

BRIGHT STAR

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SYNOPSIS

Kezia Marsh, pretty, selfish and twenty, arrives home in Corvallis from school and is met by her older brother, Hugh. He drives her to the Marsh home where her widowed mother, Fluvanna, a warm-hearted, self-sacrificing and understanding soul, welcomes her. Kezia's sister, Margery, plump and matronly with the care of three children, is at lunch with them. Hugh's wife, Dorrie, has pleaded a previous engagement. On the way back to his job at the steel plant founded by one of his forefathers, Hugh passes Doc Hillier, a boyhood friend whom he no longer sees frequently because of Dorrie's antipathy. Fluvanna Marsh wakes the next morning from a dream about her late husband, Jim, whose unstable character she fears Kezia has inherited. Soon Ellen Pendleton comes over. She is an artistically inclined girl who is a distant niece of Fluvanna's and a favorite of Hugh's. She happily tells Fluvanna she has become engaged to Jerry Purdue. Ellen fears that her father and mother, Gavin and Lizzie, will not approve the match. Hugh and Dorrie go out to the Freedom Farms to dance with their friends, Cui and Joan Whitney. Whitney, who has been out of work, announces that she has landed a new position. They see Ellen Pendleton and Jerry Purdue. Cui and Dorrie dance together and then disappear for a while. Dancing with Joan, Hugh is amazed to find her in tears. Apparently she has some secret worry over her husband, Cui. Hugh sees Kezia accompanied by a young man. When Ellen and Jerry speak about their engagement to Ellen's parents, Lizzie is disagreeable until Jerry sympathizes with her imagined ailments. Gavin, a banker, is cold to Jerry's proposal. While Lizzie unbends slightly, the matter is left pending.

CHAPTER III—Continued

"It's a shame when a woman is at the age when she can enjoy life most," continued Jerry, "and she is taken with something ghastly like that! My aunt was a wonderful looking woman too." He hitched his chair an inch or so nearer Lizzie, looked into her face with sympathy and interest.

"Pale fires lit in her eyes, a revival of vanity. "Wonderful? . . . Perhaps not now, but you should see my pictures taken when I was Ellen's age! I remember when I was young and lived in Ridley, Mr. Parkinson—later he became the lumber capitalist out west somewhere, Oregon, I think—used to call me the Rose of Ridley!"

"You remember that, don't you, Gavin?"

"Eh-um-m." "Ellen has something of my look—at times."

"A girl is usually indebted to her mother for her charm." Lizzie laughed and tapped him with her eyeglasses. "I see why my girl was so taken with you!"

The ice in her voice which had broken up with mention of her illness, now became a fluid running quantity, light, even playful. "But, seriously speaking, we feel our child is too young to think of getting married."

"Working?" asked Gavin in the first pause.

"I have a job as storekeeper at the Arrow Steel Works," Jerry answered.

"H'much?"

"Thirty-five a week." His fist at his lip, Gavin shook his head. "N'much."

"No, but I have hopes of getting something better. A fellow has to start at the bottom in the steel business. I intend to go to the school for salesmen if I can get in."

Gavin looked at him through his thick-lensed glasses. "Keep a car?"

"A sort of one." Jerry grinned.

Gavin glanced at Jerry's suit meaningly. He had computed its cost and suspected Jerry of extravagant taste in clothes. Lizzie shook her head at him. "Settle it again—no hurry," he muttered. He left the room precipitously and did not return.

Lizzie changed to a more comfortable chair, and drawn by Jerry's deferential attention, recounted in a tangential flow stories of her activities before she had been stricken, of her two sons, Caleb and Gavin Junior, the trouble she had keeping competent help, the oriental rugs she had bought, and the hotels she had found most agreeable in Atlantic City.

It was almost twelve when she rose to go upstairs. She even shook hands with Jerry cordially. "Be patient," she admonished them. "I'll see what I can do with her father."

Ellen went to the front steps with Jerry. "You ruinous man," she whispered, "captivating Mother like that!"

"I took your cue. You said 'Be nice to her' and I followed instructions."

She kissed him. "We might sit here on the steps while you smoke a cigarette."

"A cigarette? How about two?" "Make it two," she answered laughing. She was proud, hopeful, unutterably happy.

