

Peddler of Dreams

By PEGGY DERN

Chapter 15

The subdued children were clustered inside the trailer when Jason came in from the store. He was tired, jubilant because having a job made him feel important, and hungry because he was—in spite of his job and his feeling of importance—a growing boy with a healthy appetite.

Felicity put his supper on the table and sat down, his eyes roving contentedly over his family before he frowned and demanded, "Why, where's Tippy?"

"She's visiting Susan Fleming for a few days," said Felicity awkwardly.

Jason laughed and his eyebrows went up.

"Oh, my gosh—there'll be no living with her after that!" he commented dryly, and went on with his supper.

"If things work out the way Mrs. Fleming wants them to, we won't have to try living with her any more," said Felicity, setting her teeth hard.

Jason stared. What he saw in her face made him lay his fork down and say sharply, "What are you talking about, Tippy?"

"The Fleming lady wants to adopt Tippy," Denny burst out savagely. "She wanted me to stay, too."

"Adopt?" Jason was incredulous, angry. "Say, what is this? Who's going to adopt Tippy? I never heard anything so crazy."

"Mrs. Fleming is fond of Tippy and wants her as an adopted sister to Lanny, Mrs. Fleming's little son," said Felicity. "And Tippy wanted to stay."

"Good Lord, Fils," Jason's voice shook a little. "You don't mean—Fils, Tippy's our family. We can't go breaking up the FAMILY! Not—Not after you've fought so hard to keep us all together."

Felicity smiled through tears she hated but could not control. And she tried hard to steady her voice as she said, "But, Jay, dear, we have no right to stand in Tippy's way. After all, Mrs. Fleming can give her so much, and we can't give her anything at all—except our love and devotion. We—we haven't the right to keep her from all that Mrs. Fleming can give her."

Jason forgot he was hungry. He showed his plate back and stood up, thrusting nervous fingers through his hair. "Oh, but—good grief, Fils, this is awful. How do you know they'll be good to her? She's just a little kid. Some of the servants might mistreat her—"

"That's the only thing you don't have to worry about." The usually retiring Cornelia looked crisply. "That one can take care of herself. I'd pity the servant that tried to mistreat Tippy."

Felicity laughed a little shaky, uncertain laugh. Jason tried hard to join her. Cornelia looked swiftly from one to the other. Then she turned to Denny and Ellen and said, "Here, you kids—long time you should have been in bed. Hop into it now. You and Jay don't need to worry about Tippy. She'll be all right."

Jason sat down again and remembered something. "I stopped in at the postoffice before closing time," he said, holding out a letter. "It's from Father."

Felicity accepted the letter eagerly and opened it, while Jason tried to pretend he was still hungry. And then they were all electrified as Felicity unfolded a limp, tired-looking bill that had dropped from the letter.

"Why," she gasped. "It's money! 'Oce whilkens—ten bucks!'"

Jason echoed.

"Swiftly Felicity began to read the letter and burst out, "Oh, listen to this! Father's working again! Isn't that grand!"

"—She read aloud,

"—I'm glad I waited now, Fils, for a real part—the lead. Really a starring role. Of course it's a character part, and it may not run very long—show business is in an awful state around here. But even if it's only a month's run, there might possibly be a movie offer after that—and anyway, it's a swell part! I will send you some money along—maybe not a whole lot because I will have to spend a lot to put up the sort of front expected of a successful actor."

The trailer resounded with their hubbub until Garrett came over to investigate and the news was relayed to him, whereupon he, too, joined in the celebration.

"And just think, Garry—it's the lead. A starring part, really," Felicity gloated. "Isn't that marvelous?"

Garrett said unexpectedly, "Funsy—happiness is a great beautifier. Fils, you're lovely when your eyes shine like that, and there's such a pretty color in your cheeks."

"You—you're being foolish, Garry. I'm not pretty at all. My nose turns up at the end and I've got freckles and—well, the nicest thing you can say about me is that I'm sensible!"

"Tommyrot! The nicest thing I can say about you is that you're about the loveliest, grandest, most exciting person I ever met!" said Garrett almost huskily. And without waiting for her to answer, he turned and went swiftly out.

Felicity sat for a long time staring straight before her wide-eyed shaker. A starty party, hours ago, Garrett had called her "darling," and now he said she was lovely and exciting. She reveled in that last. Exciting! That was what people said about girls who were lovely and amorous—like Susan Fleming! And Garrett had said it about her—Felicity Horne!

