The BALL of FIRE

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SYNOPSIS.

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At a vestry meeting of the Market Square church, Gail Sargent became the discussion of the day when Jim Dalrymple announced to Edward Allison, the rich old banker, that he asked Gail, "the girl who is apparently a lovely woman," to be his partner. Allison, who supposed he is entitled to cast on the laurels of his daughter, Gail, and Dalrymple, the proposition, "Pa" Gail, responding to her Uncle Jim's home from her drive with Allison, finds himself confronted by the latter at his—Sunny Side, Allison's home—and Dalrymple's office, and Gail finds the world astonishingly full of Jim and Allison. Jim Dalrymple that his new solution of the problem of the trust—the trust—is equipped for consideration and control of the entire transportation system of the country. Allison, representing the Eastern series control of transportation, and arrangements to absorb the Vandervoort Transportation Company, Dalrymple, representing the Western interests, tells him that the earlier Gail Market Square church prayer to build will be cut of profits wrung from Allison's Eastern transportation. Gail's earlier attraction for the man of her social social set.

CHAPTER X—Continued.

Allison went over to his wall map, with a sing in which there was the spring of a boy. A. L. Vance of the Central States Supplies company, which controlled beef, sugar and practically all other food products, except those mighty monopolies under the sways of the Standard Cereal company and Eastern Dakotas National Dairy Products consolidation, studied the map with Allison with a puzzled expression. He had seen Allison grow to earnest manhood, marry and suddenly Ed seemed twenty years young. Only Elizabeth Allison knew the secret of this miraculous rejuvenescence. Bachelor had married late in life; a beautiful young woman.

"The key to the north and south situation is Bismarck, Allison," said he, drew a firm, swift, green line down across the United States, branching at each end. "George Dalrymple will be here in half an hour. I'm sorry that time I trust we may come to some agree ment."

"It depends on what you want," boomed Arthur Grandin, who, sitting beside the immense Haverman, looked as if that giant had shrunk him by his mere proximity.

"Freight, to begin with," stated Allison, resuming his place at the head of the table, but not his seat. "You gentlemen represent the largest freight age interests in the United States. You all know your relative products and yet, in order to grasp this situation completely, I wish to enumerate them. Bakhoits National Dairy Products consolidation can swing the shipment of every ounce of butter, cream, cheese, eggs and poultry handled in this country. Grandin's Standard Cereal company, wheat, corn, oats, rice, barley, malt, flour, every ounce of breakfast food cereal goods, grown on American soil; Haverman, the Amalgamated Metals Constructive company, every pound of iron, lead and copper, and every ton of ore, from the moment it leaves the ground until it appears as an iron web in a city sky or spans a river; Grandin, the Union Fuel company, coal and wood, from Alaska to Pennsylvania, with oil and all its enormous by-products; Taylor, the American Textiles company, wool, cotton, flax, the raw and finished material of every thread of clothing we wear, or any other textile fabric we use; Vance, the United States Supplies company, meat, sugar, fruit, the main blood and stone builders of our country. Gentlemen, give me the freightage controlled by your six companies, and I have the rest of the country's freightage to a degree."

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Banker Chisholm leaned forward on the table, and stroked his round chin reflectively. "There would be some disorganization, and perhaps financial disorder, in the first two years," he considered; "but the railroads are already harassed too much by the government to thrive under competition, and, in the end, I believe this proposed centralization would be the best thing for the interests of the country; wherein Chisholm displayed that he was a twentyman of Market Square church wherever he went.

"What is your proposition?" asked Grandin, who, because of the self-satisfaction necessitated by his distinctive size, seemed pompous, but was not. No pompous man could have acquired the wood, coal and oil interests, and, having merged them, swung them over his own shoulder.

Allison's answer consisted of one word.

"Consolidation," he said.

There was a moment of silence, while these men absorbed that simple idea, and gloried speculatively, not at Allison, but at each other. They were kings, three heads of mighty corporations, whose emissaries carried their serveralgnties into the farthest corners of the earth. Like friendly kings, they had helped each other in the protection of their several domains, but this was another matter.

"That's a bigger proposition, Ed," stated Vance, very thoughtfully. All eyes at once left Allison and fixed on Vance. "Suppose, for instance, that Dalrymple and I, in our respective interest, but not to weld a Frankenstein, "I do not understand your project, but be so comprehensive. I fancied your idea to be that the various companies represented here with Chisholm as financial controller, should take a material interest in the support of the Atlantic-Pacific, for the purpose of consolidating the various branching of our country under one management, thereby serving our own transportation needs."

