

VALIANT DUST

by Percival Christopher Wren

SYNOPSIS: Looking about the ancient Moorish citadel of Mekkasen, which was built by the great Sultan of Morocco, Otho Bellemore, who is in the citadel as a private to Ralsul's command. Margaret is on the point of yielding.

Chapter 48
THE DUEL
Ralsul laughed merrily. He was amused.
"No, no, no! This won't do at all. You've got to kiss me, I'm not going to do all the kissing, maddeningly, thrillingly wonderful as it is. What the devil are you staring at?"
Turning about, Ralsul followed Margaret's incredulous hypnotized gaze, and with a swift and a springing panther, leapt to his feet.
"Ah!" said Otho Bellemore, with a sound of unfathomable satisfaction. "Ralsul ben Abd' Allah Karim."
Without taking his eyes from those of his adversary, Ralsul bent sideways to the low table on which he had laid his long dagger, drew it from its sheath, and advanced, poised and crouching.
With a laugh that belied the look upon his face.
"Another visitor, Margaret!" he said.

SUNDOWN STORIES

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER
Years and years ago, continued Jelly Bear, "some Indians were making maple syrup and maple sugar."
"One day the Indian mothers were boiling the sap for sugar over a fire they had made a short distance from the wig-wam. At the same time the Indian children were having a party of their own. They were boiling the sap to make candy, and as they did so they put the candy on the snow to cool and to harden just enough."
"There was the right kind of breeze that day. As you know we Bears cannot see very well, but we have a keen sense of smell. It is why we so often stand upon our hind legs and sniff the air. On that particular day the Indians had not finished their sugar making when it was time for them to return to the wig-wam for the night."
"An old Bear was standing on a little hill and the sweet smell of maple syrup came his way. Oh, never, never, never had the old Bear smelt anything so good!"
The others smiled as they listened to Jelly Bear rave about the delicious smell of maple sap!
"The old Bear went down from his hill to the spot where the maple sap was to be found, and there he had a feast."
"He told the others in his family about it, and the next night they had a feast. They did not go back after that for they knew the Indians would discover them."
"But from that day to this every Bear has known that sweets were delicious."

Tomorrow—Painting Easter Eggs.

ACROSS

- Civil wrong
- Leaf of a calyx
- Title of Athens
- Toward the sheltered side
- Run away to be married
- Labor for breath
- Preventor
- City in Florida
- Sea eagle
- Body to whom duty is entrusted
- Reference table of a book
- Only
- Sister of one's parent
- Archaic garment
- Abandon
- Blind
- Preceptor
- Confederate general
- Maiden
- Like a funeral vase
- Free
- Carved gem
- Share
- Obstinate
- Antique pleasure excursion
- Long-tailed fish
- Roach river

DOWN

- Anglo-Saxon
- Point
- Substance used in tanning
- Those in power
- Indian
- Keep
- City in Vermont
- Record of a single event
- The select
- Shy
- Godness of peace
- Funeral
- Strike early
- Room about lobby
- Act of persuading and appealing
- Apple juice
- Dry
- Opposite
- Measure of length
- Solten in
- Condemnation
- Disgrace
- which met a triangle end
- Girdle
- Operative axis
- Not wild
- Single thing
- Patience
- Cave with a single spot

PUZZLE SOLUTION

1. CIVIL WRONG
2. LEAF OF A CALYX
3. TITLE OF ATHENS
4. TOWARD THE SHELTERED SIDE
5. RUN AWAY TO BE MARRIED
6. LABOR FOR BREATH
7. PREVENTOR
8. CITY IN FLORIDA
9. SEA EAGLE
10. BODY TO WHOM DUTY IS ENTRUSTED
11. REFERENCE TABLE OF A BOOK
12. ONLY
13. SISTER OF ONE'S PARENT
14. ARCHAIK GARMENT
15. ABANDON
16. BLIND
17. PRECEPTOR
18. CONFEDERATE GENERAL
19. MAIDEN
20. LIKE A FUNERAL VASE
21. FREE
22. CARVED GEM
23. SHARE
24. OBSTINATE
25. ANTIQUE PLEASURE EXCURSION
26. LONG-TAILED FISH
27. ROACH RIVER
28. ANGLO-SAXON
29. POINT
30. SUBSTANCE USED IN TANNING
31. THOSE IN POWER
32. INDIAN
33. KEEP
34. CITY IN VERMONT
35. RECORD OF A SINGLE EVENT
36. THE SELECT
37. SHY
38. GODDESS OF PEACE
39. FUNERAL
40. STRIKE EARLY
41. ROOM ABOUT LOBBY
42. ACT OF PERSUADING AND APPEALING
43. APPLE JUICE
44. DRY
45. OPPOSITE
46. MEASURE OF LENGTH
47. SOLTEN IN
48. CONDEMNATION
49. DISGRACE
50. WHICH MET A TRIANGLE END
51. GIRDLE
52. OPERATIVE AXIS
53. NOT WILD
54. SINGLE THING
55. PATIENCE
56. CAVE WITH A SINGLE SPOT

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By Frederic J. Haskin

Q. How old is the motor cycle?
A. The earliest known attempt at a two wheeled vehicle which would proceed under its own power is said to have been made by W. W. Austin of Winthrop, Mass. in 1868. It was propelled by a coal burning steam engine. Other more or less similar affairs followed in 1884 and 1886. In 1895 a cycle propelled by a combustion engine using gasoline was exhibited at Madison Square Garden in New York City. This has been called the first appearance of the motor cycle in the form in which it is known today.

