

# DAGGER

by Mary Dahlberg

**SYNOPSIS:** Dagger Marley, 16-year-old niece of a Texas rancher, rescues Blaine Howard, a wounded American soldier of fortune from some Mexican insurgents. Staying as a guest at the ranch, Howard wins the respect of all, including old Jim Marley, Dagger's uncle and Dick Welling, a connoisseur Englishman who has come to the ranch to forget some past trouble of which he never speaks. Welling and Howard have heard of each other previously, but their exact past connection remains a mystery. Meanwhile Dagger falls in love with Howard, who has a wife he does not love. He resists the temptation to return her affection and leaves to join the Allied armies in France. Dagger is heart-broken, but Welling counsels her to overcome her grief and reveals his own past disappointment in love.

Chapter 6  
"SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE"

The summer dragged for Dagger after Howard's departure. Every-where memories of him confronted her. There was a carefully-worded letter from him, too, but no reference to what had passed between them.

"Am sailing on the Baltic Wednesday," he concluded.

He signed himself, "your friend, Blaine Howard."

The letter established definitely their separation. He was going one way, perhaps to the death that had



"I said it's possible to love a man more than anything," Dagger replied. taken millions of men. What fate awaited her?

Before Dagger realized it, the day was at hand to return to the convent in El Paso.

The serene; and peace that dwelt behind its walls were temporarily soothing to Dagger, but soon their spell was dissipated. Also Mother Seraphina presently realized the difficulty of her favored pupil, and summoned Dagger to her plainly-furnished cell.

"What is this, child?" asked the old nun. "I find you reported for weakness by Sister Veronica—and it was only three days ago Sister Agnes made the same complaint."

"They're so stupid," scowled Dagger. "That is, Sister Veronica."

"Sister Agnes was well she said I shouldn't tell Lou Anne she didn't know what she was talking about."

"Ah! A faint twinkle struggled for mastery in the dim eyes masked by a network of wrinkles. "But perhaps Lou Anne—"

"Oh, but she didn't know, Mother Seraphina! She's dumb. It was whether we—I mean women—could love a man more than the Church."

The twinkle died in the Mother Superior's eyes.

"That is a grave subject for a young person to discuss, my dear," she answered. "How did you and Lou Anne disagree?"

"Oh, I said, of course, you could love a man more than the Church—more than anything. You can, you know!"

"I fear I do not," returned Mother Seraphina. "And as for the pertinence, you will write me an essay on that subject. You have some years ahead of you before you are fitted to criticize your elders and instructors."

Dagger blushed furiously.

"I suppose I'm silly," she mumbled; "but I think I know more about algebra right now than Sister Veronica."

"Really?" smiled Mother Seraphina. "It seems to me you should use of such talent."

"I might give you a class in algebra, Mother Superior."

"I hate teaching," exclaimed Mother Superior, demurely.

"Possibly, you will appreciate Sister Veronica's troubles after your

## News Notes of Pomona and Subordinate Grange Chapters Given by Official Reporters

her that we need all the finance we can get to furnish adequate entertainment and comfort to the visiting delegates next year. Jackson county, one of the liveliest Grange counties in the state, must not have to apologize for its hospitality. This is not to be a public dance, however, but strictly a Grange Invitational affair.

The Pomona Grange extends a vote of thanks to R. G. Fowler, county agent, for the splendid work he has done in helping to eradicate the horde of army worms which recently visited this county. Mr. Fowler was untiring in his efforts, and since the invasion covered the whole county. It was no small task to meet the army worms half way.

L. M. Sweet called attention of the Grangees and advised them to remember advice given them at the last meeting by the manager of the Douglas county Pomona Grange cooperative turkey pool.

Such a dinner was served to the assembled Grangees by the Lake Creek Grange as to make every one gladly forget that the slender silhouette is the proper thing these days. It is a good thing that the Pomona Grange meets but once in three months, or there could be no such a thing as a slender silhouette among its members. We thank Lake Creek Grange for its splendid hospitality.

