



The Middle Ground

By Marion Rubincam

AMY AND DICK

Chapter 39

Dick was gentle, faithful, rather shy, the type of man that always falls in love with the type of woman that Amy belonged to. He was perfectly happy sitting on the chair across the room watching every movement of the girl watching his adored Amy. His curious, attractive greenish eyes never left her—much to the amusement of Jane and of Luther, and the annoyance of some of the men who came around to see the Talbot's.

Peggy darling, I surely need your sympathy to-day, for I feel like about a million marks! My lovely lemon pie fell upside down on the floor. The gas went off when my dinner was half-cooked, and I burnt my hand on the kettle! Every one has been getting thundercloud looks from me since.

Compassio

Italian Balm alone, of all my friends, has made me smile. It soothed my burn, and its refreshing woodsy odour brought back memories of happier days! Marie.



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ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st

AT 1 o'clock sharp

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PATRICK DUFFY, East Royalty

J. A. MacDONALD, Auctioneer

Big Clearance Auction Sale

I am instructed by Edmund Vickerson to sell at Court Hall, on Wednesday, December 27th at 12 o'clock sharp, all his valuable stock, crop and farm implements, household furniture as follows:—1 mare seven years old, 1 mare 8 years old, 1 mare 11 years old, 1 mare 2 1/2 years old, 4 heifers, 2 cows, freshened in September, 1 pure bred Durham heifer 1 1/2 years old, 1 calf, 1 brood sow, 5 fall pigs, 50 hens, 20 geese. CROP—20 tons hay, 200 bushels oats, 30 bushels wheat, 25 bushels buckwheat, quantity potatoes and turnips. IMPLEMENTS:—Binder, haymower, rake, broadcast seeder, spike-tire plough, box plough, 1 single harrow, spring tooth harrow, 1 single harrow, scuffer new, turnip drill, 1 sulky plough, truck wagon with pole, rubber-tired wagon, driving shaft, 2 wood stoves, 2 sleigh robes, hay carrier, blocks, rope and fork, scythes, 2 sets work harness, 2 sets traces, grinding stone harness, 2 sets traces, grinding stone, emery stone, vise, Magnet separator, barrel churn. FURNITURE:—Kitchen range, piano case organ, sewing machine, cupboard, dining room table and chairs, lounge, 3 day chairs, 1 linoleum square, 1 parlor square, stair carpet, mats, 3 iron beds, springs and mattresses, 3 feather beds, hair lamp, parlor lamp, kitchen lamps, and chairs, cooking utensils and dishes and other articles not mentioned. TERMS:—Ten dollars and 10 months cash. Over that amount Everything must go as farm is sold. If stormy, following day.

BLACK OXEN

By GERTRUDE ATHERTON

At a first night performance in New York a beautiful young woman attracts attention by rising and leisurely surveying the audience through her glasses, wearing, newspaper columnist, and his cousin, Dinwiddie, are particularly interested. Dinwiddie declares she is the image of Mary Ogden, a belle of thirty years ago, who had married a Count Zattiany. He is convinced that this is Mary's daughter, but all efforts to establish her identity prove futile. Clavering finally manages to meet her, and she tells him she is the Countess Josef Zattiany, a cousin of Mary Ogden's and had married a relative of Mary's husband. Clavering does not believe her story and tells her so. As time goes on Clavering realizes that he is in love with the mysterious Madame Zattiany, whose first name, he learns, is Mary. He declares his passion and draws from her the admission of a reciprocal warmth of feeling. Mrs. Oglethorpe, having offered her box, Clavering invites Mary to attend the opera with him one evening. Her appearance there in the Oglethorpe box, regally gowned and the synosure of all eyes, is somewhat in the nature of a challenge to that forbidding Society which had realized the time has come to question her credentials, and clear up the mystery. She promises Clavering she will reveal her secret to him the following Saturday night.

