

The Secret of Mohawk Pond

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SYNOPSIS: A fatherly electric system that blossoms into a romance and a tucked letter—these are the contributions to the mystery of Mohawk Pond. Following lights and shadows, a young man and woman discover the secret of the pond. They are joined by a young man and woman who are the secret of the pond. They are joined by a young man and woman who are the secret of the pond.

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Clinging tightly to him, Peggy staggered rather than walked over the uneven ground. When they finally arrived at the back porch Chase had almost to carry her up the steps and into the best parlor.

Once there he placed her in the most comfortable chair and propped her foot on an old-fashioned ottoman, then rushed into the kitchen for a tin basin and water.

Peggy removed her high-heeled suede slipper, but was forced to leave the stocking half off.

"Please pull it straight down and over the foot," she directed, as Chase returned. "Oh, that is so much easier, thank you."

She looked at the bare ankle; except for a number of scratches where the barbed wire had dug into the flesh and a slight swelling, there was nothing to indicate how much it hurt.

"It's nothing to worry over," declared Chase, observing her concern. He touched the swelling with a finger, sensitive fingers. "I do believe it's a sprain, and if so, Miss Prescott, with the ankle properly bandaged, you can walk around without difficulty."

He applied a wet compress, let it stay a minute, and replaced it with a still colder towel.

Peggy watched the operation with interest for several minutes, then feeling distinct relief from the first throbbing sensation, she sat back and looked about the room.

It was the first time she had been in the farmhouse, having seen its substantial, white frame walls only from the road. It was a typical New England colonial homestead, built to withstand the punishing cold of the northern winters and designed for the comfort of a hardy race.

The woodwork of the room was exceptionally fine and Peggy, familiar with the stately homes in Virginia of a similar period, eyed it and the lovely antique furniture with admiration. Tall rosewood bookcases lined one wall, the high-backed chair which she sat, the tables, a claw-foot desk, the Duncan Phyfe sofa and mahogany chairs of a still earlier period, the graceful Chippendale mirror on the wall, and the grandfather clock with its Sheraton box and Adam top.

"Oh! They are wasted on men!" she cried and Chase regarded her with surprise. "These lovely chairs and tables, are no women to enjoy them."

"You forget Deborah," and Chase's eyes twinkled. "Deborah is off for the day or I would suggest your staying and eating some of her wonderful biscuits. Julia cannot surpass her for cooking."

The chiming of the old clock striking the half hour aroused her to the passing time.

"Thank you so much, Mr. Chase. I must be going. How in the world am I going to get home before one?"

"I'll take you back in my car if you will get ready," Chase replied and went in search of bandages.

He dragged an old sheet from a drawer and tossed it to Peggy as he went to answer the telephone in the kitchen. Hurrying to roll the bandage around her injured foot, the torn sheet slipped from her lap and revealed a leather belt beneath its folds.

Peggy drew it out and examined the empty holster curiously. She easily recognized the worn belt as Uncle Sam's property from the "U. S." stamped upon it. But what was it doing in the possession of Obadiah Evans?

Speculating no further as she heard Chase returning, she concealed it in the sheet.

"Do you suppose Mr. Evans will mind if I took part of this sheet home with me for bandages?" she asked the botanist.

"Why, no."

Leaning on Mr. Chase's arm, Peggy managed to reach the car, suffering less pain than she anticipated.

Julia's smile of welcome changed to alarm when she saw Peggy and helped her into the living room.

"Won't you come in?" Peggy asked as Chase stopped at the threshold. "I haven't thanked you properly."

"Some other time," he smiled. "I must hurry along. Goodbye; see you soon."

Wringing her hand, he sprang into his car and drove off.

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Peggy's spirits, depressed by her experiences, rose when Jim returned. Continue the story tomorrow.

PEGGY SUFFERS MISHAP

The brilliant sunshine through the woods, the chirping birds and the chattering squirrels frisking about—all conspired to raise Peggy's spirits. Peggy's rapid gait slackened as she drew closer to the Milton road.

She was headed for the Evans farm. She had started out impulsively to return the letter she had found the night before in the hatch Julia had brought back from the mailbox.

One of them was addressed to Obadiah Evans and apparently had been placed in the Yew Lodge box next to that of the Evans by mistake. What had interested her, however, was the neatly typed name of Comm. Jamieson Sinclair in the upper left hand corner over the official wording: U. S. Navy department, Washington, D. C.

She wanted very much to learn how intimately Obadiah Evans was acquainted with the man who would inherit Uncle Herbert's fortune if she failed to remain at Yew Lodge until June 17.

The lower gate was closed and she unhesitatingly left the lane and started to climb over the picturesque stone wall which marked the boundary of the first pasture. She had not counted on the barbed wire stretched all along the further side of the wall which, as she scrambled down, scratched her ankles and tore her pretty summer frock.

Evenly balanced on the last few stones, she tried to dodge the lower strand of wire and thereby missed her footing and half slid, half fell to the ground.

Her predicament was seen by Aquila Chase and he hastened to her assistance.

