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CHAPTER I

There are two whole columns on the disarmament conference-all figures, and quotations, and simply tremendous big words," said Ginger Ells in a discouraged tone. "Oh, here's a little bit of a column about the Elks' May day fete and beauty pageant." She settled herself to read with a

smug little flounce of engerness. "You may skip that," said her father. "We know all about the beauty pageant."

His daughter sighed resignedly. suppose you want Lloyd George and the Communists, although it does not look very churchy to me."

She read patiently, in a low clear volce, paragraph after paragraph, sitting on the couch beside the reading lamp, little, eager and slim-with eyes that just would wander, despite her best and most daughterly intentions, from the stupid newsprint to the simply fascinating goings-on in the opposite corner of the wide room, where Marjory, the pretty twin. love-Her than any picture, stood on a low stool, like a goddess lifted up, with her bevy of worshipers at her feet, while down on their knees before ber. were Miriam, the brainy twin, and Helen, who was quite old and engaged to be married, and Miss Jenkinsclipping stray threads here and there. tucking, patting and pulling, in a vain endeavor to add greater charm to her girlish beauty.

But although Ginger's eyes would wander, the memory of her father, sitting still and limp, so patient, in the big chair at her side, his kind eyes closely bandaged, quickly brought her own straying orbs back to the onerous news. By rights, it was Miriam's job to read the papers to her father. But Miriam, being a twin to Marjory, would naturally wish to assist in preparing her to win the Elks' club beauty prize.

"'And this in spite of the frank warning of President Coolidge that the United States will regard any such move with extreme disfavor,' finished Ginger, with a flourish. "Here's a paragraph on Mussolini and God. In my opinion it would look a lot smarter if you took that lave off the shoulders entirely. Oh, excuse me, father, I'm so sorry. Here's a para graph on Mellon cutting the tax melon-three hundred billions, no milllons-Well, it doesn't interest us either way. Oh, here's a lovely writeup of the buffet supper that is to be served at the Elks' club fete at ten o'clock-houllion, chicken sandwiches, tomato aspic-" Reverend Mr. Tolliver smiled indul-

gently. He might not see, but what father but could feel the wandering eyes and the truant thoughts of a six. teen-year-old daughter on the eve of a beauty pageant.

"Put the paper up now, Ellen. I'm full of news. Suppose you play little bright-eyes for me, instead, and tell me what is going on over there, with all that snipping of scissors, and ob-

ing and ah-ing." "Oh, father !" Ginger doubled herself up rapturously, enfolding both her slim knees in her arms. "Oh. father, it is giorious! Marjory-honestly, father, Marjory is so pretty it doesn't seem possible. Miss Jenkins is down on the floor with five pins in her month, and her dress pulled up. over her knees to keep from

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and a half-including favors for the ladies, an elaborate buffet supper at ten o'clock, and participation in the beauty pageant. In spite of their confidence in Marjory's outstanding beauty, two dollars and a half for admission to a May day fete did not fall within the scope of a parsonage budget.

But the good fairy who watches over youthful beauty did not fall them.

On the twenty-fifth day of April, Eddy Jackson walked up the narrow flagstone path to the parsonage. Marjory was lying in the hammock, fast asleep, her magazine fallen to the floor at her side. Eddy Jackson, coming thus upon beauty unaware, was stricken momentarily dumb in its presence, and stared at her in such rapt awe that Marjory awakened in some confusion.

"Gee, Margie, but you're easy to look at," he said admiringly. "Why don't you go after the Elks' prize? It's fifty dollars in gold. And there's



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not a girl in lowa can walk in the same block with you. Why, it I was a judge, I wouldn't let anybody else enter the same contest with you. Go on, try it, bet you a dollar on it, and you can pay me out of the beauty prize."

"Heavens, Eddy, what would the members say if father salled down to the Elks' club to enter his daughter in the beauty pageant?"

Eddy squared his shoulders. "All right, I'll do it myselt. You and I'll I'll get the tickets right now." 20. And he turned himself about and marched straight down the flagstone path, entirely forgetting that he had come with a message from his mother. In a household whose financial limits were as circumscribed as those

sinuously about before the mirrors preening nerself pleasantly to their flattering reflections, and to the more flattering eyes of her sisters. Ginger giggied. "Father, you ought

to see her. Really you ought. She is so unaffected right now-just like s dower turning to the sun."

The low siren of a motor sounded outside. A flash of light leaped to Marjory's eyes, a quick flush to her cheeks. "It's Eddy," she whispered. "Sit

down everybody, and look natural Don't stand about-gaping-" Sulling action to her words. Mar-

jory dropped gracefully into a chair and toyed with the golden chain with an air of utmost indifference. The others, quickly, with more or less of grace, draped themselves about the room, Ginger turning her back to them all and to the door, burying herself in the details of the buffet supper.