When a man has cultivated a practical and methodical habit of mind and body he pursues the accustomed tenor of his way, whatever the ferment of his spirit. Clavering's spirit was mercurial, but long since subject to his will, and it would no more have occurred to him to neglect his regular work because he was in love and a state of suspense than to put on petticoats and walk up Fifth Avenue. It might be better or worse under the circumstances, but it would be done, and all else banished for the hour. There were times when he wrote better surrounded by the stimulations of the office; when he was neither fagged nor disturbed he worked at home. During this week of incertitudes he rose late, lunched with friends at the Sign of the Indian Chief, a restaurant where he was so excitedly sure of their cleverness that for the moment they convinced others as well as themselves—foregathered daily. Then he went to the office and wrote or talked to other men until it was time to dine. He could always be sure of companionship for the evening. On his "day off" he took a train out to the country and walked for hours. There was a great deal of scintillating talk in his group on the significant books and tendencies of the day, and if the talk of French youth in their clubs before the Revolution may possibly have been profounder and more far-reaching than that of the present day, he played Thursday matinees. Also, he was "out" about the time her dancing class was over, so he usually brought her home. But Ted had no money and a precarious profession. Mrs. Talbot soon saw that there was no romance there. Amy used Ted to make the acquaintance of theatrical people. "If I can't get into the opera, I'll try the chorus of a musical comedy," she announced one night. And Ted found in Amy a very pretty, refreshing type of girl. Mark became the real danger, as both Dick and Mrs. Talbot concluded after a few weeks. Mark was wealthy, about 35, an amusing talker, a good dancer. He was a friend of Ted's, and had been introduced by him. Mark was genuinely devoted to Amy, his big motor car and his leisure were hers. One afternoon Mrs. Talbot overheard the words "my wife." "What did he mean by that?" she asked Amy when he had gone. The girl hesitated. The temptation to fib was great—a small fib would set her mother's mind at rest, and where was the harm? But her training was too strong. She told the truth. "Mark used to be married. His wife died, and he never married." "Then you're going around with a married man?" Anger blazed suddenly in the faded gray of the old woman. "He's not married, he divorced. It's the same as not being married." "There's no such thing as divorce whatever the law says. Does he want to marry you?" "Heaven's name, I don't know. He certainly never asked me. He might if I was extra nice to him. He is very fond of me, I know that."

Another problem was added to those that were already crushing the poor little woman. "I wish you'd marry Dick," she said finally. "I shan't marry anyone," the girl answered frowning. "I want to be a singer. At least I want to try. If I marry, it will be someone who can help me in my career. And Dick can't. He's as old-fashioned as you are."

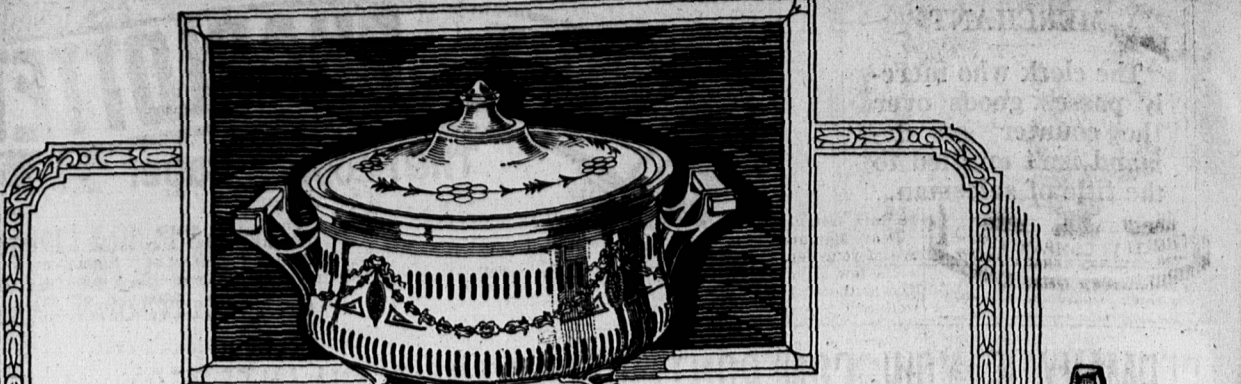
Various objections must have come from Dick. For after a long silence Amy said crossly, "Don't be a goose," and the talk ended. Dick did not come to the flat for a week, and when he did, he wore a suit of tailor-made clothes that Amy approved of, and announced that he had found a position. Mrs. Talbot watched the other men who came to see Amy with a more jealous eye than even Dick possessed. Ted was an actor in Claire's company. Amy often lunched with him in the theatre district, and went to Thursday matinees with him—his company

