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## EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY CAN FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING HERE TO READ

"THE CRACK IN THE BELL" A STORY OF POLITICS IN PHILADELPHIA • • BY PETER CLARK MACFARLANE • • •

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"WHAT was it fathers wanted?" she asked pointblank.

"Some one has brought this proof to him," explained Jerry. "Evidently he was enraged by it and alarmed. He reproached me and he ordered me to pull to give up the fight with Rand over the franchise."

"To quit?" "To quit." "But you couldn't do that." "And I told him so."

"Was he angry ?" "More in sorrow than in anger."

"What did he say ?" "Little, of course, but he left the inti-

mation clear that if the situation devel-oped in a way to make it unpleasant for him, not one atom of all his great power him, not one atom of all his great power would be left unexerted in an effort to make me desist." "Including me?" Buth was very solver "Including you, Ruth He also spoke of your mother." "She would be your bitterest enemy if she thought your fight was somehow against father." "He challenged me to show this proof to her and I accepted the challenge." "Why bring her down on the how?" parried Ruth, evidently very denutful of her mother. "Don't you think it would be fairer to

rried Ruth, evidently very dountful of mother. "Don't you think it would be fairer to ther know at the outlet just what the sout disagreeable possibilities were?". Ruth did not answer. "You seem so very funereal, Jetry, all once," she observed, and rather in-tently, if the observation were a criti-in, since she was very polemn herneif Ruth." he responded gravely. Thegin, re and work to feel solemn. At their was just a little skirmish of you and and whatever political influence he id command, although Victor made if then there came up this fight of a Archer Tool Works against Rand d his machine over the spur-track inchise, and while that goes on, day day hour by hear munits while that goe

Franchise, and while that goed on, day allowing how the heat the hour minute by minute models. Letters come, Men and even the heat the

; it was worshipful Jerry," she exclaimed, with phin-ies, "I never knew all this was in I never supported how big a man I never supported how big a man re. I know who the leader bit for index available ing eyes the leader is for I see him is a cigar and the very mapers while Auth a clear and Auth papers while Auth some dight attention what we shall appear The twenty minu The twenty ninu

" Jerry's rebuke was actually fter a moment he added But After Ree the matter more seriously " irl nodded, her features grave "As you say," she went an "It all seemed so cluttle. ut, and I am afraid ras just-just senti-it's different When ther may be against ther --rather muddled But now it a new be again me that father may be again me rather —rather muddled buow what father and whn

Father is an Aunt Stella giving her

THE PEOPLE IN THE STORY JERRY ARCHER, who, with his elde the Archer Tool Works,

WILLARD H. BUCKINGHAM, flinn

RUTH BUCKINGHAM.

MICHAEL RELLY, N.

SYLVY AURENTSKY

JOE MALDONO.

VICTOR ROLLINSON JIM RAND.

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it to alley opposite A up in front, and Jerry ognized one of his own street toward the fac have you been Jacobs" he

pered with Look, the had accomplished

rundling up into the s whipping out the blazing d the right. The sign itself red some minutes nings a policeman in right." de-in disgue however, a policeman did

er, a policeman did n notebook in hand Archer's opinion as to how

"And what good stage management, "Oh, Dick, I'm so glad to see you." Jerry, to bring up out here just in time to see the thrilling conflagration." It seems like a year," away ten weeks, it seems like a year, "It seems like that to me, too," said Jerry laughed, too. "Does look sus." Dick, piloting Betty on one side and his pictors, desen't it." Many suspicious "Imes look sus. Tilck, piloting Betty Many suspicious mother on the other,

picious, doesn't it's things about this fire The firemen were i the denuty fire were i

CONTINUED TOMORROW)

## THE DAILY NOVELETTE An Undiscovered Romance By WARION C. LEESAM

R to beating New York and e

"D<sup>1CK</sup> is bearing New researchingh," and Betty Saunders in her system

"But why could have done it "" de-

THE STORY THUS FAR

his fire "would meet me, but I suppose that was too much to expert." "I'm sorry," said Betty, "I tried to ie to be worrying over such

right," said Dick. "It is fool-What do you say if we sta on and have lunch and go to a sh bound he was going to forget.

