THE REAL ADVENTURE

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RODNEY ALDRICH HAD NEVER REALLY THOUGHT MUCH OF GETTING MARRIED UNTIL HIS SISTER "PUT THE BUG IN HIS EAR"-THEN HE THOUGHT FIRST OF PRETTY ROSE STANTON

SYNOPSIS .- Rose Stanton, student at the University of Chicago, is put off a street car in the rain after an argument with the conductor. She is accosted by a nice young man who offers to file a complaint with the company and who escorts her to another car line. An hour later this man, Rodney Aldrich, appeared soaked with rain at the home of his very wealthy married sister, Mrs. Martin Whitney, to attend a birthday dinner in his honog. Mrs. Whitney had schemed to make a marriage match between him and Hermione Woodruff, a divorcee, but the plan falls at the dinner.

and then clenched her hands over them.

comfortably up and down the room.

us. But I give you my word, Freddy,

that most of them look like nuts to me.

Why a man should load himself up

with three houses and a yacht, a

stable of motorcars, and heavens knows

out on any basis except of defective

intelligence. I suppose they're equally

puzzled about me when I refuse a

profitable piece of law work they've

offered me, because I don't consider

it interesting. All the same, I get

what I want, and I'm pretty dubious

sometimes whether they do. I want

space-comfortable elbow room, so

that if I happen to get an idea by the

tail, I can swing it round my head

kind of spaciousness, and you aren't

very rich. If you married a girl with-

He broke in on her with that big

laugh of his. "You've kept your sense

of humor pretty well, sis, considering

you've been married all these years

to a man as rich as Martin; but don't

spring remarks like that, or I'll think

you've lost it. If a man can't keep

an open space around him, even after

he's married on an income, outside of

what he earns, of ten or twelve thou-

sand dollars a year, the trouble isn't

She gave a little shiver and

snuggled closer into a big down pillow.

at you and I won't make any more

"Oh." he said, "that's what I meant

to talk to you about! I sold it today

-fifty thousand dollars-immediate

possession. Man wants to build a

little bit slack and edgy today anyhow.

dozen brisk words, was the final dis-

appearance of the home they had all

The Plan Was, of Course, to Marry

You Off to Hermione Woodruff."

odd years from the Fire to the Fair,

had built it when the neighborhood

included nearly all the other big men

Her mother had clung to it after her

squeezed them away with her palms.

evening-as if you were licking the

last of the canary's feathers off your

a pretty good day, take it all round."

whiskers?"

What he had just referred to in a

"It's a luxury, though, Rod, that

without knocking over the lamp."

out anything . . ."

of his own skull."

die of despondency."

off the rest."

He had got up and was ranging

CHAPTER II-Continued.

She came up to him and, at arm's length, touched him with cautious "I know I look more or less like a finger-tips. "And do, please, there's a | nut to the people who've always known dear boy," she pleaded, "hurry as fast as you can, and then come down and be as nice as you can"-she hesitated -"especially to Hermione Woodruff. She thinks you're a wonder and I don't want her to be disappointed."

"The widdy?" he asked. "Sure I'll be nice to her."

She looked after him rather dubiously as he disappeared in the direction of her husband's bathroom. There was a sort of hilarlous contentment about him which filled her with misgivings. Well, they were justified!

According to Violet Williamson's account, given confidentially in the drawing-room afterward, it was really Hermione's fault. "She just wouldn't let Rodney alone-would keep talking about crimes and Lombroso and psychiatric laboratories-I'll bet she'd got hold of a paper of his somewhere and read it. Anyway, at last she said, 'I believe Doctor Randolph would agree with me.' He was talking to me then, but maybe that isn't why she did it. Well, and Rodney straightened up and said, "Is that Randolph, the alienist?' You see he hadn't caught his name when they were introduced. And that's how it started. Hermione was game-I'll admit that. She listened and kept looking interested, and every now and then said something. Sometimes they'd take the trouble to smile and say 'Yes, indeed!' -politely, you know, but other times they wouldn't pay any attention at all, just roll along over her and smash her flat-like what's his name-Jug-

"You don't need to tell me that," said Frederica. "All I didn't know was how it started. Didn't I sit there and watch for a mortal hour, not able to do a thing? I tried to signal to Martin, but of course he wasn't opposite to me, and . .

"He did all he could, really," Violet assured her. "I told him to go to the rescue, and he did, bravely. But what with Hermione being so miffy about getting frozen out, and Martin himself being so interested in what they were shouting at each other -because it was frightfully interesting, you know, if you don't have to pretend you understood it-why, there wasn't much he could do."

