

# POLLY of the CIRCUS

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(Continued.)

CHAPTER X.

**D**OUGLAS dropped wearily on to the rustic bench. He sat with drooped head and unseeing eyes. He did not hear Polly as she scurried down the path, her arms filled with autumn leaves. She glanced at him, dropped the bright colored foliage and slipped quickly to the nearest tree. "One, two, three for Mr. John!" she cried as she patted the huge brown trunk.

"Is that you, Polly?" he asked absently.

"Now it's your turn to catch me," she said, lingering near the tree. The pastor was again lost in thought. "Aren't you going to play any more?" There was a shade of disappointment in her voice. She came slowly to his side.

"Sit here, Polly," he answered gravely, pointing to a place on the bench. "I want to talk to you."

"Now I've done something wrong," she pouted. She gathered up her garlands and brought them to a place near his feet, ignoring the seat at his side. "You might just as well tell me and get it over."

"You couldn't do anything wrong," he answered, looking down at her.

"Oh, yes, I could, and I've done it. I can see it in your face. What is it?"

"What have you there?" he asked, trying to gain time and not knowing



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how to broach the subject that in justice to her must be discussed.

"Some leaves to make garlands for the social." Polly answered more cheerfully. "Would you mind holding this?" She gave him one end of a string of leaves.

"Where are the children?"

"Gone home."

"You like the children very much, don't you, Polly?" Douglas was striving for a path that might lead them to the subject that was troubling him.

"Oh, no, I don't like them; I love them." She looked at him with tender eyes.

"You're the greatest baby of all." A puzzled line came between his eyes as he studied her more closely. "And yet you're not such a child, are you, Polly? You're quite grown up—almost a young lady." He looked at her from a strange, unwelcome point of view. She was all of that as she sat at his feet, yearning and slender and fair, at the turning of her seventeenth year.

"I wonder how you would like to go away"—her eyes met his in terror—"away to a great school," he added quickly, flinching from the very first hurt that he had inflicted. "where there are a lot of other young ladies."

"Is it a place where you would be?" She looked up at him anxiously. She wondered if his "show" was about to "move on."

"I'm afraid not," Douglas answered, smiling in spite of his heavy heart.

"I wouldn't like any place without you," she said decidedly and seemed to consider the subject dismissed.

"But if it was for your good," Douglas persisted.

"It could never be for my good to leave you."

"But just for a little while," he pleaded. How was she ever to understand? How could he take from her the sense of security that he had purposely taught her to feel in his house?

"Not even for a moment," Polly answered, with a decided shake of her head.

"But you must get ahead in your studies," he argued.

She looked at him anxiously. She

was beginning to be alarmed at his persistence.

"Maybe I've been playing too many periscuous games."

"Not periscuous, Polly, promiscuous."

(To be continued.)

### CENTRAL POINT ITEMS.

(The Herald.)

Harry Beal, who has been visiting Fort Klamath, returned last Sunday.

L. F. Redcliffe made a short excursion into the mountains Saturday and returned with a fine fat venison.

Mrs. J. H. Grove has returned to town from the farm and is living in the Williams telephone office building.

Ensley Brothers of Sams Valley have purchased A. Wood's place in the north part of town and have moved here for the winter.

Mrs. Koch of Pacific Grove, Cal., and Mrs. Fine of Plush, Or., are here visiting their mother, Mrs. S. C. Minnick.

Work is progressing rapidly on the cement block walls of the Freeman building, for which Jones Brothers, the cement block manufacturers, have the contract.

O. A. Mintoyne, who sold a valuable tract of fruit land in the Hurley neighborhood last spring, is here this week from Coquille, where he has purchased 35 acres adjoining the town. He is well pleased with that part of Oregon.

J. A. Mann and family returned Saturday morning from the DeArmond hop yards, where they have been for several weeks. Mr. Mann says that while the quality of the hop crop is excellent this year, the crop is light and the picking not so good as usual.

Maxwell Mears, Sr., and family arrived from Portland recently to take up their residence in their beautiful new home at Table Rock. Mr. Mears has had built on his Table Rock farm a modern stone and cement bungalow, which is one of the handsomest homes in the valley.

Work has commenced on a new dwelling on Mrs. Hensley's lots on Manzanita street, which will replace the one recently destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Jeffers and daughter, who have been visiting relatives here for a week or so, left for their home at Boise, Idaho, Friday evening.

B. F. Wade and family have returned from the DeArmond hop yards near Grants Pass, where they spent a few weeks enjoying the pleasant hop yard life.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Hopkins returned from Portland Thursday morning, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Hopkins' mother, Mrs. Annie Woodward, on Wednesday.

B. Conner, the popular young ranch man of Table Rock, is suffering from an attack of typhoid fever at Medford. His many friends will hope for

a speedy recovery to his usual health.

Work on the new postoffice building is progressing rapidly, and the Williams, owner of the building, is sprouting a chin whisker and getting his striped trousers, stovepipe hat and clawhammer coat ready for the celebration of the completion of the new building about October 1, when Mr. Williams will take the part of Uncle Sam.

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BASS & HALE.  
Dated September 15, 1909.