(To Be Continued)



FRIDAY—P.M.					
	KSLM	KGW	KOCO	KOIN	
5:00	Fulton Lewis, Jr. News Hour	Woman's Secret	Sherry Jay	Herb Shriner	The Little Show
5:30	Frank Howland	Sunnyside	Sherry Jay	Herb Shriner	The Little Show
6:00	Superman	Burns & Allen	Candle Light & Silver	Knox Manning	Beulah
6:30	Superman	Burns & Allen	Fishwater	Chas. Hunter	News
7:00	Gabriel Heatter	Webster Sara	So Proudly Hall	Theatre of the Air	Theatre of the Air
7:30	Fulton Lewis, Jr. News Hour	Webster Sara	So Proudly Hall	Theatre of the Air	Theatre of the Air
8:00	Old Barber Shop	Life of Riley	Dan and Bob	Fishwater	Fishwater
8:30	This Is Music	Bill Stern	Rhythm Time	Fishwater	Fishwater
9:00	Straight Arrow	News of World	Baseball	Lowell Thomas	Jack Carson Show
9:30	Straight Arrow	News of World	Baseball	Lowell Thomas	Jack Carson Show
10:00	News	Sports Page Final	Baseball	Five Star Final	Sports Spotlight
10:30	Select Local News	Big Town	Baseball	Five Star Final	Sports Spotlight
11:00	Mutual Newslet	Sam Hays	Current & Choice	Track 1400	Track 1400
11:30	The Falcon	Orchestra	Program Preview	Track 1400	Track 1400
12:00	Sign Off	Sign Off	1:00 A.M. Sign	Silent	Silent

SATURDAY—6 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M.					
6:00	News	Radio Fades	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock	KOIN Klock
6:30	News	Radio Fades	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock	KOIN Klock
7:00	News	Radio Fades	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock	KOIN Klock
7:30	News	Radio Fades	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock	KOIN Klock
8:00	News	Radio Fades	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock	KOIN Klock
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11:00	News	Radio Fades	KOCO Klock	KOIN Klock	KOIN Klock
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Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Sharp shrill sound
7. Robs
12. Leap over
14. Small insect in a machine
15. Midwestern state abbr.
16. Haystack
17. Compass point
18. Disorderly conduct
19. Kind of dog
20. Comfort
21. Purposes
22. Measures
23. Corsets
24. Ancient cloth
28. Ancient Greek
30. Shelter for sheep
32. Covers

DOWN
2. Language related to Sanskrit
34. From into a row
35. Spanish article
36. Long narrow piece
42. Dexterity
43. One of the Gospels
46. Growl
47. European fish
48. Kind of athlete
49. Performer
50. Fishery for lampreys
51. Jubilant
52. Imagines
57. Having branches

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

1. English
2. Musical
3. Custodian
4. Former public house
5. Make lace
6. Fencing sword
7. Newspaper
8. Holder of a lease
9. Retra
10. Slave in a harem
11. Skilled workman
12. Ancient race
13. Steep descent
14. Palm leaf
15. Typographer
16. Cutler
17. Scotch comedian
18. European island near
19. Manual vocal
20. Walked with long steps
21. Supporting member of bridge
22. Insect
23. Small weight
24. Old musical note
25. Football position
26. Toward

Mrs. Ditter Home

Sublimity—Mrs. E. A. Ditter returned from a visit to Olympia Wash., where she attended St. Martin's college 18th annual Mother's Day. Delbert Ditter, who is taking business administration, is a member of St. Martin's college glee club. Mrs. Ditter spent several days in Seattle, where she visited relatives and friends before returning home.

ROOM AND BOARD By Gene Ahern

I CERTAINLY ENJOYED OUR EVENING OUT LAST NIGHT NEPHEW—AND AFTER MY NAP THIS AFTERNOON, I FEEL QUITE REFRESHED. I'VE HA—WHERE TO TONIGHT, NEPHEW?

AH—AH—YOU FEEL LIKE GOING OUT UNCLE WOLFGANG? UM—UNCLE!

IT COST ME \$14 LAST NIGHT—HOPE IT'S HIS TREAT TONIGHT!

REMEMBER YOU'RE IN HIS WILL, JUDGE

