

# DAGGER

by Mary Dahlberg

**SYNOPSIS:** Dagger, Marley, 16-year-old niece of a Texas rancher, reaches Blaine, Oregon, from some Mexican burglar. It develops that Howard was once a famous polo player, as was Dick Welling, English foreman on the ranch of Dagger's uncle, Jim Marley, until just an arm. Howard's and Welling's paths have crossed before, but they seem unwilling to discuss the past. Howard goes to the ranch and beats Dagger at polo, riding and gambling. His character, which is the respect of everyone, and Dagger falls in love with him, though he fails to expect it until one evening when they are out riding after dark.

## CHAPTER 5

### DAGGER FINDS LOVE CRUEL

AFTERWARD Howard asked himself many times how it had occurred. As he reached to steady her when her horse shied, she nestled instinctively into the crook of his elbow.

Then he was conscious of her face turned up to him, her eyes glowing, her lips parted expectantly. The soft pressure of her mouth brought him to his senses. He almost pushed her from him.

"Here, no philandering," he heard himself say dryly. "We ought to get home."

He drove to the spurs, and Dagger imitated him. He didn't look at her. She never spoke. When, at last, he reined in his sweating

ring—time I was getting East, and—

"Blaine only made up his mind definitely after you'd gone to bed, dear. He felt badly over going, and thought it would be easier not to say good-by." Welling said in his gentle way.

"For him, maybe; but not for me," she answered airily. "It wasn't square, Blaine, was it now?"

"It wasn't square, Dagger," he admitted; "but I honestly thought it was kind."

She came close to him.

"Here's a kiss for luck—and to prove I won't forget you."

"It's something to remember," Howard replied. "Don't worry, I won't forget, either. We'll always be friends, won't we?"

"Oh, yes, always friends," she assented, bravely.

Mac threw in the clutch, and the car churned forward, raising a cloud of dust.

Dick Welling drew her to him, his mouth close to her ear.

"Easy, old girl," he muttered. "Everything's all right."

"Course, it's all right—I mean all wrong," she retorted crossly.

"Better have some breakfast," urged Welling.

"I'm not hungry," she protested. "Any healthy girl is hungry in



"We'll always be friends, won't we?" said Howard.

mount, and stole a glance in her direction, her features were set in the mask she affected in games of chance.

"Sorry, Dagger," he exclaimed impulsively. "Shouldn't have done that. All my fault."

"It wasn't," she answered as curtly. "Why shouldn't I have?"

"Well, it's not the kind of thing—" "I wanted you to."

"You're only a child, dear—" "I made you do it."

"Nonsense! It was the stars, and know you like me a little—" "I like you a lot—a hell of a lot," she panted.

"You think you do," he said gently. "But you see, I'm ever so much older, and I have a wife, and—" "I hate her, the pale thing! Her vehemence startled him. "So do you, Blaine. You know you do."

"No, I don't hate her," he denied. "I wonder sometimes if I didn't expect too much of her."

"You didn't. You wouldn't." Dagger choked down a sob. "You—your's too decent."

"Me decent?" He laughed savagely. "And just stole a kiss from a girl of your age!"

She threw her arm back, and slapped him full across the face.

"You—you couldn't steal a kiss from me. You or any man! Kissed me because I wanted to—and I made you kiss me because I wanted you to. And I slapped you because I wanted to. And I'm going to ha-ha-hate you because I want to."

Dagger lay sleepless, her brain seething furnace, her soul racked by tempests of rage—rage at Howard, rage at herself, rage at fate.

Was this what love brought in its train? Better hate! But slowly, as the hours passed, reason reasserted itself. It wasn't Howard's fault he was married. Nor that she loved him.

She wakened to a flood of sunshine across the floor and her uncle's drawing voice outside the window.

"Hey, yew Juan, snake out that stuff to the car—and then yew tell Mr. Howard it's here."

Dagger sat up with a jerk. The car! Howard—he was going away. He would. Oh, what a fool she'd been! Dressing quickly she stepped outside.

Howard was distinctly ill at ease. "Oh, didn't want to disturb you, Dagger. I—ah—as I said last eve-

the morning—unless she's in love and you aren't, you know."

"But I am, Dick! You know I am. And, oh, how did you? Do I show it—that—that plain?"

"My word, no!" He drew her down beside him on a step. "Howard spoke to me last night. He was pretty well upset."

"Well, it was my fault, Dick. And I love him like—like hell."

Sobs overwhelmed her.

"Back up, dear," he said. "You mustn't take it so hard. We all of us have this experience."

"Why—why, Dick!" she exclaimed.

"I could have jumped into the Thames any night for a month ago," he went on. "I've sat with a gun on my knee, and figured where to put the bullet. But that's funking the fight, watching on a bet 'D you see?"

