



Reading for Women and all the family



The Yukon Trail

By William MacLeod Raine
(Continued)

Diane came into the sickroom stripping her gloves after the walk. Macdonald smiled feebly at her and fired the first shot of his campaign to defeat the enemy.

"Has Elliot been captured yet?" he asked weakly.

"The keen eyes of his hostess fastened upon him. 'Captured! What do you mean?' It was Gordon Elliot that brought you in and saved your life."

"Brought me from where?"

"From where he found you unconscious—at the ford."

"That's his story, is it?"

"The young woman stood with her gloves crushed tight in both hands. It was her nature to be always a partisan. Without any reserve she was for Gordon in this new fight upon him. 'What had Wally Selfridge been saying to Macdonald? Did the mine owner mean to suggest that he had identified Elliot as one of his assailants? The thing was preposterous.

And yet—that was plainly what he had meant to imply. If he told such a story things would go hard with Gordon. In court it would clinch the case against him by supplying the one missing link in the chain of circumstantial evidence.

Diane, in deep thought, frowned down upon the wounded man, who

Bringing Up Father



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By McManus

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seemed already to have fallen into a light sleep. She told herself that this was some of Wally Selfridge's devilry. Anyhow, she would talk it over with Peter.

The reason Wally was so pleased with himself was that he had dropped a hint into the ear of the wounded man not to clear Elliot of complicity in the attack upon him. The news that the special investigator had been arrested for robbery and attempted murder, flashed all over the United States, would go far to neutralize any report he might make against the validity of the Macdonald claims. If to this could be added later reports of an indictment, a trial, and possibly a conviction, it would not matter two straws what Elliot said in his official statement to the land office.

CHAPTER XVI
Gordon Spends a Busy Evening

Paget smoked placidly, but the heart within him was troubled. It

These French Guns Disappear After They Bark



This type of French disappearing gun was used effectively along the entire French front. The picture also gives an idea of the difficulty encountered when these guns are to be moved quickly to follow up an advance.

Advice to the Lovelorn

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX
Is It Wrong?

A, B and C are friends. B is twenty-five years old and a married man. A and C are single girls. Every Sunday A meets B at church and later B sees A home, as he lives near her. Now Miss Fairfax, C condemns A for allowing B to accompany her to church and later seeing her home. B being a married man, is C doing right to condemn A when A and B only see each other on Sunday mornings. B knew A before he was married. ANXIOUS.

There doesn't seem to be any particular harm in this situation, unless A's own conscience tells her that she is using her church to masquerade her flirtations. Why does the man's wife not accompany him? Is he a sincere and devoted husband, making a deceitful and contemptible use of a house of worship?

To Win Respect
DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a young lady, twenty-one engaged for about a year to a young man about twenty-three. While his father never showed a paternal affection for him before he met me, two years ago, he has been since I came into his son's life, feeling, or showing, a strong antipathy for the boy, as well as a repelling antagonism toward me. The reason is primarily that his father wanted him and is still insistent to marry a certain other girl. Love, however, defeated that. He, however, desired that his heart should belong to me. His father, however, without provocation, insulted me, and considering the fact that he is ignorant and self-opinionated, I am not very much surprised at the conditions. Neither my friend nor I talk to his father, who hates not only the girl, but the mention of a girl friend, apparently for no other reason but the "disobedience" in question. Miss Fairfax, as I intend shortly to get married, under the circumstances, at least the good grace or respect of my intended father-in-law? What, if anything, are we to do—how are we to guide ourselves in this matter? J. F.

While you continue to take your bitter and critical attitude toward your sweetheart's father, there is practically no chance for either one of you to win his regard. Love gets love. If you are sincere in your desire for the respect of your intended father-in-law, why not go to him simply and sincerely ask him to let bygones be bygones, and tell him that you long for a happy, united household. While you are thinking in terms of hatred, calling this man ignorant and opinionated, you are ignoring the fact that you won his son in spite of him, how can you expect to attract his liking?

Will Purchase Part of Flour Output

Washington, Jan. 10.—To supply the needs of the Army and Navy and the nations associated with the United States in the war against Germany, the food administration will purchase from every flour mill in the country not to exceed thirty per cent. of its output. Out of the flour purchased, it was explained, the food administration will retain at all times a reserve stock and will ship flour to any point where the local supply might be short.

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There is one sure way that never fails to remove dandruff completely and that is to dissolve it. This destroys it entirely. To do this, just get about four ounces, of plain, ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when retiring; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

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looker as if Selfridge had made up his mind to frame Gordon for a prison sentence. The worst of it was that he need not invent any evidence or take any chances. If Macdonald could throw on the stand with an identification of Elliot as one of his assailants, the young man would go down the river to serve time. There was enough corroborative testimony to convict St. Peter himself.