"You see, father," she hissed scorn fully. "You see? The whole family is man-mad, simply man-mad. Except you and me. Disgusting, that's what it is, simply disgusting. Nat ural as a flower-humph! You don't see the flowers flying off their stalks when a boy-friend bumble bee breezes in."

"Lo everybody," called Eddy's pleasant voice from the plazza "Door's open-I'm coming in. Oh good evening. Mr. Tolliver, how are you? Good evening, Miss Jenkins Gee, Marge, I pity the judges. I only hope they live to deliver the prize." "Why, Eddy, how nice you look," said Helen warmly.

"Yes, thanks, I suppose I do. The white carnation was mother's idea, and I feel just like a banker. She says It is not often a mere hay rube farmer has a chance to step out with a Blue Ribbon, so she dolled me up. Hello Ginger."

Ginger had not so much as lifted her eyes from the paper. "Oh, hello, Eddy," she said coldly.

But this coldness on her part was merely assumed on principle, to show her disgust for the man-madness with which her sisters were afflicted. In her heart, she was fond of Eddy Jack-

"Oh, you're all right, are you? That's a relief. I thought you'd been suddenly struck deaf, dumb and-er uh-" He floundered awkwardly away from the tender subject of blindness "It must be time to start," said Helen, her eyes on the clock. She had told Professor Langley not to come until eight-thirty-s late hour for callers in Red Thrush, but she was determined to do her sisterly duty to Marjory before abandoning herself to

personal pleasure. "Yes, I think it is," agreed Eddy. "It seems they check the beauties at the door, at eight, I think. I should have brought a truck to carry home the prizes, but-"

"Oh, nonsense," laughed Marjory. "You know I haven't a chance in the world, against all those lovely girls. and all those lovely gowns-'

"Huh," sniffed Ginger scornfully, under her breath. "You'd never think we'd spent that fifty dollars-in our minds-five days ago." The girls followed them to the door as they went out, smilling admiration

at Marjory-admiration, encouragement and hope. "Shall I bring you a sandwich in

my pocket. Ginger? Or would you rather have an aspic?' Eddy called

The three girls stood together in

the doorway until, with a last farewell

of the siren, the car disappeared down

"A nice boy," said Helen quietly.

said briskly. "Ginger, get the broom,

"Horace will be here in ten minutes.

Now straighten up for me, won't you,

while I run up and straighten my-

"Most disgusting thing I ever saw.

has to look at a messy table and an

untidy rug-she doesn't care if Mi-

riam and I have to associate with her

when her nose is shiny, but a man!

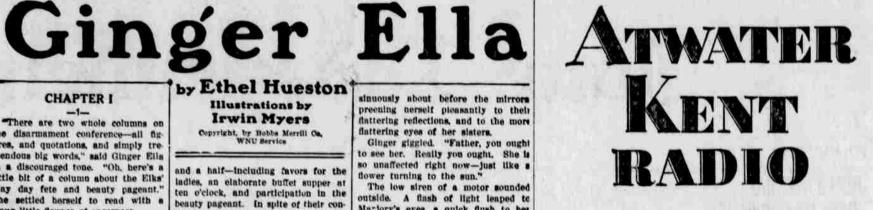
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away the thread and things."

night-" protested Ginger.

Ginger ignored him.

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Small Boy Recognized

the Species of Snake Every night, at the Sequola Naional park they have a campfire which includes an impromptu entertainment, and frequently a brief talk on the giant trees or some phase of wild life, given by some attache of the park. One night recently, the topic was reptiles and in the course of describing the various snakes that are to be

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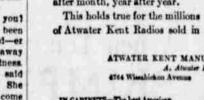


Shows Evolution of Horse

The history of the horse family, showing the evolution of the horse from a four-toed animal the size of a cat to the present large one-toed or hoofed type, is illustrated by an ex-hibit in the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago.

Supporting the Home

"It is evidently your ambition to keep running for office." "A man must think of his family," Senator Sorghum,







Weak After Operation

"About five months ago, following an operation for appendicitis I did not gain strength enough to be up and about. My mother and sister advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound. I have taken five bottles and it has helped me to get strong so I can do my own housework now. I have recommended it to several friends who have been weak and run-down."-Mrs. Oscar Ottum, Box 474, Thief River Falls, Minn.



It-' Miss Jenkins, with guilty haste, cov-

ered the offending members. "They weren't her best ones-they

had lisie tops. But I saw a slik ruf. fle, just the same. You're really miles. ing quite a lot, you know," continued Ginger wickedly. "You'd better take those five pins out of your mouth. Jenky dear, if you're going to gasp like that."

