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CHAPTER VIII

A little more than five minutes of brisk walking brought her to the station and as she stepped to its platform she saw the name on its signboard "Brookville." A man wearing a hackman's license badge left one of the automobiles she had seen and came toward her.

"Wish to be driven anywhere ma'am? There won't be no train stop here for another hour." Nathalie looked at the sign

"Brookville" again and answered the man's question with a question of her own:

Will you please explain something? How can this place be Brookville? I have always understood that Brookville was a large two houses."

The map grinned. "That's easy lady. Brookville proper lies a mile when the proposed highway was a to the north-this is only the train stop. Did you say you wanted to Van Slaick place choice land for go to the bank?"

Nathalie had not but the man's question gave her a sudden idea. Her lawyers had told her that the Brookville bank held the mortthat its president, Treadwell foreclosure proceeding by which it would soon be taken from her possession. Here she was at Brookville, Why not see if a personal talk with Pound would accomplish anything toward the betterment of her affairs? She asked the hackman a final question:

"Is a man named Treadwell Pound president of the bank?" This time the hackman's grin

outhed laugh: -an' presiything else

he hack without further hesitation:

"To the bank," she said as the hackman went to the front of his ancient car and cranked up.

Much of the anguish and dread which Nathalie was required to endure in the course of the next several weeks would have been saved her had she been able to read the riddle of the land map and blue prints which lay on

und's desk all the talking to him in his brookville bank. eteristic of the fur-

ning character of the man that he did not secrete them in a drawer when she appeared called here today. It gives me the and told him her name. He did opportunity to inform you that a not even lay another paper over tenant has been found for the them. Merely brushed them aside as if they were of no importance temporarily. He is a well known and, without rising, stared at her through his heavy lensed glasses The Firs for the fall hunting seaand asked the nature of the bus- son-up to about Thanksgiving had brought her to

of why he had lent Nathalie's fa- | brings less than the amonut of ther fifty thousand dollars on a run-down estate and why when the bank foreclosed on the property, Pound meant to become its purchaser through a dummy buyer and in due course resell it for half a million or more. will require the services of a hos-For that was the potential val-

ue of The Firs. Within two years a state road-indicated by dotted lines on Pound's map-was to blsect its longest way so that half of the property would lie on one side of the road and half on the

other. The price the state would treated as a woman of her station pay for that part of the estate it took for its right of way would amount to more than the fifty also to pay her handsomely for thousand dollars representing the village with a bank in it and I bank's loan. All the rest of the see only a station here and one or property would be sheer "velvet" to Pound who had over and over computed his probable profits

fact and virtually every foot of the suburban development.

Pound."

The Firs-

The appropriation for the highway was to go through at the next session of the legislature. It was ated as she was. It would pay well all cut and dried. Pound had re- and last for nearly three months. gage on her country property and luctantly made the contribution Out of the money she earned she required of him to help "see it could repay the Waldorf. If she Pound, virtually controlled the through" at Albany and believed he was the only man in his section of the country who knew anything about it.

A man has to be a man like Pound to dissemble as Pound did when, after he asked Nathalie her business, she told him that she had come to inquire if the bank could not find it possible to grant an extension of time in its foreclosure proceeding or if he would not find, knowing that section of Long Island thoroughly, a buyer who might be persuaded to take one else acquiring knowledge of

The Firs at a price a trifle in ex- the true value of her land he could cess of the bank's lien. Pound looked at her coldly. "Naturally madam, if there

vere a buyer available I would possibility by making her a modest grounds." have communicated that fact to your attorneys. But there is none. And I cannot advise the bank to POLLY AND HER PALS be lenient in respect to extensions of time because my duty to the bank requires that the foreclosure

proceed without delay since your property is losing steadily in value.'

Again he gazed at her through his heavy glasses.

