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"HER FLING"

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CHAPTER 72

"Will you come at once?"
Hurry!
I had just awakened. My mother's trembling voice brought back to me the agony of the night. He must be worse.
I ran to her door, stood stricken. She was sitting at her desk, her head bowed on her folded arms. The receiver dangled to the floor. I could think of one thing—my father had died.

"What has happened, mother?"
She didn't answer. A dull and trembled a moment—was hushed.
"Where you calling the doctor?"
She nodded—abruptly forced her face to its stern repose.
"Is he worse, mother?"
The corners of her lips drew down.
"He is dying, Gail."
My father stirred as though our voices pierced. He began to talk. Mother knelt at the bed. I heard her whisper:
"She is here, William."
His eyes lifted nervously, met mine.
"That \$8,000, Gail. It's yours."
"Oh, father, don't think about it."
"You'll take it?" It was a plea.
"Yes."
A long pause, with only those wracking, labored gasps, the incessant dilating of his nostrils, then he began to struggle with words.

"Don't mourn, Louise."
"William, you are better."
His hand fumbled for hers.
"I'm done. Let Gail have her share. Share and share."
I dropped on my knees. "Don't worry, father. Don't trouble for me. I don't care."
His voice became audible, stern, ending in a quivering moan, "I care! Let me die in peace."

Mother was shaking, her face pressed against my father's hand. "It was wrong, Louise, wrong."
"No, father. Oh, don't speak of it."
"I'm sorry, Gail."
"Everything is all right now, father."
"This home is yours. Stay here."

I felt my mother's form stiffen against me. But he kept on:
"Remember, Louise—share and share."
"Whatever you wish, William. But you are not going. You are better. The doctor says so."
He glanced about avidly. Mother whispered: "He is coming. See—he is here."

Late in the afternoon, when Grant had come for the third time, I walked downstairs with him.
"You ought to tell mother, Grant. She will blame you if he dies before morning."

"He is improving, Gail. Wait till tomorrow."
That night he sat up again. And I sat up half of it, watching, awed at the tireless vigilance, the gentleness. My mother's hand was not kinder when it smoothed his pillow than was his. I would have stayed till morning, but he came and took my hands as he had the night before, saying, "You must sleep a little, Gail."

"When do you rest, Grant?"
"I'll leave soon. He is better. You don't think he will die?"
"No."
"Then you have saved him. Oh, no one else could have done it!" I buried my face against his arm and for an instant he held me. "I love you so much, Grant."

"Darling!"
It seemed but a moment until my one was standing at my bed. I sat up quivering. Rosalie was there with a tray. Sun streamed through the rose drapes. And mother was there, too.
There was a light, a transfiguration on her face. Without a word, she stepped down and kissed me. Her eyes were wet with tears.

She closed her eyes, a sob of relief running to her lips.
"He is better, mother?"
"He is better, Gail. He has slept and he is better."
I followed her softly. My father, propped on the pillows, raised eyes that were almost joyous. Now he did not press his side. Grant, behind me, standing, and laughing at him.
"You seem all well, father!"
"Oh, how glad we are!"
He looked at Grant as though he were a god, smiled: "He did it, Gail."

"He said, quietly: 'He worked the miracle.'"
"I thought I was gone, Louise."
"William!" Mother stood over him, her eyes tender, quivering with prayer. "We should be thankful."
"Otis couldn't have done it. The man is a wizard."
"Yes," mother repeated; "a miracle."
"How thankful we should be, Gail. Much has been given us."
"Yes, a great deal."
"This doctor has saved your father's life. I didn't think he could do it."
"He is a considered brilliant, mother."

"It was kind of you to stay, Gail. You will not leave the house now—no yet?"
"Do you want me, mother? If you do, I will stay till he is better."
"Then stay, dear. You have helped me."
I didn't go to the store that day. The next day was Sunday. Grant, behind me, standing, and laughing at him. Father's eyes followed him, glowing with admiration, with gratitude.

"You had a tough time with me, doctor?"
"You didn't enjoy it much yourself, did you?"
"I never expected to draw a free breath again. What relief!"
When he was gone, he turned to me: "He is a musician, Gail."
"In a way, yes, father."
"Lucky for me Otis wasn't here."
"He would have given the same treatment, father."