Q. Which are the English cathedrals of the "Old Foundation"?
A. York, London, Lincoln, Lichfield, Hereford, Exeter, Salisbury, Wells, and Chichester.

Q. Was Brooklyn bridge ever a toll bridge?
A. Brooklyn bridge was opened in May, 1883, as a toll bridge—10 cents for each vehicle—and so it remained until 1912.

Q. What is the origin of the expression, "It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to straighten it out"?
A. There appear to be many different opinions as to its origin. John Peter Zenger, proprietor of a newspaper of Albany, was indicted for criminal libel, and was successfully defended by Andrew Hamilton, a Philadelphia lawyer, in 1735. The case was epoch-making, as Hamilton established for all time the principles of free press and free speech to which the law of libel should be forever subservient. The New England folks have a saying: "Three Philadelphia lawyers are a match for the very devil himself." This is taken from the Salem Observer, of March 13, 1824.

Q. Where is Tannu Tuva?
A. It is in a district in Mongolia which is nominally a part of the Chinese Republic, but which has recently come under Soviet influence.

Q. When did New Orleans have its first Mardi Gras parade?
A. In 1827, a number of young men, recently returned from Paris, organized the first grand street parade of masks. In 1837 and 1839, more pretentious parades were staged, and gradually the New Orleans Carnival with its magnificent spectacles was evolved.

Q. What were the twelve tables?
A. The tables of wood on which was engraved or painted the earliest codification of the Roman law.

Q. How many members compose a school board?
A. In rural districts, 80 percent of the school boards are composed of three members. Cities show a preference for boards of 3, 5, 6 or 7.

Q. Was passage paid for the American expeditionary force in the World war?
A. Excepting for the few army transports in service and the voluntary loan of one Brazilian ship for a time, passage was paid for a stay of twenty-four hours or less.

BRUSH COLLEGE GRANGERS MEET

Brush College—O. M. Plummer of Portland, manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition spoke at the meeting of the grange. He dealt with general farm topics and farm conditions. The program was arranged and turned over to A. R. Ewing, chairman of the agricultural committee, who presided. This followed the 6:30 o'clock supper which was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scott of Salem opened the program with two vocal numbers accompanied by Mrs. A. E. Utley. Following Plummer's address, James Smart sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Utley and for an encore sang a duet with Mrs. A. E. Utley, accompanied by Mrs. Blodgett.

Members of the Dallas Commercial club and of the Buell grange were special guests for the evening and talks were given by N. L. Guy of Dallas, president of the Commercial club, Mrs. C. N. Blyen, secretary, W. S. Muir, W. L. Soehren and E. J. Himes. After the closed meeting opened visiting grangers who gave short talks were Mr. and Mrs. William Stockholm, Mr. and Mrs. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Graves of Dallas, and others.

A number of the Brush College grangers who went to Monmouth to visit Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarter, Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Blodgett, Mrs. Glenn Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cook and Mrs. Hattie Simkins. Oak Grove will send representatives to this grange as special guests at the next meeting the first Friday night in May. At that time no regular meal will be served, but refreshments will follow the evening's activities with the

WOODBURN SENIORS START CLASS PLAY

Woodburn—The senior class of Woodburn high school is hard at work on the play, "Skidding," a comedy by Aurantha Rouverol, which they will present at the high school auditorium Friday, April 21.

Miss Virginia Mason is coaching the production and the cast includes Margaret Martin as Aunt Milly, James Cooper as Andy, Lavola Simon as Mrs. Hardy, Lawrence Koch as Judge James Hardy, Bill Uppendahl as Grandpa Hardy, Vera Culp as Estelle Hardy Campbell, Mary Alice Conyne as Marian Hardy, Cornelius Gearin as Wayne Trenton, Donald Courtney as Mr. Stubbs, and Gwendolyn Strike as Myra Hardy Wilcox.

The production staff includes Lois Seely, prompter; Herbert Koenig, stage manager; Joe Levy, electrician; Donald Garrett, business manager; Verda Hanna, advertising manager; Charles Cammack, Ivan Cutsforth, Irene Witham, Mary Jackson, Dorothy Lee, property committee; Daisy Shrock, Beatrice Donaldson, Lois Proctor, small properties committee; Evelyn Kocher, head usher.

Aurora Is Beerless

Aurora—Aurora's beer supply ran out in a short period, it being sold at Joe King's poolhall, which years ago was the famous "Old Hotel" saloon. A new supply is expected soon.

LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

4-15-35

HM-M, IT MIGHT BE WORTH A LOT TO KNOW WHAT THE OLD MAN IS COOKING UP, THAT MAKES HIM SO ANXIOUS TO GET RID OF ME—WELL, I'LL LEAVE TOWN, AS HE EXPECTS ME TO—I HAVEN'T SAID WHEN I'D COME BACK—

AN, THERE GOES ELMER TO THE STATION—WITH HIM OUT OF THE WAY, I CAN MOVE FREELY—

YES, THERE HE GOES—AND, ONCE IN THE CITY, HE WON'T COME BACK FOR A WEEK—I GAVE HIM ENOUGH TO LAST EVEN HIM THAT LONG—

MY PLAN MIGHT SEEM DESPERATE—BUT IN THAT FACT LIES SAFETY—NO ONE COULD EVER SUSPECT ME OR PROVE A THING—AND MY DESPERATE SITUATION REQUIRES DESPERATE MEASURES—

REG'AR FELLERS

BOOM, IT'S COLD TODAY! LET'S GO OVER TO BUMP HUGGONS' HOUSE! THEY HAVE A 'LECTRIC RADIATOR!'

IT'S COLD IN HERE! HAD THE 'LECTRIC RADIATOR COME OUT?

YEP!

WHY DON'TCHA TURN IT ON?

I CAN'T I WENT OUT WITH THE INSTALLMENT COLLECTOR!

THE GUMPS

SABOTAGED! THESE ARE GREY DAYS FOR MAMA—LITTLE BY LITTLE THE BANK ROLL GROWS LEANER—NO WORD FROM BUBBY MORE—SOME THAT AWFUL AFTERNOON WHEN MILLIE WALKED IN ON THE ARMS OF THAT YOUNG PLAY-BOY—MAMA HARDLY KNOWS WHERE TO TURN OR WHAT TO DO TO SEE HER CHILD NOT BLINDLY AND DESTROYED BY A FEELING OF CLOUDEST HAS GROWN UP BETWEEN HER AND MILLIE—

WAWA HAS JUST GONE TO MILLIE'S—MILLIE IS OUT THIS EVENING—

WHAT'S THIS? A PHOTOGRAPH HIDDEN HERE IN THE DRAWER—THAT SNAKE-TANGLED EYED SNAKE THAT BROUGHT UP HERE THAT AFTERNOON—

"TO THE MOST ADORABLE GIRL IN ALL THE WORLD—FROM BUBBY—ROLAND—A PINE NAME FOR A BILLY LITTLE POOL LIKE THAT—NOT A BRAIN IN HIS HEAD AND PROBABLY NOT A DOLLAR IN HIS POCKET—IF SHE HAS HIS PHOTOGRAPH, THAT MEANS SHE MUST HAVE BEEN SEEING HIM AGAIN—AFTER I POSITIVELY FORBODE HER TO—"

MAMA'S HEART COULD ALMOST BREAK—TO THINK THAT MILLIE SHOULD GIVE UP A MAN OF WEALTH AND POSITION AND CULTURE FOR A YOUNG NOBODY LIKE THIS—WHAT SHE WILL TELL MILLIE TONIGHT—OH, MAMA—DON'T FORGET THAT LOVE IS NOT ONLY BLIND BUT HARD OF HEARING AS WELL—

INSTEAD OF LISTENING TO HER MOTHER'S ADVICE—SHE PROBABLY ATTEMPTED SOME PARK BENCH RIGHT NOW LETTING HIM FILL HER HEAD WITH A LOT OF NONSENSE—SHE'S MAKING VOWS THAT HE NEVER CAN BE A DOB—SHE'S FROM NOW—NOW SHE'LL WITH THAT TALKER HER OLD MOTHER'S ADVICE—MILLIE WILL BE TOO LATE—

TAILSPIN TOMMY

WHERE IS TORTUGA ISLAND? IT'S ONLY A SMALL ISLAND, BUT IT WAS THE CRADLE OF THE BUCCANEERS—AND LATER A PIRATE STRONGHOLD.

DOES THE MAP YOU MENTIONED SHOW THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE TREASURE SUPPOSED TO BE BURIED THERE?

"AND IN SOME CASES THE PIRATE LEADERS WERE TRICKY—"

SEVEN FACES NORTH?

NO USE KILLIN' ME—ANYBODY CAN READ HIS NAME.

GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT I AIN'T KILLED NOBODY YET TODAY—I'M GETTIN' RESTLESS.

"AS IN THE CASE OF 'MANY' TOMMY PETE, A SEVEN FOOT GIANT."

MUTT AND JEFF

OH, FOR THE LOVE OF—E PLURIBUS!

WHY AIN'T I GOT WINGS?

OH, PLEASE, MR. BEAR—HAVE MERCY ON ME!

DON'T RUN THAT BEAR LIKE THAT, JEFF! I HIRED HIM FROM PONCHO—PONCHO WAS AN ORGAN GRINDER BEFORE HE BECAME AN ACTOR. WHY BRUNO IS AS HARSHLESS AS A FLEA!

BUT A FLEA BITES!

E PLURIBUS UNUM!

JEFF IS STILL ON THE "EPLURIBUS UNUM" STANDARD