

DAGGER

by Mary Dahlberg

SYNOPSIS: Dagger Marley, 16-year-old niece of a Texas rancher, comes Elaine Howard, American, cocky and adventurous, from some Mexican insurgents. At the ranch Howard kills the respect of old Jim Marley, Dagger's uncle, and of Dick Whiting, an Englishman crippled by loss of an arm who has come to the ranch to forget some past trouble. The paths of Howard and Willing have crossed mysteriously in the past. Dagger falls in love with Howard, who has a wife he does not love, but she resists the temptation to return Dagger's affection and joins the Allied armies in France. Later he is reported missing in action and probably dead. Meanwhile Willing leaves the ranch to join a British commission buying horses for the army. Dagger, however, goes to visit her aunt in San Antonio.

Chapter 8

INTO WAR'S MAD WHIRL

AUNT ESPY—a child's version of Elspeth—was a bustling, stout, little woman, with bright, steady eyes. She was never in doubt on any subject, and regarded the world with a suspicion she made no attempt to hide, but her soft heart and a genuine kindness of heart went far to minimize the effect of what otherwise must have seemed asperity.

"My glory, child," she greeted

argued with him, and you might think his mother's feelings would mean something. Not for a moment. Young folks don't heed their parents any more. Willie took himself off to Kelly Field, and next I heard he was a flying cadet."

"But you're proud of him, Aunt Esby," exclaimed Dagger. "I'd give anything to fly."

"Well, by all the say, it's dangerous enough," sniffed Aunt Esby. "I'd sleep easier mornings, if I didn't know that about sunrise Willie's likely to go up. Oh, he'll talk you deaf-and-dumb when he sees you about props and talk-idea, and airplanes, and nose-dives, and I don't know what. And as careless of themselves as if they were angels, with wings sprouting from their shoulders."

"Wonderful!" Dagger could scarcely contain her excitement. "Flying must be better than riding. When will Willie be home?"

"He gets leave every night or so. But first, we simply must go shopping. I can't have you receiving callers dressed like Jim Marley's idea of what a young girl should wear. I'm amazed he didn't send you off in khaki pants."

To tell the truth, Dagger enjoyed immensely those feverish hours during which her aunt hectoring her



Dagger became one of the most popular girls in the local military set.

Dagger at the station, "you surely do look peaked. Whatever has Jim Marley been doing to you?"

"We're short-handed on the ranch," Dagger parried. "And it's been hot."

"Hot! It's hot here in San Antonio, but—Hampt! Any man that would take a decent girl take an outlandish name like Dagger would be bound to overwork his own flesh-and-blood. And that dress is two years behind the styles. You've got to think of your future, Alix. You can't wear breeches all the time."

"I've been too tired to pay attention to clothes," confessed Dagger. "I'll be bound! Well, the first thing we do is to see that you're dressed as becomes a girl of your age. I reckon I'll have to fatten you, too. It doesn't favor you to be skiny, child."

From the automobile they had entered, Dagger stared curiously at the swarms of soldiers in the streets, and her aunt snapped tartly:

"Yes, there's all the men in creation in the place, and a pretty girl can have a different bean every evening. I hope you won't lose your head like a lot of flight chits I could name, and go gallivanting with whoever asks you, just because he wears a uniform."

Dagger laughed a little bitterly. "I haven't any desire to go gallivanting, Aunt; but it will be fun to see a few men who aren't old or peons."

"You'll be sick of 'em in a month," her aunt predicted. "Too much man is like too much sweetening—had for comfort."

High over head sounded a mighty, droning roar, as if some monstrous bumble-bee was buzzing past. In the street, people craned their necks, and Dagger thrust her head out the car window to look up. All she caught was a swift glint of wings limned against the blue of the sky; but the sheer miracle of the picture, she cried, "An aeroplane, Aunt!"

"Most as many of those fool contraptions as men," her aunt retorted. "That Willie of mine goes up in them every day. Nothing would do, but he must be an aviator. I

through the few stores the little city boasted.

Aunt Esby was fessally pleased by the transformation. As for Willie, he came home one evening, disposed to demonstrate a lordly interest in his "kid-cousin," fetching with him several fellow cadets; but before he left, at the last possible moment permitted by his plans, he was battling with his companions for Dagger's least attentions.

That evening marked the inauguration of a ceaseless round of activities for her. San Antonio swarmed with troops. Dagger went from luncheon to tea, and from tea to dinner, and from dinner to a dance—at some private house or on the St. Anthony Roof, always a favorite resort of the military element. In a couple of weeks she became one of the most popular of the younger girls in local society.

More often than not, she was escorted by her cousin or one of his immediate friends. They were young, amenable to discipline, faultless dancers and adorably infatuated with her. And if they were inclined to sappiness, why, she had so far failed to meet any older man, whose character was more attractive.

One night, however, on the St. Anthony Roof, when she was dancing with Willie, her eye was caught by a tall, young Captain, the pilot's wings on his chest topped by two rows of ribbons.

"Who's that man?" she asked her cousin.

Willie cast a hasty glance.

"Captain Vaneering—Jack Vaneering. I tell you, he's a hot one."

"Why?"

"Don't you know him?" Willie achieved a conscious superiority of tone. "Why, he's the ace. He was in the Royal Flying Corps, and transferred home after we came in. He's teaching combat flying out at Kelly."

After the dance Willie left her to fetch a glass of punch, and presently returned without it, a flush of pride on his smooth cheeks.

"I say, Dagger, what do you think?" he demanded. "Captain Vaneering stopped me, and asked me who you were. He wants to be introduced."

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The dashing young ace, Captain Vaneering, brings a new thrill in to Dagger's life.

ROOSEVELTIAN GENIUS TO AID WOMAN FRIEND

Alice Roosevelt Longworth Expected to Take Stump for Ruth McCormick in Illinois.

