

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT BRINGS TRUE ROMANCE TO THE PARSONAGE GIRLS-MAYBE REAL LOVE

Mr. Starr, widower Methodist minister, is assigned to the congregation at Mount Mark, Ia. He has five charming daughters. Pruice, the eldest, keeps house for him. Fairy is a college freshman. Carol and Lark, twins, are in high school. Constance is the "baby." The activities of the Starr girls-Prudence's work, Fairy's school affairs, the pranks of the youngsters-and the family perplexities make the story; it is simply a recital of glorified homely incidents. The preceding installment described the capture of a notorious burglar in the parsonage and the reward promised the girls.

## CHAPTER VII-Continued. -10-

Mr. Starr on Thursday morning had taken the early eastbound train to Burlington. He attended the evangelistic services at the tabernacle in the turning in at the parsonage gate just afternoon and evening, and then went as Mattie Moore whirled up, opposite to bed at the hotel. He slept late the on her dusty wheel. Prudence stopped next morning. When he finally ap- to interchange polite inaulties with her peared the clerk came at once from neighbor, and Mattie, wheeling the bibehind the desk to speak to him. Two cycle lightly beside her, came across or three other guests, who had been lounging shout, drew near,

"We've just been reading about your girls, sir," said the clerk respectfully. "It's a pretty nervy little bunch! You must be proud of them !"

"My girls!" ejaculated Mr. Starr.

"Haven't you seen the morning paper? You're Mr. Starr, the Methodist minister at Mount Mark, aren't you?" "I am! But what has happened to my girls? Is anything wrong? Give me the paper !"

Five minutes later Mr. Starr and his sultcase were in a taxicab speeding toward Union station, and within eight Mark-white in the face, shaky in the but tremendously proud in knees. spirit.#

Arriving at Mount Mark, he was instantly surrounded by an exclamatory crowd of station loungers. The name of Prudence was upon every tongue, and her father heard it with satisfaction. In the parsonage he found at least two-thirds of the Ladles' Ald soclety, the trustees and the Sunday-school superintendent, along with a miscellaneous assortment of ordinary members, mixed up with Presbyterians, Baptists and a few unclassified outsid-ers. And Prudence was the center of attraction.

father hurried in and flung her arms about him. "Oh, papa," she cried, "they mustn't praise me. I had no idea there was a burglar in the house when I ran down the stairs, and I hon-

calmly. And as for the Methodist Fairy'll get

town, and rode to and from her school morning and evening, on a bicycle, One evening, early in June, when the world was fair to look upon, it was foreordained that Prudence should be

the street and stood beneath the par sonage maples with Prudence. They talked of the weather, of the coming

summer, of Mattie's school, rejoicing that one more week would bring free dom from books for Mattie and the younger parsonage girls.

Then said Prudence: "Isn't it great fun to ride a bicycle? I love it. Sometime will you let me ride your wheel? "Why, certainly. You may ride now if you like." "No," said Prudence slowly, "I used

to ride, but am afraid it would not do now. Some of the members might see me, and-well, I am very growntoward Union station, and within eight minutes he was en route for Mount Mark, white he from such for Mount Mark, white he from such for Mount ride for business, but it would be nothing but a frolic with me. I want to go

early in the morning, when the world is fast asleep. Let me take it tomorrow morning, will you?"

"Yes, of course you may," was the hearty answer. "You may stay out as long as you like. I always sleep late on Saturdays." So Prudence delightedly tripped up

carefully in the woodshed, for the twins were rash and venturesome. But after she had gone to bed, she confided her plan to Fairy.

for perhaps the fifteenth time that morning, but she broke off when her father hurded is and for when her won't you?" "I'm going at six o'clock, and, Fairy

Fairy promised. And early the next morning Prudence, In red sweater jacket and cap, set out upon her secret ride. It was a magnificent morning, and Prudence sang for pure delight as estly can't see that much credit is she rode swiftly along the country

roads, guided only by her own caprice. But Mount Mark did not take it so She knew it was growing late, "but comfortably. Finally she turned in a by-road lead ing between two rich hickory groves. Of course Dismounting at the top of a long hill, Methodist she gazed anxiously around her. No one was in sight. The nearest house was two miles behind, and the road was loag and smooth and inviting, very next meeting the trustees decided and the hill was steep. Prudence to get the plano the Sunday school had yearned for a good, soul-stirring coast, with her feet high on the frameworl of the wheel, and the pedals flying around beneath her skirts. It seemed rived from Chicago, Prudence felt that safe. The only living thing in sight was a sober-eyed, serious mule peace-"We must divide it," she in- fully grazing near the bottom of the than any of the others. But it is Prudence laughed gleefully, like a perfectly glorious to have five hundred child. She never laughed again in exshe five hundred dollars before? Just take cried, and, leaping nimbly into the saddle, she pedaled swiftly a few times, and then lifted her feet to the Neither the younger girls nor their coveted position. The pedals flew father would consent to this. But around beneath her, and the wind whistled about her in a most exhilarating way.

