

# Buying Barbara

by Julia Claff-Adams • Author of "YOU CAN'T MARRY"

SYNOPSIS: Just back from an all-night party at a London club, where he has blackmailed his hostess out of 150 pounds, Mark Lodely, gifted artist, insults his host, Farrell Armitage, by ignoring a telegram Farrell has mailed to 50 five him. Farrell is in love with the sister of the telegrapher, Barbara Quentin, and Barbara is Mark's fiancée. Farrell has secured Barbara's promise to postpone the wedding a year, so that Farrell can launch Mark as an artist, and Barbara can then make a choice between them without handicap for anyone.

## Chapter 27 A CHORE FOR POOLE

Kenneth Poole, looking as ruddy and smooth as though he had risen from eight hours' dreamless slumber, helped himself largely to ham and eggs and said—

"I'll yaffle this last one. If you're sure you're finished, I gather Mrs. Lodely breakfasts upstairs?"

"She does," Armitage puffed back from the table and began luxuriating to fill his pipe. "So yesterday's son. At least, he did yesterday."

"I'm not sure I understand Lodely's type enough to understand Lodely. Poole went on. "He certainly lost his wot just before he went to his by-byes. Couldn't follow his line of temper, quite." He paused, before adding very casually—"I got the impression you could, though."

Spoken in the best Poole manner. "Oh, Mr. Armitage, what a charming host! The secretary of yours is something so sympathetic about him!" He dodged the box of matches hurled at him and sobbed.

"Lodely has cause or, at least, excuse to bait me," Farrell admitted. "But I'm beginning to fear he dislikes me for the wrong reasons. There's nothing more obstructive to progress."

"Mind if I ring for some more toast?" asked Poole helpfully.

"Why not order yourself an one—"

look at him?" asked Armitage quietly.

"Phillips? Sir Robert Phillips, the bonsetter? But I thought he'd retired." Mrs. Lodely looked, for once, startled and impressed.

"He has, but it's my experience that a man can always be lured out of retirement by a case that's barred his colleagues."

Mrs. Lodely smoking fast, stared at the ground. A faint fear shot through Armitage—he had not foreseen difficulty with Mark's mother and he felt he would have liked to think out his line of attack. He said lamely—

"I gave your son his telegram last night, but I could not induce him to send any answer."

"Telegram?" "Oh, yes. From Barbara."

"She looked up sharply, spilling her ash."

"Barbara," she repeated.

"Armitage was tense, waiting. "If you don't mind my saying so, my dear boy—that's damn, deadly opening!"—you surely aren't thinking in any particular, personal way about Barbara?"

"It is true that I hope to persuade Miss Quentin to marry me instead of your son."

"You'll never do that," said Mrs. Lodely.

She said it casually—as casually as she dropped her half-smoked cigarette upon the Aubusson carpet and stamped it out with her big, shabby shoe. "You'll never do that if I have to lay down my life to prevent it. You can't understand, but it's a matter of getting justice for Mark—his marryin' Barbara. And if needs be, I shall tell 'em both why."

Into Armitage's mind flashed the memory of what Lella had said at South-the-Water. "I may have absolutely no right to all this. It may be really Mark's." And Armitage remembered his own rejoinder—"Or Barbara's."

Armitage felt anger rising. What cadgers and suckers they were, mother and son! They took and took and took from Barbara; her young strength was caught in their weakness her life tied down under their feet and dark with their shadows.

"Anyway, put the notion out of your mind," Mrs. Lodely told him. "You'd get the same advice from Baba, too, if you talked to her about it. If you don't mind my puttin' it plainly, she doesn't like you. She told me so."

"That certainly doesn't sound hopeful for me," admitted Armitage, equably.

"And now I'm all the more puzzled as to why you're doin' so much for Mark. I sh'd have thought you'd do less, if anything!" She peered at him with sudden suspicion. "Seems to be unnatural that you should wish him well!"

Armitage laughed aloud—she was so obviously crude in her emotional life.

"I've asked you to stay on here with your son," he pointed out. "If you still don't think he's safe in my house I can't, I'm afraid, convince you otherwise. But Miss Quentin is quite confident that I don't plan to poison his food or throw him downstairs, even if I do look upon him as a rival."

"You—she—" Mrs. Lodely was actually gaping at him. "Does that mean you told her—you wanted to marry her?"

"Certainly, I told her."

