

Chapters From a Woman's Life

By Jane Phelps

WALTER IS GAY AT HOT SPRINGS

Chapter 64

We arrived at Hot Springs, found the rooms we had engaged at "The Homestead" very cheerful, and in every way satisfactory. I anticipated a delightful time. It was the height of the season, the hotel was full of seemingly charming people, the weather perfect. We found a letter from Mrs. Page awaiting us, telling us everything was going along smoothly, Jack well, and apparently as happy as if we were at home.

"There, that's that!" Walter said, as he read the letter aloud. "Now dull care to the winds! A horse, my kingdom for a horse!"

"But, Walter, I don't ride, and if you do it will leave me all alone with strangers."

"Get acquainted! I haven't wanted to ride so in years. I hired a horse this morning. I fairly ache to hit the long trail."

I said no more. Walter had worked hard, had had no vacation since we were married. I mustn't be selfish. I felt more this way when he came in a couple of hours later, his eyes shining, his face glowing.

"I didn't stay out very long," he said. It had seemed interminable to me, sitting alone, waiting. "It is so long since I have ridden I was afraid I'd have to take my meals off the mantel for a week if I wasn't careful. My, but it was good to straddle a horse!"

We sat around most of the afternoon, but at night joined the dancers. There were many pretty girls and young women, one he pointed out to me.

"See that girl in yellow, Doreen, the one with such inky black hair. She was out this morning, and, believe me, she can ride! Looks stunning on a horse, too."

The girl was lovely in a queer, foreign way. Her jet black hair was drawn straight back from her face, showing her ears then twisted into a

knot in her neck. Her dress of soft yellow crepe was most becoming. She was tall and slender and it hung almost carressingly about her. She wore no jewels. Even her hands were bare of rings. I noticed when she came near. But her eyes were wonderful black pools of brilliance, her skin a bit dark but clear and lovely. I knew she had awakened Walter's artistic interest, his admiration for anything lovely and unusual.

He talked about her all the time we were preparing for bed. He must find out who she was, where from. What a picture she made in that soft yellow gown.

"She evidently knows what suits her," he said.

"Absolute perfection to your mind," I replied laughing.

"She's so different, too. Not a bit freakish like so many unusual people are, just lovely in her own way."

"Yes, she is lovely," I replied yawning.

The next morning Walter came in radiant. He had ridden even longer than the day before. Before I could speak he said:

"You know the girl, the one in yellow, well, I met her this morning, rode with her. She had a little trouble with her saddle, I saw it, and fixed it for her, and then we rode on together. She is from New Orleans, her name is Vashli, Vashli Vernon."

"Sounds stagey!" I said.

"I don't think so, and an ordinary name wouldn't have suited her. I promised to play tennis with her this afternoon."

"But, Walter, I don't play," I said, ready to weep at the thought of being left alone all the afternoon.

"You can watch us, can't you?" "Yes, that will be better than sitting alone." I made up my mind to learn

to ride and play tennis before I went away again with my versatile husband. At the courts Walter introduced us, and I found her just a pleasant breezy girl, with a soft southern drawl that was very fetching. But I saw also that Walter was very much infatuated with her. Would he be sensible, or would he be foolish and carry things to an extreme?

Anyway, the girl knew he was married, had met me. If she were the right sort, the acquaintance would simply be a friendly one. Yet I didn't understand. Walter's attractiveness, never had. His gay boyish manner appealed to women, always would. I must not give him too much time alone with Miss Vernon.

At such times, when Walter seemed on the verge of being foolish, I thought of him as a little boy—almost. Beauty made such an impression upon him that he was scarcely to blame.

Tomorrow—Walter is intrigued With Miss Vernon

Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl of sixteen. My mother permits me to go with boys. I went with one almost all summer and part of the winter and then I quit him for another boy whom I thought I loved as well as the first. After I had gone with him several times, however, I found out differently.

I received a nice Christmas present from the first boy and also a New Year's greeting. He always acts as if he would like to make a date with me again and I have found out from one of his friends that he is afraid to ask me for a date for fear I will turn him down. He always speaks in a very friendly manner when we meet. How can I let him know that I would like a date with him if he would ask me?

I have bobbed hair. Do you think

that once a week is too often to wash it?

Some people say that girls who wear earrings are vulgar-looking or tough. Do you think this is true? JUST ME.

The next time you meet the first boy tell him you wish he would come to see you sometime. Since he remembered you at Christmas time it would not be running after him in the least to ask him to come.

Do not wash your hair more often than once in two weeks. The oftener you wash it, the more oily it becomes.

It is a matter of opinion whether earrings are tough and vulgar-looking. They have been very popular and worn by people who are not the least bit tough or vulgar. Personally I prefer simplicity in the matter of dress and do not like earrings worn except for dress occasions.

Wondering—Instead of wondering about your husband's actions, why don't you ask him pointblank if he cares more for the other woman than he does for you. It doesn't pay, however, to be suspicious and to look for trouble where none exists. Be patient.

Called by Death

FLAVIUS SHEPHERD

GREENVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Flavius Shepherd, at one time a resident of Greenville, Ohio, and well known among the older inhabitants, died at his home in Lynn Grove, Ind., Wednesday. Mr. Shepherd had many friends in this city. He is survived by his widow, two sons and one granddaughter, and was a brother of Mrs. C. W. Hartzell of Gray avenue, this city.

MRS. AMANDA HART

EATON, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda Hart, 72 years old, mother of Miss Edith Hart, stenographer of commerce, and wife of the late Mr. Hart, were conducted Thursday afternoon

in her late home, North Cherry street, where she died Monday night. The Rev. Hilley Baker, Christian church, officiated. Burial was in Mound Hill cemetery. Surviving her are three sons and four daughters.

BENJAMIN F. BAKER

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Feb. 1.—Benjamin F. Baker, 65 years old, died Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock at his home in Pershing. Funeral services will be held at the Evangelical church at Pershing at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial will be in the Lutheran cemetery.

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