

# WHERE'S EMILY?

by Carolyn Wells

### CHAPTER XXVII.

"It is plain on the face of it," said Lal Singh, "Miss Duane is a creature of whimsies, of ephemeral likes and dislikes. She is tired of the not too amusing Rodney, and has merely stepped out of it all."

"Will she step back again?" "Assuredly. After the day fixed for the wedding is passed."

"Oh, Swami, I am so glad to hear this. Where has she gone?"

Nell's earnest eyes precluded all thought of insincerity, and the other replied:

"To the home of some friend who will care for her until after the wedding day."

"It's a mean trick," said Nell, thoughtfully.

"Aye, but Miss Duane is not thoughtful of the feelings or wishes of others."

"Be careful," said Nell, suddenly loyal "she's my friend."

"Of course. She is also my friend. She is also friend of the good Mr. Sayre, but she does not want to marry him. She does not want to marry anybody. The grande passion has not yet come to her."

"Oh, my lord! Do you think that? I thought she was crazy over Rod."

"No, that is your role."

Nell turned an angry face to his. The long almond-shaped eyes were gazing at her with an amused gleam. He was only teasing her and as a matter of fact she was not displeased about it.

"Do I, then, wear my heart on my sleeve?"

"To me many people wear their hearts on their sleeves. And if your friend Emily never returns, you will proceed to set your cap, I believe is the phrase—for the grandiloquent Sayre."

The impudence of the man was unbelievable, yet he made his speeches with no twinkle of the eye, with no suggestion of a smile on his lips, with no light inflection in his soft, deep voice.

"You're perfectly horrid! I shall never speak to you again!" she cried, goaded at last to anger.

"No? I think, yes. You are fascinated by me. Not in love with me—we are of different races—but you love to be with me, to hear me talk, to watch my countenance. Deny it—Nell!"

He was only playing with her emotions as he might idly finger a lute. His attitude was calm and distant, his face rather benign, but his dark eyes blazed with a half hidden fire that was meant to make its own appeal.

And Nell Harding, only nineteen, had never before had an experience like this, and she lapped it up as a cat laps cream.

"Nor was she caught napping. Most of her years had been spent in the last two decades, and they have been of educational interest to young people."

"Yes—oh, yes, my Swami, you are right. I do love to hear your voice, to watch the play of your expression—tell me more, but not about Emily. Tell me about myself—myself and you."

Nell's voice dropped to a soft whisper, and she moved a trifle nearer to the white-robed figure.

The Hindu began to feel a bit uncomfortable. The Hilldale ladies had hung on his words, they had worshiped at his shrine, but they hadn't struck just this note of intimacy.

He read Nell well enough to

know she meant nothing, but he couldn't tell just how far these meaningless nothings might go.

Anyhow, he concluded he'd better snap out of it, and he rose, saying it was time for him to keep an appointment.

"I'll go with you," Nell said, jumping up. "Let me go with you, and sit by you on the platform. I'll be your—what do you call it? Your control? Your aura?"

"Don't talk nonsense," he said, almost sharply, and she stopped.

He went away without rejoining the group on the terrace to say good-bye. In the conventions he was a law unto himself.

"I handed him one," said Nell, as she fell into a lounging chair. "He bullied me and I scared him. Now, we're even. But, look here. He says Emily jes' natchelly los' her tas'e for Rodney, and she's gone into retirement until after the wedding day, and then she'll emerge."

Sayre was not present, or even careless Nell wouldn't have said this.

"Well, that's rubbish," Lamb declared.

He had been greatly taken with Nell when they first came, but every day had lessened his regard for her.

"Can't help that, it's what he said."

"Then the fact that he said it bars it from further consideration."

Everybody was getting a little irritable. The strain of worry and fear was growing on them. The excitement of the tragedy, thrilling at first, was settling down to a depressing state of enforced idleness.

The theories had all been discussed, the possibilities all talked over, the conditions deplored, until now, everything that was said had been said before.

All waited and hoped for some new development.

Aunt Judy saw this and flung herself into the breach.