(To be Continued)

**Bridge-Club Guest**

Woodburn—Mrs. R. L. Guis entertained her bridge club at supper Wednesday evening followed by an evening of cards. Mrs. Henry Miller received the prize for high score. Club members present were Mrs. Keith Powell, Mrs. F. W. Settlement, Mrs. Eugene Courtney, Mrs. C. J. Eppy, Mrs. Blaine McCord, Mrs. Henry Miller and Mrs. Guis. Mrs. Ray Glatt was an additional guest.

**DAVIS IS HOME**

Jefferson—Laverne Davis, who has been visiting relatives in Oklahoma and Kansas for the past six months, has returned to his home here. Mr. and Mrs. Wealey Davis of Dundee were recent guests at the Davises home.

**THREE WISE BRIDGES**

**PUFFY**

Ah! A villain now appears upon the scene!

A wall-eyed young Claflet who's vengeful and mean.

He plans to get even with Cowboy Bill Puffy.

Now here's what you call melodrama, sure 'nough.

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# ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By Frederic J. Haskin

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**Q. With what material is the new hangar for the Macon at Sunnyvale, California to be covered? L.H.**

A. It is to be covered with corrugated asbestos protected metal. The covering will be composed of layers as follows: One layer of asbestos, one layer of metal, and another layer of asbestos. The framework is all steel and the corrugated asbestos is in huge sheets.

**Q. To what extent has organized labor relieved unemployment distress through the payment of unemployment benefits? F.L.**

A. In 1929 unemployment benefits were paid by labor unions to the extent of \$276,717 which is about normal for periods of prosperity. In 1930 this rose to \$3,311,270 and in 1931 to \$9,146,724.

**Q. Where does the Reconstruction Finance Corporation get its money? S.M.**

A. Established by act of congress, it started with \$500,000,000 supplied from the United States treasury. The remaining \$1,500,000,000 may be raised by public sale of its tax-exempt securities, guaranteed by the

government, or the United States treasury may sell government bonds to this amount and turn the funds over to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, accepting the securities of the corporation as collateral.

**Q. Was any part of the "underground railroad" actually underground? F.D.**

A. Not in a physical sense. This term was applied to the secret transportation of escaped slaves. It was systematic and cooperative. Houses of persons who would receive the negroes, feed, clothe and conceal them until they could be sent further north in safety were called stations.

**Q. How many schools are granting diplomas to trained nurses? J.M.W.**

A. The American Nursing Institute says that there are about 1800 nursing schools.

**Q. How many dialects are spoken in India? L.S.**

A. There are at least 20 distinct tongues, each of which is spoken by at least 100,000 people, and there are more than 200 vernaculars.

**Q. When did the French Huguenots come to this country? J.R.**

A. The Huguenots began to arrive in the colonies with the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. They settled in several colonies, but the Santee river region of South Carolina received the largest number. Some of the leading soldiers, politicians, merchants and literary men of South Carolina were of this stock. Another Huguenot settlement

was on the James river near Richmond. Another on the Pamlico river in North Carolina began well, but was nearly extinguished in the Indian war of 1711. There were also many who settled in New York.

**Q. Did the expression "Father in Heaven" used as a synonym for God in the Lord's Prayer, originate with Jesus Christ? A.H.**

A. It was a common phrase expressive of Jewish religious ideas and has its parallels in Jewish liturgy before the time of Christ.

**Q. How high is the Great Pyramid? L.M.L.**

A. The exact measurement of the Great Pyramid has a width of each side at the base of 755 2/3 feet.

**Q. How many acres of land were taken away from owners in the Russian revolution? S.M.W.**

A. During the revolution over 1,000,000,000 acres of land belonging to the landowners were acquired by the peasantry. In addition 48,000,000 acres belonging to the richer class of peasants were also taken for use in agriculture by the Soviet government.

**Q. Who wrote "The Burial of Sir John Moore?" J.T.D.**

A. The Rev. Charles Wolfe, Sir John died January 16, 1809, following the battle of Corunna. By his own wish he was buried before the following dawn in the ramparts of Corunna.

**Q. How many students has Howard university? H.B.P.**

A. This negro university, supported by the federal government, had a total enrollment last year of 2464 students. In June, 362 men and women received degrees.