"On the other hand it is not inconvenient that you should have property who wishes to occupy it sportsman and desires to live at

Nathalie's eves brigh

impassive face. "Mr. Pound," said Nathalie, "I the bank's mortgage when it is am in need of money as you sold. But the tenant-I am not at know. For that reason I would

liberty to give his name-is a like very much to accept for mybachelor who expects to entertain self the offer which the tenant on a somewhat generous scale and of The Firs has made, but there is a condition-two conditionstess to assist him. He has asked which will have to go with my ac-

that I make inquiries and find him ceptance." Pound nodded. "And they a suitable person if possible. His

only condition is that she be a are?" "That my identity remain unwell born woman. He is prepared to make every guarantee that known and that while at The Firs while in his house she shall be I wear a half mask such as are

worn at carnivals and masqueris accustomed to being treated by ades. "Impossible," said Pound while a man of honor. He is prepared

his mind jumped to the idea of her services. But I have lold him Nathalie incognito and masked at I know of no one. Have you per-The Firs where no possible buyer chance anyone in mind to whom of her estate would ever discover his proposal might be of interest?" her. "However," and he rose "No," and Nathalie shook her from his desk, "if you will give head. "I know of no one. But me a moment at the telephone I wait-let me think a moment, Mr. will state your proposal and bring back the answer. I am sure though Swiftly through her mind there that the prospective tenant of The

Firs will consider it absurd." had begun to run the possibilities He went away and Nathalie latent in the offer to a girl situwaited in ferment of anxiety. Everything, for her, hung on the answer Pound would bring back. If the unknown tenant agreed she could accept the situation under would cease to be Nathalie Van a false name she would be secure Slaick for almost three months from the law while she stayed at and as a masked hostess be secure from the law while she saved While she was thinking intently all the money possible against a Pound, whose specialty was readnew start in life when-her employ-

ing faces, divined of what she was er's tenancy of The Firs should thinking and determined, for his expire. own purposes, that his interests In five minutes Pound returned would be best served if she ac-His colorless face told her nothing. In his colorless voice he said:

cepted the offer he had outlined. It would place her under an obli-"Your singular proposal has gation to him and also close at been accepted and your employer hand so that if he heard of anydesires that you meet him tomorrow night at nine o'clock."

"Where please?" Nathalie was get in quick touch with her and barely able to articulate the words. buy it from her at a nominal price. "At The Firs. His car will be He could have obviated any such at the gate leading into

offer while he sat facing her but "Tell him please that he may



count on me," said Nathalie. he was too mean for that. He was A few minutes later she left the so shrewd though that he saw inbank and hurrying to the nearest stantly the security to him in the drug store entered a telephone proposal she made when she bebooth and called up John Sloan. (To be continued.)

Shaw

gan to talk again. Its novelty astounded him but the very nature. of it so delighted him that his delight nearly caught him off guard and revealed itself on his

SHAW, Nov. 2 .- Several of the young folks of this community attended the basket social given

at Aumsville Friday evening. Dixter McAllister of Salem visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles McAllister Sunday after. noon.

> Mr. and Mrs. Alva Burgheart of Shaw spent several days in Portland visiting with relatives

there. Loraine Hortsch of Salem visited Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. Joseph Hortsch.

Helen Campbell of Salem spent Wednesday evening with Georgia Spencer.

Ben Hortsch of Longview Wash., visited over the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hortsch.

children Kaythrn and Wayne were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Amort. The Sheldons recently returned from the east after spending a year there. They are now residing in Salem, which was their former home.

> SILVERTON, Nov. 2-Chickens to the value of forty dollars were killed by dogs recently on the O. Poulsen farm a few miles north of Silverton. The Poulsen family was absent several hours and on their return found dead and mangled hens strewn about the yard. Two dogs belonging to the

Mr." and Mrs. H. Hari and three children returned to their home after a four day outing at the coast.

HEY? NIX! IT AINT

UNK'S OOCUPYIN'

MY TURN YIT!

THE BATHROOM!

Mr. Adolph Haugen, who has past week, is reported as being also served in the basement of the

Do

Wednesday evening another winning sheep or any thing else, Schaap here at Pratum.

was as indispensable a part of the sitting room as the walls. How could a room be cheerful in Winter number of modern accessories which help to make the care of the fireplace easier.

form the most cheerless room into a delightful, cozy spot, find an imita- splinters and sawdust seeping over but her housewifely mind ran to the tion is better than doing without the living-room rugs and floor, there unpleasant consequences—the way any. Especially when some of these are two kinds of new log containers. but her housewirely mind that the way any. Especially when some of these are two kinds of item on which logs the dust would sift over the elegant artificial fireplaces are really ar-one is a steel basket on which logs can be plied before the hearth. The new gas logs, or glass can be plied before the hearth. The trim maid-by-the-day be willing to eys. Moreover, one now has a carefully the bits of wood that scrape do such grubby work as clean the choice in the matter of heat. If the off, and otherwise drop on the floor.

