

Peddler of Dreams

By PEGGY DERN

Chapter 22

And so Garrett started smiling, though there were periods of depression and discouragement when Felicity found it difficult to get him to work.

She waited to the grocery store for the following day. Felicity was tired, worried about Garrett; she almost forgot to stop in at the postoffice next door to the grocery store, to mail.

The pleasant, elderly man behind the counter greeted her with a smile and said, "Oh, only today, Miss Horne. Lovely day isn't it?"

She thanked him and accepted the long, rather plump envelope he gave her. It was addressed to her, and in the upper right-hand corner there was the address "Ackerman & Conners, Inc., New York City."

Puzzled, Felicity tore open the envelope. Out of it she drew a letter, a printed legal-looking document—and a long green slip which she studied with wide, incredulous eyes. It read: Pay to the order of Felicity Horne, One thousand dollars. It was signed: Harry J. Ackerman, Pres., Ackerman & Conners, Inc.

Felicity's hand shook as she unfolded the letter. It was brief and to the point. It told her that her play, "Meet the Family," had been turned over to Ackerman & Conners by Charles Drummond and that they—Ackerman & Conners—liked the play and were enclosing her a check for one thousand dollars covering a six months' option on the play, together with a contract, one copy of which she would keep, the other she was to sign and return to them. They would advise her as to the beginning of rehearsals, and they would look forward to meeting her should she care to come to New York to attend the rehearsals.

Her first impulse was to run as fast as she could to the camp with the news. And then like a dash of cold water in her face, she thought of Garrett. Of his dejection and unhappiness of the failure of his book to find a publisher. He was already so miserable that she knew the news of her success would be like rubbing salt in an open wound.

Garrett would be glad for her sake and would rejoice with her, but it would only add to his own depression and unhappiness. It might even give him an inferiority complex. It might even wreck their love. She decided, for the present, to say nothing to anybody about the sale. She would put the check in the bank.

She felt guilty as she prepared supper and served it, but Garrett's discouraged face, his manner when supper was over, told her that he was going through dark waters and convinced her that she had better fling to withhold her news.

Things were at this pass when, on a certain stormy night, she was awakened well past midnight by a small voice crying, "Pllas! Pllas—let me in!" and by small hands pounding on the door. Still dazed with sleep, she slid out of bed, opened the door and a white-faced, disheveled, very wet Tippy stumbled into her arms.

"Tippy—don't let em—don't let em!" wailed Tippy. "Darling, don't cry. Nobody's going to do anything to you. Sweet, stop crying and tell Pllas what's wrong!"

"Tippy—I've had an sarache, Pllas—and they're goin' to—o eprate!" said Tippy through her sobs, her eyes wide with terror.

Felicity gathered that the doctor had diagnosed the sarache as something more serious. From Tippy's stammered gasping of the word, Felicity knew that it had been mastoiditis, and her heart faltered at the bare thought. There was a plan to operate in the morning. Susan had not meant

to know. One of the servants had overheard and had told master servant and Tippy, with the vaguest idea of what was meant, had heard them discussing the coming operation. Overcome with terror, Tippy had managed to slip out of the house that night and had fled to Felicity, on her bicycle.

Tippy had quieted Tippy, bundled her in a warm blanket and tucked her into bed when there was the sound of a car outside and Felicity went out to face Susan. A white-faced Susan in a quilted satin housecoat beneath a dark fur coat said, "Felicity, I'm sick about this. I mean, Susan, I mean, I mean to make a game of it."

"I know, Susan. But tell me what the doctor said," Felicity cut in.

"It's mastoiditis, darling. Oh, I know how you feel. It knocked the pins from under me, too," said Susan. "The operation is absolutely necessary. Dr. Curtis is one of the final child specialists in the country and I was lucky to catch him. He's here on a vacation, but he will operate if I ask him to. She couldn't possibly have a better chance."

"You've been more than kind, Mrs. Fleming," Burton said gratefully. "I can't tell you how grateful we are. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to—er—offer to even share the terrific expense, since we happen to be—well, just about 'fresh out of money' as my son would say."