After leaving Mrs. Fulton on the train

and Betty started for an First, they got tickets best theatres, and ther best theatres, and toen e cafe and had a nice dinner have an hour before we still have an ho w begins," said fock, include their demi-tasse do?"

Dick. Use been wondering an It's too had things are th

and surprise her

The's got all the war he wants," said Blue Jay, who had acted as the general's horse. "He is hiding under a must bank. I'll show you?" Sure enough, General Hopper, all the right one The Pla The Ring

herself, and nd him

whilpered eral eagerly. ed cral easerly. "My feet are too cold to ficht any more today." "Tre any other day." added Peggy "Adjustmentally, an Mr. Swallow hore her. while they were watching

back to From Island.

down't cars for my, Betty dear

pressing the ring to her lip

EALTHY TERROR JOHN FERGUSON

and I heard the brakes sammed on and m

this effort, hung life or

The last second 1 had head and been filled in the second at the end of the Glen hard at a success was the noise that they are the success that the one series of the second to the success t recambling on hands and knows up the bank of the road on the north side. So long as the progress had been

allowed it. I the trap. and I do not "This is going to be a lot of fun." (Tomorrow's installment of the slept I re-said the Giant. "I want a front seat. of half-wake. watch could Come on Billy Belgium, we'll climb Frons and the Snakes.)

By DADDY THE WAR OF THE FROGS

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CHAPTER IV The Trap Is Set

(Progay, an Princess of Birdland, in select to aid the Frogs, allies of the linds, in their year against the asses to da the Frogs, diles of the Birds, in their year against the Snakes. After General Hopper, lender of the Frogs, shows his by-morance, Propy takes command and culuits the help of the Giant of the Woods and Billy Belgium. They plan to trap the Snake armu.)

THE Ginnt of the Woods loaded his L boat with his tent, some lumber, and a box of tools. Then with Billy Beleium he set off by water for Rat-Glen.

Peggy went by air, riding Mr. Swalwho proved a fine flying war is She rode directly to Frog nd. There the Frog army was horse Island, drilling, but Heggy could see General Hopper no place in sight.

shivering and shaking with his nose bust sticking out of a scummy peol.

croaked, a., Fergy flew down beside

"I guess you have cold feet," said

"I gneen you have contributed Proxy severely "That's it. Eve got cold feet, awful cold feet," chattered the general. "Then you must turn over the com-manil of your army to me," said Pergy, "You can have it," creaked the gen-tered encody, "My feet are too cold

"I never yet knew a boaster wis-

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At Frog Island, Pergy addressed the Frog army. "General Hopper is sick...." the loggin and hop this job." added Mr Swallow. "Please remember you're only a horne and hop't interrupt." and Pergy. Then she continued her talk. "Ta your name Colonel Croaker"" that hig tree back there are watch warned "Pergy naked the young Frog. "Yes, general," he answered "Well you are General Croaker"" "Be careful of the Snakes," warned "We will you are General Croaker" "We will go up the side of the from had more sense than General Hopper." "Hurrah for General Croaker" "To get your fying horses," he

mean, and of course you're right. 45
maal."
Both were silent for a moment, stand-af by an open window and looking
it into the early night, which was
ery black with only here apd there a
far. That a change was coming over
inth's mood was witnessed by the
hange in her handclass. It had been
har one shroud them in a mist of
hadriness and mutual understanding.
"It seems to me Jerry." Ruth began
t length softly and in tones of the
reat intimacy he had ever heard from
hy lips. "as if we—you and 1—might
entering the shadow of something
ty—very difficult. Differences of
houces may be forced upon me that
lip be very difficult to make. But let
have come in any other way.
Try could hardly contain himself. But
you craching out and grasping her
hand, he had to contain himself.
"We natever happens in the future. let
as he went on in that same tone of
her, refective inimacy, to add."
"We have very dimense in the future. let
as mow that we shall still believe
each other—then—and in the sinity of each other's concluded Ruth, for
the interruption."
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the interruption."
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