CHAPTER I

-1keep all hands aboard till sailing and serve. time is another. At dusk, Captain full-rigged ship of three hundred and er, George was always the listener. forty-seven tons burden, bound for the Fiji Islands to load with sandalwood for Chinese and Indian ports; but she was under charter to the Mission Board to carry certain freight and passengers from San way. "Most men are ashamed of Francisco to Honolulu and to the their vices, but he brags about his. Marquesas, on the way. "I want to give the men overnight to sober off before the missionaries come aboard, Mr. Chase," Captain Keen told the mate as the ship swung to her anchor. "And another thing. As long as they're with us, I'll have no going ashore at Honolulu, or at the Islands, nor any native girls coming on the ship at all."

The Reverend John Gale and Mrs. Gale were returning to their post in Micronesia after a year's leave at home; and the Reverend George McAusland went to serve his apprenticeship with them. McAusland was not a young man as years go, but his training for the ministry was only just concluded. He was rather small, and decidedly thin. He was, actually, thirty-eight years old. John Gale, since they met a day or two before, had studied his new assistant. He had some misgivings. McAusland seemed full of a restless earnestness; but the old minister knew that too much zeal could be as dangerous as too little.

Aboardship, Mrs. Gale went to her cabin to settle her belongings there; but John Gale and McAusland stayed on deck to watch the business of departure.

"What decided you to become a missionary?" Gale asked.

"Why, sir, at the Seminary I read a great deal about the mission to the Sandwich Islands, and-I want to be like the men who led that work. They did so much, and everyone loved them." McAusland added humbly: "I want to help people, and-to be loved. I'm pretty clumsy about it, though; about making friends."

The other suggested: "The trick is to like people. People like a man who seems to like them." He asked: "But what turned you toward the ministry, at your age?"

McAusland answered frankly: "I'd killed a man, in Nevada City, in the mines." There may have been surprise in the older man's quick glance, and an unspoken question, for the other explained: "I suppose I don't look like a-man of violence; but I lost my temper. He was drunk, pickaxe at him. It hit him in the head."

John Gale thought he would have to readjust his estimates of this young man. "Wasn't that-just an Keen lightered off the freight conaccident?" he suggested reassur-

"I suppose a man is responsible insisted. "He had no family. There I wanted to find some way toatone."

Captain Keen, one eye on his ship. joined them with some casual word. McAusland walked forward to watch them cat and fish the anchor, and John Gale looked after him, and Joseph Neargood, a tall young Mar- for doing them?" after a moment he smiled and asked the Captain:

"Would you take that young man for a"-he hesitated, used McAusland's own phrase-"a man of vio-

The Captain said wisely: "There's never any knowing. The quietest little man I ever knew killed four Malay pirates with a caps'an bar."

"He and I are going to work together, these next years," John Gale explained. "I'm trying to find out what sort of man he is."

Captain Keen said: "You'll find out, presently. Being shut up on the same ship with a man, you come to know him. The sea strips him down, wears him down till what's inside him shows through."

The old minister nodded; and during the days that followed, while next afternoon a little before sailing the Sunset took her peaceful way time, the old man looked forward to across the peaceful sea, he sometimes thought that McAusland was no more than an enthusiastic boy. The first morning at sea, he himself came on deck to find the other his bunk with a slight temperature, bare-footed, his sober black trousers rolled up his thin shins, pushing a holystone up and down the planking under the instruction of the sailor with the parrot. The sailor's name was Corkran; and the two were laughing together at McAusland's awkwardness. The parrot watched George too, its head cocked, and presently it nipped Corkran's ear and said wheedlingly:

"Mighty pretty. Mighty pretty!" Corkran laughed and clapped Mc-Ausland on the shoulder. "There, Reverence!" he said. "That's Pat's way of saying he takes to you."

