

The Faithful Cheat

BY RUBY M. AYRES

SYNOPSIS: When John Anderson asks Sonda Kent to marry him, she is afraid to tell him she is married to Mark Merriman. She knows she is sorry for the marriage. She has fallen ill while looking for work. Since her sister Flora left her husband Ben, Sonda has been homeless.

Chapter 25
"I WAS AFRAID"
Sonda shook her head. There was a great fear in her heart, driving out all other emotion; she was asking herself in terror, "What is the matter with me? ... It's only three months since Mark went away—and now—oh, I can't really love John—oh, how can I?"

She felt John's hand on hers again. "When will you marry me, Sonda?" he asked.
She shook her head—
"I can't... you don't understand." There was a little silence.
"What is it I don't understand, Sonda?" Anderson asked.
She hid her face in her hands, and there was a long silence, then she felt John's hands on her wrists, gently drawing them down.

"What... don't I... understand, Sonda?" he asked again, and she saw that his face was white. She closed her eyes, whimpering like a child. "Let me go... let me go... you hurt me!"
But his grasp on her wrists tightened until they were numb and bruised, and he bent down, above her, trying to force her to look at him.

"What is it I don't understand, Sonda?" he asked me.
"You frighten me. You're unkind."
"Answer me—"
She turned her head slowly, as if against her will he compelled her, "I'll tell you, but hold one another in a long gaze. Then Sonda said slowly, almost stupidly:
"I am married... already..."

He moved away from her, stood at the window looking out into the street, his hands clenched behind his back, not moving until she spoke his name with a sob—"John."
He turned then and came back to her. The man she had glimpsed a moment ago had gone—his face was quiet and composed as she had—now known it, his voice steady when he spoke.
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"I was afraid to tell you—afraid." "Have I ever given you cause to be afraid of me, Sonda?"
But she only sobbed again, "I was afraid—afraid."
A flash of pain crossed his face, but he said nothing, and Sonda went on—"It was my fault. Mark wasn't to blame—oh, I don't know why I did it. I think I was mad."
He moved his hand as if to touch hers, but checked the impulse.

"Do you... love him, Sonda?" "Do you... love him, Sonda?"
She caught her breath—"I... I thought I did—she whispered, sobbing."
He stood looking at her with suffering eyes, then, almost with an effort it seemed, he took her hand again.

"Don't cry like that, my dear... You'll make yourself ill. I'm your friend—always your friend, and... you mustn't be afraid of me any more, Sonda, stop crying."
She checked her sobbing with an effort.
"I'm so sorry... so ashamed... I thought you didn't care for me any more... I thought—because of that money... her voice broke again. "I'll try and pay it back some day, John."

The ghost of a smile curved his lips.
"Do you think that worries me?" "No but... she turned her face away, tearing at her handkerchief. "I've only got about a thousand dollars in the world. I've been trying to get work... but it's so difficult... almost impossible. Nobody wants me. I told you I had plenty of money. Well, I haven't. Ben gave me twenty-five hundred dollars, and I've spent most of it already," she laughed pitifully. "It's queer how life can change in a little while, isn't it? I seem to have lost all my friends..."

"You'll never lose me."
She gave him a grateful smile.
"Class said that... Class—" her voice broke again.
"Does... Merriman know?" Anderson asked.
"Know?"
"Your position."
"No, I never told him. He thought I had... plenty of money. Not that it would have made any difference—he really loves me."

"I am sure he does, my dear." "His lips trembled. "John... if we could only have things over again, she broke out."
His grasp of her hand tightened a little.
"You mustn't say that—there is lots of happiness to come for you. Why, you've hardly begun your life yet."

She went on, unheeding him.
"I've so often wanted to tell you—but you said... if Mark had been married, you wouldn't have given him the job."
"Did I? That was very selfish of me." He looked away from her. "You must let me try and make amends, Sonda."
"What do you mean?"
"Don't you think I can help you—and him?"

"I don't want you to. I couldn't bear it... oh, please don't make me more unhappy than I am."
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placed away from her and came back restlessly. "What are you going to do, Sonda?" "You can't stay here."
"I must—let's go... nice."
"And when your money has all gone?" he asked.
She looked up at him.
"I thought... I suppose... I must go out to Mark," she said half in a whisper.
"Do you want to go, Sonda?" Her eyes fell. "I suppose other women go," she said.
"And you would hate it— even more than other women do," he answered. "But there won't be any need for that, Sonda."
She looked startled.
"No need? What do you mean?" "I mean that Merriman has been so ill the doctor suggests sending him home as soon as he can stand the voyage."