"I guess you're right," she answered meekly. "What should I do?"

"Go on as if nothing had happened. Instead of letting disappointment upset you, make it strengthen your character, stiffen your will."

"But what did you do, Dick? Tell me, please. I—I want to learn so!"

"Not easy," he said after a while, and his voice was low, carefully controlled. "I grew up with a girl. Her people had the place next to ours. Nobody ever said anything, but we—took it for granted. She had some money; I had practically none. Then I was dumped at that fence. When I was able to be about the mother sent for me. They'd had reverses. And of course, I'd be obliged to resign my commission. She said we'd better forget marriage, it was lucky there hadn't been an announcement. She rather p't it to me as a man of honor, d'you see, not to push ahead, and spoil her daughter's life. Afterward, I learned I was ditched to clear the way for the girl to marry money."

"And what did you do, then?" she prompted.

"Come away. Thought the best thing to do was to start fresh."

"It was." She jumped to her feet. "I'll start fresh, too. And sometime I'll make Blaine come to me. If it takes years, I will."

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Chafed of her first love, Dagger seeks to forget. Follow her fight for happiness in Monday's chapter.

## NOTED MERCHANT TO LEAD BUYERS' WEEK DISCUSSION

Merchants and buyers who attend Portland's Buyers' Week this year will be afforded the rare treat of listening to and joining in the round table discussions on present-day merchandising led by Fred P. Mann, nationally celebrated merchandiser and a member of the committee of distribution of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Under the auspices of the trade and commerce department of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, Portland's 18th Annual Buyers' Week is scheduled for the week of August 4th to 9th.

Merchants throughout the country, and particularly from the fourteen western states considered as Portland's local market area, are invited to attend with the inducement of railroad fares refunded on a minimum purchase of \$500.00.

As in the past, Max S. Hirsch, executive chairman, states it is expected that buyers from the farthest corners of the country, as well as Alaska and Hawaii, will be in attendance.

This year special buying opportunities have been arranged by the various Portland manufacturers and jobbers which, it is expected, will add greatly to the attendance of this already popular event. Style presentations, factory visits, merchandising conferences and an interesting program of entertainment for both the visiting merchants and buyers and their families are planned.

## MASSACRE SURVIVOR PASSES IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Sarah Jane Watkins Parish, 87, survivor of the Cascade Indian massacre and the Indian wars of 1856 and 1859, died at a hospital here yesterday. Death came suddenly. Mrs. Parish had been in vigorous health for one of her years.

Mrs. Parish was born in Missouri in 1842. When she was nine years old her parents left Keokuk, Iowa, for the Oregon country, arriving at The Dalles in 1852.

## NO SNAKES MAKE HOME IN CRATER LAKE PARK

Crater Lake National Park, heretofore famous as the setting of that marvelous lake from which the park was named, has a new claim to distinction. The park views with Erin's Green Isle in that it is snakeless. Not one of the hundreds of thousands of those who have wandered on the rim and in the surrounding park, have ever reported the presence of a snake. Nor has Superintendent E. C. Sokolinsky, in his many journeys to and fro along the roads and trails, ever seen a serpent within park limits.

## JIM HILL'S BIOGRAPHER SUCCUMBS IN ST. PAUL

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 28.—(AP)—Joseph G. Dyle, 77 years old, former editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and St. Paul Globe, and the authorized biographer of the late James J. Hill railway operator is dead here, he was librarian of the James J. Hill reference library here.

## ANDERSON CREEK

ANDERSON CREEK, Ore., July 28.—(Sp.)—Mrs. L. C. Jones, Miss Ruth Mays and Miss Bon Nell Jones gave a music special at the Christian church Sunday.

George Whelphy was in Talent Wednesday.

Mr. Bushnell was in Ashland Thursday.

Mrs. L. C. Jones and daughter called on friends on Griffin Creek Wednesday.

Misses Lois Lucille Bushnell visited Ruth Mays Monday.

George Young and Steve Lunnik were out to the valley last Monday.

D. C. Hale and family were in Medford Sunday.

Mr. Sanders and family of Ashland have moved to Anderson Creek to spend the summer.

Francis and John Schmette spent Sunday evening at the Mays home.

Mr. McAnna, wife and daughter of Klamath Falls spent the week end at the home of James MacDonnell.

George McAnally and wife were in Talent Thursday.

Mr. Green was in Ashland Thursday.

James MacDowell and Charles McCanna went to Medford Thursday.

James Mays cut hay for James Marquis last week.

Miss Ruth Mays called on Mrs. McAnally Wednesday.