"We've got money, Father—plenty of it," Felicity exclaimed. "I've got a thousand dollars in the bank."

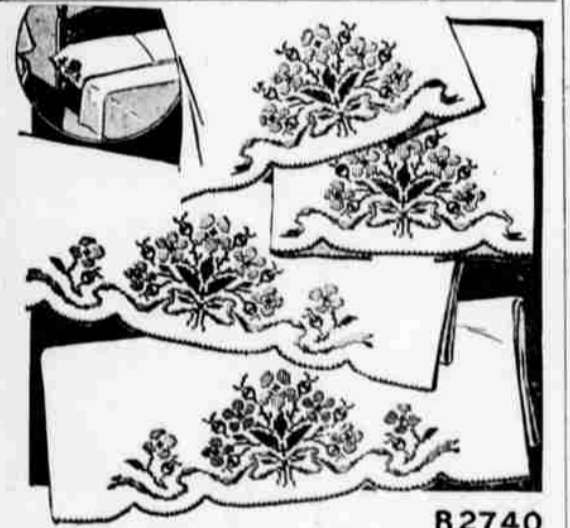
Susan and Burton stared at her as though they thought she had lost her mind. She did not see Garrett behind her in the shadows.

"I wrote a play, Father, Uncle Charles sold it for me to Ackerman & Conners. They sent me a check for a thousand dollars as a payment for an option," said Felicity, her mind so concerned with Tippy's plight that she told her news almost carelessly.

(To be continued)



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SIZES 10-20



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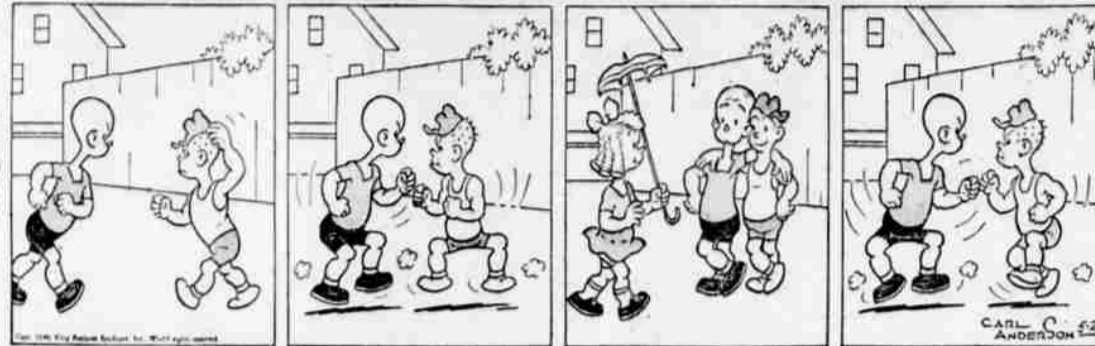
By Gene Ahern



WHAT A DISMAL WAY TO SPEND SATURDAY EVENING FEIGNING ILLNESS SO AS TO AVOID HAVING TO TAKE UNCLE WOLFGANG OUT FOR THE NIGHT? I'M COMING IN TO SEE WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME.

UM—LET'S SEE, I'LL TELL HIM IT'S A REOCCURENCE OF AN OLD AFRICAN MALADY I GOT IN THE CONGO IN ANOTHER LIFE. AT LEAST \$20!

UNCLE WOLFGANG IS REALLY SET FOR TONIGHT.



