The BALL of FIRE

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CHAPTER XXII—Continued.

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"Good evening," he said formally.

"Good evening," she replied, and he went out of the door.

When he had gone, she flew up to her rooms, her first coherent thought being that she had accomplished it! She had seen Allison, and had given him her definite answer, and had gotten him out of the house while the others were back in the billiard room. She had held up splendidly, but she was weak now, and quivering in every limb, and she sank on her divan, supported on one outstretched arm; and in this uncomfortable position she took up the eternal question of Gail. The angry tears of mortification sprang into her eyes!

The library was quite steadily devoted to Vedder court tonight. A highly important change had come into the fortunes of Market Square church. It was as if a stone had been thrown in to a group of cardboard houses. All the years of planning had gone the way of the wind, and the card houses had all to be built over again. The [illegible]

which sent his heart out to her in quick sympathy.

"I think I'll play hooky," he announced, with a twinkle in the eyes which he now cast upon his mother.

"That's being a good sport," approved Ted. "Stay away a Sunday or two, and Market Square church will appreciate you better."

"Let's have some music," demanded Lucile.

"Gail and Doctor Boyd must sing for you," announced Aunt Grace, in whom there was a trace of wistfulness. "They do sing so beautifully together!"

"I'm afraid I can't tonight," refused Gail hastily, and indeed she had good reason why her voice should not have its firm and true quality just now. "I will accompany Doctor Boyd, though, with pleasure," and she started toward the music room.

Rev. Smith Boyd was cut off from the ordinary lies about not being in good voice, and suffering from a slight cold, and such things. He hesitated a moment, and then he followed.

The Bedouin Love Song, the Garden [illegible]

monwealth, but who had been more brilliant in construction than they had been in reaping the rewards of their building. It was for Allison to do this. It had been his specialty; the reaping of rewards. It had been his faculty to permit others to build, to encourage them in it, and then, when the building was done, to wrest it away from the builders. That marked him as the greatest commercial genius of his time; and he had much applause for it.

Women. Yes, there had been women, creatures of a common mold with whom he had amused himself, had taken them in their freshness, and broken them, and thrown them away; this in his earlier years. But in his maturity he had bent all his strength to a greater passion; the acquirement of all those other things which men had wanted and held most dear, among them acquisition, and power, and success. Perhaps it had been bad for him, this concentration, for now it left him at the height of his maturity, with mistaken fancies, with long pent fires, with disproportionate desires. Bringing to these, he had the tremendously abnormal moral effect of never having been thwarted in a thing upon which he had set his mind, and of believing, by past accomplishment, that anything upon which he had set his wish must be his, or else every victory he had ever gained would be swept aside and made of no value. He must accomplish, or die!

He was without God, this man; he had nothing within him which conceded for a moment a greater power than his own. In all his mental imagery, which was rich enough in material things, there was no conception of a deity, or of a need for one. To what should he pray, and for what [illegible]

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CHAPTER XXIII.

Gail First!

[illegible]

CHAPTER XXIV.

The Flutter of a Sheet of Music.

Gail, in a pretty little rose-colored morning robe, [illegible]

A Flame Raged Through His Veins Which Fairly Shook Him.

[illegible]

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Beauty and Drains

[illegible]

Our First Naval Hero.

[illegible]

Peacres in England

[illegible]

Be Generous in Praise.

[illegible]

Daily Thought.

[illegible]

Try This.

[illegible]

Painting Walls.

[illegible]

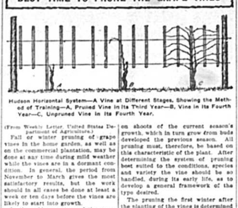
That Ought to Cure Her.

[illegible]

Air for the Human House.

[illegible]

BEST TIME TO PRUNE THE GRAPE VINES



Hudson Horizontal System—A Vine at Different Stages, Showing the Method of Training—A, Pruned Vine in Its Third Year—B, Vine in Its Fourth Year—C, Unpruned Vine in Its Fourth Year.

(From Weekly Letter, United States Department of Agriculture.)