The first Hugh Pendleton had come out from Connecticut in the year 1802, made his way with horses and an ox team over the hazardous mountain roads, and taken up land along the Penacbang Valley in Ohio. He built a cabin near the stream and traded with the few settlers and the wandering bands of Indians. He sent for his family, his wife, with three small children, and his two brothers. Hugh started a store which flourished as the settlement grew into a village. He made trips to Pittsburgh by boat for supplies and bartered or sold, according to the need of the individual.

Presently the word traveled

UNCOMMON AMERICANS

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"Liberator of Bulgaria"

HIS name was Janarius Aloysius MacGahan and that fact alone should be enough to make him an "uncommon American." But he had other and better claims to distinction.

Born in 1844 in the little town of New Lexington, Ohio, young MacGahan grew up into a mild-mannered, timid youth, which was strangely in contrast to his character later. At the age of seven-teen he tried to become a country school teacher but his application was rejected on the grounds that he was too young and inexperienced.

Deeply wounded by this rebuff, MacGahan left his native state and never returned to it. He went to Huntington, Ind., where he was given a school and taught it successfully for two years, then to St. Louis, where he studied for four years and wrote for the newspapers, all the time preparing himself for a career as a lawyer.

Next he decided to finish his studies in languages in Europe before starting his law career. But just as he was preparing to return to America, the Franco-Prussian war broke out and the New York Herald engaged him to accompany the French army as a war correspondent.

If he had been shy as a boy, he seems to have gotten over that. His new job took him into the thickest of the fight and there he wrote his dispatches while the bullets whistled around him. His graphic reports from the French front won him a position with the London News as well as the Herald.

In 1876 he went into the Balkans and his exposures of the Turkish atrocities in Bulgaria not only stirred England to the depths but led to action by the European powers which won for MacGahan the title of "Liberator of Bulgaria." His untimely death, caused by a fever which he took from a friend whom he refused to leave in Constantinople, brought to a close a brilliant newspaper career. He was buried first in the Turkish capital. Six years later his body was brought back to his native town of New Lexington, where thousands united in honoring the "home town boy" who had made good in other fields. Today his is one of the names honored in the Hall of Fame in the school of journalism at Ohio State university.

Swindler of Millions

AROUND the turn of the century, when Americans were becoming accustomed to the idea of "Big Business" in finance and industry, Cassie L. Chadwick taught them that "big" might be applied to swindling also. Born in Canada of poor parents, Elizabeth Bigley soon decided that she didn't want to remain poor.

After getting her out of a forgery scrape, her father sent her to live with a sister in Cleveland. There she represented herself as an English heiress and married a young doctor named Chadwick but he soon divorced her. For the next four years she supported herself as a spiritualist, clairvoyant and hypnotist under a variety of names in the Middle West. In Toledo she was arrested for forging a draft for \$10,000 and sentenced to the penitentiary.

Paroled in 1893, she started out to get money in a big way. She let it be known that she was related to Andrew Carnegie and that the facts of that relationship could only be whispered. After a trip to New York to visit her "father," she came back to Cleveland and turned over to the president of a bank a trust fund agreement and notes amounting to more than \$15,000,000. Since these were apparently signed by Carnegie himself, the banker readily gave her a receipt for them.

With her credit thus established, Mrs. Chadwick started on an orgy of wild borrowing and spending. Once she bought \$1,200 worth of handkerchiefs from a Cleveland store. She sent grand pianos to eight friends as "little surprises." She chartered a special train to take her friends to New York.

Then suddenly her bubble of prosperity was punctured. An enterprising Cleveland newspaper printed a full-page story revealing the details of her past life. She managed to put off the anxious bankers who were demanding repayment of their loans and fled to New York. Arrested and brought back to Cleveland for trial, it was revealed that her liabilities were more than a million dollars. Several banks failed as the result of loans to her.

Moreover, Andrew Carnegie, who had examined the documents which she had deposited in the Cleveland bank, pronounced them forgeries and Mrs. Chadwick an impostor. She was sentenced to the Ohio penitentiary again, this time for four years and there she died in 1907, leaving an estate of only \$14,000.