There was a jazz party at the studio of a hospitable girl artist, where Clavering danced with several of the prettiest young actresses of recent Broadway fame, until dawn, and drank enough to make him as wild as the rest of the party had it not been for the seasoned apparatus inherited from hard-drinking Southern ancestors. Altogether, he gave himself little time for thought, and if he felt at times an inclination to dream he thrust it from him with an almost superstitious fear. He would speculate no longer, but neither would he run the risk of invoking the laughter of cynical gods. If unimaginable disaster awaited him, at least he would not weaken his defenses by a sojourn in the paradise of fools. He avoided Oglethorpe and Dinwiddie, and although he had engaged himself to dine at the Goodriches on Thursday night he sent an excuse. On Thursday morning, as he was turning over the pages of one of the newspapers his eye was arrested by the name Zattiany. He never read Society paragraphs, but that name would leap to his eye anywhere. The announcement was as brief as "social notes" always are in the daily editions of the morning papers: "Mrs. Oglethorpe gives a luncheon tomorrow at her house in Gramercy Park to the Countess Zattiany of Vienna." Mrs. Oglethorpe had satisfied Mrs. Oglethorpe. That was on Dinwiddie.

On the following night he brought himself an admission ticket to the Metropolitan Opera House and entered at the close of the second act. As he had half expected, she was crowded with men. He fancied that his older friend looked both glum and amused. As for Dinwiddie, his expression was half-witted. He went home and took a broom. Sleep, being a function, is outside the domain of the will, and he had little of it since Tuesday. And sleep he must if he was to be in alert command of his faculties on the following night.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—University of Chicago meeting to discuss new dances, parties and proper introductions, decided yesterday that "all men are talkers; some of them serious and dull; some of them frothy and dull, and others trivial and dull." A movie with the right man is more desirable than grand opera with a "sap," said the girls. They expressed themselves in favor of three dates a week, preferably theatre dates. Two shows are regarded as better than one theatre and supper date. "If the man is interesting, I would him all for myself," said one coed. "But if he is tiresome, I don't want anybody to see me with him." The girl most popular with men is one who can adapt herself to a companion and a condition, whatever they may be, the meeting concluded.

Tomorrow—Amy's Ambition. AN ANCIENT CATTLE FAIR. (By Dominion News Service) LONDON, November, 27.—St. Luke's Fair, one of the few sheep and cattle fairs surviving from the Middle Ages, was held at Kirkby Stephen recently. Its charter was granted in 1357 by Edward III, and it has been held annually ever since. Thousands



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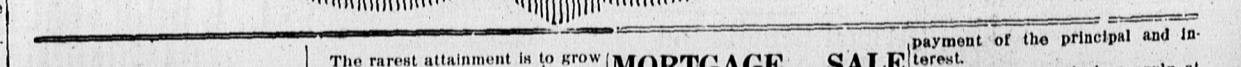
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Advocates Shorter Sermons

PLYMOUTH, Nov. 29.—Fifteen-minute sermons were advocated by several speakers at the resumed sitting of the Church Congress at Plymouth yesterday. It was during a discussion on the "Country Parish" that the clergy were advised to preach shorter sermons, have something to say, read the lessons properly and not murder them. Their duty was to fill the church, and not empty it. "You can always say more in five minutes than in twenty," said the Rev. E. J. Selwyn, of Havant. Other speakers lamented that where ten people before the war went to church scarcely five did so now, and urged that services should be more "real" than "attractive."

The extermination of rented power was advocated, and it was urged that tremendous educational and moral instructions could be afforded by the cinema. The Congress meets next year at Oxford. In the counties nearer large towns—notably Kent—killing fowls is no longer regarded as a serious "crime." This is due to the enormous increase in poultry farming.