(To be continued)
"THORN WAS 'KNIFE'"
Malden, Mass. (U.P.)—Miss Dorothy Casey reported to police that she had been stabbed by a "phantom knife wielder" while riding on a street car and that the knife point had broken off in her thigh, but upon examination by a police surgeon it was found that she had been "stabbed" by a large rose thorn.

Silverton—Father Charles Raymond and Prof. Herbert Mitchell have returned from a trip to Newport on the coast for a short outing. Father Raymond is pastor of St. Paul's Catholic parish here.

The ancient custom of curfew ringing is to be revived at Poole, England.

ANSWERS to QUESTIONS

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Q. Which heavy-weight bout had the most slugging or fighting in the first seven rounds. Where did it take place, when, and who were the fighters? T.W.B.
A. John J. Romano, authority on boxing, says while the Dempsey-Firpo contest which took place September 14, 1923, in New York City, lasted but two rounds, it is generally conceded by experts and fans alike that more actual slugging took place in the 4 minutes, odd seconds, than in any boxing contest in the history of the game, as they actually crowded more fighting in one round than in the customary 20 rounds. No fewer than 11 knockdowns were crowded into this battle.

Q. What business building contains the most floor space? D.T.
A. The Chicago Merchandise Mart is the largest business building of its type ever constructed. It has a million more feet of floor space than any other such building.

Q. Where is the Daniel Guggenheim Airship Institute? B.S.S.
A. It was dedicated recently in Akron, Ohio. The institute was created with a fund of \$250,000 furnished by the Daniel Guggenheim Foundation for the Promotion of Aeronautics, established in 1926 by the late Daniel Guggenheim, together with \$100,000 advanced by the city of Akron. The institute has the world's largest vertical wind tunnel for testing airship models.

Q. What are cosmic rays? J.H.E.
A. The cosmic rays, according to

Dr. Millikan, are rays of extremely high frequency and penetrating power produced probably beyond the earth's atmosphere or nearly atoms continually taking place through interstellar space. These rays bombard the earth from all directions.

Q. Which field station of the veterans' administration costs the most to maintain? R.G.
A. The activity at Hines, Illinois, which is a combination of hospital and regional office.

Q. When were the French Spoilation claims settled? E.H.R.
A. In 1883. Redress was then obtained in the court of claims for awards amounting to nearly \$5,000,000.

Q. Has construction on the Hoover dam project been postponed due to shortage of funds? K.M.H.
A. Construction work on the Hoover dam has not been postponed. As a matter of fact, the work is ahead of schedule.

Q. How many people have been denied citizenship in the United States on account of refusal to bear arms? M.S.L.
A. There are no figures compiled which show this. Some of the more important cases are: The case of Dr. Douglas Macintosh, a Yale professor and former Canadian chaplain, who made the reservation that he would not promise to bear arms unless he believed the war to be morally justified; the case of Miss Marie Bland, who served as nurse with the American army in France,

and offered "to defend the constitution and laws of the land as far as my conscience as a Christian will allow," the case of Roska Schwimmer, who also opposed to the use of military force.

Q. Do people spend more money for drugs and medicines ordered by physicians or for things of that sort which they think they need themselves? D.W.
A. According to the committee on the cost of medical care, the annual bill for medicine in the United States is \$715,000,000. More than 70 per cent of the total expenditure for drugs and medicine is for self medication.

Q. How many whorl subclassifications are possible in the entire Henry system of identification by fingerprints? W.C.
A. In the Henry system the number of primary classifications is 1024, all but one of which include whorls. The number of secondary classifications is in the tens of thousands and the number of sub-secondary classifications is in the tens of millions; that is to say, the further the division the greater the number.

Q. How many stars can be seen with the naked eye? L.T.L.
A. The number of stars in the whole celestial sphere might enough to be seen by the average eye on a clear, moonless night has been estimated to be between six and seven thousand. As one-half of this number lies below the horizon, and haze near the horizon hides

many more, the total number visible at any one place cannot greatly exceed 2500. The blended light of many million stars in the Milky Way may be seen but not the individual points of light.