developed rapidly. Corkran was an ripely. The ship's carpenter had able seaman, above the level of his fashioned a crutch for George out of fellows in the forecastle; and he did a mop-handle and a block of timber his work so cheerfully and complete- cut to fit the minister's shoulder ly that he had certain tacit privi- socket. When George hobbled out leges. Whenever he was on deck, into the cabin, the others were alhe and George were apt to be to- ready at table, Mary sitting with gether. McAusland was intensely her back to him; but John Gale curious about ship's business. He greeted George as he appeared, and

John Gale, observing the friend-Keen moved the Sunset from the ship between McAusland and Corkwharf out into the stream to wait ran, tried to understand its basis. for the morning tide. She was a He saw that when they were togeth-

> The mate called Corkran to some duty; and George, turning, saw John Gale near them, and stopped beside him. "Corkran's a strange man." he said, and he colored in a slow He's simply an animal.'

> The older man suggested: "You can't always judge men by the way they talk, George."

"I suppose not." McAusland laughed uncertainly. "And-I like him, in spite of what he is," he admitted. "I don't know why."

One late afternoon, George, under Corkran's instruction, was learning to put an eye-splice in a discarded piece of eight-inch cable when the masthead man sighted the first distant peaks above Honolulu. George laid down spike and maul and swarmed aloft to see for himself; and when presently he descended,



She looked after him, her eyes sobered by hurt.

dropping from the ratlines the last six or eight feet to the deck, he stepped on the marlinspike where he had left it. It rolled under him; and the result was a severely sprained He chuckled. "Now I wonder why ankle. John Gale bandaged the you call him 'poor." hurt; but in the morning when they were anchored McAusland was too lame to walk. The Sunset would lie in harbor overnight while Captain signed to the Honolulu mission but Mr. and Mrs. Gale went to lodge with friends ashore, and they urged even for his accidents," McAusland George, despite his lameness, to come along. When George decided was nothing I could do directly; but to stay aboard, Mrs. Gale thought he was shyly relieved at having a valid excuse for avoiding a casual meeting with many strangers.

> Ashore, she and her husband found that two other passengers would board the Sunset here. One was quesan convert trained in the college at Oahu, going now to take his place in the native mission at Fatuhiva. The other was Mary Doncaster. Her father and mother had established themselves twenty years ago on one of the smaller northern islands of the Marquesan group, which Ephraim Doncaster called Gilead. Mary was born there a year later, and lived there till when she was ten years old they sent her home to New Bedford to school. Now she was returning to them: and John Gale, when he had talked with her, approved Mary mightily. He and Mrs. Gale agreed between themselves that it would be good for McAusland to have the girl's company aboard the Sunset during the rest of the voyage to Gilead. When they were all rowed out to the ship watching McAusland's face light with pleasure at first sight of Mary; but George was not on deck to greet them, and John Gale found him in presumably from the pain of his

George did not come to supper, so he did not see Mary till next morning. John Gale had told him she was aboard, but-afraid of saying too much-he said only: "She's the daughter of Ephraim Doncaster. the missionary at Gilead." George inattentively expected Mary to be like a younger edition of Mrs. Gale. Mrs. Gale was pretty as paper flowers under a glass case, with a pale and delicate beauty that would not disturb a man; but Mary was mightily disturbing, beautiful The friendship between these two not with youth alone but already

worked under Corkran's instruction | Mary turned to look up at him. The to learn the knots and bends and sun from the skylight fell full upon To sign a crew is one thing; to hitches, and how to seize and splice her countenance as she turned, and George stopped like a struck man, shaken and trembling. She thought he would fall, and she rose quickly to help him, slim and yet warmly round in her tight bodice above loose full skirts of sober stuff. The button at her throat was unfastened; and George as his eyes fell before hers saw her smooth white throat. She touched his arm, steadying him; and John Gale spoke her name and his, and she said:

> "Here, I'll help you. Sit here." George said defensively: "I'm all right." He freed himself and sat down; but his arm where she had touched it burned long after her fingers were removed. He sat beside her at the table with Captain Keen at the head, but he could not look at her. He ate briefly, a little, with trembling hands, silent, so that his silence oppressed them all. Afterward he took refuge in his cabin again; and when next day, his ankle

> quickly healing, he was able to hob-

ble on deck, he walled himself be-

hind an intense dignity.

