

A RACE FOR LIFE

OR A YOUNG DOCTOR TAKES A CHANCE

By ARCHIE PARKER

(Continued from last week)
For a long time after she had eaten her breakfast, June Daily lay on her back staring at the ceiling. She was thinking—thinking—thinking. She was thinking about the strange actions of her doctor. The darkened room—the avoided telling of his name—the slip of his tongue when he called her June—his sudden arrival without any visible means of transportation—his sudden departure. It was all so strange. A tired sigh escaped her lips as she closed her eyes, and the words formed under her breath, "I believe I am right, something seems to tell me so."

Chapter 8
June Takes a Turn for the Worst.
Two weeks have passed at the Daily ranch since the doctor went away. June's arm was healing fine. She was up and around with her arm still protected in a sling. But it was plainly visible there was something wrong. The sparkle of her eyes was gone. A smile seldom left her lips.

"I am worried about you dear," said her aunt to June one evening as they were seated on the front porch of the ranch house. "You don't seem your old self any more. Does your arm bother you very much?"
"No Aunt Sharlott. My arm is all right. I hardly notice it at all."
"Well what is it June? You don't seem to improve like I thought you would."
"Oh—I don't know Auntie. Just tired I guess," answered June as she laid her head back on the chair and closed her eyes.
"I am certainly worried about you June," and Mrs Daily closely studied the face of the girl.
"Don't worry about me Auntie."

"I'll be all right—I guess."
"But I am worried about about you just the same. Do you think I should have Doctor Green come out and see you?"
"Doctor Green wouldn't do me any good."

"I would have the other doctor come but land o' goodness only knows who he was, or where he is now," continued Mrs. Daily.
"Don't say that Auntie. Please don't."

"Why June? You know yourself, he has never been back, and hasn't sent that statement he said he would I can't make it out at all."
"Don't try to Auntie. I am awfully tired and I believe I will go to bed. Goodnight Aunt Sharlott." and June got up from her chair, kissed her aunt on the cheek and slowly walked into the house.

The next morning found Mrs. Daily in earnest conversation with Fred Pennington. From the low tone of their voices it was evident that they did not want their words to be overheard. But let us listen to what they have to say.

"Fred, you have just got to go to town and see if you can find that doctor. I don't know his name or where he is, but you must find him."
"Haven't heard a thing about him since he left the ranch, Mrs Daily."
"Don't make a bit of difference Fred, if that doctor is still in town you have got to find him. June is getting worse all the time. She won't eat or sleep hardly any. I am right down worried about her."
"All right Mrs. Daily, I will do the best I can. I would go thru hell for June if I had to. But won't Doctor Green do?"

"No Fred. I suggested Doctor Green but June wouldn't hear to it. This other doctor is the one that attended her, and he will know just what to do. Now you get that team hitched up and get going—search every room house and hotel in town and if he is to be found bring him home."

The July sun again hung like a ball of molten fire in the western horizon as George Allison stepped from a carriage in front of the Daily ranch house.

As he slowly walked down the path that led to the house he saw a girl quickly rise to her feet with one arm resting in a sling and start down the path towards him. They both stopped when but a few feet apart. Their eyes met, and each pair of eyes held their ground. The girl was the first to break the silence.

Doctor George Allison—what did you come back here for?"
"So you could look me over June. It was your own request nine years ago. And Allison's answer shot straight to the mark, true to the center. June Daily's eyes wavered, and her head dropped forward.
"Will you ever, ever forgive me George?"

For his answer George Allison the surgeon gathered June Daily in his arms and their lips met.
As soon as June could get her breath again she murmured in her doctor's ear, "George you have made good. Maybe you couldn't ride poor old Ginger, but you sure was hell on wheels in the cab of a locomotive."
The End

Former Local Teacher Weds Gervais Man

Of interest to high school students and to many friends in Central Point is the marriage of Florence Du Rette, commercial instructor here last year, to Francis Sallfeld of Gervais, Oregon on Saturday, October 30.

The ceremony was read in a Gervais church at seven o'clock in the morning in the presence of relatives and friends.

Norma Zinser at the organ played Lohengrin's and Mendelsahon's wedding marches.

The bride wore her mother's wedding dress and carried red roses. She was attended by Marguerite Du Rette as bridesmaid.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home.

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