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MICKIE SAYS



THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE

To elucidate the motive of her Band of Mercy work, Mrs. Bernal, of Woodmere, submits the following from the Humane Education Press Bureau:

The hope of our cause is in education. We do not like the prosecuting and the punishment side of the work. The teacher, the Band of Mercy organizer in the public schools, is preventing a hundred prosecutions in the future, says our 'Dumb Animals." She is doing it also without engendering bitterness, without taking any money from violators of the law or giving them a court record. It's one thing to go into a field and cut out foul and noxious weeds, and another to reap a golden harvest from a well-cultivated and well-seeded piece of

ground. Give us the children to train; let us teach them the claims of all life upon them for justice and kindness. and in the years to come there will field will be yielding a bountiful crop of goodness where otherwise one would have to root up cruelty and

Today we must prosecute. There are men who refuse to listen to persuasion, who have no compassion on their animals, who deliberately put poor horse till someone discovers the

There are men who will starve wildest weather. These men have no fear of anything but the lawsome of them not much fear of that. Yet even these, as children, might have been taught the lessons that would have changed their whole attitude toward animals

If we had a million dollars we beto yield such returns for character, and good citizenship generally, as devoted to training the children of and which it has been spreading story. broadcast now for a quarter of a

Occasionally some one finds fault with another because he has given largely to our work. "Animals," he says, "how can any one give for them when children go uncared for!" the child and second for the animal. tens of thousands of children who are not hungry or naked or homeless, but who are to be the citizens of the future and who, growing up humane, just, fair-minded, kind, will change many of the conditions which now bring misery to childhood and the darkness. untold suffering to animals.

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By ELMER GUY BOAG

7135 Fifty-seventh Avenue, S. E. The wind was dolefully moaning and howling through the city streets, carrying a light rift of snow and rain. I felt miserable-perhaps because I had been working on a grewsome story plot all the afternoon, or possibly, insufficient fresh air-so I left my typewriter and hurried down the somewhat deserted street toward the Louvre. As I reached the door I met Roy Beeman, a young journalist. He, knowing it was about my lunch time, was there to see me. As the check boy took our snow-covered hats and coats, I noticed a gleam of enthusiasm in Roy's eyes such as I had seen but once before-when he was writing "The Haviland Murder," the biggest scoop of the year. We ordered dinner and I led the way to "Al," he said, as he leaned for-

ward, elbows on table, "I am going on a little secret mission tonight. Like to go along?"

"What is it, Roy, another Haviland

"Great stuff, Al, great stuff!" he answered. "Listen! As I passed Pat's bar not more than fifteen minutes ago, a husky came running down the street, brushed me aside, and rushed up to the bar. I followed him-The bartender ignored him, and he turned to me, trembling and out

of breath. "'Excuse me, pard', he stammered as he glanced at his shabby clothes and mopped his ashen face with a greasy, dirty hand. 'You know where Owl Island is, don't you? The amusement park?

"I assured him that I did.

"'There's a good "jungle ground" near this end of the bridge, and the boys usually hike across and find a good place to flop on the straw and excelsior that the concession men pack their dishes and things in. But tonight we couldn't find a thing to sleep on. Shorty spied a two-story frame building just over the brow o' the hill. We beat it over and walked right in. Shorty was over in the corner looking for something to make a bed of, when he let an awful vell out of him. I tried to get out ahead of him, but he knocked me down and out he went. See that blood?' He indicated a red splotch on his sleeve. 'That's off'n Shorty's hand! There's been murder in that house, sure! Sav. pard, stake me to another drink and I'll be trying to find poor

Shorty." When Roy finished his tale, I laughed. "You surely don't believe that bum's story, do you?"

"Why not?" he snapped. "Why, he just framed you for a drink!" Roy's face flushed a little, be little need for prosecutions-the and I added quickly, "but if you

ster."

We left our dinner untouched and hurried to my apartments. After providing ourselves with electric pocket-lights and guns, we jumped into the car and headed toward "the house of mystery." Our course led collars on raw sores and work the us south about three miles along the river, across a flat to our right about a mile; then just across the bridge was Owl Island. As we neared the their cattle, neglect them for days bridge a gust of wind whistled deat a time, leave them exposed to the risively through the little trees and they nodded their snowy tops at each other as if joining the wind in its hearty laugh at us. We drove past the amusement park and into a clump of small firs. As we left the car we noticed that there was no snow falling and the wind had died. The trees were silent and motionless, lieve that nowhere could it be made like sentinels watching us. The stars were shining and cast a ghastly hue on the snow-whitened house and shrubbery near by. The whole atmoour land in the principles for which sphere of the place was unpleasant, our Humane Education society stands which brought to mind the tramp's

We walked across the open lot, to the house, and stepped onto the porch. Roy put his hand somewhat reluctantly, I thought, on the doorknob, then suddenly turned it, and walked in with an air of confidence.

"Oh, I guess there's nothing to it But humane education is first for after all," he said. "Of course, it does make one feel a bit shivery; It is for the inner and better life of but I don't think there's been any m-u-r-God! What's that?"

It seemed that the house dropped straight down into the earth; as swiftly and noiselessly as an elevator we dropped, the faint starlight being completely shut out as we sank in

"Of course, there's nothing to be afraid of; but I just feel a little bit faint," Roy babbled weakly. "Please lead me out of here."

I drew my handkerchief from my pocket, for my face was dripping with cold sweat; but as I did, the handkerchief vanished. I grabbed Roy by the arm and led him toward the door, at the same time flashing

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