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Parrales System, Showing System of Training and the Arrangement of the Wires.

[illegible]

SPOILED SILAGE IS HARMFUL TO STOCK

Poisonous Feed Should Be Hauled to Some Part of Field Out of Cattle's Reach.

[illegible]

KEEP GARDEN SOIL FREE FROM LUMPS

Seedbed Should Consist of Well-Firmed and Fine Earth—Large Clods Are Injurious.

[illegible]

REMOVE ALL TRASH FROM THE ORCHARD

Many Insects and Fungous Diseases Can Be Destroyed During Cold Winter Months.

[illegible]

Clean Farming Pays Best.

[illegible]

To Drill Earthenware.

[illegible]

Advantage of Thinning.

[illegible]

PULVERIZED SOIL IS BETTER THAN CLODS

Plantfood Already in Ground Is More Accessible—Land Rendered More Fertile.

[illegible]

Mistake In Feeding.

[illegible]

Avoid Water After Feeding.

[illegible]

Value of the Mule.

[illegible]

When Housework Drags

[illegible]

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GOWANS Rub-It-On

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM

[illegible]

Often Food Makes or Breaks

[illegible]

Grape-Nuts

FOOD

[illegible]

"There's a Reason" for Grape-Nuts

Sold by Grocers.

No Such Thing.

[illegible]

Failed.

[illegible]

Now They Don't Speak.

[illegible]

Probably.

[illegible]

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THOUSANDS HAVE KIDNEY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT

[illegible]

Art Talk.

[illegible]

No Laughing Matter.

[illegible]

How Is That?

[illegible]

Who Owned the Train?

[illegible]

PREPAREDNESS!

[illegible]

THE KITCHEN CABINET

SYMPOSIUM OF SOUPS.

[illegible]

GOOD THINGS FOR THE TABLE.

[illegible]

Nellie Maxwell

Getting at His Motive.

[illegible]

Jolly Time Ahead.

[illegible]

Tribute to Femininity.

[illegible]

CREOSOTE FOR POSTS AND WIRE FENCING

Four Barrels Used With the Alternate Ones Heated by Means of Fire Beneath the Extended Ends of the Pipe.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

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Small Treating Outfit for Poles and Posts in Which Metal Drums, In Which the Creosote Was Shipped, Are Used for the Tank—The Operator Carelessly Allowed the Creosote to Boil Over and the Whole Thing Caught Fire.

A Specially Constructed Treating Outfit With Boiler for Steam Heat Creosote and a Crane for Handling Posts and Poles.

LOCATION FOR A HENHOUSE

Care Should Be Taken to Avoid Dampness and Secure Proper Ventilation for the Fowls.

[illegible]

BIG YIELD FROM PURE SEED

Quite Evident That Seed Growing Is Fairly Remunerative Business—Interesting Figures.

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SAVE-THE-HORSE

[illegible]

PUPIL NURSES NEEDED March 1st and April 1st

[illegible]

Simplicity Incubators

[illegible]

Garden Flower and Field Seeds

[illegible]

MOTHER! LOOK AT CHILD'S TONGUE

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

[illegible]

BIG EATERS HAVE BAD KIDNEYS AND BACKACHE

Take a Glass of Salts at Once If Your Back Is Hurting or Kidneys and Bladder Trouble You.

[illegible]

QUITE A REGULAR ATTENDANT

[illegible]

Setting Her Right.

[illegible]

Naughtyism.

[illegible]

Of Course.

[illegible]

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

[illegible]

WOMAN AVOIDS OPERATION

Medicine Which Made Surgeon's Work Unnecessary.

[illegible]

THE NEWEST REMEDY FOR BACKACHE, RHEUMATISM AND DROPSY

[illegible]

MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS FOR CHILDREN

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PATENTS

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HEALTH WEEK BIG SUCCESS IN BOSTON

Remarkable Evidence Proves Varney of Var-ne-sis Fame Has Found Remedy for Rheumatism

Wall of Var-ne-sis Boston Exhibition Photographed Recently.

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