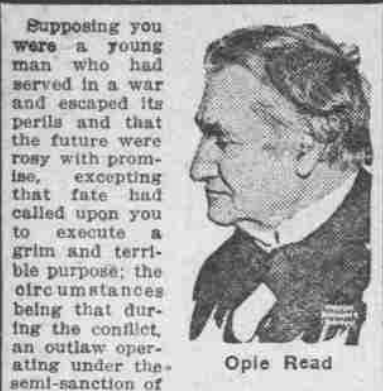


Periwinkle House

By **OPIE READ**

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Supposing you were a young man who had served in a war and escaped its perils and that the future were rosy with promise, excepting that fate had called upon you to execute a grim and terrible purpose: the circumstances being that during the conflict, an outlaw operating under the semi-sanction of guerrilla warfare had railed your home and murdered your father, and then, hanging his body to a tree, had insolently pinned a card to it bearing the outlaw's name! Would not you likely do as Virgil Drace did—swear a solemn vow to find that outlaw, hang him as high as Haman, and decorate his corpse with your own card? Then, while you were setting about to execute that vow, suppose you met a fascinating girl with whom you fell in love, and had the satisfaction of finding your affection sincerely reciprocated. Then suppose it developed that the girl were the daughter of the man upon whom you had sworn to wreak vengeance. What would you do? Is it not a satisfactory web upon which to weave an intensely interesting story of romance, especially when the incidents occurred in the South following the Civil war, the young man a northern officer, the girl a beautiful, fiery southerner, and all the other characters and episodes of the South and that turbulent period which marked the days of reconstruction? Would it not be more absorbing to, as in this case, the author were one of the greatest of American novelists? You will find this stirring romance worked out in the most charming way in "Periwinkle House," by Opie Read.

No man in the United States has written as many stories as Opie Read, and no author has had a larger number of readers. He was born in a small town in Tennessee in 1883, followed newspaper work for awhile in Kentucky, and then moved to Little Rock, Ark., where he edited the Arkansas Gazette from 1915 to 1921. He was next on the staff of the Cleveland (O.) Leader and then returned to Little Rock, where he established the Arkansas Traveler, a humorous paper which attracted the attention of the entire English-speaking world. Mr. Read furnished most of the material that went into the publication. He conducted it from 1921 to 1922 and then moved to Chicago, where he has since resided, engaged in literary work.

It is doubtful if Opie Read himself could recall the titles of all the books he has written, without referring to a list. One or more of them is in nearly every home where fiction is indulged in throughout the country. They form a conspicuous part of the fiction section of every public library, and are carried in stock by every enterprising book dealer. During late years he has been less prolific, due to the fact that he has not had the leisure for writing, for he has become one of the most sought after lecturers, and his time is practically filled with Chautauqua, Lyceum and special platform engagements. In this work he has covered practically the entire nation and has visited some sections several times, for there always is a demand for his return.

CHAPTER I

Out upon the sheen of the mighty river the pine-orch flames fell in rippling streams, and the full moon, peeping over the tall timber, made mouths at herself in the wrinkled mirror of flood. On the steamboat Leona the negro deck-hands were chanting the buoyant anthem of the June rise. In the gilt, paneled saloon, a sweet-stringed waltz, centuries removed from the melodic bellow of the black bucks below, swelled out upon a breeze that seemed eager to mingle with it, while sentiment smiled and gallantry bowed in the studied graces of a floating ballroom on the Mississippi. All ceremony was precise with the inherited observance of precedent, save when some hair-greased and less refined dandy of the woods, having lingered too long at the bar, let liquor fly to his heels to cut a rebellious pigeon-wing.

The boundless ranch of the West was unknown, and along the lower Mississippi lay the great plantations of America. Except for the toll of the slaves, industrial life had been only a sort of happy indolence; but society held many a thrilling charm, and with its libraries from Europe, intellectual life indulged the luxury of ceremonious romanticism. This atmosphere was still breathed on the big Mississippi steamboats, for fantasies which render the condition of us all linger on the water after having been driven from the land.

In the ballroom of the Leona the dress of the men and the women was variegated with the odd ends of different periods of style. Old chests, hidden during the Civil war, only a few years past, had been opened to give up the faintly scented fluffs and girdle-flowered vests of Andrew Jackson's day; and the brigadier in ruffled shirt poured gallantry's extravagant figures of speech upon the graceful young dame arrayed in the silk that

down upon the deck-hands, loading freight, listening to the stream of the second mate's profanity, who swore his emotion by the stars, the moon, the river, the universe; and when the Leona was on her way again, the fiddles going, the muddied roustabouts singing, Liberty Shottle and Drace sented themselves on campstools, egering toward swift acquaintance, the friendship of two natures far apart in aim and principle.

"If you've got two cigars, I'll join you in a smoke," said Shottle. "Thank you. You see, my people, what few of them are left, say that I don't exist. They haven't cast me off, or anything of that sort, but being of staid habits themselves, they swear that I am too unreal to exist. Lord, what is the world but queer? What's your game?"