In the light of this disaster, she was rather glad the men lingered in the dining-room as long as they didglad that Hermione had ordered her car for ten and took the odd girl with her. She made no effort to resist the departure of the others, with reasonable promptitude, in their train. When, after the front door had closed for the last time, Martin released a long yawn, she told him to run along to bed; she wanted to talk to Rodney, who was to spend the night while his own clothes were drying out in the laundry.

"Good night, old chap!" said Martin in accents of lively commiscration, "I'm glad I'm not in for what you are." Rodney found a pipe, sat down astride a spindling little chair, settled his elbows comfortably on the back of it, and then asked his sister what Martin had meant-what was he in for?

Frederica, curled up in a corner of the sofa, looked at him at first with a wry pucker between her eyebrows, then with a smile, and finally answered his question. "Nothing," she said. "I mean, I was going to scold you, but I'm not."

Then, "Oh, I was furious with you an hour ago," she went on. "I'd made such a really beautiful plan for you, and then I sat and watched you in that thoroughgoing way of yours kicking It all to bits. The plan was, of course, to marry you off to Hermione Woodruff."

He turned this over in his deliberate way, during the process of blowing two or three smoke rings, began gradually to grin, and said at last: That was some plan, little sister. How do you think of things like that? You ought to write romances for the magazines."

"I don't know," she objected, "If of that robust period, and had always reasonableness counted for anything been proud of it. Of course for years in things like that, it was a pretty the neighborhood had been impossible. deniable authenticity in her face. good plan. It would have to be somebody like Hermione. You can't get on at all with young girls."

"I don't know," said Rodney, "whether Mrs. Woodruff knows what she wants or not, but I do. She wants a run for her money. And she'll want a nice, tame trick husband to manage things for her and be Johnny-on-thespot whenever she wants him. And If the man happened to be me . . . !"

Frederica stretched her slim arms utward. Thoughtful-faced, she made comment, unless there was one in the deliberate way in which she turned her rings, one at a time, so that the williant masses of gems were inside,

since it's been a good day, let's go to she answered it. She put her hands upon his shoulders. "You're rather dreadful," don't bite my head off when I urge you to get married, though I know you want to. But you will some day-I don't mean bite my head off-won't you, Rod?" "When I see any prospect of being

as lucky as Martin-find a girl who won't mind when I turn up for dinner looking like a drowned tramp, or kick her plans to bits, after she's tipped me off as to what she wants me to do . ."

Frederica took her hands off, stepped back, and looked at him. There was an ironical sort of smile on her dear. Don't think the girl you marry will ever treat you like that."

"But look here!" he exclaimed. How in thunder am I going to know about the girl I get engaged to, before youth. She's only twenty." it's too late?"

"You won't," she said. "You haven't a chance in the world."

"Hm !" he grunted, obviously struck with this idea. "You're giving the prospect of marriage new attractions. You're making the thing out-an adwhat besides, is a thing I can't figure

> She nodded rather soberly. I'm not afraid for you," she said. "Men like adventures—you more than most. But women don't. They like to dream about them, but they want to ing for her daughter's elucidation of turn over to the last chapter and see how it's going to end. It's the girl I'm worried about. . . . Oh, come along! We're talking nonsense. I'll go up with you and see that they're giving you pajamas and a tooth-brush."

She had accomplished this purpose, kissed him good-night, and turned to leave the room, when her eye fell upon a heap of damp, warped, pasteboardbound notebooks, which she remembered having observed in his side pockets when he first came in. She went over and picked them up, peered at the paper label that had half peeled off the topmost cover, and read what was written on it.

"Who," she asked with considerable mphasis, "is Rosalind Stanton?"

"Oh," said Rodney, very casually, behind the worst imitation of a yawn with his income. It's with the content | she had ever seen, "oh, she got put off the car when I did."

"That sounds rather exciting," said Frederica behind an imitation yawn "You will marry somebody, though, of her own-but a better one. "Going won't you, Roddy? I try not to nag to tell me about it?"

"Nothing much to tell," said Rodney. who just-said that was his name." "There was a row about a fare, as silly plans, but I can't help worrying about you, living alone in that awful I said. And then, we both got put off. nent one?" Rose wanted to know. big old house. Anybody but you would So, naturally, I walked with her over "Why couldn't it have been he?" to the elevated. And then I forgot to give her her notebooks and came away as that went, but insisted on an inwith them."

> "What sort of looking girl?" asked Frederica. "Is she pretty?"

