

Risks II

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SYNOPSIS
 R. G. (Piggy) Bransome is an amiable young man with a habit of getting into scrapes—to the discomfort of his Big Business dad. By chance he is placed in a position to be of aid to a spirited young lady, Roberta Scott. Her dad is holding her captive. Her younger sister because of a love affair.
 Piggy and Roberta elude a detective who is following her—a precaution of her father—and head for the Scott country home where the sister is held. They use Piggy's car. For safety's sake, Roberta is disguised in her widow's weeds. On the way, it develops that her father and Piggy are business rivals. Under a pretext they hurry on to the country place. They do Piggy's hair back to save him from recognition. Also he dons a chauffeur's costume. Arrived at the scene of action, which is carefully guarded, Roberta and Piggy investigate. Roberta's father speeds into the situation; obviously the attempted rescue has been reported to him. He fortunately does not recognize them. Here the story pauses while the events leading up to the adventure are cleared. It is shown why Roberta's father was forced to ask Piggy to help her in his stead. Her father owns considerable stock in Nixon's struggling business and threatens to ruin him if he attempts to help Roberta in her crusade in her sister's behalf. Piggy and Roberta establish a look-out post overlooking the Scott place. They discover that Celia, the younger sister, is being bullied by her father. Roberta suggests that her fiancé—the man who started Piggy off on the chase—should know what is going on. Piggy asserts indignantly. They go into the nearest village where Piggy backs enough to strike up a friendship with the Scott chauffeur. He gets his father's former housekeeper, a dour but highly respectable Scotch woman, to come to keep house and play propriety for "Mrs. Smith" and her "chauffeur."
 Piggy establishes himself on the look-out each evening and whistles a well known melody which attracts Celia's attention and let her know they are trying to rescue her. That falling Roberta remembers a goodnight kiss which they were given when they were together in the children and they manage to scribble it on the wrapper of a cigar. It is delivered at the Scott mansion. Scott has to hurry back to his business in New York leaving Celia still rebellious.
 Celia sees and recognizes the code, answers the whistled signal, Piggy and Roberta thereupon plan and carry out the rescue. They use cats to deny the watchdog a chance to attract the attention of Mrs. Scott and the consequence is a run off with Celia's assistance to escape her snare in the night. The only fly in the ointment is the fact that Nixon, seeing "Mrs. Smith" in her widow's weeds, is struck by her resemblance to Roberta although he cannot see her face, and he is unable to sleep on the night of the abduction of Celia takes a stroll near the Scott place.

CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR

The dogs had treed a cat. Also Clifford Nixon. In his search through the woods for Roberta, he had failed to notice a small, furry, fleeing creature, but heard a quick rustle and a growl in time to glimpse in the checkered moonlight the purposeful advance of two dogs. Leaping upward, he caught the limb of a tree to swing himself out of reach and found the territory disputed by a cat claiming squatter's right, in defense of which sundry wounds were inflicted before the first settler, with futile maledictions, sought higher refuge. Whereupon the trusty wardens of a forbidden demesne encamped at the foot of the tree, presently reinforced by a third, and gave tongue.
 Their chorus, to which the cat supplied a *horrid coloratura obbligato*, prevented his hearing the outcry at Birchwood, though he saw the trees of the fire through the scratches of his hands, and cursed long and volubly. For the same reason he caught no hum from the road as Piggy started his car, pulled up through the thicket, and sped away by the same indirect route he had taken in coming. Celia clasped in Roberta's arms on the back seat, sobbing between tears and laughter as she heard the story of her rescue.
 Neither was the purr of the engine detected at Birchwood, where confusion was thrice confounded. The gardener, running behind the stable with a siphon, had found the bonfire and smelled gasoline. Assuming an attempt to fire the barn, he had subdued the flames with a spray and kicked the embers apart before telling Mrs. Scott of its apparent purpose.
 Her hysteria increased rather than diminished by this information, she cried distractedly:
 "How could it be set on fire? How could anybody get in, with the dogs?—Where are the dogs?"
 The excited group of servants looked about blankly, until some one noticed the bark on the opposite hill and exclaimed:
 "There they are! How'd they get over there? Maybe they've got the man!"
 The gardener ran for a lantern, and Mrs. Scott continued:
 "I don't see how anyone could get in. Celia, how could—Why, where's Celia?"
 "I ain't seen her at all," said the cook, and the others echoed: "I ain't seen her."
 "But she must—Why, she woke me! She heard somebody scream fire. She must have been out! Oh, the dogs! They've attacked Celia! Find her! Find her!"
 Even at Piggy lifted Celia over the gate, the gardener ran with his lantern to investigate the quarry of the dogs. During his absence the house and its immediate vicinity were hastily searched by the maids, who whispered among themselves, as their paths crossed, that maybe she had run away. They didn't blame her; anybody could see that the poor thing wasn't crazy—or was she, after all? Opinions wavered, changed, and changed back again. They hoped she had escaped.
 Mrs. Scott, all this time, ran hither and yon, wringing her hands in the certainty that the dogs had killed her daughter and that the gardener would return bearing her mangled remains.
 Instead, he brought Clifford Nixon, who was exceeding wroth, requiring no oracle to tell him what interpretation Scott would put upon the situation from which he had just been rescued. Livid

