

# Woman's Realm Social and Personal Fashions Literature

## 3 STRANGE MEN

By C. T. PODMORE

### CHAPTER X RUMELY OF BRISTOL

George Parmiter, sickly as he was for some time, found a good deal more on his mind, later that morning, than he could easily or clearly cope with.

Topmost, the persistent riddle of Ephraim Diggs, it seemed, might have been simplified for him had he but noted the name of the avenue to which he had followed that elusive person. That he had somehow followed the wrong man he could not believe. There were obligations contingent on the tragedy at Tooting it is not necessary here to outline details of the brief inquest and adjournments; and again, there was also the chance to consider of a response at any time from Boxwith to his call for him through the morning papers. He had only all this, that topmost worry about Diggs made it necessary to verify the man's assertion that he would be found at Adams' office at eleven o'clock. He went there, and eventually found the man from Leicester had not been seen at Adams' at all. Inquiry at Adams' office revealed that suspicion. The lady at the window believed that Mr. Diggs was actually in at the moment. She instructed a page-boy to call over or go up to number 104. In a few minutes the boy appeared, asking George to accompany him about. Mr. Diggs was there.

George certainly felt established. But he had no time to speculate on what this apparently simple issue meant.

The boy retired and, as the door closed, Mr. Diggs—who appeared to have found a passing attraction through the window—turned to face his visitor.

And it was not Mr. Diggs. "I beg your pardon," said George. "It is Mr. Ephraim Diggs, from Leicester, I am looking for."

"Quite right," said Parmiter. "You sit down." "But I—I don't understand. You are not Mr. Diggs."

"If you will sit down, I'll explain." The speaker, coming leisurely towards him stood by an opposite chair. In age and build he was similar to the man George was seeking, but in face was totally unlike. He had a calm, calculating, resolute—yet somehow friendly—expression, as if he would be forging ahead and doing the beneficent thing while another reflected on it.

"After missing Mr. Diggs as you did last night," he went on, "it was expected you would come here. You know through me the nature of your business with him? He could not come. I am here to answer for him."

"One moment," said George. In his perplexity, "before we go any further, I should like you to say whether you have come into this hotel as Mr. Diggs only this morning."

"To be quite candid, that is so." "So it would have been useless my calling last night?" "You are perfectly correct."

"I am presuming you are aware of what has brought Mr. Diggs to London?" "The other ignored this query," he said, "do you want Mr. Diggs for?"

George braced himself. "I want to explain to him that there are some important rights, which have been overlooked, a quite definite claim which cannot be ignored. I want to bring the matter between us back to a basis of common sense. In short, I want to reason with Mr. Diggs, to conceal the whole matter in its present form."

"This is something outside reason," Mr. Diggs' deputy observed unsympathetically.

"No," George protested, rising; "I can move no other way." "Yes, you can," was the cold rejoinder. "But I think it will save time, Mr. Parmiter, if I say at once that I am not here to argue the question, but to warn you it will be better if you do not move at all."

"What do you exactly mean by that?" "I agree with Mr. Diggs that you had much better not interfere."

"But my mind is made up to interfere." "It must be at some risk then?" "Is that your decision on behalf of Mr. Diggs?"

"It is practically allowing for all possible contingencies," said Mr. Parmiter.

George turned white under this audacity. "Oh," he said, "I have not asked your identity—who you are?" "I am John Rumley, of Bristol."

It was as if he had fired a shot. "Rumely of Bristol," George repeated in his astonishment. "Then collision is here?" "Yes, it is."

The man half smiled, and his tone sounded a most good-natured as he replied. "It is so wonderful that two men charged with the same idea—such an idea—within the same area—should meet and recognize each other's interest."

"Perhaps not. It is a low breach of faith."

"But is it strange they should throw their chances together instead of following out those separate paths with the risk against both? Brauch of not, is it strange?"

"No—no," agreed George. "So far as you two are concerned, an idea worthy of you; a good, dishonourable idea."

"A good idea, is what we thing." George was on the point of adding something about the third man, but checked himself. "You decline to listen to me?" he said.

"Sorry—yes. The thing is done, and you had better keep out of it. That is all I can say."

"It is just a warning," said the man from Bristol, as he walked to the door and opened it.

George stepped into the corridor, repressing an urgent impulse to stay—for some purpose or other—where he was. He turned round on Rumley. "Dangerous," he said, "so look out!"

Rumley of Bristol softly closed his door.