But if he was afraid of Mary, he was attracted to Joseph Neargood. The Marquesan was youthfully impressed by his own consecration to the Mission work in which he would presently assume a place. McAusland, his own life committed to lead the Island people to Christianity, saw in Neargood a fine example of

what could be done in that direction. The Sunset was five days out of Honolulu; and the day was lovely and serene, with a light steady breeze and a long easy swell so that the breast of ocean rose and fell as sweetly as the bosom of a sleeping woman. Two sailors on a stage slung over the side forward were scraping and painting, and Mary Doncaster and Mrs. Gale stood by the rail above the catheads, idly watching the men and watching the porpoises under the bow. Now and then as they talked together the sound of Mary's laughter rang out pleasantly. Captain Keen, near the two missionaries aft, cocked his head that way and chuckled.

"We'll be sorry to say good-bye to Miss Doncaster," he remarked. The girl has an honest, friendly sound in her laughing."

Mary and the others were coming aft toward them; and George, always apt to avoid Mary, went forward along the other side of the deck. She looked after him, her eyes sobered by hurt; and a moment later, when Mrs. Gale and Joseph Neargood had gone below, she smiled and said to John Gale:

"I saw you talking with poor Mr. McAusland."

"But isn't he? He might have so many things, but he's afraid to take them." "Afraid?"

"Well, at least sort of ashamed,

and shy." "Ashamed of what?" The old man watched her with a lively interest. "Ashamed of-life, perhaps." The

girl's cheeks were bright. "Don't you know people like that? Old maids who insist that there's something sinful in loving and marrying? People who persuade themselves that the things they want to do and don't dare do are really wrong; and who think everyone else is wicked

He spoke in an affectionate amusement. "So wise so young!"

"I'm not so awfully young," Mary assured him. "I'm nineteen. Remember I lived on Gilead till I was ten, and the Island girls start having babies when they're not much older than that."

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#### FARM COUPLES OFFERED ADVICE

#### Newlywed Couples Are Warned to Save Early.

The voice of experience from 472 farm families who kept home account records during 1939 tells young married couples on the farm where their money probably will go in the years to come. These records were summarized by home accounts specialists from the University of Illinois college of agriculture.

First of all newlyweds will find that undoubtedly the money value of their living and savings will increase from the first five years they are married until around the time they will celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. From then on, it's pretty likely to decline. So say those who have been paying the bills these many years. Advice given is to plan ahead for the peak times

Savings increase during this same period of marriage and then decline gradually. The decline is the result primarily of the decline in life insurance payments and payment of principal, say home accounts specialists. However, there usually is an increase in other investments for old age.

Newlyweds won't have to worry much about the food bills during the first four years of their married life, but they will have to figure on furnishing and equipping their home then. Clothing bills are lowest at this period, because there are few people in the family, but the highest average amount for clothing usually is spent by women married one to four years-a fact of interest to all husbands.

During the five to nine years married period, young folks might as well figure on doctor bills and medical expense for babies. Other items will have to be budgeted accordingly. There was a tendency for operating expenses for the household to go up gradually over a period of years. However, it is higher during the five to nine year period probably because of additional services needed while the children were small.

Cash outlay for housing and recreational equipment reaches its peak during the 10 to 15 year marriage period.

Families might as well figure right now that they will spend a great deal of money keeping up with expenses in the 15 to 25 year married period, for this is the time when savings, food, clothing, recreation, and education, other than college, reach their peak and cause a drain on the purse. Usually the children moved faster than they did when are in high school. Furnishings and they were in Spain. equipment reach their second highest peak at this time, largely because furnishings have to be replaced and parents wish to make their home as attractive as possible for the young people.

