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## Revelations of a Wife

My Heart and My Husband

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## WHAT LILLIAN SAID TO MADGE WHEN HER STORY WAS ENDED.

I lost no time in going to Lillian Underwood with the problem of my father's inexplicable actions. I made the excuse of a desire to see Mrs. Cosgrove, Robert Savarin's sister, who was still with Lillian, watching over the slow convalescence of her artist brother, and so effectively lulled any lurking doubt of my mission which my father's general uneasiness might have caused.

Lillian was, heavy-eyed from a night sharing the vigil of the sick room with the nurse and Mrs. Cosgrove, but more from the uncertainty as to Harry Underwood's fate and Robert Savarin's part in it, which was consuming her, put her arms around me in convulsive greeting when Betty had shown me into the library.

"Miss Madge, of you's got anything in de world to tak' Mis' Lillian's mind off whatevah's troublin' her, I wish you'd spill it," Betty had whispered to me earnestly as we mounted the stairs, and I was glad of the injunction. Otherwise I never would have dared to trouble the tragic figure my friend presented with any problem of my own.

"You Always Understand."

"Oh, my dear, my dear, I'm so glad to see you!" Lillian said as she drew me to a chair, and in her old, loving, deft fashion removed my hat and coat.

"Is Robert—no—better?" I asked fearfully.

"Physically, yes," she answered, "although his progress is slow, and he terribly weak. But mentally—oh, Madge—I wonder sometimes."

She paused, struggling bravely for composure, gave it up, put her head against my shoulder, while hard, strangled sobs tore from her throat.

"There!" she said harshly a few moments later, "I knew I'd do this if you ever came near me. What is it about you anyway that makes me do the baby act whenever I'm in trouble? And you come anywhere near me!"

"Because it isn't human nature to face everything as bravely and composedly as you do," I said quickly. "You simply have to break some time, and I'm very proud and thankful that I am near enough to you for you to be willing to come to me for the little comfort I can give you."

"The little comfort," she repeated scornfully. "Child, you haven't any idea of what your loving comfort means to me. You always understand so, without my having to explain all over the place. And if anybody else but you saw me making an idiot of myself this way—well—I think there'd be a double job for the nearest undertaker."

"But that's enough of me," she went on, sharply. "You're looking sort of groggy yourself. What's the answer—that principal's wife you told me about?"

I started with surprise. My father's affairs had so engrossed my mind that for days I had forgotten all about the terror with which Miss Stockbridge had inspired me upon the night of her appointment.

"It isn't she that's troubling me," I answered quickly, though awkwardly.

"Although she's raising Cain, a little more than usual," Lillian commented shrewdly. "Well, we'll dismiss her for the present, and take her case up later. What's the real trouble? I hope it's not something I think I shall go stark staring mad if I don't have something to take my mind off things. Work doesn't help me a bit any more."

Is Lillian Right?

"If you cannot help me no one in the world can," I answered, and was rewarded by seeing a look of interest flash into her strained face.

"Go ahead, and talk slowly," she

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Training Little Citizens  
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BY HELEN M. CRAMP.

Many changes are impressive in our day, but none more so than the great change that is taking place in our schools and in our whole attitude toward education. It is a hundred years since Froebel began to lay down the first of freer education, but we are only beginning to apply his principles.

The interest of children cannot be held if they are taught in a cut and dried way. In the early childhood they should be led in joyous activity. At first only the parents stand by to help and sympathize later, friends, and society assist.

The early home influence is of great importance. Comenius, Froebel and Rousseau studied mothers. They knew that the mother should be the first educator, they emphasized the importance of her sympathy and care, which, though it faltered and halted and fell pitifully short in many places was necessary for right start. Pestalozzi expressed this fact in the words, "Maternal love is the first agent in education."

In the ideal school of today we find the children choosing their own material, directing their own studies, learning indirectly rather than directly, getting their studies linked up with life, looking to the teacher for guidance, sympathy and help us

about her except."

Is Lillian Right?

"Except for that night in the cafe" Lillian finished the next sentence. "Depend upon it, Madge, that woman is the answer. From what you tell me, the sight of her was a complete surprise and shock to him. Your father is, of course, old, and much reduced in physical strength, mental vigor and power, will from what he used to be, but he's too much a man of the world to be so upset by the sight of any woman unless she had the power to make you suffer. You are the darling of his heart, the one person on earth whom he loves, and his love for you is adoration, nothing less. Because of his deep remorse for the suffering he caused your mother, he loves you still, but to keep suffering away from you, might lead him into all sorts of absurd Quixotic actions, especially if he thought that the suffering were coming from the same source that caused your mother's unhappiness.

"No doubt he is buying her off, the most ridiculous scheme in the world when you consider the power he could wield if he chose it. With his affiliations, just a word from him and he could just blackmail her part and she would be landed so deep in jail that she couldn't dig her way out in a hundred years. But he, no doubt, is so afraid that you might in some way get a hint of her that he is submitting to any extortions, perhaps even himself proposing to pay her for silence and exile from your mother's family."

She stopped and looked at me questioningly. I nodded my head in confirmation of her words.

"I am sure you are right," I said. "Everything about that incident in the cafe fits your theory perfectly. For instance, I bear a striking resemblance to my mother—at least people have always told me so—but when that woman came to me that night, he had his back to me and when he or she saw my father first—her eyes showed horror as well as unmistakable recognition, though I am sure that I never saw her before."

"Exactly!" Lillian replied, and followed my assent with a question.

"In what cafe did you dine that night?"

I told her. She drew a tiny note

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Girls working in down town stores and offices are taking the lead in this movement but the men are slow to follow. They are content however to wrap them in plain paper.

High cost and low satisfaction of eating in loop restaurants is said to be responsible for the return of the portable lunch.

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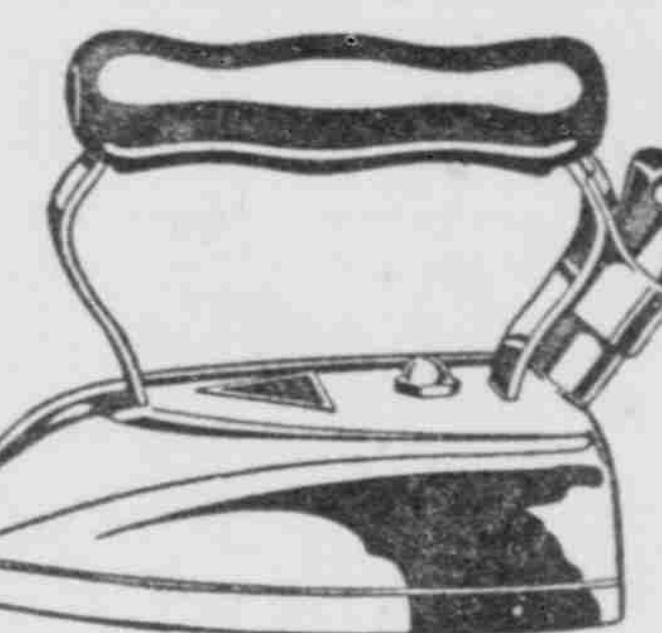
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