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"Wasn't it marvelous?" Noel had no intention of being callous. "As long as poor old Mrs. Edgerton had to die, it was certainly convenient having the cable come that afternoon."

"Yes," April agreed. "It wasn't much of a blow to Lucius. He hadn't seen his sister in years and it gave him something to think of besides Alixe. He was in Mrs. Van Elden's sitting room being consoled when I marched in and told them we'd been to the airport to meet Jay. Mrs. Van Elden tried to soothe Lucius but it didn't work so she just sat and waited like an angry iceberg for Alixe to arrive. It seemed ages, but it really wasn't long before those two walked in."

"How was Jay?" Noel's big round eyes were bright with interest. April laughed. "Just as quiet and collected, standing behind Alixe as if they were at a meeting in Charity Square. As for Alixe, she started being sweet and sympathetic to Lucius about his sister. She agreed he ought to go right over but said she'd decided not to go with him."

"That must have staggered Mr. Adams," Noel broke in.

"It did. He sat there with his mouth open while Alixe said that since they had to make some sort of announcement a postponed wedding sounded better than a broken engagement. I didn't hear any more—I was slipping out of the room by that time."

"What did you do next?" Noel asked.

"Nothing much. Ten was in the hall and I told him about things and soon after that Jay left. Alixe walked to the door with him. She kissed him."

"No?" "She did. Right there in the hall with Ten and me looking on. When I got here this morning and saw Alixe at her desk, I nearly dropped. Alixe and Jay intend to go right on with their jobs, seeing each other as often as they please, in spite of Mrs. Van Elden. Oh Noel, it does look as if things were working out for those two."

"It does," Noel nodded. "Already Alixe is a different person. Do you know, April?" she added, "I think you're much prettier since you've been engaged? I can't believe what you tell me about Ten being more interested in Gwenn Harding than in you."

"You'd better," April gathered crumbs in a paper napkin, "because it's true. Something tells me though, that Gwenn's day is almost over. It's hard keeping up with my fiancé's antics, but if I were the jealous kind I might suggest he's becoming suspiciously interested in card indexing for the Milk Kitchen."

"How can you?" Noel's round little face blushed scarlet. "Ten asks quite intelligent questions about our work and I do believe

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he's getting interested. By the way, did you know Gwenn and Bill are going off on a picnic today?" "Are they?" April shrugged. "Funny time of year for it." "Isn't it? And Gwenn hates picnics. She told Ten she means to make Bill bring her back to the Blue Devil for early supper and dancing. Ten said he thanked her for the hint."

CHAPTER XXVII

When April reached the Van Elden house an hour later, Ten Parker was not on duty. He had fetched his mother and sister from the station, Miss Penfield informed April, and had been wonderfully helpful at lunch when conversation had been difficult because both Mrs. Parker and Clara would have liked to talk about the postponed wedding and Alixe's change of plans, and Mrs. Van Elden was determined not to mention the subject. After lunch Ten had been told he might have the car to take his sister and April out.

"And he took only the car," April laughed. "Sister's dished, and so am I. Oh dear, Penny. That means I leave Clara on my hands?"

"Yes," Miss Penfield sighed. "She's wedded, poor child, and I don't wonder I can't think why Ten is behaving like this today."

April, knowing Ten better than Penny did, thought she could understand his conduct. If by any chance gossip had wafted to Ten's ears the tale of the Brookville estate Mr. Harding was buying for his daughter, then today was not his happy day. Ten had anticipated. He must have been hoping all along that the Hardings would frown on Gwenn's engagement to a poor young social worker. Now—well, likely enough Ten had driven off to the golf grounds or the country club for a solitary sulk. April had not the heart to blame him—not, that she enjoyed having Clara to entertain. Clara, defrauded of wedding excitements

New Buildings Under Way For Local Firms

A new place of business for the Palmer Electric Company of Charlottetown, which is now located on Kent Street, is being constructed on the south side of Fitzroy Street midway between Queen and Great George Streets. The new building, which will be two stories high, with dimensions of 80 feet by 45 feet and of wooden structure, is well on its way to completion, with workmen already working on the second story of the building. The structure is expected to be completed by August first of this year, when the ground floor will be occupied by the Palmer Electric, while the second floor will be utilized for office space. The work is being done by R. H. Duvar, local general contractor.

A second local business firm, S. L. Hardy and Company, harness manufacturers and luggage dealers, located on Queen Street, have also begun the erection of a new building as a place of business. It will be located at the rear of their present site, but facing on East Street directly opposite the City Police Station, and will be a two storey cement-brick structure of 30 feet by 38 feet. When completed it will supply two ground floor shops, one of which will be occupied by Hardy and Company, while the other will be rented for some other business enterprise. The second storey will be used for office or shop space. Work on this building, which is at the cellar and foundation stage, is not expected to be completed until early this fall. The work is being done under the direction of Mr. Warren Houston, local contractor.

and the chance to wear an expensive new gown, might well declare herself aggrieved.

Downstairs the house, April noticed with amusement, retained something of the wedding atmosphere. It seemed an appropriate gesture that the old mahogany desk—sacred to the memory of Mr. Van Elden—had been cleared for the trustees' use. Viewing these preparations reminded April that the reason for them was still missing. She hurried upstairs to knock on Alixe's door, was surprised when that usually unobtrusive young woman caught her in her arms and kissed her.

"Oh, April, today has been so wonderful, and if it weren't for you, I'd be sailing tonight."

"I know," April's mood was slightly pessimistic. "England, London, Paris—comfort—luxury. And, Jay is poor and his house is awful and his children get things, I hope it will be all right."

"Silly! I know it will be all right." Alixe's face glowed. She

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drew April closer. "Darling, I've been selfish, thinking of my own affairs. What's worrying you, April? It is this talk that's going around about Bill and Gwenn? Because—" "Bill Brown's affairs don't interest me," April cut in sharply. "I'm worrying about Ten. He's missed tea, and it looks as if he were going to be late for dinner. Your mother will be terribly annoyed." "I expect she will," Alixe spoke with amazing unconcern. "Don't worry, April. Ten will soon be out from under Mother's thumb that he's possibly doing a little celebrating today. He may," she added, smiling, "be feeling rather the way I did this afternoon." But April continued to worry. She was to spend the night at the house and as soon as she was dressed, in the new daffodil chiffon that was to have been her bridesmaid frock, she hurried to the phone. In the few remaining moments before dinner she tried one after another of Ten's acquaintances in town. Next she called the Blue Devil Inn, but the head waiter who answered spoke very poor English. Finally, in desperation, April called Noel Andrews and asked her advice. Noel was helpful, if not encouraging. She said she felt certain Ten was at the Blue Devil. It so annoyed him to butt in on any date of Bill's with Gwenn, that he had probably forgotten the hour. (To Be Continued)

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