

Peddler of Dreams

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Chapter 16

To Felicity's surprise, Tippy's absence from the trailer didn't seem to upset the other children unduly. She had been particularly worried about Denny. Would he sit in a corner and mope for his lost twin, the dazzling little beauty who used to be the unquestioning leader in their activities? That had been her first thought when Susan Fleming had so unexpectedly suggested adopting Tippy. She discovered that Denny had taken on a new attitude. He had been a subdued little boy, crushed behind Tippy's rather lawless, pugacious personality. But now he seemed to blossom out. He devoted himself to Ellen with a singleness of purpose that won the little girl's instant love and gratitude. He saw to it that Ellen had fun, yet that she was protected; that she didn't play too hard or get too tired. He fished with her for hours from one of the old planks that thrust planks out into the shining blue of the lake; he baited her hook, threw the line out for her.

Tippy came calling a week afterwards. A regal Tippy, wearing a sheer yellow linen frock with delicate hints of hand-embroidery on the smocked yoke, and with a big yellow hair-ribbon holding her shining curls in order. She had the air of a small queen bestowing largesse on the mere humble of peasant subjects, but Felicity hugged her hard and demanded anxiously to know if she was happy.

"But of course I'm happy, Fliss," answered Tippy, slightly annoyed at such a question. "Living in this beautiful house with Susan—and she's swell! I come down to tea in the afternoons and she introduces me to people and they all make a terrific fuss over me."

It was a week-day and Jason came in from fishing at the lake, burdened by more than fifty pounds of fish, for which he would receive an average of eight cents a pound when he delivered them at the fish market nearby.

Jason stared at her, his brows lifted a little, the color staining his face beneath the newly acquired sunburn.

"Well, well, if it isn't the little Queen!" he drawled. There was a note in his voice that made Tippy's small face flush with resentment. "What is this, Duchess?" he asked. "Your day for being kind—in a royal way, of course—"

Tippy turned away with a flourish of brief skirts and said haughtily, "I've brought you all some presents. I'll have the chauffeur bring them in, and then I really must be going. Susan said I must be back for tea."

When she had gone the others looked at each other silently above the little heap of tissue-wrapped presents, nobody made any move to untie a package.

"Tell you what let's do," Felicity said eagerly, almost ashamed of the look she saw on the other children's faces. "It's only two weeks until Christmas. Let's put these away unopened and pretend Christmas morning that Santa Claus brought them—shall we?"

"Okay, Fliss," said the children sociably in a sort of Greek chorus effect, with their usual complete conviction that anything Felicity did was exactly right and proper.

At Susan's repeated insistence, they went occasionally to the beach for the children's swimming lessons; but to Felicity's deep regret there was now a barrier between Tippy and the others. A barrier that Tippy herself had raised, and which the other children showed no inclination to cross.

It was at one of these informal little tea parties on the beach that Susan invited Felicity to the Christmas dance she was giving.

"Tell you what, Felicity—it's a costume party," she said. "And I'll wager that among your mother's stage costumes, there's something that will make you the belle of the ball. Is there any way you can get something of your mother's to wear at the dance? You've simply got to come even if you wear a bathing suit and label yourself 'The Spirit of Miami!'"

Felicity's eyes widened. "That would be fun. I'd love to wear one of Mother's costumes. I'll write to Uncle Charles and ask him to send me something out of Mother's old stage wardrobe."

Susan felt a little rush of tenderness for the girl. "That marvelous darling. And your young man—Garry—be sure to bring him along, too," she said, kissing Felicity's cheek lightly.

That night in the trailer, after supper was over, and Garrett had agreed that if "Uncle Charles" would send a man's costume, too, he would go to Susan's party. Felicity wrote her letter.

It was a long letter and told a good deal of what was happening. Felicity told of meeting Susan Fleming, and of her own need for a costume and one for Garry as well. And at the last she tucked in a hurried postscript:

Please don't laugh, Uncle Charles, but I've written a play. I'm sending it along by express, because that's a lot cheaper than mail; and if you have time to read it, I'll promise not to get my feelings hurt no matter how you lambast it. I know it's not good—but it was fun writing it, anyway. Isn't it grand that Father is working again? He sent us some money last week and it's going to make us a grand Christmas.

(To be continued)



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SATURDAY—P.M.

Time	KSLM 1200	KGW 1200	KOCO 1200	KOIN 1200
5:00	Frank Remondino's Smokey Kings	NBC Symphony	Band On Time	Cross Section
6:00	Hawaii Calls Hawaii Calls	Orchestra	Great White Way	Danger Ahead
7:00	Christian Science Tabernacle Echo	Bill Parade	Driver's Court	Gene Astly
8:00	Take a Number	Donna Day Show	Yampa Time	Gene Astly
9:00	Life Begins at 40	Grand Ole Opry	Baseball	Gene Astly
10:00	News	Current & Choice	Baseball	Gene Astly
11:00	News	Star Theatre	Baseball	Gene Astly
12:00	News	Star Theatre	Baseball	Gene Astly

SUNDAY

Time	KSLM 1200	KGW 1200	KOCO 1200	KOIN 1200
7:00	Music	National Radio	Deep River Boys	Church of the Air
8:00	Music	Church in Home	Dave Deane	Church of the Air
9:00	1st Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
10:00	2nd Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
11:00	3rd Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
12:00	4th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
1:00	5th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
2:00	6th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
3:00	7th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
4:00	8th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
5:00	9th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
6:00	10th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
7:00	11th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
8:00	12th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
9:00	13th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
10:00	14th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
11:00	15th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air
12:00	16th Baptist Ch.	News	Wendell Freres	Church of the Air

KEX Saturday P.M.—8:00, It's in the Family; 8:15, News; 8:30, Sunday; 8:45, News; 9:00, News; 9:15, News; 9:30, News; 9:45, News; 10:00, News; 10:15, News; 10:30, News; 10:45, News; 11:00, News; 11:15, News; 11:30, News; 11:45, News; 12:00, News.

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Rempel and Friesen Families to Picnic
Smithfield—Mr. and Mrs. Sol N. Ediger, and C. B. Friesen of Dallas met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Neufeld at Crowley Station for a committee meeting with Mrs. Neufeld to plan the annual reunion gathering of the Rempel-Friesen reunion to be held Decoration day at the Rickreall Grange hall. A program is planned with a basket dinner at the 1 o'clock noon hour and terminating with the annual business meeting during the afternoon.

Prolific Porkers Raised at Stayton
Stayton — You don't have to go to McCully Mountain to raise pigs. Wendell Freres on Fern Ridge has four Chester White sows which have had large litters all born alive within two days. The first had a litter of 17 pigs, two had 15 each, and the fourth had 12. Although they have lost several, they are running full capacity.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Part of a curve
- 14th century
- Tree
- Exotic
- Affirmative
- Beverage
- House
- Handle
- Insect
- First piece sawed from
- Do without
- Dimmed
- Toward
- Acquaint
- Spanish lady
- Danish island

DOWN

- Shrine at Mecca
- Teaching
- Alack
- Horre and carriage
- Caravan river
- Name of a city
- Hair over the eye
- Head of a small rug
- The electric guitar
- Swiss canton
- Fine driving
- Swiss canton
- Print
- Artic
- Soft drink
- Tropical fruits
- Natural height
- Divided by
- Islands
- Coke
- Soft drink
- French capital
- Sea eagle
- Swiss canton
- Southern constellation
- Swiss canton
- Swiss canton

Square Puzzle

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