**Q. How old is Jackson Barnett, the wealthy Indian? M.L.**

A. He is about 60 and now lives in Los Angeles.

# SPRING VALLEY MISSION GROUP HEARS OF CHINA

Zena—Miss Margaret Lewis of Portland spoke before the Spring Valley Mission society at the home of Mrs. W. W. Henry Wednesday afternoon. Miss Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis and with her sister has spent considerable time as a teacher in a mission school in China.

Mrs. Ralph C. Shepard, aunt of Miss Lewis, also gave a talk on China and some of her problems regarding international relations, and explained how Russians entering China make friends of the Chinese and are introducing communism there. The study hour at the next meeting will be devoted to India. Mrs. Hugh Craig had charge of the study hour.

Mrs. S. D. Crawford, president, read the Scripture, Mrs. V. L. Gibson reported for the floral committee, Mrs. W. Frank Crawford, treasurer and Miss Irene Windsor, secretary, gave reports. Roll call was answered with bible verses. Mrs. Crawford announced that the federated rural women's clubs of Polk county will meet at Dallas February 15 and at that time an exchange will be held for persons desiring to exchange seeds, flowers, shrubs and so on. Action taken regarding relief work to be undertaken for local families resulted in the appointment of a committee to take charge. The relief committee includes Mesdames W. Frank Crawford, Jesse Walling, and W. D. Henry. Mrs. V. L. Gibson, Mrs. Jesse Walling and Mrs. E. D. Nieswander were joint hostesses.

The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. D. Henry,

with Mrs. Alvin Madsen and Miss Pansy Nieswander joint hostesses. Special guests present were Mrs. John Lewis and Miss Margaret Lewis of Portland, Mrs. E. R. Bearnsley, Mrs. Ralph Allen and daughter Betty Zo, Mrs. Jean Doan and Mrs. Paul Nieswander and son Paul Jr., all of Salem. Mrs. Clarence Merrick and daughter Audrey and Alice Crawford.

Members present were Mesdames R. C. Shepard, Fred Miller, W. F. Crawford, S. D. Crawford, C. M. Purvine, W. N. Crawford, Hugh Craig, Frank B. Windsor, W. D. Henry, A. L. Kinton, Ival Utterback, Misses Pansy Nieswander and Irene Windsor, and the hostesses, Mrs. E. D. Nieswander, Mrs. V. L. Gibson, Mrs. Jesse Walling, son Paul W. W. Henry. Refreshments were served by the hostesses.

# ALBANY WILL HAVE 3 NEW THEATERS

Albany—Albany is to have three first-run theaters, each with modern sound equipment, it was announced yesterday. F. W. Horrihan, proprietor of the Venetian, announced he would reopen the Ramesseum theater, changing the name to the Granada, and V. B. Kenworthy, who operated the Venetian theater until a year ago will open the new show house in the Barrett block.

Horrihan operates theaters in Oregon, Washington and Montana. Reduced prices will prevail in all three theaters, it was learned.

Silverton—J. H. McCullough returned Wednesday from Portland where he and Mrs. McCullough had been with their small son, Bobby, who underwent a major operation at the Doernbecher hospital Tuesday noon. Mrs. McCullough remained in Portland and her mother, Mrs. Mary Farmer of Portland is at the McCullough home, for several days.

# SUNDOWN STORIES

## SEEING THE WORLD

By Mary Graham Bonner

Rip had come back from his romp, Topnotch had closed his store for the evening, the Ducks were wide awake, and all had agreed that they should decide that very evening just what was to be done about Willy Nilly's case.

Suddenly a flutter of wings could be heard outside and a quick-quacking and a knock at the door. There stood Mr. and Mrs. Quackles, the bride and groom.

"We're back," they said. "We've traveled quite far, and we've decided to spend the rest of our honeymoon in Puddle Muddle. We've seen the world."

"Oh, tell us about the world, said everyone."

"Well, it's like Puddle Muddle, only not so nice. It's really not so much when you come down to it. Our pond, our old roads, our old fields are the best," Quackles said.

"But what is the world like?" asked Mrs. Quackles.

"Well," said Quackles, "it's like this, only more of it. You go on and on and get very tired and you see more land and you see more trees and you see another brook and you see a pond or a swamp."

"Then you see some more trees and some more land and houses and some rocks and some poles."

"Really," he explained grandly with a flourish of his wing, "the world is a whole lot of the same thing only spreading itself over more ground."

"That's a perfect description," said Mrs. Quackles.

"A perfect description," they all quacked and barked and crowed.