"Why, I don't know," said Rodney printing establishment there. You judicially. "Really, you know, I hardcome down sometime next week and ly got a fair look at her." pick out all the things you think you Frederica made a funny-sounding and Harriet would like, and I'll auction

laugh and wished him an abrupt "good night." She shivered again and, to her She was a great old girl, Fredericadisgust, found that her eyes were blurring up with tears. She was a

pretty wise about lots of things, but Rodney was inclined to think she was mistaken in saying women didn't like adventures.

hadn't a good look at her. And how about those notebooks-about forget- in doors and keep warm. ting to give them to her!"

CHAPTER III.

The Second Encounter.

Portla Stanton was late for lunch; gloves, rolling up her veil, and scowling at herself in an oblong mahoganyframed mirror in the hall, she walked into the dining-room with her hat on. Seeing her mother sitting at the lunchtable, she asked, "Where's Rose?" "She'll be down, presently, I think,"

her mother said. "Does your hat mean you're going back to the shop this afternoon?" Portia nodded, pulled back her chair

abruptly, and sat down.

"I thought that on Saturday . her mother began. "Oh, I know," said Portia, "but that

girl I've got isn't much good." You'd have known them for mother

and daughter anywhere, and you'd have had trouble finding any point of Amazonian young thing who had so into the street the night before,

The mother's hair was very soft and white, and the care with which it was arranged indicated a certain harmless vanity in it. There was something a little conscious, too, about her dress. time, when I asked her what these peo-If you took it in connection with a certain resolute amiability about her ing! They do not think anything is grown up in. Their father, one of to hear her tell Portia that she was to twice a year they may do as they like." Chicago's great men during the twenty talk on "Modern Tendencies" before the Pierian club this afternoon.

A very real person, neverthelessyou couldn't doubt that. The marks of passionately held beliefs and eagerly given sacrifices were etched with un-

Once you got beyond a catalogue of curt announcement that the long- fairly hostile. Her clothes were looked-for change had come, brought brusquely worn. Her smile, if not illup quick, unwelcomed tears. She natured-it wasn't that-was distinctly ironic. A very competent, good-"Is that," she asked, "why you've looking young woman, just now droopbeen looking so sort of-gay, all the ling a little over the cold lunch.

"So Rose didn't come down this morning at all. Nothing particular the matter with her, is there?" asked Por-"Perhaps so," he said, "It's been tin.

There was enough real concern in he was unwilling, so they had to die," She got up from the couch, shook her voice to save the question from and she buried her face in her hands .-

and came over to him. "All right, manner was a little apologetic when

"No, I think not," she said. "But she was in such a state when she she said, "but you're a dear. You came home last night-literally wet through to the skin, and blue with cold. So I thought It wouldn't do any harm. . . ."

"Of course not," said Portia "Rose is all right. She won't spoil badly."

"I'm a little bit worried about the loss of the poor child's notebooks,' said her mother.

"I don't believe Rose is worrying her head off about them," said Portia. The flush in her mother's cheeks deepened a little, but it was no longer apologetic. "I don't think you're lips. "You're such an Innocent, Roddy | quite fair to Rose, about her studies," she said. "If she doesn't seem always to appreciate her privilege in getting a college education as seriously as she you should remember her should.

"I'm sorry, mother," Portia interrupted contritely. "I didn't menn any harm anyway. Didn't she say the man's name was Rodney Aldrich?"

"I think so," her mother agreed. "Something like that." "It's rather funny," said Portia. It's hardly likely to have been the real Rodney Aldrich. Yet it's not a common name."

"The real Rodney Aldrich?" questioned her mother. But, without waitthe phrase, she added, "Oh, there's

Rose!" The girl came up behind Portia and enveloped her in a big, lazy hug. "Back to work another Saturday afternoon, Angel?" she asked commiseratingly. "Aren't you ever going to stop and have any fun?" Then she slumped into a chair, heaved a yawning sigh, and rubbed her eyes.

"Tired, dear?" asked her mother. She said it under her breath in the hope that Portia wouldn't hear.

"No," said Rose. "Just sleepy!" She yawned again, turned to Portia, and, somewhat to their surprise, said: "Yes, what do you mean-the real Rodney Aldrich? He looked real enough to me. And his arm felt real -the one he was going to punch the conductor with."

"I didn't mean he was imaginary," Portia explained. "I only meant I didn't believe it was the Rodney Aldrich-who's so awfully prominent either somebody else who happened to have the same name, or somebody

"What's the matter with the promi-

Portia admitted that it could, so far herent improbability. A millionaire, the brother of Mrs. Martin Whitney, wasn't likely to be found riding in street cars.

"Millionaires have legs," said Rose. "I bet they can walk around like anybody else. However, I don't care who he is, if he'll send back my books."

