

THE TRAIL OF '98 A Northland Romance by Robert W. Service ILLUSTRATIONS BY IRWIN MYERS

STORY FROM THE START

Athol Meldrum, young Scotsman, starts out to seek his fortune. He arrives at San Francisco practically broke and meets a fellow adventurer who has made his money by following the gold rush to Alaska.

CHAPTER VII—Continued

"And so you found me, dear. I knew you would, somehow. In my heart I knew you would not fail me. So I waited and waited. It was cruel to wait so long, but I could not help myself. They dragged me away. They began to be afraid of you, and he bade them leave at once."

I saw the pathetic wisdom of her words. "I know you fear something will happen to me. No! I think I will be quite safe. I can withstand him. And if it should come to the worst I can call on you. You mustn't go too far away. I will die rather than let him lay a hand on me. Till next June, dear, not a day longer. We will both be the better for the wait."

can do for you? What are you going to do in this country? "I don't quite know yet," I said heartily. "I hope to stake a good claim when the chance comes. Meantime I'm going to get work on the creeks."



There I Was Hanging Desperately on the Lowest Rung of the Ladder.

now, I always own up when I'm beaten, and I never bear ill-will. If I can help you in any way, and hasten your marriage to that little girl there, well you can just bank on Jack Locasto: that's all."

Old Churches Put to Variety of Purposes

The oldest English social institution is the parish vestry. It is a descendant of the tribal council of most primitive human establishments, combined with the nearly as old institution of religion. This body of persons entrusted with the administration of the temporal affairs of a parish was so called from the former custom of holding parish meetings in the vestry of the church.

church would be employed for all purposes. A landowner who found he had more wool or grain than he could take care of on his own premises could store it in the church simply by paying a small fee to the parson. Even the tower of the church was used. Especially in the more exposed districts near the sea, it was a place of refuge, the castle of the inhabitants.—Detroit News.

Watermarks in Paper

Watermarks in paper have been used for a long time to lend distinction to the product of a particular paper maker and for other purposes. One of the oldest, a circle surmounted by a tall cross, is found in documents dating back to the fourteenth century.

There in the din and daze and dirt we tarried awhile; then, after eating heartily, we struck up Eldorado. At the Forks I inquired regarding Ribwood and Hoofman: "Goin' to get them, are you? Well, they've got a blamed hard name. If you get a job elsewhere, don't turn it down."

Ribwood was a tall, gaunt Cornishman, with a narrow, jutting face and a gloomy air; Hoofman, a burly, beet-colored Australian with a bulging stomach. "Yes, we'll put you to work," said Hoofman, reading the letter. "Get your coat off and shovel in."

He was glad, indeed, when, on the evening of the third day, Ribwood came to me and said: "I guess you'd better work up at the shaft tomorrow. We want a man to wheel muck."

"I got in. I was feeling uneasy all of a sudden, and devoutly wished I were anywhere else but in that hideous hole. I felt myself leave the ground and rise steadily. I was now ten feet from the top. The bucket was rocking a little, so I put out my hand and grasped the lowest rung of the ladder to steady myself."

Her Place in the Sun

She lay lifeless, a mere shattered torso. Her beautiful vacant eyes stared calmly at you; even yet the flawless waves stuck to her golden hair. Her facial beauty was ruined; her lovely cheeks had slid down into her neck, and there they were in chunks. But still the light was in her eyes; she'd met her destruction bravely, and never squinted once.

High Court's First Session

The Supreme Court of the United States held its first session on February 7, 1791, in the Old City hall at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUB ROSA By MIMI

An Era of Etiquette

YOU can hardly pick up a magazine nowadays without reading something about etiquette, which is one of the highly advertised things of the times.

In the old days when kings and queens were in fashion, the business of the manners was confined to courts. Then it got into the drawing rooms or parlors, and now we are trying to run it into the scramble of modern life. That's why the books on etiquette are on sale.