"Very well put, Vance," approved Taylor, smoothing his pointed mustache.

"That is a more logical development of the railroad situation," returned Allison. "If I had not corrected that direct route, someone would have made the consolidation you mention within ten years, for the entire railroad situation has been discussed since the death of three big men in that field, and the scattered holdings would be and are, an easy prey for anyone vital by interested enough to invade the industry. I have to work with more precision in mind. I propose, with the Atlantic-Pacific as a nucleus, to, first, as I have said, bring the financial territory, which is Standard Cereal company, wheat, corn, oats, rice, barley, malt, flour, every ounce of breakfast of the cereal goods, grown on American soil; Haverman, the Amalgamated Metals Constructive company, every pound of iron, lead and copper, and every ton of ore, from the moment it leaves the ground until it appears as an iron web in a city sky or spans a river; Grandin, the Union Fuel company, coal and wood, from Alaska to Pennsylvania, with oil and all its enormous by-products; Taylor, the American Textiles company, wool, cotton, flax, the raw and finished material of every thread of clothing we wear, or any other textile fabric we use; Vance, the United States Supplies company, meat, sugar, fruit, the main blood and stone builders of our country. Gentlemen, give me the freightage controlled by your six companies, and I have the rest of the country's freightage to a degree."

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"I'll Jump on You Tomorrow in the Exchange."

globe. From New York to San Francisco a red line had already been drawn. Jim Dalrymple held it in his hand, and placing the point at New York, gave the globe a swift, circle it completely. "Gentlemen, there is a beginning."

Again the nasal voice of old Joseph G. Clark drawled from the corner. "I suggest that we discuss the conditions of consolidation," he remarked.

The bell of Allison's house phone rang.

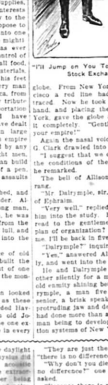
"Mr. Dalrymple, sir," said the voice of Alfred.

"Very well," replied Allison. "Show him into the old library. Gentlemen, the road to the gentlemen this skeleton plan of organization." If I'll excuse me I'll be back in five minutes."

"Dalrymple!" repeated Vance.

"Yes," answered Allison abstractedly, and went into the study.

He and Dalrymple looked at each other silently for a moment, with the old cavalry salutation between them, a pump, a man five years Allison's senior, a brisk vigorous man with a protruding jaw and deepset gray eyes, had done more for any other one human being to develop the transportation systems of New York, but his gift



He Laid Aside His Dignity and Got Down on His Hands and Knees.

looked across the table and smiled a smile that was a caress. He was not a grown-up, tall, broad-shouldered man of thirty-two at his best, he was a shock headed, slightly freckled boy, and alone or ten, by the same of "Dimity" on the town commons, and "Tod" at home.

"Aren't you becoming a trifle irritable of late, Tod?" the inquired with solicitude, shyly suppressing a smile which flashed up in her as she remembered that ejaculation. It was shocking in a minister, of course, but Jim had never contended that ministers were, and should be, made of clay; and clay is friable.

"Yes, mother, I believe I am," confessed Rev. Smith Boyd considering the matter with serious impartiality. Jim Boyd survived her son with a practical eye.

"I think your appetite's dropping off a little," she continued, with the smile was shrewdly silent, though the twinkle of humor shone back in her eyes by and by. "I don't think you have enough social diversion. I finally advised him. "You should go more. You should ride, walk, but always in the company of young and agreeable people. Because you are a rector is no reason for you to spend your spare time to alone brooding. I have long advised this for the past week."

Mrs. Smith Boyd would have liked to state that he had been very irritable, and, in consequence, that was a nuisance to him. He had been very irritable, and she had spoken with his chin in his hand.

"Mother, you are right, mother," he somberly confessed, and swallowed two spoonfuls of the hot, thick, creamy rice, but, after taking a bite of a wafer, he laid his spoon on the edge of the plate.

"I think I'll drive you out of the country, Tod," he continued, with the same inoe she had used to employ when he was a boy. "I don't think I think I'll send you over to Bacgonta tonight, to sing with Dolly."

The rector of the richest church in the world frowned a little, and looked at the barley in the bottom of his soup. His mother regarded him quietly. Jim Boyd had seen back for her eyes. She had been bound to get at the cause of his irritability, and she had arrived at it.