"Look here, Nell and Betty," she said, "Emily is away, but we've no real reason to think harm has come to her. We hope she's safe and sound wherever she may be. And she may blow in any minute. Now, you do something to amuse yourselves. Get up a little dance for this evening. There's no impropriety in that. Poor Polly's death doesn't touch us, so very 'loosely' she wasn't related, you know. I don't want you youngsters moping about, and nobody would think of inviting you, lest we feel hurt."

"God for you, Aunt Judy," Pete said. "You've the best notions of keeping up the morale of a crowd I ever heard of. Come on, girls, I'll help you with the list. Let's keep it small."

They all saw the common sense of the thing. Of course, left to themselves, Aunt Judy and Rod would never have thought of such a thing, but these young guests ought to be entertained, and Aunt Judy saw it clearly.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

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The average gas service in Roseburg is not more than fifty feet in length.—Adv.

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## CANNERY SITUATION OUTLINED IN TALK BY FRANK NORTON

An interesting talk on the cannery situation was presented before the chamber of commerce forum luncheon yesterday noon by Frank Norton, manager of the local plant.

The cannery, Mr. Norton said, was started in 1926 and since that time has issued only \$4,000 in stock. The cannery has largely been a one-man business since that time, he stated. As long as business was good, Mr. Norton said, the plant has been able to show profits. In 1928 the profit was \$8,000, in 1927 \$11,000, and in 1929 \$32,000.

The money earned on each season's operations, Mr. Norton said, was invested in machinery, equipment, and buildings, so that there was no reserve created, except the equity in the plant.

Last year's business at the outset of the season gave all indications of being the largest the company had known. An anticipated profit of \$44,000 was calculated, and the plant packed more than double its usual volume of products. The stock market crash, however, cut off all profits and left the business in a very serious state.

Business, Mr. Norton said, is now on the mend. There is still a surplus in many lines and prices are low, but indications are that there will be advances in some lines.

Conditions, however, are unsettled, particularly with regard to contract purchases. Last year, he stated, the cannery output was sold up to 75 per cent in advance, but due to the market slump there was an unprecedented number of cancellations. In many of these cases the contract could have been enforced, by litigation, but the cost would more than offset the gain.

Under these conditions the cannery is facing a shortage of funds and is unable to meet many of the obligations of last year, Mr. Norton said. The growers, recognizing the value and need for a cannery have shown a willingness to cooperate by accepting 3-year notes for 50 per cent of their claims, and common stock in the cannery for the balance.

A plan is also being advanced to put the cannery on a cooperative basis, which will result in a much better arrangement for the future, as federal money can be secured at much lower interest rates and for longer periods than now possible.

This is of great advantage, due to changes in buying methods as a result of chain store operations. Brokers instead of buying in advance as formerly, are now usually

buying large quantities for immediate delivery, making it necessary for the canneries to carry their goods longer than was previously the case.

The cannery, Mr. Norton stated, is to be kept in operation if at all possible. It will probably be necessary to call upon local business men to aid in carrying the plant for a time, but it is hoped to be able to go ahead to successful business, despite the handicaps of present conditions.

## RUINS OF FABLED CITY DISCOVERED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PHOENIX, Ariz., June 12.—W. J. Hanna, federal farm inspector, announced today the discovery of an ancient city in southwestern Arizona, believed by the Indians to be one of the fabled "seven cities of Cibola."

Hanna stumbled upon the ruins while roaming through the heart of a desert near the Mohawk mountains, 50 miles south of Palomas, Ariz.

Nearly levelled to earth the ruins are covered by the shifting sand dunes over an area six miles square. Traces of masonry and hard beaten thoroughfares appear. Grinding stones and their pestles, broken pieces of pottery and scattered about. A pre-historic water course is evident Hanna said and the remains of an elaborate irrigation system criss-cross it.

Legend tells that the "seven cities of Cibola" were built of gold.

## INVENTOR-PHILANTHROPIST ENDS LIFE WITH PISTOL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LOS ANGELES, June 12.—J. P. Baetley, 50, wealthy San Diego inventor and philanthropist, was found dead of a bullet in the head in his room at a fashionable Los Angeles hotel today. Investigation officials found a pistol with one discharged shell on the floor. A note declaring that he had been defrauded out of \$50,000 by "crooked lawyers abroad," stated, "I am ending it all."