Our ancestors had the manners. We have treatises on the subject. But goodness knows there's need of something to keep us from being crude and uncivilized.

The real manners which a person should have and display, the way flappers reveal knees, are things that you must cultivate for yourself. If you haven't the etiquette urge, the book isn't going to put it into you.

Prehistoric Women

WHENEVER a mummy is unwrapped, it turns out to be a man. The same is true when they excavate the primitive men who flourished hundreds of thousands of years ago.

Of course, there were women in those old days, for men wouldn't have been contented without 'em, but it's hard to find traces of them. The scientists dig up stone hatchets which the men wielded, but they can't seem to unearth any old hairpins or corset steels.

Turkeys on Upgrade

Turkey raising is on the upgrade, now that the blackhead bugaboo has been done away with. And the turkey growers are getting the marketing system down to a fine point, too.

Scratching Shed

In some of the warmer sections of the country, fowls will prefer to spend their nights in the trees and on outdoor roosts but severe storms, driving snows or heavy rains will in most instances, send them into the houses.

FARM POULTRY

FLOCK HISTORY IS GUIDE IN CULLING

Always Better to Improve Production by Care.

"In culling poultry the history of the flock should be the first important consideration," say the extension specialists in poultry husbandry at the Ohio State university. "If the flock as a whole has been laying heavily throughout the entire year, culling should be comparatively easy, as the good birds will show evidence of high production, while the few poor birds will be outstanding, showing very definite evidences of low production or none."

"If the flock has laid indifferently throughout the year, or has suffered from parasites such as red mites, lice, or intestinal worms, or is improperly housed or cared for, the culling will be very difficult, for many of the birds that are really worth keeping will be questionable, due to their condition. Under such circumstances the first step should be to correct conditions, and allow the good birds to come back and show their value, which will cause the poor birds to be more easily recognized."

"It is always better to improve average production by better management rather than by culling, which decreases the number of birds and cuts down the possible earning power of the flock."

Get Rid of Parasites on Chickens in Flock

The hens have enough to bother with in the summer with the hot weather without having to fight lice and mites in addition. The flock owner can do a great deal to help the hens get rid of these pests.

There are various remedies on the market which can be used, or a drug known as sodium fluoride can be bought at the drug store and can be put on the hens, applying it on the back, head, throat, on the breast, around the vent, between each thigh and the breast and on each wing. This is a rather tedious process, although it will get all the lice.

Within the last year and a half, however, it has been found that painting Black Leaf 40 on the perches will rid a flock of lice. This is easy and effective. Mites are a worse pest than lice, since these little bugs stay in the cracks and crevices around the nests, droppings boards and perches during the day and get on the birds at night, at which time they suck the hen's blood. These can best be fought by using a strong disinfectant on the nests, roosts and droppings boards.

Ducks and Geese Are Fed Pretty Much Alike

Ducks and geese are fed just about alike. They should be kept warm and fed about four or five times per day. All young water fowl should have soft feeds, that is to say, wet mash mixed as follows: Three parts yellow corn meal, four parts bran, one part red dog or low-grade flour by weight. Add to this 10 per cent of high-grade meat scraps, 1 per cent of fine sand, and mix with water or milk so that it is quite moist but not sloppy. Feed this every two or three hours for two weeks.

Care for Chicks

Raising good chicks is about the most important thing on a poultry farm. That to a large extent determines your profits. If you neglect the chicks by crowding them too closely, by letting the house become filthy and the soil in bad shape, you may produce weak chicks that do not live well and lay well. It is comparatively easy to grow good chicks if you are willing to do the necessary work of properly caring for the chicks.

Buck Deer Wrecks Auto by Leaping on Radiator

Cable, Wis.—A car driven by Henry Crandall carrying an orchestra to an engagement was wrecked by a buck deer near Seeley, Wis. The deer sprang from the bank at the roadside, striking the top of the radiator. The animal wrecked the front fenders and headlights, ripped the hood open, and hung there until the car was stopped. The deer's leg was broken and he was injured badly otherwise. An old-time hunter cut the deer's throat and left the carcass for the game warden.