"I don't want to go to-go," he said her stiffly, and the eyes which he lifted to her were stormy. "I do not approve of Miss Sargent."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

History and Men.

For, as I take it, universal history, the history of what man has accomplished in this world, is at bottom the history of the great men who have worked here.—Carlyle.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

Thanksgiving Day! Thanksgiving Day! Tis then our nation tries to pay
Its heavy debt of gratitude
For blessings received during the year
And richest blessings that expand
To cover all of Freedom's land.

THANKSGIVING SWEETS.

Candied pineapple cut in small pieces and dipped in fondant, then decorated with one of the pretty candies which may be purchased from any candy confectioner, is a whole some sweet, which is easy to prepare.

Nut Balls.—Chop several kinds of nuts very well and stir into fondant until well mixed. Roll the balls in chopped nuts until they are well covered.

Fondant is made by boiling two cups full of sugar, a pinch of cream of tartar or a tablespoonful of corn starch, with a half cupful of water until it makes a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Cook very slowly until white and creamy.

Spice Drops.—Add oil of cinnamon and oil of cloves to fondant, then roll in sugar balls large enough. Put tiny silver candies on one kind and pink ones on the other to distinguish flavors.

Almond Sticks.—Blanch half a pound of almonds and chop fine, then stir into a cupful of fondant, flavor with almond, kneed until well mixed, roll the size of the little finger.

Rice Jacks.—Stir together until brittle in water a cupful of molasses, a cupful of sugar, two tablespoonfuls of water, a tablespoonful of butter and a pinch of soda. Then stir in three cupfuls of puffed rice; pour into a greased pan and allow it to harden.

Chopped figs added to fondant, then made into balls or squares and dipped in melted fondant or chocolate candy. These will be sticky unless dipped in some powder to prevent their sticking.

Chopped dates and softened prunes chopped and added to brown bread and steamed, make a change from raisins so commonly used.

If an egg has not overwhelmed you and never would, try this: Place hold the mantle of your love over the egg, and forgive.

Do not try to be efficient work in an efficient home. First improve your conditions.

SEASONABLE DISHES.

Eggplant is not well enough appreciated. Its natural flavor is liked by some, but others find it very bitter. Eggplant, Southern Style—Cut a plant in slices, pare off and dip in flour, then cut the slices in cubes half an inch in size. Four boiling water over the plant and cook for about twenty minutes and drain well. Add two tablespoonfuls of butter in a saucepan, add onions chopped fine, cook a half a green pepper chopped, stir and cook until the onions are softened and slightly yellow. Add the eggplant drained, a cupful and a half of breadcrumbs and season with salt and pepper, half of tomato, stir until hot, turn into a buttered baking dish, cover with well buttered crumbs and cook in the oven until brown and serve hot.

Scalloped Chicken With Corn.—For each cupful of chicken meat, freed from bones, use a cupful of corn either fresh or canned, a cupful of white sauce and seasoning. Mix the chicken with the sauce put into a baking dish, cover with the corn and bake when all is used cover with well-buttered crumbs, and bake in a moderate oven until brown.

Pork Pie.—Trim 1½ pounds of loin of pork into neat pieces, fry them in a frying pan, place them in an earthenware dish with sliced potatoes and onions, season well with salt and pepper, pour on the pork; then another layer of vegetables, salt, pepper and a pinch of herbs. Moisten with half pint of stock, cover with buttered paper and place in a hot oven two hours. Cook slowly and serve from the dish in which it is cooked. Sprinkle pepper over the top before sending to the table. Tablespoonful or two of cooked peas may be sprinkled over the top before sending to the table.

Baked Beans.—Parboil beans after soaking them overnight, and when they are pretty softened, prepare for baking. Add a tablespoonful of molasses, a little salt, a little dry mustard and a small onion for each pint of parboiled beans. Bake slowly with a generous square of scored pork on top of the pot.

Nellie Maxwell

A Linen Shower.

Hazel—The friends of the bride-elect are going to give her a linen shower.

Harold—What's a linen shower?

Hazel—It's a shower in which the presents come down in sheets.

What Did She Mean?

"I see that a woman in a suburb hanitc who was killed in a railroad wreck got $10,000 damages.

"And yet city folks say people are foolish to live in the suburbs."

In Safe Hands.

"I hear there is a big settlement on foot to weed out all unscrupulous lawyers in the United States."