"Not much!" There was a touch of his accustomed brusqueness in the bars, Union, Oregon, is completing preparations for its eighteenth annual annual livestock show June 9, 10 and 11. Weather permitting this year's show will set a new record for attendance and quality of exhibits. W. H. Vogel, manager, declares.

Wednesday will be children's day and feature Elgin, Oregon county fair town. Thursday will be Union and Baker county day and Friday will be Wallawa day. New barns and exhibit houses have been constructed to take care of increased entries. Racing programs will be held each afternoon.

53 FOREST FIRES ARE REPORTED IN OREGON
(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PORTLAND, Ore., June 4.—Fifty-three forest fires were reported to the local forest office from the 22 national forests of the Portland district before June 1. This was shown by a report today. This is more than twice the number for the same period last year, which was considered an average season. The fires burned over 1715 acres of government land and 555 acres of private land, mostly old burns. Two persons were convicted of causing fires and several other cases are pending.

Causes of the fires are listed as follows: Lightning 13, brush burning 12, smokers 11, lumbering 6, camping 4, railroads 2 and miscellaneous 4.

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Apprentices in a laboratory are not paid, father. I left when I learned that."
He kept his eyes on the thin hands with the fingers spread: "You had some money."
"I went for the hotel room and for meals. I had none. I owed money when I left."
"You had nothing?"
"Nothing."
His low voice trembled. "Did you go without eating?"
"I managed, father."
"You wanted to go on with this other work?"
"Yes. It was an opportunity, working with him."
A dull flush swept into his face; he pressed his hands hard against the chair, looked up quietly:
"If you'd had that \$8,000, Gail, you would keep speaking of that, father?"
"If you'd had it, would you have remained?"
"Yes."
"Does the doctor know this, Gail? Does he know why you had no money?"
It would have been cruelly to speak the truth. I evaded.
"He was in Boston when I left, father."
"You can go back, Gail. You can begin again."
"No, father, not now. It is too late."

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HELEN WILLS IMPROVING, BUT WILL MISS CONTEST
(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, June 5.—Helen will be able to play tennis in six weeks. Mrs. Wills, mother of the American champion, told The Associated Press today.
"But," she added, "that, unfortunately, will be too late for Wimbledon. Helen is doing so well that she will be able to leave the hospital in two weeks, but she will not play before she returns to the United States."
This would seem to indicate that Mrs. Wills is of the opinion that Helen will be able to defend her American championship in August.

In the opinion of followers of tennis here, Mrs. Molla B. Mallory, former American champion, will take the place of Miss Wills in the Wimbledon cup matches in England. Mrs. Mallory already is in England.

Studebaker builds no yearly models.

NINTH INNING RALLY GIVES ASHLAND VICTORY
(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MEDFORD, Ore., June 7.—The Ashland baseball team in the Southern Oregon league won its first game yesterday at Jackson Hot Springs by defeating Klamath Falls 7 to 6. Ashland, after trailing behind until the last half of the ninth with the score 6 to 3 against them, staged a rally that netted four runs.

Ashtand..... 7 12 3
Klamath Falls..... 6 9 4
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JOSEPHINE TO INCREASE ACREAGE OF BROCCOLI
Josephine broccoli growers are making a concentrated effort to increase the acreage of broccoli plantings for next year. The low market of the past season is resulting in a substantial decrease in acreage in other sections. Roseburg reporting today that their plantings would undoubtedly be cut by 1500 acres and that their crop would not run over 600 or 600 cars, instead of the 1000 shipped this year. County Agent Howell was in communication with the Douglas county agent this morning and secured this information.

Local conditions are such that the Rogue valley broccoli comes on from two to three weeks later than the Douglas crop, which is considered an extremely favorable factor in the marketing of the crop. The growers are concentrating on late Ashby seed, in order that the crop will all ripen at once—Grants Pass Courier.

CALL FOR SCHOOL WARRANTS
All warrants of School Dist. No. 8, of Douglas County, Canyonville, Oregon, are called, up to and including No. 226. Interest ceases after this date, June 5, 1926. Jesse M. Newton, Clerk Dist. No. 8.

THOMAS COWAN DIES
WENATCHEE, Wash., June 7.—Thomas Cowan, age 75, pioneer orchardist of the valley, died Wednesday. He had resided in Chelan county 22 years. He was born in Douglas county, Oregon, January 18, 1854, locating in Whitman county, Washington,

where he resided from 1893 until 1904, when he moved to Entiat. He served as county commissioner for six years. Burial was at Colfax.

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