"I'm just telling you what he said," Diane explained. "And it worried me. His smile was cynical. I couldn't help thinking that if he wants to get even with Gordon—"

Mrs. Paget stopped. The maid had just brought into the room a visitor. Diane moved forward and shook hands with him. "How do you do, Mr. Strong? Take this big chair."

Hanford Strong accepted the chair and a cigar. He came promptly to the object of his call.

"I don't know whether this is where I should have come or not. Are you folks for young Elliot or are you for Selfridge?" he demanded.

"If you put it that way, we're for Elliot," smiled Peter.

"All right. Let me put it another way. You work for Mac. Are you on his side or on Elliot's in this matter of the coal claims?"

Diane looked at Peter. He took his time to answer.

"We hope the coal claimants will win, but we've got sense enough to see that Gordon is in here to report the facts. That's what he is paid for. He'll tell the truth as he sees it. If his superior officers decide on those facts against Macdonald, I don't see that Elliot is to blame."

"That's how it looks to me," agreed Strong. "I'm for a wide-open Alaska, but that don't make it right to put this young fellow through a crime he didn't do. Fact is, I like him. He's square. So I've come to tell you something."

He smoked for a minute silently before he continued.

"I've got no evidence in his favor, but I bumped into something a little while ago that didn't look good to me. You know I room next him at the hotel. I heard a noise in his room, and I thought that was funny, seeing as he was locked up in jail. So I kinder listened and heard whispers and the sound of some one moving about. There's a door between his room and mine that is kept locked. It looked through the keyhole, and in Elliot's room there was Wally Selfridge and another man. They were looking through papers at the desk. Wally put a stack of them in his pocket and they went out, locking the door behind them."

"They had no business doing that," burst out Diane. "Wally Selfridge isn't an officer of the law."

Strong nodded dryly to her. "Just what I thought. So I followed them. They went to Macdonald's offices. After a while Wally came out and left the other man there. Then presently the lights went out. The man is camped there for the night. Will you tell me why?"

"Why?" repeated Diane with her sharp eyes on the miner.

"Because Wally has some papers there he don't want to get away from him."

"Some of Gordon's papers, of course."

"You've said it."

"All his notes and evidence in the case of the coal claims, probably," contributed Peter.

"Maybe. Wally has stolen them, but he hasn't nerve enough to burn them till he gets orders from Mac. So he's holding them safe at the office," guessed Strong.

"It's an outrage."

"Surest thing you know. Wally has fixed it to frame him for prison and to play safe about his evidence on the coal claims."

"What are you going to do about it?" Diane asked her husband sharply.

Peter rose. "First I'm going to see Gordon and hear what he has to say. Come on, Strong. We may be gone quite a while, Diane. Don't wait up for me if you get through your stint of nursing."

Gopher Jones let them into the ramshackle building that served as a jail and after three dollars had jingled in the palm of his hand he stepped outside and left the men alone with his prisoner. The three put their heads together and whispered.

[To Be Continued.]

Keeps Romance a Secret to His Death

Norwich, Conn. Jan. 4.—Men in the office of the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company in New York City will be surprised to learn that their old time manager, the late Henry Eckford Bowers, cherished a secret romance throughout his long and active life.

Mr. Bowers was a native of Norwich. Back in the days before the Civil War, when his family resided in the unpretentious section of Norwich, known as "The Falls," young Bowers was a student at Norwich Free Academy, graduating with the class of 1862. His vacations were spent in work of different sorts, sometimes in offices in the neighboring mills.

"Poor, but proud," when he fell in love with the daughter of Christopher C. Brand, who had amassed what was then considered a large fortune through his invention of a whaling gun and bomb lance, he kept his secret to himself.

"Sue" (her intimates called her) Brand was destined to wed far up in the social scale, on a plane to which

young Bowers had then little hope of climbing.

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Meantime, Susie Brand's parents and other relatives had died, the family fortune had dwindled through the funeral expenses, and Miss Brand had left her native Norwich home to make her home in Springfield, Mass., where she has kindred.

When the will of Henry E. Bowers was read, it showed that he had left over \$50,000 to the old school where he had received his education, the Norwich Free Academy, a good sum to a number of cousins, and to Miss Eliza Huntington Memorial Home for worthy Episcopal women in the city of Norwich, generous bequests to a number of cousins, and to Miss Sue Brand a share of his estate sufficient to restore her to that place of comfort, even luxury, to which she had been accustomed. She inherits most of the wealth of the man who vainly loved her in their youth.

Fashions of To-Day - By May Manton



The waistcoat makes a really important feature of Winter fashions. It is worn with numberless costumes and it is made of a variety of materials. There are three styles shown here and they all are smart. You can make them of velvet or of satin or of brocade or of woolen material as you like, or you can make them of the matelasse that is so fashionable. White broadcloth makes a very smart waistcoat and you can use pearl buttons or buttons of the material.

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