choice in the matter of heat. If the off, and otherwise drop on the floor. apartment is adequately heated the Then there is the canvas bag, open The battle waged while they medi-tated over two desirable apartments -one with a genuine, wood-burning fireplace in the living-room and an-which have auxiliary heating ar-the used to carry logs easily, as well fireplace in the living-room and an-other without. The result was a rangements, and which are ex- as to rest before the fireplace. compromise. Along the bare walls tremely useful in rooms inadequately The corn switch, two feet or more of the new apartment they had in- heated. A turn of the switch, and in length, is very practical as hearth stalled an electric fireplace. There in an instant the room is warmed cleanser, instead of the softer it stood, complete, mantel, frame, up as well as pleasantly illuminated brushes attriched to the and of grate and glass, coals, so cunningly by firelight. brass or iron rod. Some are plain, contrived that at the turn of the No special equipment is required others come with handles switch they glowed with all the for these artificial fireplaces. And decorated in bright colors. others come with handles of bristles variety of flame-yellow, blue. red, there's no resulting dust or ashes. Kindling wood is sometimes a problem-it's more "sawdusty" than But these are small difficulties to orange, colors characterizing natural in the various stages of comthose fortunate enough to live in a big logs. But there are now neat house with a genuine fireplace, and packages of patent fire-kindlers, and

These artificial fireplaces are a soa real chimney up to the roof, and one clean little brick does the work lution to the growing-and some a good draught, and a visible supply of a batch of splintery kindlings

Mrs. S. C. Bassey suffered a surprise awaited Mr. and Mrs. but when Maclaey gets the credit painful injury Tuesday evening, Fred Hersch at their home in the that rightfully belongs to Pratum when she cut open the end of her form of a miscellaneous shower left thumb. The heavy knife with sponsored by the Ladies Aid. Over which she was dividing a pump- 50 were present. Many valuable kin pie slipped, and it was neces- gifts were received by the young sary for several stitches to be tak- couple. A very enjoyable evening en to close the wound.

was spent. Friday evening a Hallowe'en social under the auspices of the years. The only reason or rather

Epworth League was enjoyed by the young people. V. J. Krehbiel is having some PRATUM, Nov. 2 .- This week's rict is that a mail route from Masocial calendar was well filled. repair work done to his store, Beginning Monday evening with of here with their daily reading keeping it up to date. Pratum folks are not extremematerial. But it is the Pratum a modern charivari party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hersch after ly selfish, at least not more so community that has a right to be they returned from a week's hon- than folks from any other comproud not only of having the best

munity, but when the papers

discharged at one time. After time during the past several how to raise that kind of sheep. the noise was over the large gath- months about the prizes on sheep ering was invited to come in the awarded to J. J. and G. H. Thompnear Silverton Monday afternoon house where they were royally son from the MaCleay district there arose in the hearts of royal On Tuesday evening a program Pratumites a feeling of pride has been in the Oregon City hosfollowed by a basket social was mingled with a slight touch of in-

been quite ill with pneumonia the given at the school. Lunch was dignation. There is of course no objection. If the people living in the Ma-

Cleay district can produce prize er and sister Frank and Mary



that is a different story.

The Thompsons live only a

short distance east of Pratum.

come to Pratum from 3 to 10

times a week and it is doubtful

if they see MaCleay once in five

excuse that can be given that they

are classed in the MaCleay dist-

Cleay is providing the folks east

sheep but more so of having men

Arthur Cordier who was severe-

ly burned near Donald almost 3

weeks ago, is expected to be able

to come home before long. He

pital since the accident happened.

Mrs. Esther Payne from Pine

Ridge, Dregon, and son Howard,

spent several days with her broth-

in their neighborhood that know

To prevent the nuisance of wood



The Return of the Fireplace Home-Making Helps **Even the Heatless Variety** By ELEANOR ROSS

TE HAD been brought up in the times unreasonable demands for a tot logs. And with the growing popcountry, and a huge fire- fireplace in the home. City apart- ularity of these old-fashioned complace ablaze with fat logs ments are now commanding higher forts, there have been a growing

without a fire? She thought the idea very pretty.

do such grubby work as clean the hearth and carry out ashes?