Portia went back presently to the shop, and it wasn't long after that that her mother came downstairs clad for the street, with her "Modern Tendencies" under her arm in a leather portfolio. Her valedictory, given with "You're a linr, you know," remarked | more confidence now that Portia was his conscience, "telling Frederica you out of the house, was a strong recommendation that Rose stay quietly with-

"I was going to, anyway," she said. The house was deserted except for Inga in the kitchen, engaged in the principal sporting event of her domestic routine-the weekly baking. Rose smile over his candor rewarded him so, after stripping off her jacket and hadn't meant to go to sleep, but the for not having pretended. detective story she tried to read was so flagrantly stupld that presently she tossed the book aside and began dreaming one of her own in which the heroine got put off a street-car in the opening chapter.

The telephone bell aroused her once or twice, far enough to observe that Inga was attending to it, so when the

front-door bell rang she left that to Inga, too - didn't even sit up and swing her legs off the couch and try, with a prodigious stretch, to get herself awake, until she heard the girl say casually: "Her ban right in the sitting-room!"

So it fell out that Rodney Aldrich had, for his second vivid picture of her-the first had been, you will remember, when she had seized the conductor by both wrists, and had said in a blaze of beautiful wrath: "Don't dare touch me like that!"-a splendid lazy, tousled creature, in a chaotic glory of chestnut hair, an unlaced middy-blouse, a plaid skirt twisted around her knees, and a pair of ridiculous red bedroom slippers, with red pompons on the toes. The creature was stretching herself with the grace of a big cat that had just been roused from a nap on the hearthrug.

If his first picture of her had been brief, his second one was practically a snapshot, because at sight of him, she flashed to her feet.

So, for a moment, they confronted each other about equally aghast, flushed up to the halr, and simultaneously and incoherently begged each other's pardon-neither could have said for what, the goddess out of the machine being Inga, the maid-of-allwork. But suddenly, at a twinkle she caught in his eye, her own big eyes narrowed and her big mouth widened into a smile, which broke presently into her deep-throated laugh, whereupon he laughed too and they shook hands and she asked him to sit down.

"it's too ridiculous," she said. "Since last night, when I got to thinking how I must have looked, wrestling



A Splendid, Lazy, Tousled Creature.

with that conductor, I've been telling myself that if I ever saw you again, I'd try to act like a lady. But it's to use, is it?"

He said that he, too, had hoped to make a better impression the second

time than the first. That was what he brought the books back for. "I'm awfully sorry mother's not at nome-mother and my sister Portla.

They'd both like to thank you forlooking after me last night. Because eally you did, you know." "There never was anything less altruistic in the world," he assured her,

"I dropped off of that car solely in pursuit of a selfish aim. I'd enjoy meeting your mother and sister very much, but what I came for was to get acquainted with you." She flushed and smiled. "Why, I'm

nobody much to get acquainted with," she said. "Mother's the interesting one-mother and Portia, Mother's "Home and fireside for mine today." quite a person. She's Naomi Rutledge Stanton, you know." "I know I ought to know," Rodney

said, and her quick appreciative

The "bee in his bonnet" worked rapidly on Rodney and his acquaintance with Rose developed with much speed-as described in the next installment.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

BABIES MURDERED IN CHINA EASY TO HANDLE BIG LOADS

Had "Disposed Of" Seven of Hea Nine Daughters.

A Chinese mother told me the other day that she had disposed of seven of a laugh! She had borne nine; had other seven in the slop bucket.

When I tried to find some appeal to simply was not there. And the pas- axle. tor's wife, who was with me at the ple do regard a sin, said, "Why, nothsmile, you would be entirely prepared wrong! If they carry the idols round propelling the truck.

found her sweet, young daughter-inschools, very sad and heartbroken because her two little daughters had been out to the required length, locked by killed at birth or thrown away by their father. Of course, the mother-in-law slot in the neck of the tube and the had also insisted upon this. Her one husband's death, but Rodney had sim- features. Portia presented rather a son had been killed when five days old ply stayed on, since her death, waiting striking contrast to this. Her hair by the malpractice of the midwife, who for an offer for it that suited him. His was done with a severity that was had taken him in hand when some baby allment developed, and burned his head, hands and breast with live coals, So the poor little mother was left childless.

"My little baby girls cling to my heart night and day!" she cried. don't know what became of them. loved them just as I loved the boy, all the time they were with me before they were born. I wanted them so! But herself down into her clothes a little, sounding satirical, but her mother's Evelyn W. Sites, in World Outlook.

One Mother Laughingly Admitted She Attachment Devised for Trucks Makes

the Work of the Wheeler 50 Per Cent Easier.