After dinner, the lecture hour was in charge of Mrs. Lela Shepard, lecturer. Mr. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission of Oregon was the principle speaker. He was introduced by County Assessor Coleman, who stated that classification of property had been commenced in Jackson county, and they expected to soon have all real property in the county classified.

Using Voltaire's satire "Forty Crowns" as a good example of the single tax, Mr. Galloway gave a very interesting talk on the "classification and equalization of taxes."

Mr. Galloway does not feel that a property tax alone is equitable, or that an income tax alone is equitable, but that a property tax and income tax together, working side by side to stand the expense of government is equitable.

He also stated that he believed the most equitable tax law would tax tangible and intangible improvements on land. He considers the tax problem the most baffling of all questions, because of constantly changing conditions and demands for taxes. He believes that a tax law should be more or less elastic, so that it might meet these changing demands and conditions.

We all agree with our worthy brother, Judge Alex Sparrow, that it is a pity that we cannot remember all that Mr. Galloway told us.

Other numbers on the program were assembly singing, led by Miss Doris Richardson; piano solo, Mrs. Mable Sims; vocal solo, tenor, Wallace Ragsdale, accompanied by Dorothy Meyer; vocal solo, Miss Richardson, "I Love a Little Cottage," accompanied by Mable Sims; assembly singing, led by Miss Doris Richardson.

A committee is to be appointed to make arrangements to secure a suitable hall for a public joint installation of all subordinate Grange officers this fall.

The evening session was held at Central Point where the beautiful degree of Pomona was conferred on a class of 6 candidates, namely: Dorothy Meyer, Lake Creek; J. C. and Violet Spencer of Eagle Point; Mrs. Mary McKinnis of Sams Valley and J. N. and Mollie Wright of Central Point.

The team was in splendid form and the work was never more impressively done.

Ice cream and cake were served at its conclusion.

The next meeting will be held at Talent, October 25, at which time officers will be elected to serve for two years.

**Sams Valley Grange.**  
Senator Ed W. Miller and others sponsoring the cabinet form of government for Oregon, will address the Sams Valley Grange Saturday, August 2, at 8 p.m.

Brother Grangers, C. of C. and business men of Grant Pass and Josephine county will accompany the speakers and put on a program for the evening.

This will be an open session and everybody is invited to attend and take a look in on a hill billy reception.

L. M. SWEET,  
Chairman Legislative Committee, Sams Valley Grange.

**Lake Creek Grange.**  
It was with heavy hearts that members of the Lake Creek Grange met at their hall Thursday evening to drape their charter in loving memory of their departed brother, Henry Tonn.

Mr. Tonn has made many friends in the Lake Creek community, where he had lived his entire life. His death came as a decided shock in spite of realization of his condition, because he was thought to be improving. His passing is the more keenly felt by the grange because of the sincerity and loyalty of his membership, and seems even more sad to those who were near him in his long illness because of the very cheerful and brave struggle for life which he made.

Mr. and Mrs. Tonn and son, Harry, were charter members of the local order and have been faithful workers ever since its organization.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire grange is extended to the bereaved family who have been so

**Grange Motto.**  
In essentials, unity;  
In non-essentials, liberty;  
In all things, charity.

"United by the strong and faithful tie of agriculture, we mutually resolve to labor for the good of our order, our country and mankind."

"We seek the greatest good to the greatest number."

"We hail the general desire for fraternal harmony, equitable compromises, and earnest co-operation as an omen of our future success."

"To develop a better and higher manhood and womanhood among ourselves."

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**  
At Sams Valley Grange, August 2, 8 p.m., Senator Miller will speak on the cabinet form of government.  
Hector McPherson, the originator of the measure, is also expected to be present.  
The Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce and the business men of Grants Pass will furnish entertainment.

