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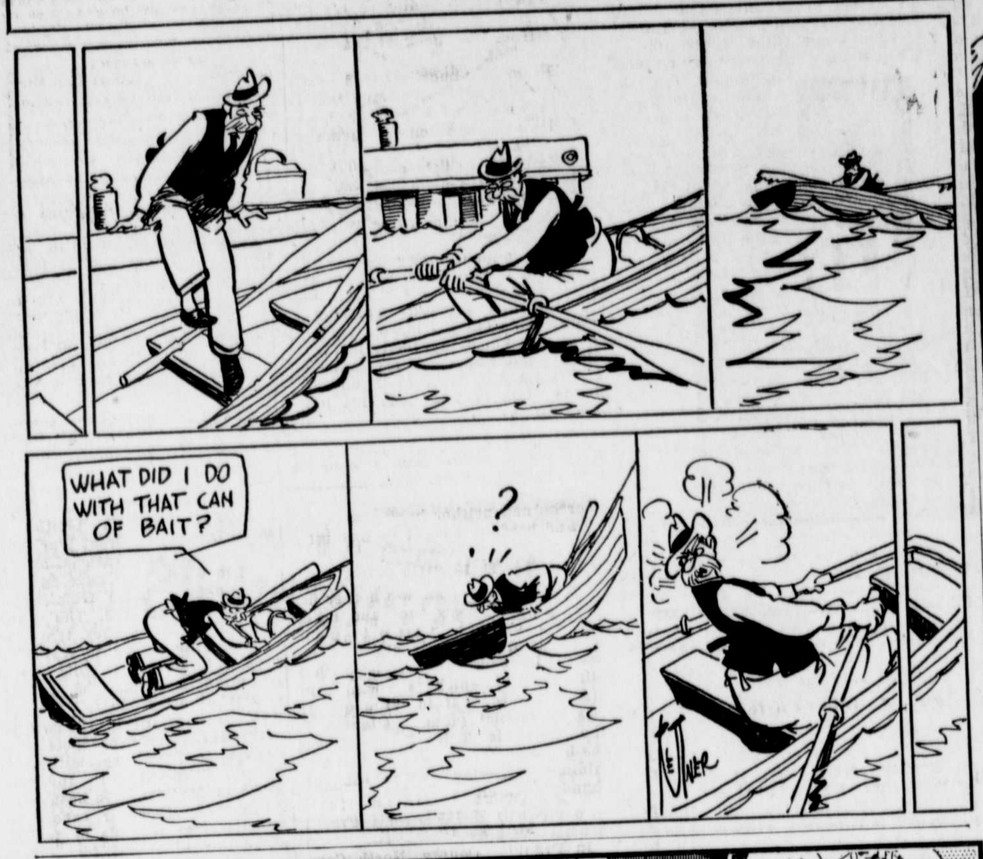

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Should Be Introduced

"Those new people across the road seem to be very devoted," said Mrs. Jones wistfully to the newspaper which hid her husband.

A rustle of the paper was the only reply she got, but she was used to that kind of response.

"Every time he goes out he kisses her, and goes on throwing kisses all down the road. Edward, why don't you do that?"

"Me!" snorted the man behind the news. "I don't know her!"

HARD WORK

Mistress—Sarah, be sure you put plenty of nuts in the cake.

Sarah—'Deed I ain't goin' to crack no more nuts today. Mah jaw done aches sure 'nough already.

Overcast

The Hollywood film director who had lunched very unwisely returned to the studio for an interview with a distinguished author. His visitor was waiting. The director sat down and took up what he thought was a manuscript, but what, in reality, was the local telephone directory. This he studied gravely for some moments before saying:

"Say, this isn't a bad li'l tale, but you'll have to cut down the number of characters."

Kathleen Norris Says:

When Your Husband Falls in Love

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Also working there is a woman, very beautiful and unscrupulous. She has my husband completely bewitched.

Daughter's attitude is that as nobody's happy under the present arrangement why not break it all up and try the new one?

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

WHEN a man, after twenty years of marriage, gets tired of his wife, neglects her, hurts and insults her, and openly admits that he wants to be freed to marry another woman, what is the wife to do?

This isn't a new problem, but the shock and helplessness of it make it seem eternally new to every woman to whom it comes. Sometimes this shock, coming to her at a bad physical moment, almost upsets her reason for a time.

Such a danger seems to me very close to Emily Baker, who writes me from a big Massachusetts manufacturing town. Emily will be fortunate if she can hold to her reason and keep her balance in the months ahead. IF she can, I think I can promise her happiness and serenity when this time has gone by.