"We investigated, and found there are no unscrupulous lawyers at the Plunkville bar."

"Who investigated?"

"Us lawyers."

Uncle Eben.

"You can't be sure every time," said Uncle Eben, "whether de man fat's always smilin' is a optimist or a good poker player."

Rest Those Worn Nerves

"Heavy Work Tires a Man Out"

Don't give up. When you feel all tired out, have backache, dizzy head to bear, and backache, dizzy headaches, queer pains and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder may mystify and discourage you. Don't give up. Get some fresh weak kidneys and bladder that you only need to be strengthened. Try to make you well. Work is a blessing, and sickness a danger of despondency and hopeless despair. Don't do that. Don't stop. Don't sorrow.

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Big Hits.

"I heard a new patriotic song at a vaudeville show last night. It knocked."

"And I heard a patriotic argument outside the show. They was a knocked in that, too."

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Children who are delicate, feverish and cross should be given Dr. King's New Life Pills to clean the bowels, tone the liver, regulate the stomach, act on the liver, and are recommended and guaranteed by all druggists to do good work. Only 25c per box. Sample free at any druggists, Dr. Kennedy's FREE Address, A. E. Kingsford, Oswego, N. Y.

Of Course.

"I think those for collars that come up to the ears are sensible. I wouldn't wear one to save my neck."

"And yet that's what they are usually worn for."

Smile, smile, beautiful clear white skin. Red Cross Ball Blue, 5c. Adv.

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FIRST "DICTAGRAPH" IN USE

"Ear of Dionysius" Got as Good Results as Does the Modern Invention for Use of Eavesdroppers.

Sicily is rich in Greek antiquities. Some of the most interesting vestiges are on the outskirts of the old town of Syracuse. A very popular one is the "Ear of Dionysius" in the Latomia del Paradiso, an old quarry used as a prison by the Greeks. The walls of this quarry are over 100 feet high, and the shape of the roof is that of a lofty dome—all chief work, done by monarch, slaves. The idea was to prevent any possibility of escape on the part of the hapless prisoners confined here, and as a further precaution Dionysius had chiseled out, in the solid rock a vast cavity, very similar, as seen from without, in a human ear, by means of which he is said to have listened to the conversation of the captives. The interior of the cavity is in the shape of the letter "S," and gradually tapers until at the extreme summit you might perceive a small hole through which the daylight entered. It was here that Dionysius had his eavesdropping. The acoustic properties of this "ear" are extraordinary, the slightest whisper being distinctly audible, while a loud noise, like the slamming of the door which gives access to the "ear," produces a rapid succession of deafening reports.—Wide World Magazine.

Afraid of Death.

"The people of Mexico, said the wise Hacon, "frightens us more than death itself." The king of torture has no terrors that we have not lent him. And yet who would disagree with the sentiment of the unhappy Oscar Wilde? "Death is the only thing that ever terrifies me! I hate it. One can survive everything nowadays except death."

But Wilde did not hate death when it finally came to release his harassed and broken spirit. Reason and common sense bid us neither to hate nor to fear death, but simply to ignore it until the hour comes, and then to accept it just as we accept life. A Roman stoic philosopher was discoursing one day on life and death.

"They are just the same," he said; "there is no difference between them. "Why don't you die, then, if there is no difference?" one of the disciples asked.

"Because there is no difference," returned the philosopher.—Boston Globe.

An American.

A native of any part of North or South America, is literally an American, since he is a native of one of the American continents. Moreover, has narrowed the term so that it is confined to be a citizen or native of the United States of America. A native of Canada, Mexico, Central or South America is known as a "Canadian," "Mexican," "Brazilian," "Guatemalan," or the like. The reason for the usage does not lie in any desire that the United States preempts, stands for, or overshadows the other parts of the western hemisphere, but simply in the fact that, while Canada, Mexico, Brazil, the United States of Colombia, etc., are words which admit of adjective formation, "American" is the only adjective which can be formed from the name of our country. Try to derive from Canada, Mexico, etc., adjectives, etc.

Making a Concrete Buoy.

Reinforced concrete during the last few years has been invading many fields which hitherto have been considered as belonging exclusively to the domain of the steel industry. Illustrations of this fact is the construction of a concrete buoy at King Sound, Jamaica.

It is stated that the cost is only about 24 per cent of the cost of a similar buoy made of steel.

The greatest mooring chain from injuring the bottom of the buoy the latter is made concrete. The machine cover was grooted into its place after the buoy was afloat. Leakage is barred by means of a pump-hole.

