

The Wall Flower

by Marion Rubincam

NEW DAY

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters

Pandora Nicholson is so shy that meeting new people is a painful experience. She lives as a sort of poor relation with her aunt Maude, her uncle Peter, and their daughter, Gladys who is hearty, buxom and the most popular girl in Norris City. Pandora is in this "set" too, but generally ignored and overlooked. She has been neglected so much that she believes herself repulsively homely, too unattractive mentally and physically ever to make friends.

So when Morton Newberry begins to like her, she returns his affections to an intense degree. The little friendship became love when Gladys decided she wants Morton, possibly because he was the only boy who never paid any attention to her—goes after him—and succeeds in marrying him. Pandora is heartbroken. Then suddenly Mrs. Gates, a decorator from New York whom she had met in the summer before, asks her to spend the winter with her.

Chapter 43

In spite of her tiredness, Pandora was awake early next morning. Her tiny room was so attractive she lay looking at it for some time, taking in with pleasure each tiny detail.

Gloria had used her decorative ability to make her cheap little flat into a perfect gem of a home. The guest room, too small for a bed, had a couch instead, with a silky rug of varying tones of blue thrown over it in the daytime. The one window was veiled with yellow net, and had long curtains of French blue lined with orange—the gaudy lining just showing now and then. The dressing table was veiled with yellow net, and had long curtains of French blue lined with orange—the gaudy lining just showing now and then. The dressing table was a kitchen table with orange enameled top and glass over it, and a ruffle of blue silk that fell to the floor—orange and blue silk roses edged the top. Gloria, not able to afford a nice dresser set, took wooden-backed brushes and boxes and painted them orange with colored flowers.

There was room for a tiny table holding a lamp, and one armchair done in blue and orange cretonne. Pandora's trunk went under the bed.

"And you limit your supply of clothing to the size of your closet," Gloria had said. But the girl's few things had more than enough room, even in this small closet.

Pandora got up and began to dress. She was sure she had overlooked; she slipped out to the kitchen to find it was 8 o'clock—an unheard of hour for the country. But the flat was silent, even Frankie was asleep.

The girl began hunting around for supplies, lighted the gas stove and began making hot biscuits for breakfast. She started coffee too, and found eggs for an omelet. It was a mystery where one ate for the dining room had been made into a bedroom and playroom for the boy.

She turned at an exclamation from the doorway. Gloria, rolled in a flaming scarlet robe, her straight black hair hanging around her shoulders, was standing there smiling with amusement.

"I was awakened by the most delicious smell," she was saying. "I was sure I was dreaming, for I haven't smelled such good coffee for weeks. I had to come back here to be sure it was true."

Dora laughed. She moved about competently, at home in any kitchen, poor child! Gloria began putting dishes on a tray—it appeared that breakfast was eaten in the living room. Gloria sat curled up on the couch, her feet under her, about six daily papers scattered about, and took her eggs and coffee that way. Frankie appeared in a diminutive bathrobe.

"I'm interviewing six cooks today," Gloria said after she had dressed and was ready to go to her office. "I'll send one along to you. I didn't bring

you here to work, you know, but for a rest and a change.

"I'm so glad to be here—I'd rather work to show how glad," Pandora answered.

"Darling child!" Gloria's eyes showed amusement, but her mouth was tender and trembled a little, as it did when something touched her—or hurt her.

Dora decided Frankie was too ill yet to go out. So she put him on the couch with some books, and then began a systematic cleaning of the much neglected apartment. No cook appeared—none came for weeks, but Dora was perfectly happy.

"We haven't had a maid for ages," Frankie informed her. "And all the last ones were sumpin' awful. We only had nurse, and she was so busy taking care of me she couldn't do any work. Mummy says I take a lot of looking after."

"He never got it, if he needed it," Gloria laughed when she got home and this remark was repeated to her. "Nurse fell in love with a sailor, and found the chap reluctant to marry—so she kept Frankie, herself, myself, and everyone else in such a state of nerves and excitement that we were ready to collapse when she did go off and marry him. They eloped somewhere."

"Maryland," announced Frankie who knew all the details of the affair.

"You young wretch!" Gloria said with an affectionate laugh, picking him up in her arms. "Will you be a good boy and have your bath and go to bed now? Mummy has people to tea."

"People always came to tea, Pandora discovered, except when Gloria was out."

"I haven't enough money to entertain," Gloria said once. "But tea costs nothing. It's only necessary to get enough interesting people to sit about and talk."

The girl refused to appear that afternoon. She couldn't face a roomful of strange people. She stayed back in the flat, gave Frankie his bath and supper and put him to bed. She had a glimpse of men and women sitting about and laughing. Bobby kept coming into the kitchen for more tea, and hot water. She saw exquisite dresses, heard new voices and laughter, and cheerfully went on working in the kitchen.

She was happy to be near this gaiety, without being in it. But this state of affairs Gloria refused to allow.

