

The SECRET STUDIO

By Hazel Livingston

CHAPTER 6. THE ACTION SO FAR

Rosemary Merton, youngest daughter in a large family, rebels at her poor surroundings and dreams of romance and luxury. She is attending college and living at home, but lack of money prevents her from taking part in college social activities. Philip James, a young man who has been in Japan, comes home and Rosemary welcomes him happily. He kisses her and she imagines he is really in love with him, but is speedily disillusioned. She quits college and gets a job in a fashionable bookstore through a friend, Nina Clark. Rosemary's action allows her sister, Gertrude, to marry a man she has been waiting for years. Nina makes Rosemary buy a new town and charges it to herself, telling Rosemary she can pay her later. NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:

Rosemary, smartly clad, went sauntering back to work with Nina. The sick misgivings of a few short minutes ago were gone. She'd explain to Ma and Gertrude. They'd understand.

"I'm going to stay down here in the basement a while and check over some new cases that just came in," Nina said, pointing to the two big boxes the shipping clerk was opening.

She felt a little lost without Nina. The others were busy, but there wasn't anything for her to do but dust. Well, dusting was fun; you could look through the books as you dusted them. "Irish Fairy Tales," illustrated by Arthur Rackham! She looked at the pictures, dipped into the text.

"Believe in fairies?"

Rosemary jumped.

Somebody was looking over her shoulder. Black hair he had, Rosemary noticed, that contrasted strikingly with his light gray eyes and the paleness of his well-made clothes.

He was frankly admiring. And his face was close to hers. The quick color dyed Rosemary's cheeks. She didn't know how to answer.

"I guess you don't know who I am!" He blew a smoke ring and leaned back against the book shelves, a handsome, boyishly content figure.

"Graham is my name, Gordon Graham," he paused, impressively. "Doob," said Rosemary. And that was all. Just "Doob!"

He was liking her better every minute. Some baby! The old man was sure a picker!

He told her he was a doctor.

This is my afternoon off, but I'll have to be getting back. I'm a little nervous about that last laparotomy. He seemed about to explain some more.

Miss Merton, will you take that telephone call, please?" Mr. Graham, coming in the door, called to her.

"Perhaps Mr. Graham didn't like her talking to his son!" But the son followed her.

"Look here," he said. "I've got to be getting back to the hospital, but I'll be in again. How about a little lunch a week from today. We could amble across to the hotel. That hotel. She'd never been

there in all her life. And to have lunch, with a wonderful looking young doctor like Gordon Graham!

"I could let you know," she began vaguely.

"Let me know! What's the matter? Do you have to go home and look at your date book? If that's the case—"

"All right," she agreed. "What time?"

"Five minutes past 12. Meet you in the court. I'll be there. So long!"

He turned on his heel and she heard him talking to his father a moment later in the front of the store.

"I'll take this!" The old gentleman who had been reading in the corner thrust a book and a \$10 bill into her hand, and Rosemary's spirits soared still higher. She'd sold a book, and a \$7.50 book at that!

Mr. Graham was coming toward her, walking rapidly as he always did, his little eyes half closed.

"I sold a book for \$7.50!" Rosemary cried. "My first sale!"

"That's a good start," he said in his hard, clipped voice, with all the geniality gone. "Keep it up. But I was just going to say, Miss Merton, it is a bad idea to hold long conversations with the customers—or anyone. It doesn't look well. And, of course, no social engagements in connection. That's understood."

Nobody used the stairs at Graham's. Nobody but Nina.

Steepest and narrow and dirty, they wound their tortuous way from the basement where Nick, the shipping clerk, held forth, past the French gray elegance of the bookshop; past the work room of "Berthe Gown"; past the third floor Commercial Art studios up to the bare, like loft at the top of the building where Nina's friends, "the starving artists," worked.

So excellent was the elevator service, so crooked and narrow and boxed in the rear—the stairs that the occupants of the building would no more have thought of using—than of climbing down the fire escape. And this was a great help to Nina. It was a chance to slip away from Graham's watchful eye occasionally and a means of inconspicuously reaching the top floor.

Rosemary was introduced to the stairs on her second day.

Nina spread a newspaper and motioned Rosemary to sit beside her. "Now tell me about it. What are you worrying about?"

"Well, I'm afraid I've done something awfully wrong and I don't know how I'll ever get out of it now. Mr. Graham's son talked to me for a long time yesterday and before he left he asked me to have lunch with him—"

Nina snorted. "Dr. Graham!"

"Of all the nerve! I suppose he told you he was a great surgeon, too. That's his line, Snooky Graham is the biggest blowhard in seven counties, not excepting his sire—and that's going some. He isn't any more 'Dr.' than I'm 'Professor.' He is simply a student, and if you ask me he'll flunk the state board exam sure as shooting."