and grim, he knew that the only possibility—remote at best—of saving from practical annihilation the business interests he represented lay in prompt and decisive action. Now he must find Roberta, and see to it, moreover, that Celia was returned to the fold.
 His theory of the raid, privately confided to Mrs. Scott, added the final touch to her deorientation, and she collapsed into a chair, feebly quavering:
 "Roberta? But where—but how—but—"
 "I don't know where or how, but she did it," he said "urly."
 "Where's the telephone?"
 She indicated it and he called up officers of the law at Jaffrey, Dublin and Peterborough, Keene, Worcester, Greenfield, and Way points, notifying them that Miss Celia Scott had been abducted and warning them to watch roads and trains for her. He then put in a call for Scott himself; but long before the New York connection was made, Piggy, stealing darkly into Firewilliam, had lifted Celia from the car and carried her to the bedroom prepared for her.
 There, by the rays of a single candle, last lights at that hour should be seen and reported, he skillfully bandaged the strained and badly swollen ankle with the adhesive plaster that was always a part of his hunting outfit.
 "There, that's a pretty good job," he said. "Now you go to sleep, and for the love of Mike don't show yourself at a window in the morning! The whole countryside will be looking for you."
 Leaving Celia to Janet's ministrations, Roberta followed him out into the hall, where another candle burned dimly. But not so dimly that he could not see her glowing eyes.
 "Peter, Peter, what a wonder you are!" she said softly.
 To his own utter astonishment, Piggy swept her into his arms and kissed her—unscientifically, it is true, but more or less satisfactorily.
 (To be continued)

Dallas Jail Forced; Two Prisoners Still Loose

Forcing the bolt on the jail door at Dallas late Wednesday, Louis Fox and Francis Bowler escaped and at last reports were still free, according to Sheriff Hooker of Bolk county. Ted Fox and Pat Devine, two other inmates, did not attempt to escape, but instead warned the jailer of the break.
 The two men are serving out fines assessed Tuesday on charges of larceny and possession of intoxicating liquor.

Salm Case Settlement Reported



When Count Ludwig Salm von Hoogstraeten's suit for separation from his wife, the former Millicent Rogers, was adjourned till January 17, it was reported a settlement would be made out of court. Above new photo of Salm and his son, Peter, whose custody he sought.

OAK TREES SUITABLE ROADSIDE PLANTING

Species Native to Every Section, Maple Comes Next in Importance
 Oaks are more generally useful for roadside planting than any other kind of tree, says the United States department of agriculture. There are species of this tree native to nearly all parts of the country. Maples are next in importance for a large part of the country, but as the most-used species are not well adapted for the purpose, the selection must be carefully made.
 The most promising trees for the cooler dry regions are the green ash, black locust, hackberry, thornless honeylocust, and poplars, with boxelder, willows, and poplars for the extremes of cold and drought, according to Farmers' Bulletin 1482-F, "Trees for Roadside Planting." In warm dry climates the eucalypts, or gums, the palms, the Jerusalem thorn, and the mesquite are good.
 Success in roadside tree planting, says the bulletin, depends on properly locating the plants along the highway, selecting suitable varieties, and adequately protecting them from thoughtless persons, roving stock, and insects and diseases.
 The best effects in roadside planting are usually produced by giving the predominant place to the common plants of the neighborhood, using introduced plants in subordinate positions. Next in desirability are plants from regions having similar growing conditions either in this country or abroad.
 The bulletin gives the characteristics of the different regions throughout the country and suggests trees that may be expected to grow in each. A copy of the publication may be obtained free, as long as the supply lasts, by writing to the United States department of agriculture, Washington, D. C.
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U. OF O. EXTENSION EXAMINATIONS HELD

Classes Conducted in High School Building, Over 100 Enrolled

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore.—(Special)—The evening classes sponsored by the University of Oregon Extension Division in the Salem high school building are taking their term examinations this week. Friday evening classes will close the fall term.
 In spite of the fact that the public was scarcely aware of the opportunities afforded by these classes, the enrollment has approached 100 and the attendance has been good.
 For several years there has been a demand for the establishment of an evening college in Salem as an Extension Center for adult education.
 Indications are that enrollment during the first week of the winter term, beginning January 3, will show a marked increase.
 Time was when such classes were made up only of young people who were planning to go to college. Today, men and women of the various occupations, whether they have or have not had college training find those evening classes a means of keeping themselves mentally alert and abreast of the times in the subjects studied.
 Courses in art, English, education, health and psychology have been given by faculty members from both Willamette university and the University of Oregon. Next term there will be added a course in public speaking by a

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Judge, Kelly Grants Time Extension in Riggs Case

Circuit Judge Kelly has granted an extension of time to the defendants in the case of Z. L. Riggs vs. New Jersey Fidelity and Plate Glass company over ruling the demurrer of plaintiff. The company will have until December 27 to answer. A demurrer was also overruled in the case of E. H. Flagg against Walter Fuller giving Fuller until December 27 in which to answer.

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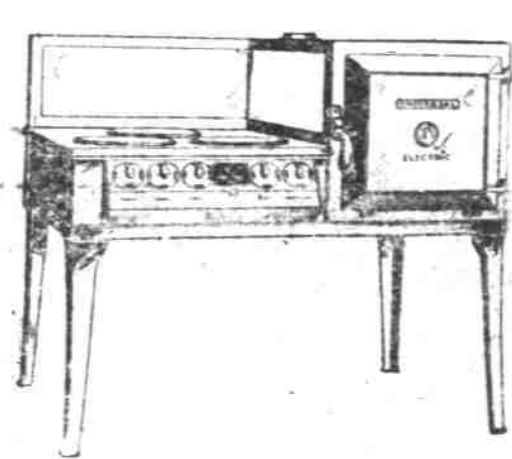
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