Ten minutes after this staggering rebuff, George Parmiter was in Curator-street, discussing the situation as quietly as he could with Mr. Torkeyne. The lawyer listened very patiently, showing not much belief in the Diggs episode of last night, and venturing at last to express his doubt. George wasted no words about that. He went on to recount his interview with Rumley. Torkeyne remained patient, listening as if he merely sensed trouble for the firm, after all their business detachment from the venture. He sighed, and nodded slowly several times as George went on with his disclosure. "And," George concluded, "I don't like this Rumley at all, and if I were Diggs I should think more than twice about trusting him."

"He struck me," Torkeyne said, "as a man of exceptionally firm and decisive character." He folded his arms, and threw his head back in reflection. His brown face stood out conspicuously above a pallor that was creeping upward from his neck. "It's very unfortunate. Still—I hope—"

"That I will not complicate matters, do you mean?" "That matters will not be complicated. Our course is fixed. Your own undertaking in writing is against you. Why trouble? Really, it is not your affair, you know."

"Suppose we don't discuss that. I shall take it that a breach of faith on their side lets me in on behalf of Mrs. Cordery. I feel she has a claim which my father, himself might have sanctioned."

Mr. Torkeyne got up, shaking his head. He put on his hat rather carelessly, looking towards the door, where the blood rushed back to his neck and face. "Anyway," he said, "I've got to go. It wasn't held water."

"What do you mean?" "I don't know anything—at least not now. It must go at that."

George realized the foolishness of his feelings in relation to the firm. Torkeyne did not seem to reflect what his relation might be. A few more words, and he departed from the office in front of Torkeyne, who bestowed upon him as he went a crooked sort of smile that was meant, no doubt, to be friendly.

Hurrying back to his office in Tottenham Court Road, George was joined on the pavement by the plain-clothes officer, Hardy, who interrogated him at Tooting yesterday.

They went up the stairs together, and Hardy explained: To Be Continued

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### Household Scrapbook

(By ROBERTA LEE)

#### Prevent Cracked Glasses

When making jelly, and it is ready for pouring into the glasses, put the glasses in a pan of hot water to keep them from cracking. The pan should be to a shallow one, and the water should be sufficient to cover the lower third of the glass.

#### Body Builders

Some of the foods that build up the body are milk, butter, eggs, green and leafy vegetables, and fruits. These should be served at least once a day.

#### Grass Stains

Dip the portion of an article which has grass stains in clear water. Alcohol applied to the spots will also remove them.

### How Can I???

(By ANNE ASHLEY)

#### Q. How can I be certain when buying shoes that they will be comfortable and not too tight?

A. If the feet swell readily, always buy new shoes in the afternoon. By this time the feet have spread to their greatest extent and the new shoes will be comfortable at all times.

#### Q. How can I make tomato jelly salad?

A. Boil until thick, 1 quart of tomatoes, 1 bay leaf, 1 pinch salt, 1 pinch cayenne. Strain; add 1 ounce good gelatin, and dissolve in water. Place in molds, and then in refrigerator. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise.

#### Q. How can I clean gold and silver articles?

A. Try dipping a wet cloth in clear ashes and scouring the articles.

### A Morning Smile

NOT EVEN HALF

"I wouldn't have minded the things you said," grumbled hubby, "but I didn't like being called only half a man."

"No?" "No," she replied sweetly, "I did not."

"No. I said, 'If you were only half a man.'"

PATIENCE

A man had been waiting patiently in the post office, but could not attract the attention of either of the girls behind the counter.

"The evening cloak," explained one of the girls to her companion, "was a redingote design in gorged, with fur and wide pagoda sleeves."

At this point the long-suffering customer broke in with: "I wonder if you could provide me with a neat purple stamp with a dinky perforated hem. The tout ensemble deliberately treated on the reverse side with mullage. Something at about three cents."

### FISHERMEN DROWNED

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—(CP)—James Britton, 50-year-old fisherman, and his 19-year-old son, Noel, were drowned on the banks when a dory in which they were fishing capsized. They were reported when the banking vessel Rex Perry returned to port.

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Modern Etiquette (By ROBERTA LEE)

Q. Is it all right for one to say, when introducing two men, "Mr. White, shake hands with Mr. Green?"

A. No; this is a crude phrase and shows poor taste. Merely say, "Mr. White (the older man), this is Mr. Green (the younger man)."

Q. Should the girl give her fiancé an engagement gift?

A. This is purely a matter of sentiment and personal taste; in most cases, the ring given to the girl is the only engagement gift exchanged.

