

# DAGGER

by Mary Dahlberg

**SYNOPSIS:** Dagger Marley, high-spirited young niece of a Texas rancher, hears shot across the Rio Grande while she is inspecting her uncle's fences. Pushing her horse through the shallow river, she rides fearfully into a hail of bullets to rescue an American who is fleeing from a band of Mexican savagery. Knowing the leader of the guerrillas, she arouses him into releasing the American, Blaine Howard, who says he has been a newspaper correspondent with Villa's army. Dagger is impressed by Howard's self-assurance and nobility, while he admires her courage and spirit. As they talk on the river bank, a cavalcade approaches from the ranch to search for Dagger, having heard the shooting. In the lead is Dick Welling, a famous English polo player who is lost on arms and now a foreman of the ranch. It develops that Howard also has been a polo player and knows of Welling.

## Chapter 2 NO ORDINARY GIRL

THE leader of the cavalcade waved a hand in reply, and it was easy for Howard to see that it was his only hand. Welling was a slim, bronzed man, his light hair burned lighter by the sun, his blue eyes vivid against the tan, the hardness of his expression minimized by a mouth as tender as a woman's. "What mischief have you been up to, Dagger?" he halted. "We heard shots."

"Jose Martinez and a bunch of



"Indeed, I owe my life to your niece, Mr. Marley," Howard broke in.

entered. It was a man's room, with a saving impression of feminine influence. No ranchman, he knew would have hung that Blue Boy print over the mantelpiece.

He glanced again at the slim figure of the girl. Her graceful carriage made her look taller than she was, and the breadth of her forehead and the candid expression of her eyes were at odds with the round curves of her child's mouth. Certainly she was no ordinary child of the plains.

"You like the Blue Boy?" he asked.

"I love him! I sent all the way to New York for him."

"Some day you'll travel," Howard said. "Perhaps you'll come East and see my collection."

"Perhaps we can persuade Mr. Howard to stay a while with us," suggested Welling.

"Shore," Marley assented. "Admire to have you, sir."

"I'm afraid I—" Howard checked as he perceived the pleading light in Dagger's eyes—"yes, I'd like to stay a few days, if I may."

"That will be wonderful," sighed the girl. "You've been places, haven't you? You know what the world's like—out there."

Marley poured four glasses of the oily spirits—three sizeable ones, Howard observed, and one half as full. This last he extended to Dagger.

"Yore good health, sir," said the old ranchman, bowing to Howard.

"Hear, hear," assented Welling.

"Mr. Howard," added Dagger, and tossed off her portion without blinking.

Howard suspended his own drink. "Say, that—that's whiskey."

Welling smiled, and old Marley remarked dryly:

"Good whiskey don't hurt nobody, sir. I always aimed to bring up Dagger like she were a boy. Waah, drink up, Howard!"

With the dropping of the profaned title, the New Yorker realized he had been accepted by his hosts. He was amazed to discover himself feeling very much at home, as if he had known Casa Blanca and the Figure 2 in years past.

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Dagger is all admiration for this man. Chance has brought into her life. Follow their budding friendship in tomorrow's chapter.

# Aged Autos Now Reclaimed Through Ford Experiments



Antiquated machines from "graveyards" of cars (inset) now are dismantled of parts that may be reclaimed (below) before being flattened out by a 22-ton press (above) for the furnace.

DETROIT—(AP)—Virtually every part of an aged automobile is salvaged in one way or another by modern methods.

After five months of experimental work, the practicability of reclaiming materials from old cars has been determined by the Ford Motor company.

More than 18,000 antiquated cars of 60 different makes were purchased from dealers and put through the dismantling process before it was announced that the plan was successful.

A force of 120 men dismantles these discarded automobiles, salvaging many parts of their entirety, converting others into useful articles and sending the remainder through the smelters to reclaim the steel and convert it again into an up-to-date motorcar.

"Derelict" autos are bought from dealers at a fixed price of \$20 a car, regardless of make, age or condition. The cars are brought to the company plant on trailers, or are towed there by other cars whose capacity for locomotion has not yet been spent. Thus far salvaging has been confined to the Detroit area.

At present three conveyors are used in dismantling operations. One is used for Ford cars and one for those of other makes. The third carries scrap to open hearth furnaces, and salvaged material such as batteries, tires, and floor boards goes to waiting trucks.

Everything on the derelict car is salvaged, and even grease is saved. Hubcaps are reclaimed for aluminum, ignition wire for copper, oil cups for brass, bearings for babbit.

Many of the tools originally used to make some of the cars now are used to tear them down. Just before the skeleton of what once was an automobile reaches the furnace a 22-ton press flattens it out and it's journey is done.

# RURAL AND SUBURBAN NEWS

**GOLD HILL**, Ore., July 24.—(Special.) Mrs. J. M. Lively left Friday morning for a ten days visit with relatives in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gilchrist left Thursday for Portland, called to that city by the illness of Mrs. Gilchrist's sister.

Mrs. Matilda Parker went to Medford Friday to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Kellogg and family.

The Friday Afternoon Sewing club met at the home of Mrs. Rena Davis last Friday.

