

## Outrageous Fortune

by Patricia Wentworth

SYNOPSIS: A man, picked up on the shore after the wreck of the Alice Arden, has been taken from the hospital by Neta, his sister, and her husband, Jimmy Riddell. He is at her brother Tom's house in Lexington. A few moments after Neta and the man had left, Caroline Leigh arrives at the hospital, searching for her sister. When the nurse mentions a scrap of paper she had found in her patient's pocket, with the signature "Caroline Leigh," she determines to continue her apparently hopeless search. Meanwhile the man wakes, and Neta tells him he is her husband. He declares he does not know her, nor can he recall other events of the past.

### Chapter Nine

#### UNCOMPROMISING PAST

He awoke in the morning to the sound of Tom Williams clattering down the stairs and being out of bed in a minute and at the door.

"I say, lend me a razor—there's a good chap!"

He found Tom embarrassed but friendly. The razor was produced, and Min brought him hot water and asked him timidly if he felt better. When he said "I don't feel better—I feel well," she looked pleased; but when he added, "I expect I look like a cut-throat," she colored and ran away.

He shaved, dressed himself, and was relieved to find himself no more than just a little shaggy. His clothes he discovered in a neat pile upon a shelf screened by a chintz curtain. The suit had been pressed, but it still had a smell of sea-water about it.



### TOP NOTCH'S ALARM

By Mary Graham Bonner

There was great excitement in Puddle Muddle. It was the day when Mr. Quacko was to hold the first swimming class in connection with the Puddle Muddle school, but hardly any one except Rip and the Ducks answered. "Present" to the roll call.

"Of course I rather imagined the chickens would play hockey today," grinned Rip, the Dog, who insisted on swimming in his paw-over-paw dog fashion instead of the Duck swimming glide stroke. Mr. Quacko wanted every one to learn.

"But I did think," Rip continued, as he came out of the pond, "that the Bears would show up. They like to swim."

"Quack, quack," answered the little Ducks. "Jelly Bear did not feel well while leading the nature class and he told us to go on with Honey Bear. After we had gone a little distance with her, she said she wanted to rest and would catch up with us later."

"But we wandered on and on and she never came and then it began to grow dark and we were frightened. It was then that Christopher Columbus Crow saw us and showed us the way home."

"What has happened to Jelly and Honey Bear?" asked Rip. "Did they look ill? Couldn't they walk? What was the matter?"

"Quack, quack, they did not look ill at all," answered the little Ducks. But at that moment, Top Notch, the Rooster, came hurrying along.

"The most dreadful thing has happened," he said, his wings shaking nervously.

Tomorrow—"Lost in the Woods."

ACROSS

1. Spongy-looking mineral

5. Assemblage of tents

9. Dense mist

12. Notion

13. Edible substance derived from Ceylon moss

14. Auditory

15. That which is left

18. Uninhabited

19. Conjunction

20. Blacksmith's workshop

21. Uses

22. Afloat

23. Bodice

27. Gravy

29. Ribera

32. Sea eagle

33. By the side of

34. Period of light

35. The heavens

37. Baseball

38. Implement

39. Ascended

40. Greek letter

41. Watings which

42. Cylinders for winding thread

47. Nourished

48. Most convenient

49. Very black

50. Part of a curve

51. Genealogical record

52. Mature

53. Tiny

54. Period of time

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