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a young married woman of eighteen years. I have a little baby girl sixteen months old. She has light hair, which is almost red, and I am afraid it will turn red as she gets older. I fairly hate red hair, but I adore dark hair, as her daddy has black hair. I am a blonde. Will you please tell me what I can do for her hair to make it dark and yet not injure the growth of it or make it streaked? BLUE EYES.

Let nature take its course with your child's hair. There is nothing you can use that will not injure the growth and spoil the hair. Since it is not red now, there is no use in imagining that it will turn red. Children's hair usually turns darker as they grow older. Red hair, however, is considered very beautiful.

Dear Mrs. Thompson: My sister has asked me to be bridesmaid at her wedding and I am very anxious to know whether I should ask a friend of mine to serve as best man or whether my sister's fiancé should ask him.

Is it proper for the best man to pay the minister, or should the groom?

ANXIOUS.

Your sister's fiancé should choose the best man.

The groom pays the minister.

From the time of the Spanish conquest down to the present, the silver mines of Mexico are estimated to have yielded ore to a total value of \$3,000,000,000.

Beauty Chats

By Edna Kent Forbes



How to Keep Pretty Though Busy

There never has been a time when a housekeeper could look so attractive as she does now. One reason for this is a continued liking for the one piece loose frock of straight lines. Another reason is that cotton goods are no longer scarce and expensive, as they were for a number of years.

Materials now are more beautiful

than anything known since the old days of hand looms and block printing. The loveliest of these present-day cottons are hand printed, their colors so blended as to give the effect of some of the old hand prints that have been packed away for a century. And these materials are not only sold by the yard, but can be found made up in completed frocks at any sum from \$50 upward to \$100 or more. Such dresses—though made of cotton and simple in their straight line design—have proved the most beautiful things of this season and are suited to any summer or early fall functions.

True, these frocks would not be suited to rough usage, although they launder perfectly. But they can be easily copied as to style, and I am offering them as a suggestion for dresses that are better suited to the housekeeper's needs. Now, as the season wanes on many bargain counters will be found the light weight cretonnes or the new cotton print equally beautiful in design and coloring. Three or four yards, at 50 cents a yard, makes up a frock that will not only wash well, but be so picturesque as to transform into a veritable eye feast many women who have look uninteresting in her other dresses.

Discouraged:—The fine hair that grows on the arms and hands can be kept from becoming conspicuous by use of a bleach such as peroxide or hydrogen.

Cherry:—The eyelash formula will be mailed to you if you desire it. When requesting this include a stamped addressed envelope.

M. K. M.:—Lace a fine toothed comb and use it on your hair, keeping it wet all the time by dipping in vinegar. This will remove the shell but if vermin are left use kerosene.

Margaret:—If you are too thin build yourself up and the bust and neck will also fill out. Massage with cocoa butter.

Anna:—Your hair seems a lovely Titan shade to me. If the eyebrows are faded rub them with castor oil each night. It will help bring back the original color.

Moist soap rubbed on the puncture from a mosquito bite will cause the irritation to pass away.

LICENSES NECESSARY FOR PASSENGER HACKS

George Matthews, deputy collector of internal revenue, has submitted the following:

Section 1001, Article 11, Provides:—Persons carrying on the business of operating or renting passenger automobiles for hire, shall pay \$10 for each automobile having a seating capacity of more than two, and not more than seven, and \$20 for each automobile having a seating capacity of more than seven.

As the above section sets out, every individual operating a motor driven vehicle for hire is subject to a special tax liability, this provision is being strictly enforced by the department of internal revenue. This refers to passenger automobiles only.

If the township owns the school hack body and the individual the chassis or motor part, the individual is liable for the tax. If the township owns the complete school hack, the tax does not apply.

Time of Application.

Applications for license or special stamp must be applied for within the month in which operation begins, if not the individual becomes delinquent and is liable for the 25 per cent penalty as well as other penalties that apply for failure to comply with the provisions of the revenue laws.

As school opens in the month of September, it is necessary to apply for license in the month of September to avoid the penalties.

Trustees should advise their drivers of this liability that they may avoid the penalty.

Applications can be secured by mail or by appointment at the local revenue office in the Odd Fellows Bldg., Room No. 6. When applying for license please have engine number, make and model of car or truck. Remittance must be made by certified check, bank draft or money order.

Please be advised that my duties keep me largely in the field, and I am not regularly at the office only on

Wireless Equipped Car Gives Concert Sunday

A radio equipped automobile, carrying a wireless aerial mounted above the top, passed through Richmond Monday on its way to the Indianapolis state fair from Columbus. A receiving set installed in the tonneau and connected to the aerial, is used to give radio musical concerts from the various broadcasting stations as the car moves about the fair grounds. A radio concert was given at 635 South E street on Sunday evening, when Atlanta, Ga., was heard in an extensive program. As the Atlanta station finished, E. H. Murray, operator of the set, tuned in Davenport, Ia., in time to get the time signals.

ORDERS GENERAL ROUNDUP OF SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Sept. 4.—Following the shooting of a patrolman by a negro here, Chief of Police Moeller has ordered a general roundup of suspicious characters in an effort to rid

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GEORGE MATTHEWS, Deputy Collector Internal Revenue.

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