Pratum

bustion.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Sheldon and

Silverton

family were to blame. The hens eymoon trip to Newport, as much were of a flock which had just as 20 sticks of dynamite were stated this week for the second been purchased by Mr. Poulsen.

entertained.

"A 'Rushin' ' Bath"

improved. Mr. Haugen is being school. The new building proved cared for at his home east of Sil- to be very satisfactory.

'Does that mean," she asked, him

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and rubber or should he bid and game and rubber.

ake the chance of losing a big

and is so unbalanced that a

A. 7. 2

- A, K, 8, 4, 2

some : Z : score, rubber game. If Z dealt d one no trump, what should A would be pass and hope to save the bid was defeated only one trick; while at no trump Y Z would have scored three odd, game and rubber. It was a fine example of a justifiable overbid to save the certain loss of a

Z

No score, rubber game. If Z dealt help for the club suit and his hearts ad bid one no trump, what should A cren't strong enough to show under such conditions. At clubs, A B can

similar type:

He did not as much as glance at their interview although he had of them they told the whole story probable case-that the property

"that I will receive the rent of the map and prints again during the place while it is still mine?" "No," said Pound. "A receiver been studying them and gloating has been appointed into whose over them for an hour before she hands the rent will go to safesame in. On the technical surface guard the bank in case-in the



the

verton.

TILLIE, THE TOILER

"The Asset Becomes a Liability"

By RUSS WESTOVER



LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY still foit that the best defense was to heep on bidding hearts so bid four hearts. Y and B passed and Z doubled.

ADIE ANATCHER 19 ON HER WAY TO CHICAGO, SHACKLED DETECTIVE, TOA BEANY IS ON HER WAY TO LIBERTY AFTER PAYING A FINE OF \$25 9 - BUT ASIDE FROM ALL THIS, WE FIND THAT ANNIE AND SUSIE ARE MEETING WITH MUCH HAPPIER ADVENTURES SUSIE IS NOW BACK IN GIRL'S ATTIRE , SUPPLIED TO

HER BY THE KWOLY OFFICER.

I'M GOING TO TAKE WHERE ARE YOU YOU BOTH TO MY OWN TAKING US. HOME FOR A WHILE -... I PHONED MY WIFE AN' OFFICER O'FLINN? SHE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU WITH OPEN ARMS!



MY, OH, MY! WHAT SWEET LITTLE GIRLS THEY ARE PADDY !!!

TOOTS AND CASPER

"A Business Trip Mixed With Pleasure"

By JIMMY MURPHY



you give your cture of d bid two spades and Y

What should B do? Should he pass the two spade bid or should he show his chib suit? A's bid of two spades over a no trump bid shows a good hand and one that should be prepared for a bid by partner. The fact that B has a singleton spade makes it imperative for him to deny the spade suit if he has any other justifiable bid. The question, therefore, is whether or not B's seven-card club suit, headed by the queen ten. b suit, headed by the queen ten, tifiable bid.

The second secon

Spades - A, 10, 8, 5 No score, first game. Z dealt and bid one no trump. What should A do? Should he double or pass? If he should double and his partner should bid two hearts, what should he do?

Here is another hand of somewhat

Hearts - Q. 3

Spades - Q

Diamonds - 8, 3, 2

Clubs --- Q, 10, 9, 8, 6, 4, 3

hearts, what should he do? Never double one no trump unless you are prepared for any bid that partner may make. With this hand, A is prepared for any one of three bids, but is not prepared for a two-beart bid. If B should bid two hearts, A's hand is not strong enough to bid two no trumps. For that reason, A should pass the no trump bid. If his partner should now bid, A's hand looks very strong; but until B shows some signs of strength, A's proper proceduse is to pass and

With a two-suit hand of this type, A score five odd and thus make game and rubber. It is a pretty hand and the bidding and the reasons for it should be carefully studied. has any help at all for either suit, Here is another hand that shows the has a good chance for game. A bable of one no trump with this hand right-hand opponent has bid one nc trump: u hold a twotwo suits and Hearts - 8 and round of Clubs - A, 9, 8, 5 Y

