

THE BREAKING POINT

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WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY
DAVID LIVINGSTONE, chief physician of Beverly, a small town, general practitioner of Beverly, beloved nephew of his mother.

MARY, his sister, beloved by everybody.

DICK LIVINGSTONE, in whose memory there is a gas and water company which has been built up to help him, in order to bridge the gap, was full of vitality and the things which made him a success in his business and professional career. He is in love with Elizabeth Wheeler, whose son, David, he has never met.

BEVERLY CARLYLE, actress, who ten years before, was mixed up in a plot to kill her mother, was now dead, having died of cancer.

WILLA, Elizabeth's sister, an extravagant young wife.

HARRY WHEELER, David's father.

ELIZABETH WHEELER, whose son, David, she has never met.

FRED GREGORY, Beverly's brother and manager, who researches him up and down.

LOUIS BARRETT, a newspaperman, who suspects that Dick Livingstone has killed his mother.

WILLIS, Elizabeth's sister, an extravagant young wife.

CHARLES CLARK, Clark's attorney.

WALLACE THURWALD, a rich youth whose son, Harry, a rich youth, whose son, Harry, selects mother's wishes to marry Elizabeth, with whom he is smitten.



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TO DICK the last day or two had been nightmares of loneliness. He threw caution to the wind and walked hour after hour, only to find that the street crowds, people who had left a home or were going to one, depressed him and emphasized his isolation. He had deliberately put away from him the answer that had been Elizabeth and had favored a treacherous memory, and now he was afraid. He told himself that he did not want much. Only peace, work and a place. But he had not one of those.

He was homesick for David, for Lucy, and with a tightening of the heart, he admitted it, for Elizabeth. As he had no home, he thought of Reynolds, bent over the desk in his office, he saw the quiet tree-lined streets of the town, and Reynolds, passing from house to house in the Arctic, doing his work, usurping his place in the confidence and friendship of the people; he saw the very children named for him asking, "Who was I named for mother?" He saw David and Lucy go on, and the old house abandoned, perhaps echoing to the laughter of Reynolds' children.

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He was not particularly bitter about that. He knew now that he had given up the real love, something very different from that early tenderness of his, he knew in too late a day.

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"Get up and put some cold water on your head. I want you to do this."

He obeyed, but without enthusiasm. Some meekness, some hope revived in him, as he again asked, "What sort of news?" But he stopped by Bassett and put a hand on his shoulder.

"Why do you do it?" he asked. "Why don't you let me go to the devil in my own way?"

"I started this, and by heaven, I've finished it," was Bassett's exacting reply.

Then he began to read.

"I, the undersigned, being of sound mind, do hereby make the following statement. I make the statement of my own free will, and say before Almighty God that it is the truth. I am an illegitimate son of Elihu Clark. My mother, Harriet Burgess, has since married and is now known as Harriet Thurwald. I demand to confirm the statement I have contained in my will."

"I was adopted by a woman named Hines, of the city of Omaha, whose name I took. Some years later this woman married and had a daughter whom I shall speak later."

"I attended preparatory school in the East, and was sent during my vacation to a running school out West. Mr. Livingston, when I went to him, said, 'Mr. Livingston bought a ranch at Dry River, Wyo., and I spent some time now and then.'

"I learned that I was being supported and sent to college from funds furnished by a firm of New York lawyers, and that around my sixteenth year I knew that Mrs. Hines was not my mother, finally learned that I was the son of Elihu Clark and Harriet Burgess."

"I felt that I should have some part of the estate, and I developed a hatred of Judson Clark, whom I knew. I made one attempt to get money from him by mail, threatening to expose his family, but I did not succeed."

"I visited my mother, Harriet Thurwald, and threatened to tell Elihu Clark. I also threatened Henry Livingston, and his death came during a dispute over the matter, but I did not kill him. He fell down and hit his head. He had a weak heart."

"My foster-sister had gone on the stage. I saw him a number of times, but he did not connect me with the better I had sent. My foster-sister's stage name is Beverly Carlyle."

"She married Howard Lucas, and they visited the Clark ranch at Norada, Wyo., in the fall of 1911, said my sister then, seven times, and as we knew the way I felt she was frightened. My mother, Harriet Thurwald, was a sort of maid to her, and to know they tried to get me to go

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