Rosemary turned her head away. Her chin quivered. She liked Dr. Graham. He'd been lovely to her. . . .

Nina went on. "Graham is a climber. He's got to the point where

a good paying business at the Rotary Club and Kiwanis and so on, aren't exclusive enough for him. He yearns to bust into the Union and one of the real snobby golf clubs. For about two years he's been planning to marry Snooky off to a society but, and every time Snooky looks at a poor, honest, working girl, Graham has a picture of them putting the padlocks on the country club to keep him out. Now, do you get the drift?"

"But it isn't fair."

"Nothing's fair. Now, Rosemary, if you want to get ahead in the world don't stand around the edges talking about what's fair and what isn't. Never mind. Just note the way the wind is blowing and keep out of the dust."

A door creaked upstairs. Rosemary sprang in her feet in a panic. A bell jangled loudly, sending echoes spiraling down the stairs.

"That's just the boys, indicating that tea is ready. They make a noise like that every afternoon, and if Graham isn't buzzing around too near I sneak up the stairs . . . the more you know about these stairs the better you'll like 'em! Come on, I told everybody I'd bring you up to the Secret Studio. That's what we call it."

"But hadn't I better . . . suppose he should miss us . . . I think I ought to stay in the store, Nina—"

"Oh, nonsense!" said Nina. "If he was looking for us Hall would have called us."

"Hall?"

"Hal Seagrave, the one I told you writes poetry. He's one of the gang. Come on—it's all right—"

So they climbed the stairs, panting a little, and Rosemary thinking: "I shouldn't be going up. He might miss me."

And then they were at the top and Nina was calling. "Here we are! Here's Rosemary! Rosemary, the one with the dirtiest smock—"

Right here! Right here! And John, and the banister, and over there hiding behind his feet in the Larry. Now you know everybody. Where's Ellen? Isn't she coming up?"

"No, she had to go skaten a pair of shoes or a tomato can or something for Greeves. He works her like a dog!"

"The coffee's boiling over. Larry broke a cup . . ."

"All right, he drinks out of the shaving mug . . ."

An artist's tea! Was this the way artists had tea. And were all artists like this? Just a big bare room, with broken chairs and kitchen tables, and rubbish in the corners! But weren't they nice! Why, it was just as if you had known them for years. Everybody talking and laughing and squabbling . . . and making her one of them.

"Don't give Rosemary all the pie for heaven's sake save me a piece, I bought it!"

"Pour me another cup of coffee, will you, Rosemary? Look out, the handle's loose . . . at a girl! Really, how awfully tells me you would a mean drink!"

Nina smiled as she watched.

"Larry, will you stop making love to Rosemary and pass the rest of the pie?"

And then Nina standing up . . . so soon . . . just when they were having so much fun:

"Time to go back!"

"Goodbye . . . goodbye . . . see you tomorrow!"

"Rosemary! Wait a minute!" It was Larry, the tall, freckled one with the torn red sweater, calling in a stage whisper.

She smiled and laid her hand on Rosemary's.

"All right; see what he wants. I'll go ahead! And you can date him up if you want to. He's an orphan!"

She tiptoed on down the stairway and Rosemary waited, her heart beating high.

(To be continued.)

GRANTS PASS-TO-COAST RAILWAY PROMOTER GETS CRESCENT CITY RIGHTS

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 20.—J. Stewart Clarke, independent railroad promoter, was last night given a six-mile right-of-way on wharfage and railroad trackage rights at Crescent City, Cal., by the Crescent City council.

Clarke already had secured an option, for the same length of time, of the 14 miles of railroad out of Grants Pass, owned by this city. Options are contingent on bona fide railroad construction between this city and the coast.

That Clarke has some definite plan was indicated last night when he was given a right to erect a power plant, to furnish power for the electrification of the road. He was restricted from use of the power plant for any other purpose than railroad electrification.

Front street right of way was refused by the council. This would have given Crescent City's only street along the ocean to the railroad. Trackage to the ocean was granted, however.

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The annual meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayers' League will be held at the Moore hall at 10 a. m. Saturday, November 27th. Annual election of officers and 1927 budget to be considered. All taxpayers whether members of the league or not will be welcome at this meeting.

D. N. BUSENBARK, Pres.

SENATOR SCHALL OFFERS HIS PLACE TO LYNN FRAZIER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 20.—In an effort to strengthen the Republican party in the coming session of congress, Senator Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota has offered to withdraw as ranking member of the senate Indian affairs committee provided Senator Lynn J. Frazier, of North Dakota, is re-elected into the party.

Schall is in line for the chairmanship of the committee as the present chairman, Senator Harold, of Oklahoma, was defeated in the recent election.