"Lie down like this," he said, helping her to a more comfortable position, "do not move. May " examine your foot?" She shook her head, but he removed he shoe regardless of her headshake. "I believe it is sprained. I am sure the bone is not broken. But how in the world will you get home? How far

is it to Mount Mark? Is that where, you live?" "Yes" - considering - "yes, I live there, and it must be four miles, any-What shall I do?"

how. In answer, he pulled off his coat, and arranged it carefully by the side of the and perform such duties as may be few towels, and three soft shirts. Hastily rolling them together for a pll- faced highways and certain roads and low, he added it to the bed pro tem. certain forest roads, and to provide for Then he turned again to Prudence.

wagon to take you home."

that his plan was the wise one, she present legislative session a fund unmade no objections when he came to help her across the road. "I think I way commission with which to pay in-can walk if you lift me up." can walk if you lift me up."

But the first movement sent such a twinge of pain through the wounded ankle that she clutched him frantically and burst into tears. "It hurts," she and burst into tears. "It hurts," she cried, "don't touch me."

Without speaking, he lifted her as gently as he could and carried her to the place he had prepared for her. 'Will you be warm enough?" he asked, after he had stood looking awkwardly down upon the sobbing girl as long as he could endure it.

"Yes," nodded Prudence, gulping down the big sob rising in her throat. "Til run. This confounded cross-cut is so, out of the way that no one will pass here for hours, I suppose. Now lie as comfortably as you can, and do not worry. I'm going to run."

Off he started, but Prudence, left alone, was suddenly frightened. "Please, oh, please," she called after him, and when he came back she buried under during the year 1917, and that her face in shame, deep in the linen not more than \$2,000,000 in addition towel.

"I'm afraid," she whispered, crying again. "I do not wish to be left alone A snake might come, or a here. tramp."

He sat down beside her. "You're nervous. I'll stay with you until you ered and directed to enter into such ington county and Yamhill county by feel better. Someone may come this way, but it isn't likely. I cut through the hickory grove to save a mile. That's

**ROAD BONDING** ACT

House Bill 550, referred to the people at special election June 4, 1917.

An act to provide for the construction of roads and highways in the state of Oregon; provide for the issuance of bonds by the state of Oregon to raise money to carry out the purposes of not inconsistent with this act as shall this act; to authorize the State high-be adopted by said commission. way commission to take such action the construction of certain hard-surthe surplus arising from the fees col-Prudence was not shy, and realizing lected under House bill No. 509 of the der the jurisdiction of the State high-

edness of the state, contracted by the the terms of House bill No. 21 passed by the 29th legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, and to provide for submitting this act to the people and for the calling of a special election therefor, and declaring an emergency. Be It Enacted by the People of the

State of Oregon:

Section 1. The State Highway commission is hereby authorized, empow-ered and directed, during the next five this act.

Provided, that not more than \$1,-000,000 in bonds shall be issued hereto any surplus unissued or unexpended out of the \$1,000,000 authorized for the year 1917, shall be issued during the year 1918.

Section 2. The State Highway commission is hereby authorized, empowcontracts, appoint such officials, and do any other act or thing necessary to fully meet the requirements of this act.

Section 3. The attorney general shall, under the direction of the State highway commission, prepare a form of interest-bearing gold bond of the State of Oregon, to be sold in order to provide funds for the carrying out of the purposes of this act. Said bonds shall be numbered serially, beginning at Number 1, and shall be payable in the order of their issuance. Said State Highway commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue bonds of the State of Oregon for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act in an amount not exceeding \$6,000,000.00, of which sum at least \$600,000 shall be issued in denomina-tions of \$500 each or less. The bonds issued in any year under the provisions of this act shall be payable one-twentieth each year, commencing with the sixth year after the issuance thereof. One-half of the bonds payable each year shall be payable on the 1st day of April and the other half on the 1st day of October. Each bond shall bear upon its face a statement showing the date of its maturity. Said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent

thereof. Section 4. The State Highway com-

mission shall provide such method as it may deem necessary for the advertisement of each issue of said bonds before the same are sold, and shall also require such deposit with bids as may be required, and generally shall conduct the sale and issuance of said bonds under such rules and regulations