Swallow Fails to Heed Golfers 'Fore' and Dies

Trenton, Ont.—W. B. McClung, playing in a threesome, while driving from No. 4 tee at the local course made a perfect drive. A swallow, flying low, failed to heed his "Fore!" and the ball struck it in mid-air. The ball continued on its course and alighted 75 yards from its starting point. The swallow was picked up in three separate pieces.

Meanest Man Takes Tots' Milk Tickets

Lynchburg, Va.—Nurses in the tuberculosis division of the municipal department of public welfare have a candidate for the honor of being the meanest man living, though they have not disclosed his name as yet. The man saved up milk tickets furnished him for two children suffering from tuberculosis until he had the equivalent of \$9.30, and took the tickets to the creamery and requested the cash. He got it and bought a railroad ticket to go out of town.

RADIO MURDERER GETS FOUR YEARS

Slays Stepson in Dispute Over Late Concert.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—With four years' imprisonment facing him, Robert W. Wiseman, Watertown, S. D., referred to as the "radio slayer," has been lodged in the state penitentiary here under sentence from the State Circuit court at Watertown. He was found guilty of slaying his stepson following a dispute over the playing of the radio in the Wiseman home at a late hour at night.

Wiseman, who evidenced little concern when sentence was passed upon him, entered the penitentiary with little show of emotion, according to Warden George T. Jameson.

In addition to serving the four years for second-degree manslaughter, Wiseman was also fined \$1,000 and will have to serve 500 additional days in the penitentiary if the fine is not paid. Wiseman was sleeping on the night of the slaying of his stepson, Gerald E. Ellis, when young Ellis and a party of young men and women went to the Wiseman home and turned on the radio. This aroused Wiseman from his sleep, and he appeared in the room and ordered that the radio be turned off. When his stepson refused to comply with this demand Wiseman procured a shotgun and ordered him from the house.

Wiseman had taken his stand in the entryway to the front door, and near the front door the overcoat and hat of the stepson had been placed upon a chair. It is thought that when young Ellis started toward the front door his plan was to obtain his overcoat and hat and leave the house.

He had to go directly toward Wiseman, who had the shotgun leveled at him and the slayer claimed he thought his stepson was coming toward him to attack him, and fired the shot which killed the young man.

Live in Same House 30 Years Without Spoking

Little Rock, Ark.—Two sisters sit in identical chairs on a prim front porch facing a busy highway near here, separated by a high board wall and a silence of 30 years. Two front gates stand side by side in the white-washed fence. Two front doors give entrance to the house. Between them, dividing into exact halves the front yard, across the porch, the house itself, and 20 acres of ground on which it stands, runs the mysterious wall.

On one side sits Miss Sarah Mercer, a wrinkled old lady with proud black eyes, rocking the long years away. On the other side sits her younger sister, Miss Rachel, a slight and careworn figure, whose eyes speak of tragedy but whose lips are forever sealed to curious passersby. For three decades no word has been exchanged across the dividing line.

Two sisters and the man who could love but one, are the actors in the Mercer melodrama, and the man long ago disappeared. He was the sweetheart of Sarah, in the eyes of the persons in the community, but Rachel loved him as well.

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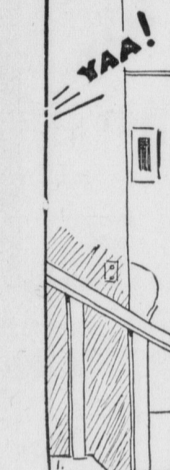
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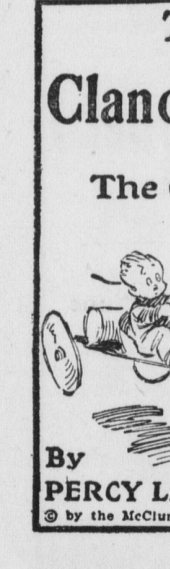
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