A Quarter Century of Work.

Emily is 50; she has been married 27 years. She has a married daughter living in the West; a married son living near her, and a young daughter and son still at home. She married for love, worked hard as a young wife and mother, never had a servant until a few years ago. For a whole quarter century she washed, cooked, dusted, made beds, dressed babies, served meals, helped school-children with their lessons, packed picnic baskets, trimmed Christmas trees.

"Tom always came first with me," says her tear-stained letter. "Dinner every night included something that 'Daddy' especially liked, the children must be respectful, considerate of him when he was tired, they must remember his birthday. They all love him dearly, as indeed I do—or did.

"My younger son, now called by the draft, is closely devoted to his mother. But my unmarried daughter, Alida, thinks her father can do no wrong. And he is doing wrong now, my good, patient, generous husband of a few years ago. Alida works in his office, and also working there is a woman some 10 years older than she, divorced, with a boy of five, very beautiful and unscrupulous. She has my husband completely bewitched.

Feels Old—Useless.

"He began by being irritable and unreasonable with me, and impatient because I was so often nervous, tired, and sensitive. I feel myself to be old, gray, useless and homely these days, and what I see in my mirror only confirms the impressions. But I need tenderness so, and the security of my home! And those are just the things he proposes to take away. He is handsome, rosy, strong and young at 53, and seems years younger than I.

"Tom wants a divorce. He wants to bring his young wife here and have her keep house for him and Alida when Don goes to camp in June and I go west to visit my daughter when her baby comes. He says I am to go to Reno, stay with Betty as long as I like, 'visit' anywhere I choose. I cannot express to you the forlornness of this prospect without him and without any one of the children, who have been all my world for so many years! I am not a baby, I am not pitying myself, but under no circumstances could I compete in beauty and charm with a fresh girl of 28, who is flattering Tom to the point when he is a complete fool over her.

"Alida is the sensible, practical, outspoken type. Her attitude is that she loves both parents, but that as Joan is madly in love with Daddy and Daddy with Joan, and as nobody's happy under the present arrangement why not break it all up and try the new one? When I cry about this, and I can't help crying, she says, 'Oh, now, Mother, men hate women to cry! Brace up. It'll all come out right. You wouldn't want to hold Daddy if he wanted to be free, would you?'

"I don't know what I want. Shame and pain and memories of the days when my babies and husband loved and needed me are so mixed up in my heart that I seem half-crazy. Will you tell me what to do? Must I surrender everything these years have meant to me to 'play the game'?"

The Path to Follow.

My dear Emily, playing the game in this case means continuing in your own home and your own life, ignoring what you can of insult or hurt, enduring the rest, keeping yourself as calm and friendly as if none of these storms was raging over you, and showing to an ungrateful man the patience and kindness that may be obtained in only one way: the way of constant prayer.

What Tom is doing, thinking, asking and planning is not your immediate concern. What YOU do, think and plan most emphatically is. See that you make the most of yourself in every way. Even a middle-aged woman can be a pleasant sight, if she is freshly and appropriately dressed; even gray hair is charming if it is brushed to silky brightness and trimly braided or curled. Your interest in books, current events, radio programs, gardens and flower arrangements, the supervision of meals, the details of club or hospital, prison or charity or orphanage responsibilities, will reflect itself in a brighter outlook on your own fortunate life. Brush aside the absurdity of a man of 53 embarking upon a new love adventure, tell Alida you will not discuss it, and assume once and for all the dignity to which your useful and beloved years entitle you.

Years of Harvest Time Ahead.

By all means visit the married daughter and welcome the grandchild. Make it a long visit. Make much of Tom's grandfatherhood; perhaps they will name the baby for Tom. Write Tom reports, ask Alida for news of the household—in short, proceed as nearly as you can along normal lines. Another few months or a year at most will see your physical and mental crisis ended, and you will be in for years of health and activity and high spirits. The fifties are wonderful years; to a woman like yourself, who has earned the right to spend her leisure in the ways she likes best, they are a golden harvest time.

But to weather this particular time, you must steel yourself to bear your husband's selfish inconsiderateness. He will come back, and you will forgive him. And if the crystal vase of those early years of trust and devotion has been broken, it is for you to show the world that the cracks weren't very serious, that they could be mended, and that you meant it when you said, 'way back in 1914, "for better or for worse."

LOST AFFECTION

What would you do if your husband fell in love with another woman? Would you give him up, or would you live a heart-breaking existence, knowing he no longer cared for you? Kathleen Norris offers a far happier solution to a woman who has to face this problem after 27 years of married life.

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