In order to make it possible for a workman to manage a heavily loaded resemblance in either of them to the her own daughters. She told it with two-wheeled hand truck with less physical exertion than is ordinarily renearly thrown a street-car conductor given away two, and had drowned the quired an attachment has been devised which holds the cargo in place, allowing the mass to be tilted forward until conscience-to a sense of wrong-it its center of gravity is over the wheel

When wheeling on level flooring a man is thus relieved of the weight of the article he is moving; his concern is merely to maintain its balance while

The device consists of an anchor and I went home with this murderess and chain attachment, housed in a tube, which is attached beneath a truck. By law, who has studied a little in our tipping the latter forward against the object it is to carry, the chain is drawn dropping one of the links into a narrow hook engaged at any convenient point.

Promoting Thrift in Colombia.

The Colombian congress has adopted a measure providing for the appointment by the minister of public instruction of a commission to investigate methods for premoting saving throughout the country. This commission will work out a general plan of organization of public and school savings banks, retirement funds, and societies for mutual aid and co-operative

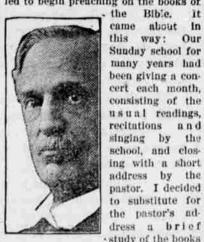
The water of the Antarctic ocean is older than that of the Arctic,

How to Encourage Bible Reading

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Early in his ministry the writer was led to begin preaching on the books of the Bible. It

many years had



dress a brief study of the books of the Bible, beginning with Genesis. I tried to give each book a characteristic name, for instance, Genesis is the book of beginning, because it describes the beginning of the universe, the beginning of this world, the beginning of man, the beginning of language, the beginning of the Sabbath, the beginning of sin and the beginning

of grace. As a large part of my congregation consisted of children and youths, it was necessary for me to preach the subject in a popular rather than a scholarly way, and above all to make it exceedingly interesting. I tried to explain what the author's purpose was in writing or compiling the book, and what were the probable sources of his information.

Without going into the subject in an exhaustive way, I tried to tell the story of creation in a popular style and at the same time to show how the picture accounts compared with the facts of modern science.

The temptation and fall of man opened up the subject of origin of sin, and the story shows the effect of sin, not only upon our first parents, but upon the race as a whole, and therefore it has a practical application to everyone. Genesis.

As the first two chapters of Genesis deal with generation, the third chapter takes up the subject of degeneration, and the remainder of the Bible, as someone has said, is devoted to the subject of regeneration.

The story of the flood opens up a new theme of exceeding interest, and Noah's deliverance is a splendid type of salvation. Babel with its confusion of tongues, suggests Pentecost, where people of all tongues understood God's message, and the coming day when all God's people shall use the universal language. Thus I went on touching the points which had the greatest practical value.

Then briefly reviewing the book I called attention to the three principal characters-Adam, Noah and Abraham. From them we can learn three practical lessons. From Adam we can learn to obey God; from Noah to talk to God; from Abraham to trust God.

At the close of the service I gave to each person in the audience a fourpage folder, containing a brief outline of my address, including the principal facts, dates and outline, together with the Sunday school lessons drawn from the study of the book.

I asked the people to read the book of Genesis through, and at our next meeting to come prepared to pass an, examination upon the outline I had given. At the next service I would spend ten or fifteen minutes in questioning the congregation upon the book of Genesis, briefly reviewing what we had gone over before. Then I took up the book of Exodus and gave an address on that.

The Results.

At once there was a perceptible increase in the size of the congregation, and in a short time the attendance on the night of the book study was the largest during the whole month. People began to read their Bible more, and to talk about it more, not only during my social calls, but in the midweek service, and young people's meeting. The young folks especially were eager to get the monthly folder containing the outline Bible study, and if obliged to be absent they were sure to send by someone else to secure a copy. These they stitched together as the months went on, making them into a little book,

Fruit of Bible Reading Habit.

The habit of reading the Bible constantly, however, proved of great value. It kept me full of texts and themes and Scriptural Illustrations. I had no trouble in finding topics for sermons. My greatest difficulty was to find opportunity to use the wealth of material which was constantly accumulating. Moreover in a few months God gave us a season of spiritual refreshing which increased the church membership about 50 per cent.

Moving to another church later, I began the same method of giving a book study once a month, asking the congregation to read it in advance. I began this time with the New Testament, and found the results to be practically the same as before. And again in a few months there followed a revival which transformed the church, and added greatly to its usefulness and

Doubtless I have made as many mistakes and blunders as the average pastor, but as I look back over a long and happy ministry I can see that my highest enjoyment and what little service I have been able to render to the cause of Christ, is largely due to the book studies which I began in my early ministry.

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