All of a sudden they heard a knock on the window pane—Knock-knock-knock.

Monday—"Knock, knock, knock."

## ACROSS

1. Place on the stage  
2. Victim  
3. Fold of thread  
4. Addition to a building  
5. Old word for learn  
6. Curve described by a projectile  
7. Continent  
8. Cubic meter  
9. Science of bodies at rest  
10. Feminine name  
11. Hastened  
12. Toughest  
13. Nucleus of a virgin metal  
14. Debut  
15. English author  
16. Horn  
17. Asiatic palm  
18. Mineral used in making fireworks  
19. Canines  
20. Historical period  
21. Light helmets of animal's foot

## Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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6. Misfortunes  
7. Place of town sites  
8. Cheap race horse  
9. Dwelling  
10. Scandinavian navigator  
11. Alternative votes  
12. Drink  
13. Curve into view  
14. Iliad character  
15. Afternoon function  
16. Sin  
17. Unnecessary  
18. Sailor  
19. Meadow  
20. Gaelic sea god  
21. Sooty river  
22. Circle in which a gun is set  
23. Most recent  
24. Theme  
25. Son of Noah  
26. Air comb, form  
27. Heliote  
28. Mandarins tree  
29. Back of hammer  
30. Lacerated  
31. Extra parts  
32. Constellation

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WHY, SANDY AND I HAVE BEEN TOGETHER, ALMOST FROM THE FIRST—HE WAS JUST A LITTLE PUPPY, WHEN I FOUND HIM IN THE ALLEY THAT DAY, BACK OF MRS. BOTTLE'S STORE—GEE, THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO—

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## REG'LAR FELLERS

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THAT'S NOT SO MUCH!

WOULD YOU DO IT?

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## THE GUMPS

WHY WILL POOR UNCLE BIM STRESS DO? UNCLE BIM HAS NOT PROPOSED THE HOTEL BILL, BUT HE'S GOT A LARGER AND LARGER EACH DAY—

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WELL—MILLIE—WHAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE? WE SEEM TO BE GETTING NO WHERE—HAS BIM PROPOSED TO YOU—HAS HE SHOWN ANY SIGNS THAT HE WANTS TO MARRY? DO YOU THINK HE'S SINCERE? WELL—LET ME TALK TO HIM TONIGHT—SEE WHAT I CAN DO!

YES—MR. GUMPS—IT IS NO EASY TASK FOR A MOTHER TO BRING UP HER DAUGHTER PROPERLY THIS DAY AND AGE—THE HEARTY ONES—WORRYING IF SHE IS IN THE RIGHT COMPANY—THERE ARE SO MANY TEMPTATIONS AND PITFALLS NOWADAYS—

I DO REALIZE AND I CAN SEE YOUR POSITION WITH SUCH A BEAUTIFUL AND CHARMING DAUGHTER AS MILLIE—IT MUST BE A PROBLEM AND A DIFFICULT ONE ON A KIND AND LOVING MOTHER—

YES—I OFTEN THINK THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING IF MILLIE WOULD SETTLE DOWN—THAT IS—IF THE RIGHT MAN CAME ALONG—IN FACT I'D ENCOURAGE IT—

AHEM!

1-21

## TAILSPIN TOMMY

UNABLE TO LEARN ANYTHING FROM HIS MOTHER'S REBUKING THE MISSING THIRTY-THOUSAND CIGARETTES—HEAN AND RELIGIOUS FROM THE EFFECTS OF THE BIBLE—

BENDING HIS LEG, TOMMY MAKES HIS WAY FROM THE ASSHOLE TO DEEP PLACE WHERE HE CAN REST AND THINK—THE ONLY WAY TO BE ONE RAY OUT—

REMEMBER AT ALL TIMES—RANCH HOUSE—

GOSH—MIGHTY—NOW WHO TURNED ON THAT AIR RADIO?

USE YOUR HEAD, FRIENDS—

WELL—I BET THE WAR THE LAST WOT STOPPED—HAR! NO WONDER HE HAD TO BE IN SUCH A HURRY—

GOSH ALL TOMATOES AN' BITTER ROOT APPLES, I BEST CALL THE SHERIFF—HE'LL DO YER—AS SURE AS MY NAME IS ZACK COFFIN!

SLEEPED LIKE A NICE KID—HE WAS NURT, TOO—'LAL, YEP—THEY'S ALWAYS A SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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