F. M. Cunniff went to Medford Friday for a few days.

The many friends of E. J. Center will be pleased to learn that he is much improved and expects to return home the first of August.

Dr. John Bain Sutherland, Pitt football coach, has been touring Europe this summer.

## WHERE PRESIDENT HOOVER WILL SPEND VACATION



President Hoover plans to go west for his vacation, part of which will be spent in Glacier national park. The two cabins shown above are on the presidential camp site and Swiftcurrent lake (below), which is conveniently near, will probably challenge the skill of the nation's foremost fishermen.

## Questioned



Peter A. Bogdanov, president of Amtorg Trading Corporation, was examined by congressional committee investigating communism in New York. He testified that concern was directed by Soviet government.

## AIRPLANE VISIT TO MISSIONARIES IN ESKIMO CAMP

LOS ANGELES, July 28.—What is believed to be the first trans-continental air trip ever attempted by a member of a religious order will be consummated in Los Angeles Tuesday, July 29, when Brother G. J. Feltes, piloting a high-wing monoplane, is scheduled to arrive enroute to Alaska, where he is to further the work of the Jesuit Order among the missionaries stationed at the Eskimo camps.

The plane Brother Feltes is flying is a Bellanca and is using a new aviation fuel, developed especially for aerodiesel engines by the engineers of the Texas company. He will fly north to Alaska, stopping in San Francisco for a conference with western members of the Jesuit order.

The plane was presented to Brother Feltes by Judge Albert J. Talley, president, and the Rev. William Flynn, secretary-general of the Marquette league.

## On the Air

7:30 to 7:45 p.m.—Amos n' Andy—NBC service to KGO, KTIQ, KOMO, KGW, KBOA, KFSD. 7:45 to 8:00 p.m.—John and Ned—NBC service to KIQ, KGW. 7:45 to 8:00 p.m.—Senator Tubbs Campaign Program—NBC service to KGO, KFL. 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.—Rudy Seliger's Shell Symphonists—NBC service to KIQ, KOMO, KGW, KFO, KFL, KSL, 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. 9:00 to 9:00 p.m.—Cotton Blossom Minstrel—NBC service to KGO, KBOA. 9:00 to 9:30 p.m.—Pacific Serenaders—NBC service to KGO, KFSD, KOA. 9:30 to 10:00 p.m.—House of Myths—NBC service to KGO, KGW, KTAI, KSL, KOA. 10:00 to 10:30 p.m.—Harp Harmony—NBC service to KGO, KIQ. 10:30 to 10:45 p.m.—Yip Frieri—NBC service to KGO. 10:45 to 11:00 p.m.—Hot Spot of Radio—NBC service to KGO. 11:00 to 12:00 p.m.—Hotel Dance Orchestra—NBC service to KGO, KFL, KFSD. Mail Tribune ads are read by 20,000 people every day.

## Meteorological Report

July 28, 1930 Medford and vicinity: Tonight and Tuesday cloudy; slightly cooler Tuesday.

Oregon: Generally cloudy tonight and Tuesday; probably showers in extreme west portion; slightly cooler in interior Tuesday.

Local Data.

Temperature (degrees)	88	57
Highest (last 12 hours)	99	88
Lowest (last 12 hours)	52	57
Rel. humidity (per cent)	25	74
Precipitation (inches)	00	00
State of weather	PL cloudy	Clear
Lowest temperature this morning	68 degrees.	
Total precipitation since Sept. 1, 1929	13.97 inches.	
Temperature a year ago today	Highest 98; lowest 64.	
Sunset today	7:34 p. m.	
Sunrise Tuesday	5:01 a. m.	
Sunset Tuesday	7:33 p. m.	
Observations taken at 5 A. M., 12th Meridian time		

CITY.	High Temp.	Low Temp.	Weather.
Baker City	82	52	Clear
Bismarck	82	50	Clear
Boise	50	60	P. Cldy.
Denver	88	66	Cloudy
Des Moines	106	76	P. Cldy.
Fresno	92	68	Clear
Helena	78	50	P. Cldy.
Los Angeles	84	62	Clear
Marshallfield	66	52	Cloudy
Phoenix	98	74	Clear
Portland	80	62	Cloudy
Red Bluff	90	58	Clear
Roseburg	86	58	Clear
Salt Lake	92	68	Clear
San Francisco	58	52	Cloudy
Santa Fe	80	64	P. Cldy.
Seattle	74	58	Cloudy
Spokane	80	62	P. Cldy.
Walla Walla	90	60	Clear
Winnipeg	84	54	P. Cldy.

## New Manager of Pacific Coast Biscuit Company

SEATTLE, July 28.—At the annual meeting of the managers of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company held in Seattle on July 25th and 26th, A. J. Bale was re-elected vice-president and appointed general sales manager of the company's six plants.