She Was Proud, Hopeful, Unutterably Happy.

great deal of approval of the marriage of James and Fluvanna. There were local grievances—families whose sons had yearned for Fluvanna and been passed over. Although pride in clothes was a Pendleton credo, James was thought to lean toward too great an elegance in dress. His handsome bearing was no novelty; many of the men had that; they suspected his grace, his flattery, as qualities which did not go with the solid virtues of monogamy. As the years went by, the older ones shook their heads oracularly as reports of his irregularities came in—gambling, drinking, neglecting his business, Ely Pendleton looking grim and Fluvanna, gay in company, but when off guard, seeming frightened and distraught.

Ely Pendleton died suddenly, and Fluvanna and her family moved into the old house with her mother who was an invalid. A year or two of comparative ease and prosperity followed. James was thoughtful toward the suffering mother; debts were paid; the feverish prosperity of the War was on. James made money in the stock market and it erased the galling sense of obligation he had left when old Ely, stern-browed, thin-lipped, had met his pressing deficits. Mrs. Pendleton died just after Armistice day, and James was very kind that winter.

Then business took a holiday, stocks slumped, and Fluvanna began a gradual parting with the income her father had left in trust for her. Her mother's money had been left to her unconditionally, and that went in appalling amounts to cover the very good securities, sure to hit a hundred and ten, which James had bought on margin.

The more James lost, the more he drank, the oftener he was seen morose and truculent, leaning over his cards late at night, playing with men who were luckier than he. Late one afternoon, the town rang with the news that he had killed himself.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for May 2

ABRAHAM A MAN OF FAITH

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 12:1-9; 13:14-18. GOLDEN TEXT—By faith, Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed. Hebrews 11:8.

PRIMARY TOPIC—A Friend of God. JUNIOR TOPIC—A Hebrew Pioneer. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Adventurous Faith. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Creative Faith.

One of the greatest characters in all human history comes before us today in the person of Abraham. He is venerated by Christian, Jew, and Mohammedan alike. His personal history is replete with interest and instruction. But his claim to an outstanding place in history is broader than any of these things, for he was the one by whom God called out a nation for himself and began his dealings in sovereign grace which continue to our day. In choosing Abraham God began the history of the Jewish people, his chosen nation. They were called by him to be not only a national witness to the one true God, but also to be the repository for his truth (the Holy Scriptures) in the earth, and, above all, to be the channel for the coming of the Redeemer to the earth.

Our lesson, however, centers on the faith of Abraham. As the Golden Text (Heb. 11:8) indicates, it was by faith that Abraham responded to the call of God. That call came to him in his father's house in Mesopotamia (Acts 7:2, 3). His partial obedience brought delay at Haran (Gen. 11:31), and wasted years, but in Genesis 12 we find his complete obedience and resultant blessing.

The study of faith is always fascinating. Faith is the thing in man that pleases God. He is quick to honor our trust in Him. Unbelief shuts the door not only to blessing, but also to usefulness.

I. Faith Calls for Separation, Obedience, and Worship.

1. Separation (Gen. 12:1). "Get thee out!" was God's command to Abraham. It is his command to his followers today. "Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord" (II Cor. 6:17). This is the crying need of the church in our day. Instead of the church's being in the world seeking to win it for Christ, the world has come into the church and destroyed much of its vital testimony.

2. Obedience (Gen. 12:4, 5). "So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken." Faith obeys God, without question, without hesitation, and without reservation. We need a revival of obedience in the home, in society, and in our relation to God.

3. Worship (Gen. 12:7, 13-18). "There buildeth he an altar unto the Lord." Faith in God is far more than the psychologist's preachment of self-confidence. It results in fellowship with God, reliance upon him, not on one's own strength of personality. Faith worships God.

II. Faith Results in Blessing, Protection, and Liberty.

1. Blessing (12:2, 3). "I will bless," said God. "The Lord's commands are rarely accompanied with reasons, but they are always accompanied with promises, either expressed or understood."

In the case of Abraham the promise was not only to him, and to the nation of which he was the father, but to "all families of the earth." That promise was fulfilled in the coming of Christ to earth to be our Redeemer (Matt. 1:1).