Section 5. The money arising from the sale of each issue of bonds shall be road on the grass. Then jerking open necessary to meet the requiremnts of deposited in the state treasury to the the bag he had carried, he took out a this act; to designate and authorize credit of a special fund, which shall be used in carrying into effect the provisions of this act. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and directed other post roads and forest roads; to to audit all claims incurred in carrying "I'll carry you over here, and fix provide for the letting of contracts for out the provisions of this act in the you as comfortably as I can. Then I'll the construction, paving and mainte-go to the nearest house and get a nance of roads and highways; to make the state are audited, and pay the same manner as other claims against same from any moneys provided by law for the payment thereof upon the submission of duly verified vouchers therefor approved by the commission; provided, that bonds and coupons shall be paid as is provided in Section 3 hereof.

Section 6. The highways described in Sections 6 and 7 of this act are hereby determined to be highways of first importance to the general public of the state of Oregon. It is hereby determined that the following highways should be permanently con-structed and finished with a hard surface.

1. The Columbia River Highway from the Multnomah county line to Astoria, Seaside, and south in Clatsop county to the Tillamook county line. Inasmuch as the counties of Columbia years, to sell the bonds of the state of and Clatsop have already expended Oregon as hereinafter provided, in an large sums of money in constructing amount sufficient to raise enough the said Columbia Highway through money to meet the requirements of said counties and in doing so have practically exhausted their ability to raise money by an issuance of county bonds, the State Highway commission is hereby authorized, from the funds arising under this act, in addition to paving said highway, to use from said funds sufficient to provide for the prep-aration of said highway through said counties for the paving thereof.

2. The Pacific Highway from the Multnomah county line through Washway of Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Minnville to Dallas, Monmouth and Independence, in Polk county; to Cor-vallis and Monroe in Benton county, and through Eugene to the north line tion as a post road. If the county of

of Douglas county. 3. The Pacific Highway from the 3. The Pacific Highway from the Multhomah county line through Os-of the State highway commission, wego, Oregon City and Canby in Clackamas county, thence through Marion and Linn counties, to a junction with the highway at Junction City.

4. Such portions of the Columbia River Highway between the Multnomah county line easterly through the city of Hood River and Hood River county and through The Dalles and Wasco county, through Sherman county ty, through Gilliam county, by way of the town of Arlington and up the Co-the town of Arlington and up the co-the confluence of the commission shall immediately pave river, thence up the Umatilla river through Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo and Pendleton, and thence by such route as shall be determined by the State Highway commission to La Grande, Baker, and to the Idaho line, as the county courts of the various counties affected shall agree to prepare the road ready for paving. Provided,

that inasmuch as the county of Hood River has raised by a bond issue and expended upon said Columbia River Highway practically its full constitucooperation county to be selected by the highway tional limit, said commission may excommission and the Federal officials pend on said Columbia River Highway in Hood River county, such portion of representing the Federal government, operating under what is known as the the money arising under this act as it Shackelford bill," may deem proper in preparing said 2. A road from a point in Lane Columbia River Highway for paving. county to be seclected by the State The various county courts in said coun highway commission and the Federal officials representing the Federal govties in Eastern Oregon through which said Columbia River Highway is proernment, operating under what is jected shall agree with the State Highknown as the "Shackelford bill," by way commission upon what portions of way of the Siuslaw river, to a point in said highway are to be paved with a hard-surface paving and what portions Coos county to be selected by said highway commission. are to be constructed as post roads, and A road from Eugene connecting whenever any of said counties shall Williamette valley with Eastern Ore-gon by way of the McKinzie river to Bend. have prepared a portion of said highway ready for paving, then the State Highway commission shall proceed 4. A road connecting the post road promptly to pave the same under the from the Columbia river highway up provisions of this act, and the remainthe John Day valley with the post road der thereof shall be improved as a post between The Dalles and Bend. road under the provisions of this act, 5. A road from Albany, via Leba-non, Cascadia and Fish Lake, to Bend. and such portion so improved as a post road shall not be eligible for paving at No preference shall be given in the the expense of the state under the proconstruction, improving or paving any visions of this act. of the roads described herein by reason 5. The Pacific Highway through of the numerical designation of such the same will be paid only to the Jackson county, where the same has owner appearing on the register there- not already been paved, along the The funds with which to pay the route heretofore adopted by the State portion of the expense of the construc-tion of said post roads and forest roads Highway commission. Inasmuch as the county of Jackson has already expayable by the State of Oregon, shall be secured from the sale of bonds as is pended large sums of money in constructing said Pacific Highway, and in provided in house bill No. 21, passed paving a large portion thereof, and in by the present legislative session, which bill is entitled "A bill for an so doing has practically exhausted its terest falls due on any of the bonds provided for in this act, the State Highway commission shall certify to act to accept the benefits of the act passed by the Sixty-fourth congress of commission is hereby authorized, from the United States entitled 'An act to the funds arising from this act, in ad- provide that the United States shall dition to completing the paving of said aid the states in construction of rural highway in Jackson county, to use post roads, and for other purposes,' from said funds sufficient to provide and to provide for the issuance of for completing the preparation of said control therein, attaching thereto said highway through said county, for the certificate, and present the same to paving thereof. such money as may be required to meet the requirements of said Federal 6. Commencing on the Columbia statute, and to authorize the State board of Control to take such action River Highway at or near Arlington, in Gilliam county, thence up Willow creek in Morrow county, through the and perform such duties as may be necessary to meet the requirements of said Federal act and Federal officials cities of Ione, Lexington and Heppner in Morrow county and through Pilot Rock, Pendleton, Adams, Athena, acting under said act." Of the funds made available by said act for post Weston, Milton and Freewater in Umatilla county, to the Oregon and Washington state line. roads, at least sixty per cent shall be expended on the above mentioned post roads, in the counties east of the Cas-7. A road from the south line of cade mountains. No description of any highway pro-vided for herein, shall be construed to prevent the State highway commission from making such local changes in the