To California for the Winter

To California, British Columbia, and Pacific Coast points is the objective of many who wish to escape the rigors of a cold winter. Those who are in a position to spend this period in a land of sunshine and warmth, where flowers bloom all year, can make the journey comfortably and quickly by Canadian National Railways and connecting routes. Any Ticket Agent of the Canadian National will furnish the required information as to through train services, routes, fares, etc., or write General Passenger Department, Moncton, for this information. 497-11-26-51.

Canadian National Railways

CHANGE IN TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN SUMMERSIDE & TIGNISH. Effective Monday, Dec. 3rd, No. 4 train shown in Time table as leaving Tignish at 10 a.m. will leave at 7.30 a.m. and arrive at Summerside at 10.40 a.m. instead of 1.10 p.m. Train No. 211 will leave Summerside at 1.00 p.m. instead of 12.30 and arrive at Tignish at 6.40 p.m. instead of 6.10. DISTRICT PASSENGER AGENT'S OFFICE. 517-11-27-101.

The Rogers-Paton Silver Black Foxes Limited. The Annual Meeting of The Rogers-Paton Silver Black Foxes, Limited, will be held in the W. K. Rogers Company, Limited, Office, 94 Great George Street, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, on Tuesday, December 11th at 2 p.m. W. K. ROGERS, Secretary-Treasurer

MORTGAGE SALE

TO BE SOLD by Public Auction in front of the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown in Queen's County, on Tuesday the eleventh day of December, A. D. 1923, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon:— ALL that tract, piece and parcel of land situate, lying and being on Township Number forty-five in King's County, bounded and described as follows, that is to say:— Bounded on the south by Souris River, on the west by lands of Moses Gaudet and Peter Lyons, on the north by farms fronting on the Souris Line Road and on the east by land of Patrick Melone, James A. McCormack and Charles D. McKinnon, containing eighty acres of land a little more or less. The above sale is made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 26th day of March A. D. 1918, and made between Charles L. McKinnon of Souris in King's County aforesaid, wife of the one part and Mary Jane Henderson of Hampshire in Queen's County of the other part; default having been made in the

Sale of Assets of the Sims Packing Company

Sealed tenders, marked "Tender" will be received by the undersigned up to noon Monday the third day of December next, for the assets of the above named Company either en bloc, or separately: (1) For the real estate, packing plant, packing supplies and office furniture and equipment; (2) For all debts due the Company secured and unsecured including packed meats, etc. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. R. E. SPILLETT, Secy of the Co. Charlottetown, 23rd Nov. 1923. 21 Tues & Fri.

LIVE STOCK

Alfred Moreside, O'Leary, 1 Ayrshire Bull 6 years. Earl Ings, Mt. Herbert, 4 Oxford Ram lambs. Earl Ings, Mt. Herbert, 1 Oxford Yearling. Earl Ings, Mt. Herbert, Yearling and aged ewes. John McKinnon, Grandview, 1 Holstein Bull, 3 years. Albert Younker, Winsloe, 1 Shorthorn bull 2 years. Harry G. Reid, Murray Harbor North, 1 Oxford Down ram 4 years. H. E. Coffin, Frenchfort, 1 Doerest Horn ram, 4 years. H. E. Coffin, Frenchfort, 2 Ram lambs. James McPhail, Cornwall, 1 Holstein Bull 4 years. Bruce F. Judson, Beaton's Mills, 1 Yorkshire Boar 7 months. J. S. Cairns, Dunstaffnage, 1 Ayrshire Cow 3 years. C. M. Arsenault, Abram's Villa, 1 Hampshire Down ram yearling. C. M. Arsenault, Abram's Villa, 3 Hampshire Down ram lambs. Fred Godfrey, Suffolk, 1 Berkshire boar 8 months. Edwin Reid, Rollo Bay, 2 Ayrshire bull calves, 2 months. Edwin Reid, Rollo Bay, 2 Ayrshire bull calf 2 months. Edwin Reid, Rollo Bay, 2 Ayrshire heifers 2 months. Clayton Morrison, Tryon, 5 Yorkshire Pigs, 5 weeks. W. G. Darko, Bloomfield, 3 Guernsey Bulls 3 years and 8 months. Peter Holland, Fort Augustus, 1 Ayrshire Bull 5 years.



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