"I was just on my way to Yew Lodge," he announced, offering his hand to help her to her feet. "A goodby visit."

"Oh!"

Pain and dismay both prompted the ejaculation; she had wrenched her ankle more severely than she realized.

"As a near neighbor," he supplemented. "You won't lose me entirely, for I will be at Stone Tower all through June. If you want me at any time, send an S. O. S. Are you hurt, Miss Prescott?" noticing how white her face was.

"Not seriously."

She strove to laugh it off, and instead of rising, sought a comfortable position on the ground.

"The barbed wire has lacerated my stockings even more than my feelings. I'll feel better in a minute. Won't you sit down?" patting the ground by her. "I missed you yesterday—where were you?"

"On East Summit, searching for the green fringed orchis—and I found one in bloom!"

Chase's eyes sparkled with pleasure.

"Your uncle was right; he knew the flora of this section better than any native of the soil—even Obadiah Evans."

At mention of the farmer, Peggy looked up.

"You like—Mr. Evans?"

"Why, yes; don't you?"

"At times, very much." Peggy colored, and added impulsively: "That is most ungenerous and I should not have said it. Mr. Evans has been kindness itself. It would be more truthful if I admitted I do not always understand Mr. Evans; he is so—so brusque on occasions."

"The make-up of the man; he means nothing by it—why, Miss Prescott, he's a Yankee—close-fisted and close-mouthed, but true gold," he smiled quizzically. "If not refined, Obadiah is no carpet knight."

"The last term I should apply to him," she responded, smiling, too.

"But, Mr. Chase, would you trust Mr. Evans?"

"Absolutely."

"Oh, Mr. Chase, do you suppose I've sprained my ankle?" she cried as she took a step that pained her.

Chase stooped over and felt the tender flesh.

"A strain, perhaps," he suggested. "If you will come to Echo

CAR OF TURKEYS ROLLING TONIGHT FOR CO-OP POOL

According to Clay D. Parker, manager of the Christmas turkey pool of the Farm Bureau Co-Operative, 2500 pounds of birds were received yesterday, and if the turkeys come in as favorably today, a car will be ready for shipment tonight.

Parker said the turkeys were "better looking birds than in the Thanksgiving pool, as they are more developed."

It is estimated there are close to 100,000 pounds of turkeys close in the valley. Most of them are top birds. The advance price offered is 28 cents per pound, and covered by a guarantee fund of \$20,000. This is a higher price than offered by several other districts, and it is within the range of possibility that the final return will exceed the advance. If eastern buyers, who did not purchase as liberally at Thanksgiving as usual, respond and have recovered from the Wall Street "chill," the turkeys will be received all week. The present weather conditions are ideal for turkey shipping.

MILLER ARRIVES TO OPERATE MINE

Peter Miller arrived Wednesday and, according to George E. Hughes of the Consolidated Copper miner and superintendent of the Blue Lodge mine, Miller spent many years in the Coeur d'Alene district of Idaho and has wide experience in copper mining.

Hughes said that the plans for the operating of the mine were going ahead rapidly and that when at its full winter capacity it was expected 100 men would be employed. He said preference would be given local workers with families first. Their previous mining experience being a factor. Twenty men are now employed and the force will be increased from time to time.

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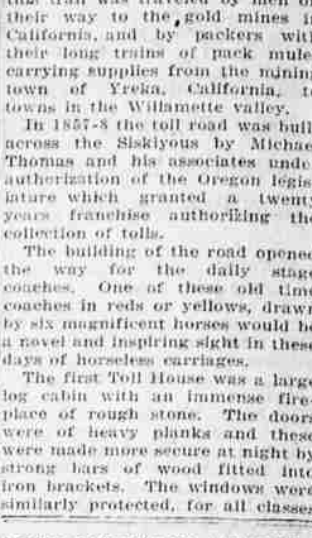
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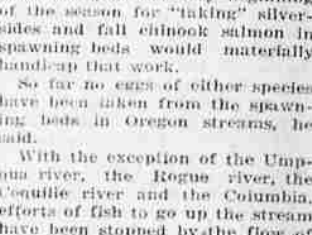
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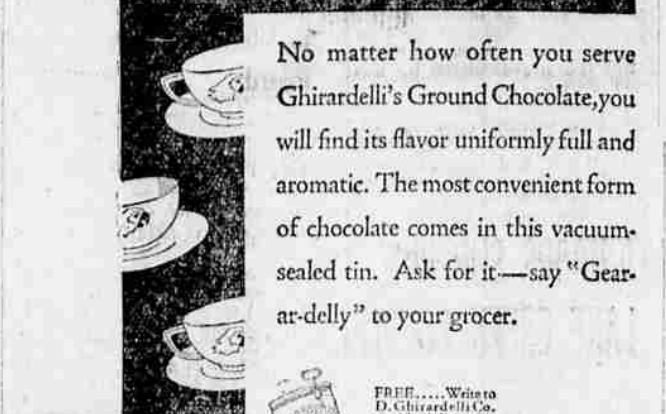
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