Feats of Older Drinking.

Will older—which it was drunk in Eng land even in the days of the Romans—increase in popularity? Is it escaping the new tax taxation? A century or so ago enormous quantities were consumed, more particularly in the country, where the drink is still popular. In his Cambridge reminiscences Henry Gunning says that in 1791 when he was a fellow of Benedict shire he witnessed some extraordinary feats in older drinking. The laborers were allowed to drink as much as they liked, and it was not unusual for a man to put his liga to a wooden cask containing a gallon of ale and remove them until he had emptied it."—Exchange.

Fate and Character Alike.

It took the world man generations to recognize the fact that character is truth that fate and character were the same. Even now, though it is advocated virtually by all creeds and by all persons who think about the matter, it is rather an idealistic theory than a practical reality. To take it into the mind and heart, to make the fact so sufficiently to put it in control of the feelings, to give it, in short, the power to transform, to turn from wayward and contradictory theories and to make it right start in living.

A Powerful Physique

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"I took your Compound before baby was born and feel I owe my life to it."—Mrs. WINNIE MILLER, Winter Haven, Florida.

BUSINESS IN CANADA IS GOOD

Successful Crops and Big Yields Help the Railway.

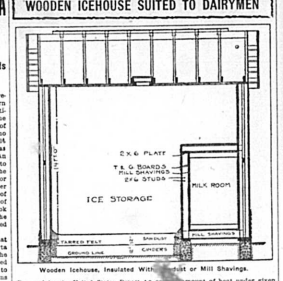
The remarkable fields that are reported of the wheat crop of Western Canada for the harvest of 1915 promise of an average yield over the three western provinces of upward of 25 bushels per acre. There is no question of this great wheat of 25,000 square miles in which the crop was harvested and the yields abundant. An American farmer who was induced to purchase a quarter section of land in Canada had been holding for five years for the purpose of speculation and higher prices, says that he made the price of the land out of this year's crop of oats. No doubt, others, too, who took the advice of the Department of the Interior to cultivate the uncultivated land, have done as well.

But the story of the great crop that Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta produced this year is best told in the language of the railways in the added cars that it has been necessary to place in commission, the extra trains required to be run, the increased tonnage of the grain shipments.

It is found that railway earnings continue to improve.

The C. P. R. earnings for the second week in September showed an increase of $762,000 over last year, the total being only $1,000,000 less than the gross earnings of the corresponding week of 1913, when the Canadian Pacific made a new record for that date. The increase in the C. P. R. earnings for the corresponding week of that year was only $251,000, or less than half of the increase reported for this year. The grain movement in the West within the last month has taxed the resources of the Canadian roads as never before, and has tested the terminal facilities. The C. P. R. is handling 5,000 cars of grain a day, and the Canadian G. T. R. and the C. N. R. are also making new records. Between the 1st and 7th day the W. Grant Morden, of the Canada Steamships Company, the largest grain shipping company, cleared from Upper Lakes, brought down a cargo of 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, two years of Canadian shipping. Records are "going" and it is the discipline of the fall, due to Canada's record crop. The heaviest movement of the season through the port of New York ever known is reported for the period up to October 15th, when since shipments of the new crop began in August, 1,245,731 bushels have been reloaded for England, France and Italy. This is the export season for Canadian wheat. New York gets the overflow in competition with Montreal.—Advertisement.

WOODEN ICEHOUSE SUITED TO DAIRYMEN



Wooden Icehouse, Insulated With Cinders and Mill Shavings.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Among typical designs for farm icehouses suited to dairymen, the United States department of agriculture offers the following suggestion for a wooden icehouse, insulated with sawdust or mill shavings:

Framing.—All framing used should be dry, square-edged, sawed fair and full to the sizes given, and should not consist any of the following defects: Worm holes, shakes, heart pith, warped, twisted, or unevenly sawed lumber, rotten or unsound knots. Bises to be as shown on drawings.

Boards.—All boards used should be dry, square-edged, free from knots, from loose knots, heart centers, shakes, or splits, and should be dressed and tongued and grooved. Floor boards should be tongued and grooved.

Papers.—All paper used should be heavy waterproofed insulating paper.

1 x 6 BOARDS
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2 x 4 STUDS
2 x 4 STUDS
1 x 6 BOARDS
1 x 6 BOARDS
1 x 6 BOAR