Fletcher Fish of Phoenix was a business visitor here Saturday.

Charles Reed left for his home in San Francisco Saturday after a ten days visit with relatives.

Maxwell Marvin returned from Ashland Sunday. While in Ashland he attended the wedding of Miss Madeline Stevens and Floyd Barrett at the home of the bride's parents, Friday.

Soth Coy was a Medford visitor Saturday.

Merritt Little, Woodrow Shaver, Logan Gardner and Lindsey Doerman returned Sunday evening from Vancouver, Wash. C. M. T. C. Enroute home, near Junction City, Woodrow saw Mr. and Mrs. Bluet, former teachers in the Gold Hill schools. The Bluet's now have a chicken ranch near that city.

Diana Dienger of Portland is filling the place of Mrs. Pearl Guild at the Portland Beaver Cement plant during Mrs. Guild's vacation.

Miss Eva Coy was a Medford visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Quakenbush and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Guggolz of Lodi, Cal., were Crater Lake visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Topovic and family left Monday morning by auto for a week's visit in California.

Percy Knotts spent last week at his mine on Galis Creek.

Mr. Frank returned Thursday from the hospital in Medford where he has been recovering from injuries received when knocked down by a car on the highway July 3rd.

Born, Friday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Bates, a son, Mr. Bates is section foreman on the S. P.

Mrs. Ois Johnson and small son of Ashland spent Saturday in this city guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cameron.

Miss Diana Dienger, Gus Etickson and Richard McKay were Crater Lake visitors Sunday.

**Himalayan "Race"** Feared Himalayan peasants warned members of the expedition which was preparing to scale Kanchenjunga that the topmost peaks of the great mountain range are guarded by a mysterious race, known as the Abominable Snow Men. The Snow Men have been described by natives, who claim to have seen them, as white-skinned, ape-like figures, naked and covered with thick hair,

# EDEN PRECINCT

Edred Colver left Saturday for Lost Prairie where they will spend a week or so camping.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop are proud parents of a fine baby boy, born at their home last week. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hearn left Friday for Los Angeles. En route home they will visit in Stockton for a few days with Mrs. Hearn's sister, Mrs. Christianson.

Mrs. Harry L. Butler entertained Thursday with a one o'clock luncheon. The afternoon was spent in bridge. First prize was won by Mrs. E. L. Dodge, second prize by Mrs. Landis and third prize by Mrs. Earl Isaac. The party was given in honor of Miss Billy Carless and included a miscellaneous shower. Miss Carless received many lovely and useful gifts.

Mrs. Eva Carless, Mrs. Frost, and Miss Billie Carless were guests at a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Wm. Campbell Saturday.

# LAKE CREEK

LAKE CREEK, Ore., July 24.—(Special.) J. R. Lutton of Tilden, Nebraska, who has been visiting his nephew, Milo Conley, left for Medford Monday to visit his sister, Mrs. Hessler.

Mr. and Mrs. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tucker and family of Brownboro, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Grooms and children, W. S. Chapman and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wyant and daughters enjoyed a picnic at Dead Indian Soda Springs Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Painter and son and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Abbott and Maxine were week end campers at Lake Creek. They enjoyed fishing along the creek, and swimming.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Farlow and daughters Beth and Mrs. Eva Nichols and daughters were among visitors at Dead Indian Soda Springs Sunday.

Mr. Almy had a narrow escape from going over the grade above John Walsh's Monday evening when something went wrong and he couldn't turn the wheel.

Adolph Peck, Henry Peck and J. B. Short went on a fishing trip Sunday along Rogue river. They had a fine time and the usual luck. Quite a few from here have been going to Eagle Point or the valley the last few days for apricots, as none are grown here. They have been bringing back some good looking fruit.

Mrs. Chas. Klinge is in Medford again on account of her father's poor health.

Joe and Mike Lidley went to the Fish lake country Tuesday with several blocks of salt for their cattle.

Ray and Wallace Ragsdale were home from Trail creek the last of the week. They, with Gladys Cowden and Dorothy Meyer were among those enjoying an outing at the springs Sunday.

Mrs. E. A. Gaidway went to Medford Monday on business.

# FOOTS CREEK

FOOTS CREEK, Ore., July 24.—(Special.) Homer Harrison is spending a few weeks with Mr. McDole in Medford.

Mrs. J. Rose gave a dance at her home Saturday night. Those who attended report a good time.

A. E. Sutherland and E. T. Prefountain are running some ore thru the quartz mill at Rogue River, which came from the Little Giant mine on Foots creek.

Mrs. Mary Douglas from Mt. Shasta gave a surprise visit to her niece, Mrs. E. R. Prefountain Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. De Jhonvano are spending a few weeks in Bend, Ore.

Mrs. Ben Harrison and Mrs. C. Carr were afternoon visitors at Mrs. E. R. Prefountain's Tuesday. Mrs. E. T. Prefountain and chil-

dren spent Sunday with Mrs. A. E. Sutherland at Rogue River. They enjoyed Sunday school which they enjoyed very much.

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