the state treasurer for the. payment county line by Tigard, Rex and New berg to McMinnville.

For the purposes of this act the above highways are to be known as hard-surfaced highways. Section 7. The following highways,

to-wit: 1. The road running from the north line of Douglas county to the Jackson county line over the line of the Pacific Highway as adopted by the State Highway commission; 2. All that portion of the Columbia

river highway described in the fourth paragraph of the description of hardsurfaced roads as described in section 6 of this act, which the county courts of the several counties through which the same is located, shall not determine to prepare for paving hard-surfaced paving as is herein provided, shall be considered a post road, and eligible to improvement as such under the provisions of this act:

3. A road from Roseburg, by Myr-tle Point and Coquille to Marshfield;

4. A road from the Pacific highway, from a point at or near McMinnville, by Willamina to Tillamook City; A road from The Dalles by way 5. of Dufur, Maupin and Shaniko to Redmond, Bend and from thence to Klamath Falls:

A road from Bend to Lakeview; A road from an intersection 6. with the Columbia river highway at a point either in Sherman or Gilliam county, by way of Condon, Fossil and Spray and thence up John Day Valley to such point as the highway commis sion shall elect, and from thence to Vale and the Idaho line;

8. A road from La Grande, through Union and Wallowa counties to Joseph; 9. A road from Bend, through Burns and Harney to Vale;

shall be known as DOST roads and shall be constructed along routes between said certain points to be agreed upon by the representatives of the Federal government, and said State highway commission. Said post roads shall be constructed according to specifications agreed upon between the representatives of the Federal government and said State highway commission. Provided, that if the counties of Douglas and Josephine, or either of them, shall prepare any part of the said Pacific highway and make same ready for paving according to the re-quirements of the State highway commission, then said commission shall immediately pave the road so pre-pared, and such portion of said road shall be expected from the classifica-Coos shall prepare and make ready for twenty or more miles in length of the post road between Roseburg and Marshfield hereinbefore described, or the county of Tillamook shall so prepare and make ready for paving twenty or more miles in length of the post road between Tillamook City and Mc-Minnville, and if such portions of said roads, in either or both of said counof said road shall be expected from the classification as a post road, and such portion shall then be classified as a

paved road. Section 8. Roads over the following routes are hereby adopted and designated as forset roads, towit:

1. A road from Medford in Jackson county as surveyed and adopted by the



church-well, the Presbyterian people used to say there was "no living with those Methodists, since the girls caught a burgiar in the parsonage." Of course it was important, from the Methodist point of view, Pictures of the parsonage and the church were in all the papers for miles around, and at their been needing for the last hundred years!

When the five hundred dollars arpersonally she had no real right to the money. sisted, "for I didn't earn it a bit more hill, dollars, isn't it? Did you ever have actly that way. "Here goes!" it, father, and use it for whatever we need. It's family money."

Neither the younger girls nor their when Prudence pleaded with them earnestly, they decided to divide it.

"I will deposit two hundred and fifty dollars for the four younger ones," he said, "and that will leave you as much."

So it was settled, and Prudence was a happy girl when she saw it safely put away in the bank.