How to Treat Your Husband

**Dorothy Dix**

Men Like to be Praised

### If You Would Keep a Contented Husband Let Him Think He is the Boss and by a Little Tact You Can go Right on Ruling Your Home to Your Own Satisfaction

The second way that husbands want their wives to treat them is as little tin gods. Every man wants his wife to put him upon a pedestal and to burn incense before him. He wants her to regard him as an oracle whose words are pearls of wisdom that she gathers up and preserves.

In reality that is what every man marries for, little as he may himself realize it. When he picks out a girl a wife it is not for her beauty, her intellect, her entertaining line, her amiability nor her domesticity, but for her ability to keep the boss sticks alight and make him feel that he is as wise as Solomon, as much of a fascinator as Clark Gable and as big and strong as a heavyweight champion.

If women told men as many home truths before marriage as they do after marriage weddings would be as rare as earthquakes. Why a man should crave his wife's praise above the plaudits of the world, why it should be necessary to him to shine in her eyes, no man who looks to other people; why he should be more sensitive to her criticism than any one else's blame, nobody knows. It is just one of the things that are. But whenever you see a man whose wife thinks of the things that are, and who begins every sentence with, "John says," as if that settled it, you will find a happy and contented husband.

And, conversely, whenever you find a man who is married to a woman who belittles him, who is always correcting his grammar and his pronunciation and throwing in his teeth how much better other men succeed than he does, you will find a bitter and disgruntled husband, who, more likely than not, is eating out of the hand of some other woman who feeds him angels' food instead of dosing him on gall and wormwood.

Men also have the head-of-the-house complex. With young husbands this is a positive mania. They are uneasy about their authority. To consult them about everything they do.

In reality they don't care a whoop about what their wives really do. They would be bored to death if they actually had to decide whether Mary should join the Current Events Club or whether the living room should be papered in pink or blue. And nothing could induce them to risk their lives in department stores and specialty shops picking out Sally and Janey's clothes. But, all the same, they want Mary and Sally to ask their permission to buy a new dress and what sort of wallpaper to put in a room. After the wife has made the gesture of recognizing her husband as her lord and master she can do as she pleases and all is well.

Men like their wives to treat them as a sort of beneficent Providence, the source from which all blessings flow. The real reason there is no continual conflict in most families over the money question is not because husbands are stingy, but because they like to do the money out piece by piece so that Friend Wife has a living exhibition of hubby's generosity.

When a man complains about how extravagant his wife is and how much her hat and dress cost, it doesn't mean that he begrudges her a single garment or the price thereof. On the contrary, it is merely his way of boasting to the world how prosperous he is and how lucky she was to get a husband who could doll her up.

If you will observe you will notice that the best-dressed women among your acquaintances are all will note that the best-dressed women among your acquaintances are all who are always calling attention, in husband's presence, to some new piece of jewelry, or a pretty frock, or an expensive coat that he has given them.

Nor is all of this so silly as it sounds. The average man gets virtually nothing out of his labor after he has supported his family but his board and clothes, and it is pretty discouraging to him to spend his life toiling for things that take all that he can give and makes no sign of appreciation in return. Hence the wife who makes a fuss over all that her husband does for her is just giving him a run for his money.

Men like to be flattered and looked up to and generally treated like human beings, even if they are husbands.

Tomorrow Dorothy Dix tells you of the importance of gaiety and laughter in the home when she concludes this series of three articles on "How to Treat Your Husband." Watch for it.

### THE COOK'S CORNER

#### PICNIC LOAF

Two cups diced cooked potatoes; 1 sliced onion, 1 cup chopped Brazil nuts, 1-4 cup French dressing, 3-4 cup mayonnaise, 1-2 pound ground cooked ham, 1 teaspoon prepared mustard, sliced cucumbers, sliced tomatoes, romaine or lettuce.

Marinade potatoes and onion in French dressing half an hour. Add Brazil nuts and enough mayonnaise to moisten. Mix well. Pack half the potato salad in a medium-sized bread pan. Mix the ham with mustard and enough mayonnaise to moisten and spread over potato salad. Pack remaining potato salad over ham and chill mixture in refrigerator several hours. Unmould on chop plate and garnish with sliced cucumbers, sliced tomatoes and romaine or lettuce.

