

The Wall Flower

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PAN'S DISCOVERY

Chapter 55

One of the things that happened was that Pan found a letter from Gloria's husband when she went to the office for mail—as she did every morning while Gloria was ill.

because her phone was a private wire so he could not reach her, wanting to know why her secretary had orders to give no one her home address. It was signed simply, "Frank".

She had orders to open all letters—this was a brief note asking Gloria where her home was—complaining

her pocketbook, waiting until Gloria

work. What are you thinking of?"

"Oh—" and Pan in turn laughed and looked embarrassed. "I was thinking that everyone must be in love with you."

"Precious lamb! What a remarkable statement! Everyone isn't, I assure you, though I'm much flattered by your frankness."

Gloria's gait was succeeded instantly by seriousness. Those amazing friend with the look that seemed to go through and through.

"Tell me, Pan, you're all over that little—little feeling about the sandy-haired lad in the country—Morton, wasn't that his name?"

And Pan looked at Gloria as though she thought her friend possessed of uncanny powers of divination.

"Why should you ask that?" she wondered. "I've been thinking just that for several days. Can you read my mind?"

"Yes!" And Gloria laughed, "your mind is easy to read sometimes, it shows itself so in your face, I thought you would get over it if you came here to live, but I had to wait until I was sure before I could ask you. Now then—tell me about it."

Tomorrow—Confidences.

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She slipped it under her pillow, almost blushing as she did so, and laughed in an embarrassed way.

"Santley Collins has been writing me telling me Frank might show up here," she said as though an explanation were needed. "Frank has been to him about putting in a claim on some estate the poor dear thinks he should share in. If that isn't like him—reviling Santley one day and running to him immediately after for advice."

So the letters were from Santley! Pan had thought so.

All great discoveries in life come because of trivial things. The incident of the letter and one or two other things as small, convinced Pan that Gloria was very fond—in fact, was probably in love with this, the distant Mr. Collins.

And George was in love with Gloria!

And she was in love with George. What a puzzling ring of mist affections!

Gloria reached over and pulled out a drawer from her dressing table and took from it a small oval miniature. "That's Santley," she said.

"George painted it for me—one while I was being miserable in England and making up my mind to come over here. The two men were staying together in London."

Pan looked at it eagerly. She got an impression of an earnest, studious man of perhaps 35, quiet, well balanced, dependable, untroubled by any sort of temperament, lacking in humor too—entirely the opposite of Gloria! Gloria to him would always be a gorgeous butterfly.

She felt more and more convinced that Gloria was in love, and more and more sorry for George. Could it be that Santley did not care for Gloria? Or was it because Gloria was married, marriage made no difference in feelings, she knew, but it was certainly a barrier that would keep Santley in one continent and Gloria in another.

Meantime she sat staring at the miniature. George had done this—it was the first bit of his work that she had seen. It was so small and fine she could not see the brush strokes—Gloria interrupted her by laughing.

"I don't know which man should be most flattered, Santley by your absorbed gazing upon his features, or George by your attention to his

Burglars Crack Safe, Get Loot of 38 Cents

PRINEVILLE, June 3.—Burglars secured loot totaling 38 cents when they broke into the safe of the City of Prineville railroad. They left a number of checks and government papers. The burglars entered by breaking through the south door of the passenger station, breaking off the knob of the safe and smashing the combination.

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local employees.

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John Fleming, who had charge of the office here for the last two years, will be employed in the Redmond office. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, who were formerly residents of Redmond, have already moved to that city.

As yet, no one has been selected to drive the truck for the plant here.

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Amount of capital stock paid up	\$1,000,000.00
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Interest received during the year	350,788.52
Income from other sources received during the year	152,678.64
Total income	\$5,022,446.58
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	\$2,877,008.49
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	100,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,027,640.71
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	188,482.01
Amount of all other expenditures	529,704.85
Total expenditures	\$4,672,835.06
ASSETS	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$6,956,386.43
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	15,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand	446,435.35
Reserves in course of collection since September 30, 1924	1,007,874.83
Interest and rents due and accrued	100,202.52
Other ledger assets	10,432.88
Total admitted assets	\$8,588,322.01
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 720,079.41
Amount of reinsurance premiums on all outstanding risks	4,465,255.41
Due for commissions and brokerage	30,000.00
All other liabilities	2,323,287.19
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock	\$7,538,621.01
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 57,180.02
Losses paid during the year	23,127.51
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