## CHAPTER VIII.

## Romance Comes.

Sometimes, Methodists, or Presbyterians, or heretics-whatever we may be-we are irresistibly impelled to the conclusion that things were simply bound to happen! However slight the cause-still that cause was predestined from the beginning of time. A girl may by the sheerest accident step from the street car a block ahead of her destination-an irritating accident. But as she walks that block she may meet an old-time friend, and a stranger. And that stranger-ah, you can never convince the girl that her stepping from the car too soon was not ordered when the foundations of the world were laid.

After all, it was very simple. Across the street from the parsonage lived a girl named Mattle Moore-a common, unlovely, unexciting girl, who taught a country school five miles out from hurts-pretty badly !"

But as she neared the bottom the placid mule suddenly stalked into the middle of the road, Prudence screamed, jerked the handlebar to the right, to

the left, and then, with a sickening thud, she struck the mule head first, and bounced on down to the ground. with a little cry of pain. The bicycle

crashed beside her, and the mule, slightly startled, looked around at her

with ears raised in silent questioning and deliberately continued his grazing. Prudence tried to raise herself, but she felt sharp pain. She heard some one leaping over the fence near her and wondered, without moving her highway robbery. The next instant a man was leaning over her. "It's not a tramp," she thought, before he had time to speak.

"Are you hurt?" he cried. "You poor child !"

Prudence smiled pluckily, "My ankle is hurt a little, but I am not a child." The young man, in great relief. laughed aloud, and Prudence joined.

him rather faintly. "I'm afraid I cannot walk," she said. "I believe I've broken my ankle, maybe

my whole leg, for all I know. It-



## Sometime Will You Let Me Ride Your Wheel?"

I happened to find you." how He smiled a little, and Prudence, remembering the nature of her accident. flushed. Then, being Prudence, she laughed.

"It was my own fault. I had no busiess to go coasting down like that. But the mule was so stationary. It never occurred to me that he contemplated noving for the next century at least.

He was a bitter disappointment." She looked down the roadside where the mule was contentedly grazing, with never so much as a sympathetic glance at his victim.

"I'm afraid your bicycle is rather badly done up.

Do you believe that Prudence could be made to believe there was such a thing as love at first sight?

A mirror which magnifies at any dis-tance without distorting the lines or the focus of the object reflected has been perfected by an Erie (Pa.) manu-Then he ambled slowly across the road, facturer. The mirror is particularly dapted to the needs of mechanics in looking underneath or in back of ob jects, but is also a practical household article. As it reflects a white light, it is said to recommend itself particularhead, if it could be a tramp bent on ly to the examination of internal or undemeath mechanical parts which are difficult to readjust unless taken to the light for examination. Hence, it is also claimed to be invaluable for examining the throat, teeth, mouth or

On Parade,

eyes.

Don't get it wrong. A governor's staff isn't something to lean on. Its ole function is to glisten .- Indianapolis News.

In 20 generations every person has had 131,076 direct ancestors.

per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1st and October 1st. Principal and interest on said bonds shall be payable at the office of the state treasurer at Salem, Oregon, and if said State Highway commission shall so direct, said bonds may also provide for payment at some other place. Said bonds shall be in a form embodying an absolute promise of the state of Oregon to pay the amount thereof in gold

coin of the United States of America of the value and weight and fineness of the date of such bond, and shall be in such denominations as the State Highway commission shall elect. They shall be signed by the governor, secre tary of state and state treasurer. Said bonds shall bear coupons evidencing the interest to become due thereon for each installment of such interest, upon which shall be printed the facsimile of the signature of said officers. Said commission may, at its option, cause a part or all of said bonds to be payable to the purchaser thereof and register the name of such purchaser in the office of the state treasurer and provide an appropriate endorsement upon each of such bonds to the effect that

of, and providing a method for re-registering the same as the title may be passed, and it may also provide that a part or all of said bonds shall be payable to bearer and not subject to regis-tration. Not less than ten days before the payment of the principal or in-

the state treasurer the amount neces sary to meet the payment thereof. Upon receipt of such certificate by the state treasurer he shall prepare and verify a claim for the amount men-

the secretary of state, who shall audit such claim in like manner as other claims against the state are audited, and pay the same out of any moneys provided by law for the payment thereof. The state treasurer is authorized and directed to make any such payments of principal or interest on said bonds at such places, other than at Salem, Oregon, as the State Highway commission may provide. All

bonds and interest coupons upon pay-ment shall be deposited by the state treasurer with the secretary of state south by Wheeler to Garibaldi. treasurer with the secretary of state south by Wheeler to Garibaldi. to be attached to the original claim of 8. A road from the Multr

(TO BE CONTINUED.) New Mirror Is Magnifier.