SATURDAY—P.M.				
KSLM	1230 MNO	KGW	430 MNO	KOIN
5:00 Drivers' Placemore	NBC Symphony	Round Up Time	Great White War	Cross Section
5:15 Frank Reinhardt	NBC Symphony	Great White War	Great White War	U. S. A.
5:30 Smoke Rings	Hands of Land	Great White War	Great White War	Danger Ahead
5:45 Hawaii Calls	Orchestra	Candlelight and Silver	Gene Autry	Gene Autry
6:00 Westwood	Herb's to Vets	Mr. Benz	Orchestra	Orchestra
6:15 Rambler	Elmer Peterson	Driver's Placemore	Temp. Report	Phillip Marlowe
6:30 Christian Science	Hill Parade	Temp. Report	Temp. Report	Phillip Marlowe
6:45 Lutheran Echo	Judy Canova	Temp. Report	Temp. Report	Music Mem-ros
7:00 Com. Placemore	Judy Canova	Temp. Report	Temp. Report	Another's Show
7:15 Take a Number	Dennis Day Show	Baseball	Baseball	Wing II Again
7:30 Take a Number	Grand Ole Opry	Baseball	Baseball	Wing II Again
7:45 Voice of Truth	Grand Ole Opry	Baseball	Baseball	Wing II Again
8:00 Life Begins at 40	Vie Danone Show	Baseball	Baseball	Vaughn Monroe
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8:30 Meet the Press	Consequences	Baseball	Baseball	Gang Busters
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9:00 News	News	Baseball	Baseball	Five Star Final
9:15 U.S. Marine Band	Current Affairs	Baseball	Baseball	Spike Jones
9:30 U.S. Marine Band	Star Theatre	Baseball	Baseball	Spike Jones
9:45 Silver Saddle	Francha Kazan	Dancing Party	Dancing Party	Janet Beach
10:00 Silver Saddle	Morton Downey	Dancing Party	Dancing Party	Janet Beach
10:15 Orchestra	Orchestra	Dancing Party	Dancing Party	Orchestra
10:30 Music	Music	Dancing Party	Dancing Party	Orchestra
11:00 Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign-Off

SUNDAY				
7:00 News	News	News	News	News
7:15 News	News	News	News	News
7:30 Music	National Radio	Deep River Boys	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
7:45 Music	Church in Home	Dave Dennis	Church of the Air	Church of the Air
8:00 1st Baptist Ch.	News	News	News	News
8:15 1st Baptist Ch.	News	News	News	News
8:30 1st Baptist Ch.	News	News	News	News
8:45 1st Baptist Ch.	News	News	News	News
9:00 Radio Bible Class	Living 1949	News	News	News
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12:00 Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign Off	Sign-Off

KEX Saturday P.M.—8:00. It's in the Family; 8:15, Let Freedom Ring; 8:30, Tom Tamm; 8:45, Herb's to Vets; 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, Sign Off.

KEX Sunday A.M.—7:00, Morning Melody; 7:15, Five Arts Quartet; 7:30, Hour of Faith; 7:45, Concert Miniature; 8:00, Garden Talk; 8:15, Message of Israel; 8:30, The Morning; 8:45, Romance of the Highway; 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, Sign Off.

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Mrs. Reimer Honored With Dallas Shower
Smithfield — A shower was given in honor of Mrs. Herman Reimer at the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church in Dallas. Hostesses were Mrs. Melvin Olfert of Dallas, who is Mrs. Reimer's sister, Mrs. Clarence Bowman of Ellendale, Mrs. Ernest Reimer of Polk Station and Mrs. Paul Reimer of Salt Creek.

Among those that attended or sent gifts were Mrs. Arnold Claassen and Mrs. Elwin Quir-

ing both of Salem; Mrs. William Heibert of Ellendale; Mrs. Earl Feil of Polk Station; Mrs. Eugene Reimer and Mrs. S. N. Ediger of Smithfield; Mrs. Levi Thlesen of Monmouth; Mrs. Henry Warkentin of Independence; Mrs. Elmer Frey of Dallas route 1; Mrs. David Schultz of Oakdale; Mrs. N. E. Goertzen, Mrs. John A. Friesen, and Mrs. David Kroeker all of North Dallas; Mrs. Chester Feil, Mrs. John R. Friesen, Mrs. William Dick, Miss Adeline Dick, Miss Marie Dick, Mrs. A. A. Warkentin, Mrs. Dietrich Olfert, and Mrs. Peter Etzen all of Dallas.

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Denial
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4. Kind of soil
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9. In Louisiana, a county
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15. Rumanian coin
16. Author of "The Tale of Genji"
17. Tool for piercing holes
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Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

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