Schall is a member of the committee, but cannot succeed to the chairmanship because he was disciplined by the party two years ago for not supporting the administration.

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MARKETS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—Arrival of turkeys in the Portland market have not been in so large volume as had been expected but Saturday's and Sunday's receipts probably will be extremely heavy. Willamette valley, Umpqua valley

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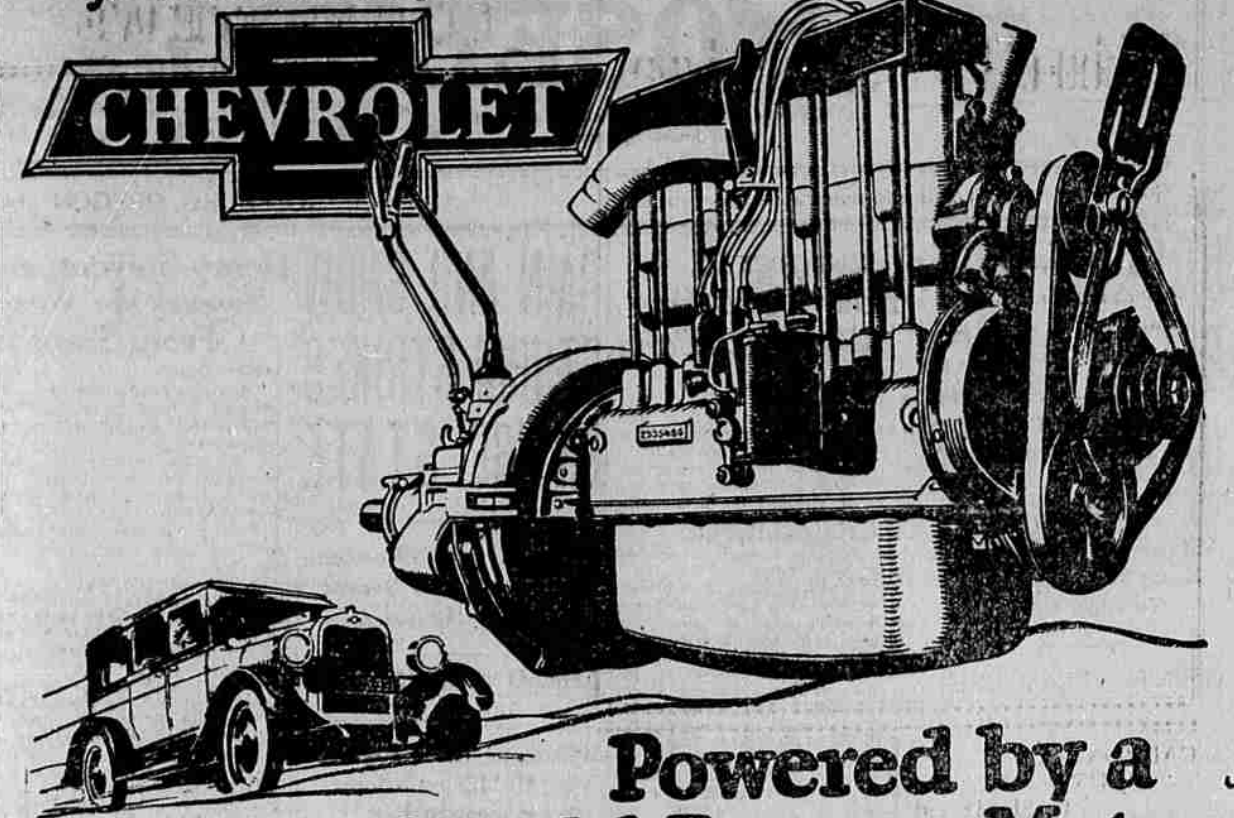
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and eastern Oregon producers are sending quantities to this market. So far much of the shipments have been forwarded to outside points, but commencing Monday turkeys will be absorbed quickly by Portland markets and retail stores. The market today is firm at 42 cents a pound for top quality, with 43 cents paid for some choicest selections. Second grade stuff is down as low as 35 cents dressed.

Live turkeys are in small supply at prices on a parity with dressed birds.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—Cattle: Compared with week ago, steers steady to 25c higher; other classes steady. Week's bulk prices for medium grade steers \$7 to \$8. A few good looks at \$8.25. Off quality heaves down to \$6.50 and under. Cows and heifers \$5.50 to \$6.75. Odd head good heifers up to \$7.25 and good cows up to \$6.50. Cutters \$4.50 down. Bulls \$4.50 to \$5; odd head \$5.50. Calves \$7.50 to \$8.50; few at \$9. Vealers mostly \$10 to \$11.50; a few at \$12. Off quality calves and vealers down to \$6 and under. A few light steers to feeder buyers at \$6 to \$7.