#### TULIP SALAD

Six red, medium-sized apples, 1-2 cup diced tender celery, 1-2 cup sliced almonds, chopped, 1-4 cup diced apple, 1-2 cup diced pineapple, 1-2 cup diced canned pears, celery, mayonnaise, Wash, and cut slices from the stem end of the apples. Scoop out

the centres. Cut down in wide points to represent tulip petals. Mix together well all the fruits and the almonds. Moisten with mayonnaise, and fill the centres with this mixture. Serve very cold.

#### SPICED FRUIT PUNCH

(Approximately three quarts) 2 1-2 cups orange juice, 3 tablespoons lime juice, 1 cup pineapple juice, 2 cups cold water, 1 cup sugar, 6 whole cloves, 1-2 teaspoon nutmeg, 1-2 teaspoon cinnamon, 3 pints ginger ale.

Combine the orange juice, lime juice and grated rind, and the pineapple juice. Make a syrup by boiling together the cold water and sugar. Remove from the heat, add the spices and allow to cool. Strain and add to the fruit juices. Chill. When ready to serve, pour over cracked ice, add ginger ale and serve at once.

#### UPLIFT

Here's a way to improve a sagging bosom. Stand with your elbows at shoulder level, the clenched fist of one hand pressing into the palm of the other. Press the first as hard against the palm, which puts up all the resistance it can. Reverse the hands, now and again. If you do this in front of a mirror, you can see how this very simple exercise works the muscles which support the bust.

Following the Anschluss which nazified Austria, estates of the former free-chancellor Prince Ernst von Starhemberg, were confiscated by the new government. The prince, scion of one of the most noble families in Europe and owner of vast properties in native land was left virtually destitute and his princess, who was a famed actress, Nora Greg, before their marriage, has announced a picture, made in Paris a few weeks ago, of the beautiful princess and her son, Heinrich.



Photographed for the first time with her baby daughter, is the Duchess of Norfolk, the former Hon. Lavinia Strutt, whose wedding to the premier duke of England was a brilliant event of the coronation year in London. The little miss is named Lady Ann Elizabeth Howard. The Howard family is one of Britain's oldest and noblest.

### The Housewife And Her Activities

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow, Is our destined end or way, But to act, that each tomorrow Finds us further than today. —H. W. Longfellow.

#### ACT STRAIGHT

Think straight and act straight if you want real success.

#### FRIENDSHIP

Friendship, of itself a holy tie, Is made more sacred by adversity. —Dryden.

#### THREE THINGS

Three things filled this day for me Three common things filled this day

Each had, for me, a word to say: Said it in beauty, and was done: Cows on a hillside all one day, A buttercup tucked seductively, And a lark arguing with the sun.

These three things, merely these three, Were enough to cry the world Ours of my heart: the buttercup curled Where some gorgeous ruffian plundered; The skylark's dizzy flag unfurled; The placid cows pensively Wondering why they wondered.

#### "DISGUISED" THE JOINT

Boil 2 eggs hard; shell and slice them, then line a greased pudding basin with the slices. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Mince 1 lb of cold cooked meat and 1 small onion. Soak 2 ozs. breadcrumbs in a cup of hot milk, and add 2 ozs. of shredded suet. Season with salt and pepper and add to the meat. Fill the basin carefully with the mixture, cover with greased paper and steam for 1 1/2 hours. Serve with rich brown gravy.

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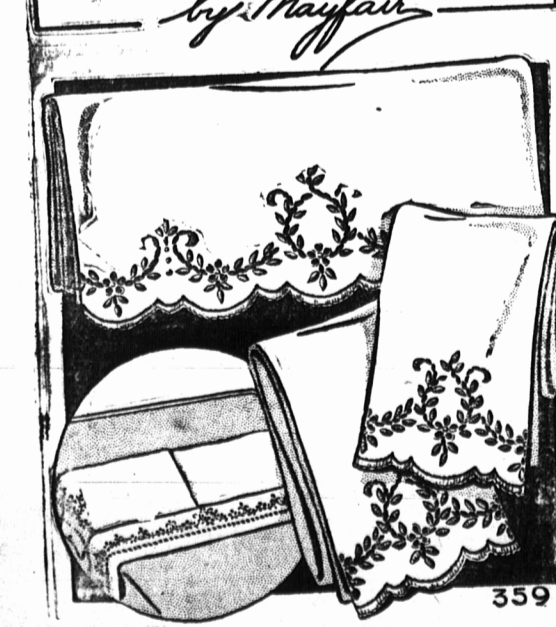
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