**Picnic.**  
Lake Creek and Eagle Point Granges will hold an all-day picnic at Lake Creek on Sunday, August 3.

**Pomona Grange.**  
Pomona Grange met with Lake Creek Grange on Saturday, July 26, in an all day meeting. Due to the busy season, there was a smaller attendance than usual.  
The reports of the various subordinate masters of Jackson county show the Grange to be in a healthy condition throughout the county. Nearly all Granges show an increase in membership and in number of fire insurance policies written.

Central Point leads the county Granges in membership and is third largest in the state.  
Eagle Point comes next and is fourth largest in the state. Eagle Point also leads in the number of fire insurance policies and in average attendance.

Most Granges are devoting considerable time to the discussion of initiation and referendum measures which will appear on the ballot this fall. Sams Valley has had outside speakers on these subjects.

At their next regular meeting Senator Miller will address them on the subject of cabinet form of government. They invite every one to hear Senator Miller at their Grange hall in Sams Valley on Saturday, August 2, at 8 p.m.

Central Point has completed its beautiful hall since the last Pomona meeting and are enjoying meeting in their own home now. We congratulate them.

Brother Bowen of Enterprise Grange states that Sister H. W. Sparks, member of that Grange and wife of Paul Jackson County Pomona Master, was still in a critical condition because of the fall which she and Brother Sparks sustained in an auto accident when on their way to the state Grange convention. We extend her the sympathy of the Grange and hope that she may soon be able to go out as usual.

The Pomona went on record as favoring the co-operation with the Fruit Growers' league in carrying on a squirrel poisoning campaign in the county and moved that a committee be appointed to assist R. G. Fowler, county agent, in leading in this campaign on rodent control.

A vote of thanks was extended to Enterprise orchestra for their contribution in the way of music at the Pomona Grange dance held at the fair grounds in July.

Another dance is planned by the ways and means committee before fair time. The receipts received from these dances will be used to help finance the State Grange convention, which will be held in Medford in June, 1931. Watch for the date, and remem-

very faithful and devoted in the watchful care of their loved one during his lingering illness.

The grange meeting was very short, only matters of routine nature being taken care of.

All were shocked to learn of the loss suffered by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Messal a short time ago when their house, including most of its furnishings and their provisions, burned to the ground.

The grange is doing what it can to help to lighten their burden and to help to express its sincere sympathy.

The ladies of the community who are planning a kitchen shower for Mrs. Messal are asked to leave articles which they wish to give at the Lake Creek store unless they can send them more conveniently in some other way.

Because of construction work in the road between Brownsboro and Lake Creek dances at the Lake Creek dance hall are discontinued for a time.

## EDEN PRECINCT

EDEN PRECINCT, Ore., July 29.—(Special)—Mrs. Will Glenn of Valley View, who has a cabin at Lake of the Woods, last week took a bunch of young people out there for a few days. Those who had the pleasure of her hospitality were Zella Baley of Ashland, Ted Nichols of Calexico, Harold Owen and Carol Clark of Ashland, Dorothy Wesley and Jack Lesley, and Pearl Westberg. The party climbed Mount Pitt while there as well as enjoying swimming and boating parties.

A picnic party including the following persons spent last Sunday at Lake of the Woods, last week took as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Sheare of Medford at their cabin on the Rogue river: Mrs. Donna Grafes, Mrs. Edmond Anderson and sons Carl and Donald, and Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Barneburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamlin made a trip to Albany last week where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Cox. Mrs. Cox is a sister of Mrs. Ham-

## AWARDS MADE IN COURT OF HONOR AT LAKE CAMP

The following awards were made at the Court of Honor held at Wood Scout camp at Lake of the Boys Sunday, at which President Lamb of the Klamath council presided:

Tenderfoot, Warren Whitlock; second class, Arthur Brown, Dick Craven, Edgar Osborne, Bob Wilson; first class, Artha Brown, Dick Craven, Edgar Osborne, Bob Hinman; merit badge, Dick Craven, automobiling, farm mechanics first aid to animals, first aid cooking.