College expenses start showing up in the budget during the 15 to 25 years married period, but reach their peak in the following 10 years. Church contributions and community welfare are major items at this

After a couple has been married 35 years, their chief type of savings goes into investments. This is probably because families are recouping funds expended on the children during earlier periods and also are saving for old age, the specialists explain. Transportation costs and gifts are at their peak during this period, probably because the couple has fewer obligations and finally has a chance to travel. The gifts mainly went to grown children of the family to help them establish their own homes.

#### Farm Notes

The gross annual income on about 30 per cent of the farms in the United States was less than \$600 in

Farm population increased 2,076,-000 in the decade 1930-40. The west north-central states had a decrease of 268,000 people in the drouth years occurring during the last half of the

More than 782,000,000 baby chicks are produced annually by the commercial hatcheries operating in the United States, reports the U.S. department of agriculture.

A barnful of dark Holstein cows requires more light than the same barn full of light-colored Ayrshire . . .

The latest estimate on the United States late potato crop is for a production of 277,000,000 bushels, which would be 2,000,000 bushels less than the 1939 crop. Purchasing power of city consumers is better than a year

A good way to utilize wasteland incident to contouring field crops, as well as terrace outlets, is to use an electric fence. As time goes on new cross fences should be built on the contour instead of straight across the slope.



AXIS CONFERENCE Mussolini-Well!

Von Ribbentrop-You took the word out of my mouth! Mussolini-What explanation has

Hitler to make to me? Von Ribbentrop-Explanation for

Mussolini-He was to have licked England by August. I had his word

for it. Von Ribbentrop-Everything in a war can't be done according to

schedule Mussolini-This is a fine time to

tell me!

Von Ribbentrop-Germany can't help it if the British fail to give up in accordance with our expectations. Their slowness in surrendering is very disturbing to Herr Hitler.

Mussolini-If it disturbs Hitler, what do you think it does to me? . . .

Von Ribbentrop-But there is nothing for us to worry about.

Mussolini-Did you ever try standing for any length of time with one foot in the middle of a desert, one in the middle of the sea and the other foot in the middle of Europe? Von Ribbentrop-You are giving

yourself too many feet. Mussolini-Before I get through I may need 'em. I don't like the looks

Von Ribbentrop-Why did you

come into the war? Mussolini-You know very well why I came in: You gave me a complete scenario, showing that France was finished and that England was as good as sunk

Von Ribbentrop-Everything will come out as we promised. All we need is patience and a new plan.

Mussolini-Why can't you mop up England the way you did all those other countries? There must be traitors, fifth columnists and quitters there, too.

Von Ribbentrop-Yes, but England has 'em all in jail. Now lissen, Der Fuehrer says you have got to take Gibraltar. Are you ready?

Mussolini-Who? Me!



Von Ribbentrop-We must have the co-operation of Spain. We must move fast.

Mussolini - My troops never

Von Ribbentrop-This time it's got to be in the right direction.

Mussolini-There are moments when I think maybe we are biting off more than we can chew.

Von Ribbentrop-You have my assurance this will be done on a 50-50 basis.

Mussolini-What do you mean by

Von Ribbentrop-Germany will do the biting; you can do the chewing. Mussolini-The more you talk the

more nervous I get. Von Ribbentrop-Brace up! Don't you know Germany and Italy are super races? Don't you know they are the two greatest Powers on earth? Don't you know they are nations with a destiny? Don't you know they will rule the world?

Mussolini-I know it, and you know it . . . but does the world know it?

NEW LINE-UP The Japs now join The Nazi deals And sing, "Heil, Heil, The gang's all heels!"

General De Gaulle is making the mistake of assuming that the French realize what has happened to France.

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> WHAT A LIFE! This is his pain

And this is his sorrow: It's hair today-And gone tomorrow.

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