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## BILL TO EXCHANGE REVESTED TRACTS GETS SENATE O. K.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—Exchange of revested Oregon and California grant land for timber land bordering Oregon highways has been authorized by the senate, and went to the house yesterday. The bill was sponsored by Senator McNary.

PORTLAND, June 13.—The McNary bill to permit the exchange of grant land on Oregon highways for private timber land was first suggested by the Bend Chamber of Commerce, and the movement was endorsed by the late Governor Patterson. Garden clubs and chambers of commerce of the state approved the plan and lent support.

The bill is designed to give the state title to such timberland as borders its highways, to the extent of one-half mile on either side of the road. This would permit the state to take whatever steps it desires in the matter of controlling unsightly signs and other objects tending to mar scenery.

## REEDSPORT REAL ESTATE DEALS ON THE INCREASE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

REEDSPORT, June 12.—If transactions in real estate are any indication, business in Reedspport is on the upward trend, according to reports from local real estate dealers. During the month of May there was more activity in real estate transfers than in any month for the past four years, it is stated. Business men also report a decided increase in sales.

## BOMB WRECKS HOME BUT HUMAN TARGET UNTOUCHED

LIVERMORE, Cal., June 12.—Fred Camp, 25-year-old University of California engineering student, told police today that a bomb which partially wrecked a Livermore home last night, was intended to kill him.

Camp, with Mr. and Mrs. C. Bon-

etti, owners of the place, and their daughter, Edith, 22, Camp's fiancée, had just left the front porch for the inside of the house when the crudely constructed bomb exploded. Police placed credence in the theory that a rejected suitor probably was responsible.

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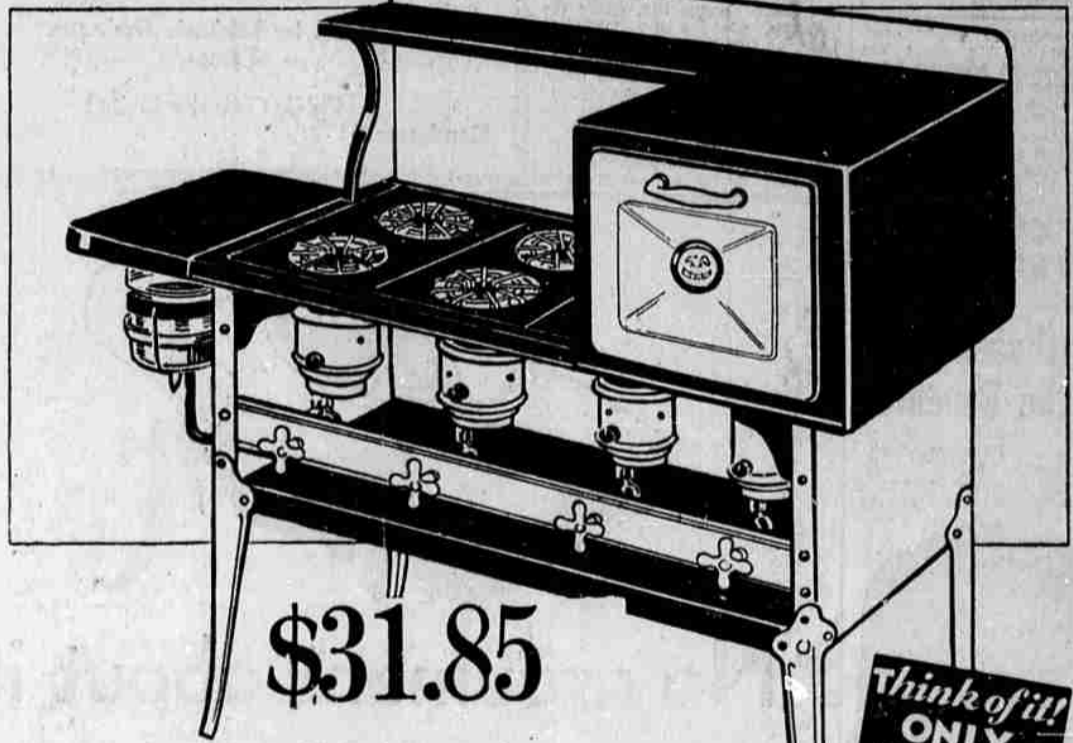
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