Commenting on this choice of Mr. Bale, Charles Thomson, president of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company, said, "The appointment of Mr. Bale as general sales manager is in line with the plan of making no changes in the personnel, policies, and trade names of the Pacific Coast Biscuit company. Mr. Bale has been associated with us for many years, first as manager of our Portland plant and lately as manager of our two California plants. He is thoroughly familiar with the business and we are happy in this advancement."

## TALENT PASTOR WILL BE HONORED TUESDAY

TALENT, Ore., July 28.—(Sp.)—July 29 has been chosen as the date for the reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. Audley Brown, pastor of the Methodist church. Every one is requested to come with a well filled basket. Dinner will be served at 7 p. m. at the church. There will be a program and a splendid social time for every one. Rev. Brown has been pastor of the Talent church for the past two years and has been chosen for the coming year.

Besides being pastor, Rev. Brown is scout master for the Boy Scout troop of Talent and has done some splendid work. Among the young folks of this community and the congregation feels very fortunate in securing the help of Rev. Brown and his wife for another year.

## It Is Cool In San Francisco

Members of the Cambridge university golf team, touring America, this year entered the Metropolitan open in New York.

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## ODD FELLOWS-AND REBEKAHS GATHER IN ASHLAND PARK

One of the most enjoyable outdoor gatherings held by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Jackson county in recent years was the picnic and program of these organizations in Lithia Park yesterday. The best of spirit and fellowship prevailed, everyone seeming to be in just the humor to make the occasion a real fraternal and social meeting. There was a large crowd of members of the orders present and the day was ideal for such an occasion.

The program was rather impromptu, but enough numbers were hastily assembled to provide a varied entertainment and each number was greatly appreciated and enthusiastically applauded.

Mr. Lumsford, who is sojourning in the park with a party of visitors from Iowa, provided a number of vocal selections, with his own banjo accompaniment.

G. W. Trefren of Ashland, a past grand master of Oregon, gave several humorous overights of his experiences, and Mr. Niles, a past grand master of California, sojourning in Ashland, made a short address on the way to approach happiness and pleasure in life, interspersed with several verse readings.

B. H. Bryant furnished a couple of Swedish dialect selections of a humorous character.

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## Why So Many People Wear Glasses Today

Each new wonder that has brought power to man has brought an added strain to the bodies of men. That is why more and more people are wearing glasses, while their eyes are as sound as ever. Twentieth century civilization has brought a greater need for accurate vision, but the evolution of the eye has not been rapid enough to meet the visual requirements of the present day.

Eyesight examinations have become health examinations. Eyesight conservation, and the importance of early correction of eye troubles is better understood than ever before. Eyeglass lenses give greater clarity and the old-fashioned spectacle has been modernized by the introduction of attractive white gold. We live in an age of increased visual accuracy.

The hum of busy factories, the seething activity of great offices, and the turmoil of thronging traffic have invaded peaceful communities. New occupations, which now engage millions, tax eyesight as it never was taxed by the older pursuits. The reason for this is readily apparent. Our ancestors spent most of their time out-of-doors. Then, too, in earlier days most "seeing" was done at long range. Only a minimum amount of close work was demanded of the eyes. A working day ended when the sun went down and the eyes enjoyed longer periods of rest.

How different are conditions today! We spend our days in offices and factories concentrating upon tasks which involve a degree of eye-strain unknown a few generations ago. But not content with this, we have turned night into day. We work and play and sew and read by artificial light. While we seek no end of relaxation for the mind and body; the eyes scarcely ever allowed to rest except when closed in sleep. This is the answer to the familiar query, "Why do so many people wear glasses today?"

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## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WILL RALLY IN PARK

A large number of local young people are planning to attend the Christian Endeavor rally in the Ashland park this evening, which opens with a picnic dinner at 6:30. The rally is being held for the purpose of raising registrations for the C. E. summer conference to be held in Turner, Ore., in August. A program has been arranged to follow the dinner, with Rev. Carman E. Mell giving a talk on conference. Games will be played following the program, with Mino-la Gornell of Ashland in charge. Mail Tribune ads are read by 20,000 people every day.

## ROY ESTES, S. P. AGENT NOW AT TALENT DEPOT

TALENT, Ore., July 28.—(Sp.)—Roy Estes has been appointed depot agent by the Southern Pacific at this place to succeed Joseph Spitzer, who has been appointed postmaster of Talent. Roy Estes began work for the S. P. July 26 and Mr. Spitzer and wife left for the coast for a week's vacation, after which he will resume the postoffice duties. Justo Saurez, Argentine lightweight champion, who defeated Joey Glick in his American debut, formerly was Pan-American amateur champion.

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