Edgar Osborne, pioneering, farm mechanics, first aid to animals, first aid cooking.

Reo Faus, leather work, book binding, metal work, farm mechanics, weather, first aid to animals, reading, conservation, marksmanship.

Arthur Brown, personal health, public health, scholarship, carpentry, farm mechanics.

Bill Sheets, marksmanship.

David Moore, first aid.

George Watson, first aid, pioneering.

Harvey Brannon, life saving.

Wayne De Lapp, bird study, pathfinding, swimming, public health, personal health.

Donald Boyd, marksmanship.

Floyd Loomis, pioneering.

Klemite Krager, marksmanship.

Bob Rindt, first aid, pathfinding.

Morlie Swanson, marksmanship.

E. J. Yaden, athletics.

Norman White, marksmanship.

Richard Brown, life saving.

Star: Dick Craven, Edgar Osborne, Wayne DeLapp, Arthur Brown, Floyd Loomis, Bob Rindt.

Palm: Reo Faus, gold palm; Jack Diederick, silver palm; Reo Faus, silver palm.

## Poor Heart Action Dangerous

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Heart trouble may be of various kinds and affects people of all ages and in all walks of life. It is one of the most common diseases of the present day and the one which is calculated to give the patient the greatest concern. How many of us have friends and acquaintances who are handicapped throughout life from the effects of a heart which fails to function properly?

**What is the Heart?**

This vital organ, small as it is, is one of those which must function continually and consistently in order for the body to enjoy the maximum of health. Of all the organs in the body this one probably does the most actual physical work. It is composed of a mass of muscle fibers and is hollow in its center. It possesses several valves, all placed so as to permit the blood to travel in only one direction. It is the great central pump of the circulatory system which by its alternative contraction and relaxation forces the blood to the smallest parts of the body, where oxygen and nourishing food are delivered to the tissues, that proper function may obtain.

**What Does the Heart Do?**

Because the heart is purely a muscular structure, it is possessed of the power of contraction. When it contracts it produces pressure on blood contained in its cavity and this blood is thus forced into the great vessels attached to the heart. The blood then flows in one direction, due to the presence of the heart valves. This means that every time the heart contracts a small quantity of blood is forced into the blood vessels for distribution through the body. As the heart contracts, approximately 7 1/2 times per minute, it can readily be seen that the total quantity of blood forced through the heart and vessels during each hour forms a considerable total. There is also a returned system of vessels which carries the impure blood back to the heart, and even through the lungs, where it again receives oxygen. This oxygen is again redistributed, and thus the process goes on as a continuous cycle.

**Control of Heart Action**

Before the muscles of the arm contract to produce movement we first think the thought and as a result the contraction takes place. The same process is also true of the heart, except that here the thought is a "sub-conscious" one. Though we are not aware of its existence the mental process or thought about it must precede the contraction of any muscle. This thought takes place in the brain and as a result the tiny nerve fibres transmit energy from here to the heart and thus produce contraction. There must be no interference with these nerves leading from the brain to the heart else they can not properly transmit their energy and as a result the function in this vital organ will be abnormal. The spine is the only place along the course of the nerves where such an interference can exist. If the vertebrae are in abnormal position, they will produce pressure upon the nerve fibres. This pressure must be removed before the heart can again function normally.

**To Correct Abnormal Heart Action**

It is true that disease of the heart is produced by pressure upon the nerve fibres supplying that organ, then it is equally true that the release of this pressure will restore normal function. The Chiropractor is not concerned with administering drugs that can only offer temporary relief. He is only concerned with relieving the pressure upon the involved nerves and thereby restoring normal function. The Chiropractor is thoroughly trained in locating the points of pressure in the spine and in so adjusting the bony segments that the pressure is removed. He knows where these nerves make their exits, and through special training in this work he is capable of relieving the pressure which is responsible for the disease.

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