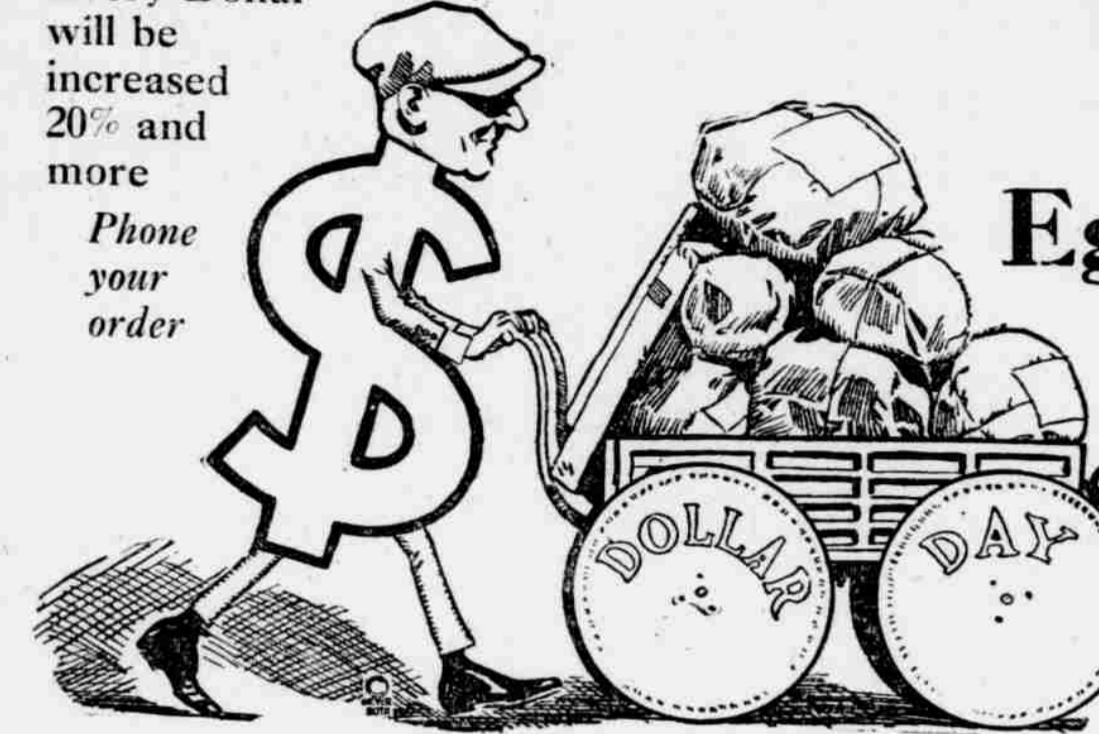
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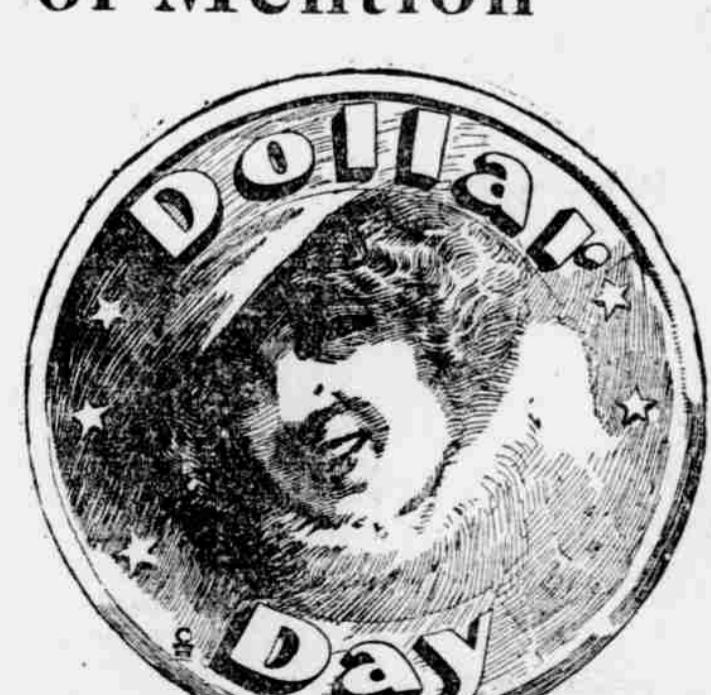
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