Q. Does the poet laureate of England receive compensation for services in that position? B.F.
A. The compensation that goes with the office is \$360 per annum.

Q. How nearly is the world motorized from the automobile point of view? H.S.
A. In 1931 there was one automobile for every 56 persons in the world. In the United States the ratio is one car to every four persons.

Q. What instrument is considered the most important in an orchestra? N.T.
A. The violin is so considered and the first violinist ranks next to the conductor.

Q. When a physician swears to the disability of a war veteran, does that give him his pension? V.H.B.
A. The Veterans' Administration says that in order to establish the existence of a disability a veteran must be examined by a Veterans' Administration physician. A statement of a veteran's own physician is not conclusive and can be rebutted by the Veterans' Administration office.

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HEY, YOU! WHAT TH... COME BACK HERE—HEY! STOP THAT DRAT—
LEAPIN' LIZARDS! SHE'S AWAKE—
SANDY! QUICK—SNAP OUT OF IT! WE'RE GETTIN' OFF—
GRAB HER! SHE MUSTN'T GET AWAY—I'M TAKING HER TO THE REFORMATORY—
NIX—THAT'S THE AIR CORD—
QUICK—GET A LANTERN—CATCH THAT RED-HEADED IMP—
CHEE—DID WE STOP!! WHEN SHE YANKED THAT CORD I'LL BET EVERY BIRD ON THIS TRAIN TURNED A SUMMER-SAUT—
QUICK, SANDY—HIT 'M BUSHES AN' KEEP MOVIN—

REGULAR FELLERS

I GOTTA PRACTICE ON THE VI'LIN HALF AN HOUR EVERY DAY!
I GOTTA PRACTICE ON THE PRANNER AN HOUR A DAY!
I GOTTA PRACTICE ON THE CORNET BUT NOT OFTEN!
MOM ONEY MAKES ME PRACTICE WHEN POPP RELATIONS COME AROUND DINNER TIME!

THE GUMPS

OLD SCOOGIE—ON THE WARPATH—HEAVEN HELP HENRIETTA IF SHE DOESN'T SHOW UP SOON WITH THAT PEARL NECKLACE—
THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR HELPING HER—BEING KIND—I LOANED IT TO HER FOR A NIGHT FOR \$5000.00—
SHE'LL HEAR FROM ME IF SHE TRIES ANY OF HER TRICKS—ONE WORD TO THAT HUSBAND OF HER'S ABOUT WHO PAWNED IT—AND SHE BORROWED IT TO MAKE HIM THINK THAT SHE STILL WAS IN POSSESSION OF IT—AND IT WOULD BE JUST TOO BAD FOR HER—
THE SCENE NOW SHIFTS TO TOM CARR'S OFFICE—
MY GIFT TO HENRIETTA—A TOKEN OF THE DEEP LOVE THAT I HAVE FOR THE DEAREST GIRL THAT LIVES—AND THE LITTLE DARLING—PUT THEM IN A SAFE—AFRAID TO WEAR THEM—THAT SHOWS HOW SHE VALUES THEIR WORTH—
WELL THE JEWELS ARE SAFE NOW—IN TOM'S STRONG BOX—POOR HENRIETTA—WHAT A PICKLE SHE'S IN—

MUTT AND JEFF

AH-AH-AH-AH-AH-AH!
THIS DUMP IS WORSE THAN A BOILER FACTORY SINCE JEFF'S STARTED TO TRAIN HIS VOICE FOR RADIO CROONING!
DO-RE-ME-FÄ—
TOO MUCH OF THAT NOISE IS PLENTY, I AIN'T GOT A GUN—BUT—M-M-M—
WAH WAH WAH WAH—
GLUB! HOW NICE AND QUIET IT HAS BECOME AFTER A SUDDEN! TEG HEE!