Only Ellen dared to call the sedate spinster "Jenky," and even she did it only in her more irrepressible mo ments, when she was most thoroughly a Ginger Ella. It was sixteen years ago, at the birth of this same Ellen that Miss Jenkins and firs: come into intimate contact with the parsonage household, then in another postorate. And upon their inter transference to other charges, she had arranged her small matters and followed after them Hving her own life, keeping her own small home, teaching in the primary schools for a livelihood, but keeping in close and heipful touch with the Tolliver family, to which, in its en tirety, she had given all the stored-up love of her lonely heart. With Helen and with the twins, she remained to the end firm and unyleiding. But she was from the beginning surprisingly plinble in the hands of the wheedlesome Ellen.

"Well," Ginger went on, "she is wearing Helen's engagement ring, and Miss Jenkins' old gold chain. Eddy's mother gave her a perfectly splify ince handkerchief, and she has on my slik-to-the-top stockings that Mrs Morris gave me."

For five days, the modest folliver household had simply fernanted with excitement over the Elks May day fete and beauty pageant. The Foi livers, without exception, unew that Marjory was absolutely the prettiest thing in the Middle West. Many other residents of Rei Thrush, Iowa, reat ized it also. But just prettiness was not enough to win this beauty prize One required an admission ticket. The Elks' club was staging the event for the benefit of its various charitles. and the admission was two dollars

of the parsonage, the Elks' club beauty pageant was an event of no to her. mean import. The prize itself was

fifty dollars in gold, and there were additional trophles.

Even Mr. Toillver, despite his seem ing indifference, warmed slightly to the charm of fifty dollars in gold.

Marjory slowly revolved for final approval.

There-it is perfect-another touch would be too much.

Reverend Mr. Tolliver stood up, and put out his hand. "Come nere, Margie. Let me see if my pretty twin is as pretty as I think."

She crossed to him quickly, a little pain rising in the white throat with the thought of his neiplessness, quick mist clouding the lovely eyes. His hand gently followed the gold ince at ber shoulder, fondled the soft curve of her hair, fingered the slender chain

"It is not just prettiness, my child," he said affectionately. "You are frag runt, and wholesome, and sweet. That is your beauty. You don't agent artificial adorning. Your toveliness is like a flower's-unaffected, unassumed, just born there."

Marjory, freed from his hand, moved

Oh, no!"

self?"

Name "Peony" Traced to Legend of Mythology

In the days of the Greek gods and goddesses, the peony first came to the world's attention. Leto, Apollo's moth er, was the one to introduce it. Apolto was known as the god of healing and his son, Aesculapius, was the god of medicine.

It seems that a pupil of Aesculapius onmed Paeon was the physician of the gods, and to him Leto first gave the plant which he employed to cure Pluto of a wound received at the hands of Hercules during the Trojan war.

The fact that his pupil could sur pass him in effecting such a cure made Aesculapius angry, with the result he attempted to kill Paeon, but Pluto, Indebted to Parenn for his own life, res

from dentl. by changing him into the plant that had saved his life. Until this day that plant bears Paeon's name and is known to us as the peony The history of the peony in China and Japan is of a sentimental nature.

Fittingly enough, the words "Sho Ya," meaning "Most Beautiful," were applied to the herbaceous peony, while the tree peony held sway as the "King of Flowers."--Kansas City Star,

Has Its Uses

"The appendix is the only part of the human body that is of no use," says a writer. For the medical profession, however, it is a very profitable side-line,

The particular snake to which | refer, is said to strike with mathematical precision,"

"I know what that is !" piped up a small boy, "You're talking about an adder."-Los Angeles Times.

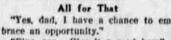
Touching Faith in Police

Little Joe Arciga, fourteen, of Los But with a full view of the living Angeles, has the trust of all small room before her, her quietness van-ished. "This place is a sight," she children, and especially in policemen He reported to the police that his bi cycle has been stolen for a month. and dust up that rug. Mirlam, put "Why," s '-d the sergeant, "dldn't you report it somer?" Joe replied "But what difference-this time of that he thought the police knew everything that was going on.

Train Makes Record Run

What is claimed to be the longest non-stop rallway run ever made was recently accomplished in South Amer-Man-mad. Simply man-mad. The Ica. A Beardmore-Diesel electric en whole gang of them. She ucean't gine hauled a special train from Buenos care if you sit in a dusty chair, fa-Aires to Cipoletti, a distance of 775 ther-she doesn't care if Miss Jenkins miles, in 20 hours 37 minutes.

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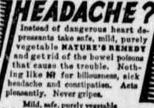
than an ambition. It's a business."

Greatness in Simplicity

Nothing is more simple than greatness; indeed, to be simple is to be great.-Emerson.

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