2. Protection (12:13). "I will . . . curse him that curseth thee." That promise to the seed of Abraham is still true. The nations have forgotten it in their hatred of the Jew, but God has not forgotten. The promise is equally true in the case of those who follow Christ, "the son of Abraham." His protecting hand is over us even in the dark hour when it looks as though the hosts of Satan had conquered.

3. Liberty (13:14-17). "All the land . . . will I give." After many and varied experiences in which Abraham proves God's grace and power, he comes out into a place of unlimited liberty.

The man who boasts of his "personal liberty," who feels that he is free from the "bondage of religion," is in fact a slave to the enemy of his soul. And the man who becomes "the bonds slave of Jesus Christ," he alone is free. None is more fettered than he who shouts "I am the captain of my fate. I am the master of my soul." And none is so free as he who can say, "Christ is the Captain of my fate, the Master of my soul."

Deciding What Not to Do
Men must decide on what they will not do, and then they are able to act with vigor in what they ought to do.—Mencius.

God's Way
God can act where we cannot even think, out of resources that we know nothing about.

Strength of Character
He who is firm and resolute in will moulds the world to himself.—Goethe.

AROUND the HOUSE



Items of Interest to the Housewife

Washing Table Silver—Much of the work of polishing table silver can be saved if the silver is placed in hot soapsuds immediately after being used and dried with a soft clean cloth.

Melting Chocolate—Chocolate is easy to burn, and for that reason should never be melted directly over a fire. Melt it in the oven or over a pan of hot water.

To Remove Threads—When basting sewing material, try placing the knots of the thread on the right side. They will be easier to pull out when the garment is finished.

Hanging Pictures—Is your picture hanging on a nail which keeps breaking the plaster and so falling out? Before you put the nail in next time, fill the hole with glue, the plaster will not crumble.

Stuffed Orange Salad—Allow one orange for each person to be served. Cut through the skin three-quarters of the way down in inch strips, being careful not to



Uncle Phil Says:

Profitless Meanness
There is a meanness that profits not the man who possesses it. That of stubbornly withholding praise where it is deserved. One could understand withholding money.

When in doubt, etiquette is an excellent guide.

Don't ask your friend to do something for you he doesn't want to. Your friendship will cool.

Sometimes a pessimist is a man who backed an optimist.

A Success Secret

If you know intimately a successful man, you know one that will not tell you everything.

There will yet be a Society for the Encouragement of Courtesy Among Automobileists.

Being bored accounts for a lot of improvement in this world.

Man hasn't done much with fish, for all his inventiveness. He has eliminated no bones; yet he got the seeds out of oranges.

A Menace to All

Worshipful men will worship a woman, but unworshipful men won't worship anybody.

Be chary about accepting an invitation to make a visit unless your host sets the date.

We're satisfied with any bathtub that has a handle to get out by.

Love is blind and sometimes it's worse. Love gets by with too little criticism.

break the strips apart. Remove orange pulp and cut in neat dice. Combine with pineapple and grapefruit dice and fill orange shell with mixture. Drop a spoonful of heavy mayonnaise on top of each salad and garnish with a maraschino cherry. Another good mixture for stuffing the orange shells is a combination of orange sections, dates stuffed with cream cheese and nut meats. Mask with mayonnaise.

Left-Over Liver—Liver that is le . over can be converted into an excellent sandwich filling if it is rubbed through a sieve, well seasoned, and moistened with a little lemon juice and melted butter.

Boiling Old Potatoes—Old potatoes sometimes turn black during boiling. To prevent this add a squeeze of lemon juice to the water in which they are boiled.

Jelly Sauce—One glass jelly (crab-apple, red currant, grape, etc), quarter cup hot water, one tablespoon butter, one tablespoon flour. Add hot water to jelly and let melt on stove. Heat butter in saucepan, add flour and gradually hot jelly liquid. Cook until smooth and serve hot over almost any pudding.

Cleaning Wood-Work—To clean badly soiled wood, use a mixture consisting of one quart of hot water, three tablespoons of boiled linseed oil and one tablespoon of turpentine. Warm this and use while warm.

Butterscotch—Two cups brown sugar, four tablespoons molasses, four tablespoons water, two tablespoons butter, three tablespoons vinegar. Mix ingredients in sauce pan. Stir until it boils and cook until brittle when tested in cold water. Pour in greased pan. Cut into squares before cool.

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