

Polly of the Circus

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CHAPTER III.

POLLY and Bingo always made the audience "sit up" when they swept into the ring. She was so young, so gayly clad, so light and joyous in all her poses. She seemed scarcely to touch the back of the white horse as they dashed round the ring in the glare of the tent lights. The other performers went through their work mechanically while Polly rode.

As for Polly, her work had never lost its first interest. Jim may have been right when he said that the spirit of the dead mother had got into her, but it must have been an unsatisfied spirit, unable to fulfill its ambition in the body that once held it, for it sometimes played strange pranks with Polly. Tonight her eyes shone and her lips were parted in anticipation as she leaped lightly over the many colored streamers of the wheel of silken ribbons held by Barker in the center of the ring and by Toby and the tumblers on the edge of the bank.

With each change of her act the audience cheered and frantically applauded.

head against the ironbound stake at the edge of the ring.

Everything stopped. There was a gasp of horror. The musicians dropped their instruments. Bingo halted and looked back uneasily. She lay unconscious and seemingly lifeless.

A great cry went up in the tent. Panic stricken men, women and children began to clamber down from their seats, while others nearest the ground attempted to jump into the ring. Barker, still grasping his long whip, rushed to the girl's side and shouted wildly to Toby:

"Say something, you. Get 'em back!"

Old Toby turned his white face to the crowd. His features worked convulsively, but he could not speak. His grief was so grotesque that the few who saw him laughed hysterically. He could not even go to Polly. His feet seemed pinned to the earth.

Jim rushed into the tent at the first cry of the audience. He lifted the limp form tenderly and, kneeling in the ring, held her bruised head in his hands.

"Can't you get a doctor?" he shouted



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ed. The band played faster; Bingo's pace increased; the end of her turn was coming. The tumblers arranged themselves around the ring with paper hoops. Bingo was fairly racing. She went through the first hoop with a crash of tearing paper.

"Heigh, Bingo!" she shouted as she bent her knees to make ready for the final leap.

Bingo's neck was stretched. He had never gone so fast before. Barker looked uneasy. Toby forgot to go on with his accustomed tricks. Jim watched anxiously from the entrance.

The paper of one hoop was still left unbroken. The attendant turned his eyes to glance at the oncoming girl. The hoop shifted slightly in his clumsy hand as Polly leaped straight up from Bingo's back, trusting to her first calculation. Her forehead struck the edge of the hoop. She clutched wildly at the air. Bingo galloped on, and she fell to the ground, striking her

desperately to Barker.

"Here's the doctor!" some one called, and a stranger came toward them. He bent over the seemingly lifeless form, his fingers on the tiny wrist, his ear to the heart.

"Well, sir?" Jim faltered, for he had caught the puzzled look in the doctor's eyes as his deft hand pressed the cruelly wounded head.

"I can't tell just yet," said the doctor. "She must be taken away."

"Where can we take her?" asked Jim, a look of terror in his great, troubled eyes.

"The parsonage is the nearest house," said the doctor. "I am sure the pastor will be glad to have her there until we can find out how badly she is hurt."

In an instant Barker was back in the center of the ring. He announced that Polly's injuries were slight, called the attention of the audience to the wonderful concert to take place and

made them make ready for the thrilling chariot race.

Jim, blind with despair, lifted the light burden and staggered out of the tent, while the band played furiously and the people fell back into their seats. The Roman chariots thundered and clattered around the outside of the ring, the audience cheered the winner of the race, and for the moment Polly was forgotten.

(To be continued)

The Generous Lawyer

A Boston lawyer tells this story on another lawyer named Ames. He was retained as counsel of a man who had stepped in a hole in the street and broke his leg. Suit was brought against the city in the sum of one thousand dollars, and Ames won the case. The city appealed to the supreme court, but here also the verdict was in favor of Ames' client.

After settling up the claim, Ames handed his client a silver dollar.

"What is this for?" asked the man.

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GREAT JAM FOR "BARGAINS"

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New York, April 26.—Upwards of 3000 women Saturday engaged in one of the fiercest bargain riots that the Brooklyn police have ever been called upon to quell. The trouble was caused by liberally advertised sales by rival five and ten-cent stores, located within a few doors of each other.

So great was the crush from those who were struggling to be among the first to gain entrance, that scores of women fell in a faint and were trampled by women who followed. Police reserves were called out to quell the riot. Mounted men rode through the crowd, and by using their clubs were finally able to force the women back.

Bean's Nomination Is Favorable.

Washington, April 26.—The senate judiciary committee today reported favorably on the nomination of Judge Bean for the federal judgeship for Oregon. President Taft today nominated Edward E. Cushman, a brother of Representative Cushman of Washington, for federal judge of the Third Alaska division.

M. D. After Gotch's Title.

Kansas City, April 27.—Benjamin F. Roller, M. D., the Seattle physician, who uses his knowledge of an atomy to help him find the weak points of the men he meets in the prize ring or on the wrestling mat, will grapple in this city tonight with Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world.

WILL FIGHT HARRIMAN RULE

Western Railroad Traffic Officials Organize Revolt.

New York, April 26.—Western railroads are growing restive under the dictation of E. H. Harriman, who for years has forced them to make the same freight rates from the Middle West and from the Missouri river to the Pacific Coast as are made by the railroads at the Atlantic seaboard.

An agitation has been begun which may result in freeing the Western roads from the Harriman yoke, which they assert has caused them to bleed at every traffic pore for many years in order that the integrity of the Harriman through coast to coast water and rail routes may be preserved.

Waters-Pierce Pays Fine.

Austin, Tex., April 26.—The Waters-Pierce Oil Company Saturday paid probably the largest fine ever paid by a corporation, nearly \$2,000,000. The payment ends the litigation of the state of Texas against the oil company.

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P. F. Collier Drops Dead.

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