"I haven't any—any game," parried the Northerner. "But what are you doing on this boat yourself?"

"I'm going down to New Orleans," replied Liberty, "to see how long I can stay there. I had a pretty fair job a couple of months ago teaching a school near Memphis. They liked me, too. I've got a sheep's hide from Chapel Hill university, North Caro-

lin, with all the wool singed off and the board acknowledged my qualifications, but they caught me shaking dice with the boys and told me that as there were some branches of learning they didn't care to have instilled, I'd better get a professorship in some higher institution. Have you been in there?"

Liberty Shottle waved his hand; and Drace, thinking he meant the ballroom, answered him:

"Then Tremble; I Am Liberty Shottle."

In the young man's heart was a struggle to call her, but there was no appropriate word; and then sobered, the Yankee smiled at himself. But the smile did not balm his delicious wounds, and he continued his search into the ballroom. There were many handsome women, belles of proud villages, but to none did he give a second glance. Again he passed out toward the upper deck.

For a time he stood gazing down upon the never-solved mystery of night on the Mississippi. The fiddles were going again, and he heard slithered feet whisperring over the floor, but it seemed to him that this scene of gaiety was forced, like a melancholy laugh; it reminded him of a book of poems in tatters, of a love-letter in faded ink.

Built about one of the smokestacks was a shanty of boards called the "dog house." Turning a corner of the shanty, the young man stumbled against some one; a man growled in resentment.

"I beg your pardon!"

"I should say you do!" A young fellow of unusual height and of humorous sliinness came forth out of the shadow. The boat was landing, and a turpentine-torch on the shore revealed him, pale and long of face, with collar cut low and chin standing high.

"Yes, sir," he added, "and although it may not be necessary on this occasion, yet if you knew who I am, you would apologize some more."

"Ah, you don't say!" replied the Yankee, smiling. "And as you seem to be fond of the music of apology, will you please tell me who you are?"

"I can do that easy enough, but I don't wish to frighten you."

"You are considerate. But the fact is I rather enjoy the sensation of fright."

"Then Tremble; I am Liberty Shottle."

"What you don't mean that you are really Liberty Shottle?"

"I swear it."

"Well, well! And now will you please enlighten me as to who Liberty Shottle is? And why do you suppose that people who have heard of you, tremble in your presence? What have you done?"

"Sir, modesty puts a clamp on me. . . . And now would you mind telling me your name?"

"Not at all. My name is Virgil Drace."

"You don't say? Well, well! But I never heard of you, either." Now they laughed, the joyous and unsuspecting mirth of youth. They stood looking

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Only passed through. I've been rather worn with that sort of thing."

"Oh, you think I meant the ball I meant the poker-room."

"Yes, I sat in there for a time."

"How did you come out?"

"Not very well. Lost two hundred."

"You speak of losing two hundred as lightly as if it were a matter of breath instead of blood. Would you mind holding my hand till you say it again? Two hundred! Why, you know, a fellow would teach ballet-heads and stables for two months for two hundred dollars. . . . Now, let me lay down a proposition: I am lucky tonight. I lost fifteen dollars, all I had, but I'd just got up to the point of winning when I lost my last dollar. Just one more ante, and it would have come my way. I saw it coming, but a blundering fool headed it off. Now, here's my scheme, and it's a good one; you want your two hundred back; you stake me to a hundred, and I'll go in there and make a cleaning. Don't refuse, now, until you have let your mind digest the situation. Most of the errors in this life come from snap judgment."

"Ah, you think you can win, because you lost?"

"My dear Virgil, there is, you might say, a psychology in everything. Who wins a fight? The man who believes he can't? No, the man who knows he can. And I know right now. Why, I'd stake my life on it. You give me the hundred and stay right here and wait. As for my honesty, I can give you references—the mayor of New Orleans and Judge Hebbins of Memphis—but he died last week. No matter—I'd jump into the river and let the paddle-wheel beat me into sausage-heat before I'd deceive you. Liberty Shottle, that's my name!"

Drace leaned back and laughed. "Liberty, a thing astonishing to me is going to happen. I'll stake you to the hundred."

No superstitious devotee ever received from the priest of the gods a libation with more of emotional strain than Liberty Shottle evinced when he closed in tight clutch on Drace's adventurous hundred. Then he bowed and disappeared.

Drace sat musing, and soon he began to wonder why he had been so weak as to give \$100 to this peculiar fellow, a stranger. Well, Liberty had amused him. Made him laugh, and in this world there is more money spent for the promotion of laughter than for the relief of tears.

Presently Shottle returned. He sat down and though physically he was light, the camp stool groaned beneath him. Drace waited. The Leona blew her great horn and all the world seemed to tremble. When the sound had died, echoing miles away, the gambler coughed lightly and groaned. Drace wondered why he should be tickled over any one's misfortune, but he felt a merry tingling in his blood.

"This boat's got a good bass voice," he remarked.



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