Hogs: Compared with week ago, killing classes mostly 50c lower. Feeder pigs steady and strong. Week's bulk prices for light butchers \$12.15 to \$12.35; top \$12.40 for one choice lot. Monday: Weightier butchers \$12.00 down; heavies \$11 to \$11.75. Packing sows \$8 to \$9.50. Feeder pigs extreme yscarce, mostly \$12.50 to \$13.15.

Sheep: Market nominally steady with a week ago. Particularly choice handy weight lambs quotable up to \$12; bulk of the kinds going at \$11 to \$11.50. Best handy-weight yearlings quotable up to \$10.75. Ewes \$6.00 down.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20.—Eggs steady. Current receipts 40c dozen; fresh mediums 33c; fresh standard firsts 41c; fresh standard extras 43c; undersized 25c.

Butter: Steady cubes, city 41c; standards 40c; prime firsts 39c; firsts 38c; prints 46c; cartons 47c.

Milk steady. Best churning cream 44c; 16c net shippers' track in zone 1. Cream delivered Portland 45c; 45c. Raw milk (4 per cent) \$2.25 cwt. f. o. b. Portland.

Poultry steady. (Loss 5 per cent commission) heavy hens 26c@27c; light 19c@20c; springs 22c@23c; pekin white ducks 24c; colored 15c; 17c; turkeys, live 30c@32c; dressed 39c@42c lb.

Vegetables: Steady—onions local 75c@1.00; Walla Walla 90c@1.10. Potatoes \$1.50@1.75 sack.

Nuts steady. Walnuts 25c@27c; filberts 18c@20c; almonds 19c@26c lb. Brazil nuts 14c@17c; Oregon chestnuts nominal; peanuts 8c@11c.

Cascara bark steady—8c lb.; Oregon grape root nominal. Hops steady 3 year contracts 22c@23c. 1926 futures 15c@30c; clusters 20c@22c.

Ivory beds \$6.75 at Powell's.

RADIO FANS HEAR GOOD TALKS AT CLUB MEETING

Talks by Mayor Honeck and H. M. Pierson were the features at the meeting of the Roseburg Radio Club held yesterday evening in the city hall. Both of the speakers have had years of experience in radio and were consequently well informed on the subject.

Mayor Honeck's talk was concerned with radio interference. He stated that the outside troubles which mar reception, may be divided into three classes—atmospheric electrical disturbances; stray waves given out by the power lines, flashing signs, household appliances, etc.; and interference caused by the radio stations themselves. Dr. Honeck discussed each division in detail, and told whether or not each could be eliminated.

He also discussed the White radio bill which is designed to control the radio situation that is now worrying radio officials.

Mr. Pierson spoke on three things of interest to radio fans—antennas, grounds, and "bootleg" tubes. He recommended stranded copper wire for the aerial, and a six foot piece of pipe driven into the earth for a ground. He emphasized the need of a good ground for the best quality reception. In the discussion on "bootleg" radio tubes he explained that a number of companies who have had some experience in making light bulbs, but who know nothing about the important details of tube manufacture are placing on the market large quantities of likely decorated, inferior radio tubes. It is claimed that these tubes are often short-lived, also. Mr. Pierson told of instances in which the reception of sets was greatly improved by using standard tubes.

T. H. Ness, local manager of the Copco, appeared in behalf of his company and assured the club of their most sincere cooperation.

An interesting time is being planned for the next meeting, December 5. All those interested

are urged to attend the next meeting.

Opened—Homelitching department in Fisher's Store. Mrs. F. F. Jones.

RUSSIAN STEAMER LADEN WITH MOVIES HAS LEAK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) MOSCOW, Nov. 20.—The commissariat of education has been informed that the steamship Baltic, carrying a cargo of Russian pictures to be exhibited in America, has sprung a leak and that most of the pictures are badly damaged.

The Moscow are expert. Professor Igo Graear, estimates the loss in excess by three or four times the sum of \$73,000 for which the pictures have been insured in America.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Oregon, 24 hours ending 5 a. m.

Relative humidity 5 p. m. yes. 79 Precip. in inches and hundredths: Highest temperature yesterday 56 Lowest temperature last night 47 Precipitation last 24 hours . . . 1.25 Total precip. since 1st month 5.15 Normal precip. for this month 4.37 Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1926, to date . . . 8.62

Average precip. from Sept. 1, 1927, to date . . . 6.19 Total excess from Sept. 1, 1926, to date . . . 2.13

Average precipitation for 44 wet seasons, (September to May, inclusive) . . . 31.12

Rain tonight and Sunday. ARTHUR W. PUGH, Meteorologist.

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