TAILSPIN TOMMY

GUY DON'T YOU GO TO BED? NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN!
JUST THOUGHT I'D DROP IN AND FIND OUT IF YOU'VE HEARD FROM HERG!
HOOK 'ER UP ON TH' LOUD SPEAKER FOR U.S. VIC!
HELLO THREE-POINT—THIS IS SLACK IN PLANE NUMBER FOUR-SEVEN—I JUST PICKED UP THE LIGHTS FROM A SHIP FLYING SOUTH, BUT LOST IT IN THE CLOUDS—CAN'T GET A RADIO CONTACT WITH IT—
I'M OKAY—WELL OVER THE MOUNTAINS—WHERE'S BROWNIE?
HELLO HERG AND THREE-POINT—THIS IS BROWNIE—JUST HEARD YOU, HERG—PLANE IN DOWN ADO—I JUST GOT AWAY—SHIP YOU SAW MUST HAVE BEEN PRIVATE JOG WHICH LEFT AT 5200 AN HOUR ADO—ALL OKAY WITH ME—
—LISTEN, ALL STATIONS—SHIPS—BLACK AGAIN—SUDDEN FLASH OF LIGHT, FOLLOWED BY BRIGHT FIRE IN SOUTH END OF DEATH CANYON—LOOKS LIKE A PLANE CRASH TO ME—WILL INVESTIGATE—KEEP CONTACT—

HOT NEWS VIA MAIL PLANE RADIO-PHONE!

SUNDOWN STORIES

FINDING TODDLES

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER
"This isn't getting anywhere," said Willy Nilly to himself. "I ought to go home now that I have been away so long and haven't attended to my ears at all, but I just can't see this poor mother Toad suffer."
Mother Toad was sobbing once more.
"Now this will never do," said Willy Nilly. "You must calm yourself, Mrs. Toad. Tell me—what does Toddles look like?"
"Oh, he's the image of my brother Toddles," said Mrs. Toad.
"What does Toddles look like?" asked Willy Nilly.
"Toddles—oh, they're always said Toddles took after his great grandfather on my grandfather's side."
"Willy Nilly is good at finding things," repeated Old Toad, but Mother Toad was sobbing so hard that her tears trickled down to the ground and made little puddles.
"My Toddles isn't a thing," she cried. "He's the dearest, sweetest Todd—oh, could any one be so cruel as to kill my Toddles?"
"I'm sure he's perfectly safe," said Willy Nilly, patting Mother Toad. "But tell me what he looks like. You said he was like your brother Toddles, and your brother Toddles took after his great grandfather on your father's side, but I wouldn't be able to find him from that description."
"Oh, he has yellow spots on his coat—such dear, pretty spots—"
"You'd better come with me so you can pick him out if we see him playing with a lot of other Toads," said Willy Nilly.
"I'll come, but I'm so weak in the legs," said Mother Toad.
"I'll carry you," said Willy Nilly. And off they went.

ACROSS

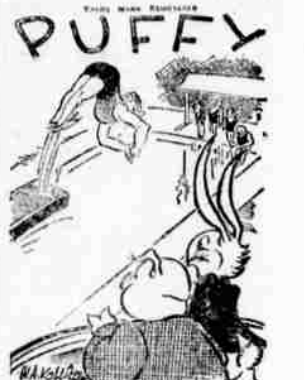
1. Wooden pins
2. Brief
3. Serpents
4. Leave out
5. Animal handler
6. African arrow poison
7. Calverous
8. Margin
9. Around an escutcheon
10. Bubbles
11. Lift up
12. Evergreen tree
13. French river
14. Pronoun
15. Source
16. Tiny
17. Untrue
18. Formerly
19. Possessive
20. Resumes
21. Note of the scale
22. One of the British Isles
23. Beaver
24. Pronoun
25. Hardware
26. Period of light
27. Sea eagle
28. Diver
29. The 11 across of 45 across
30. County in Oklahoma
31. Punish by a fine
32. Sister of one's parent
33. Ball

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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DOWN

1. Convex, as the moon in its second quarter
2. Female saluti
3. Old
4. Heating
5. Mystic Hindu word
6. Discount
7. Jig
8. Talk through the nose
9. Persian fairy
10. Prophet
11. Remalidae
12. Contests
13. Intervening time
14. Portable lamp
15. One of the cat
16. Aristic symbol of the fall
17. Dead
18. Pale
19. Compound
20. Pronoun
21. Beam
22. Feet pentence
23. Broad shallow vessel
24. Altonal best found in Russian mountains
25. Combat between two
26. Go over again
27. Steadying
28. Stagger
29. Deeply
30. Placed across
31. Composer of "Rule, Britannia"
32. Sign
33. Spocks
34. Nuts
35. Masculine nickname
36. Carpenter's tool
37. Symbol for nickel



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