By Marguerite Young.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—(AP)—The political genius of Alice Roosevelt Longworth, will have to be reckoned with in the Illinois senatorial combat this fall, for Teddy Roosevelt's daughter will be more than a spectator in the battle between Ruth Hanna McCormick and J. Hamilton Lewis.

Mrs. Longworth, now in Jamestown, Rhode Island, said she probably would be in Illinois before the November election. So active had Mrs. Longworth been already behind the stage of her friend's campaign, it was rumored in the capital she would take the stump for Mrs. McCormick toward the close of the contest. Though she denied this definitely, she is expected to sit in on the council of war.

Her presence in the McCormick camp will signalize the Roosevelt spirit in active fighting mood.

Long Friendship.

The two women's association dates back to the Roosevelt regime, when the then "Princess" Alice and young Ruth Hanna played croquet on the White House lawns. They were girlhood chums. After the Roosevelts left the mansion, and the Hanna family returned to Ohio, the friendship was kept alive by frequent visits.

The widow of Medill McCormick and the wife of the speaker of the house have been abroad together; they were to be seen together in the galleries of congress and at social gatherings here throughout the late Senator McCormick's term.

It is said frequently Mrs. Longworth was a potent influence in Mrs. McCormick's decision to make the senate race.

JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., July 31. (Sp.)—A surprise party was given Mrs. Fred Fleck in honor of her birthday anniversary Friday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bar of Medford and Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Beach and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Knight of Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Morgan, Miss Mary Morgan of Klamath Falls and Reynolds Morgan of Pine Ridge visited at the A. T. Norris home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Harbaugh and daughters Margaret and Ruth of Portland were Monday night visitors at the home of Mrs. Dora Harbaugh. They were en route home from California.

Mrs. Harland Cantrill and Mrs. Charles Hamilton of Ruch called on Mrs. A. G. Lewis Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jenkins and Dr. Jenkins' family are now living at the Rogue River sanitarium.

Mrs. Fred Butcher and children, Geneva Coffman and Mrs. Etta Tranta, visited Mrs. B. F. Pankey at Tolo Sunday.

Carroll Lewis is spending the week with his uncle, Will Matney, on Appleton.

Mr. Chischoff and Caldwell of a million have moved into the Thompson home on California street.

Mr. and Mrs. Megley of Portland have returned home after visiting Mrs. Megley's sister, Miss Levy.

Mr. Black spent the week end with his family here. Mr. Black is employed in Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Coleman have returned home after spending two weeks at Diamond lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gombert of Wagner Gap spent Saturday evening here.

Mrs. Hulbert is employed at Amy's Place.

Mrs. Mattie Matney spent the week end here with her sister, Mrs. A. G. Lewis.

Mr. Reuter, Mrs. Max Vogt and children of The Dalles were week end visitors of their sister, Miss Elizabeth Reuter.

Dave Dorn sold his home to Mrs. Gwin this week. Mrs. Gwin has been his tenant for the past two years. He also purchased the house owned by Mrs. Charles Wallace on Sixth street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sausberry and children of Seattle visited Mrs. Julia Williams and Mrs. Frank Sausberry Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mitchell and little daughter Jean of Oakland, Cal., attended the Presbyterian church here Sunday. They have been camping on Little Applegate.

Miss Marion Mercer called on friends here Monday evening.

Mrs. Collins of Portland and Mrs. Hubbard of Medford called on Miss McCally Thursday evening. Mrs. Collins will be remembered as Miss Inez Kitchen, a former Jacksonville girl who moved from here when quite a young girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eckleson and daughters Theresa and Genevieve are visiting Mrs. Eckleson's uncle, William and Frank Bybee, and calling on their many friends. Mrs. Eckleson will be remembered as Bertha Prim.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Beach and Mr. and Mrs. John Knight picnicked on Butte creek Sunday.

Utah tax collections have doubled in the last 11 years, according to state figures.

Craterian Shows 'A Devil's Holiday'



Nancy Carroll and Phillips Holmes, in a scene from the Romantic Drama, "The Devil's Holiday"—a Paramount picture now playing at the Fox Craterian theater.

PURIFICATION OF WELL IMPORTANT HEALTH MEASURE

By Dr. B. C. Wilson, County Health Officer.

The area surrounding a well should be free from privies, manure, filth, or other possible sources of contamination. Manure or similar refuse should be removed and the ground sprinkled with dry chloride of lime. A well should always be at least 100 feet from possible sources of contamination and then uphill from them.

Frequently a well is contaminated because of the presence of dead animals or other foreign matter. It is then desirable to pump the well dry and remove them. After cleaning the well, add about 3 ounces of chloride of lime, let it stand for 24 hours, and then pump the water out. All contamination present in the well at the time of treatment should by now be eliminated. If the well is tightly covered and its walls are constructed so as to keep out surface water, it may remain in good condition for a long time. Quite often ground water is contaminated by effluents from privies, cesspools, septic tanks, etc. Such water should be treated continually. Chlorine in the form of chloride can be used for sterilization. Chloride of lime should first be made into a paste and then thoroughly mixed in a gallon or more of water before application.

One level teaspoonful of chloride of lime should be used for each 250 gallons of water to be purified. If chloride of lime is used and is not fresh material, double the dose given above. If water is not pumped from the well to a tank where it can be accurately dosed, add a teaspoonful of chloride of lime to the well twice weekly. If this dose causes the water to taste strongly, decrease the dose. If water samples collected after treatment are not "A," increase the dose.

A good method is to proceed as follows: 8 teaspoonfuls of chloride of lime thoroughly dissolved in 1/2 gallon water. Then add one glassful of this solution to well twice weekly. In this method each water glassful will contain one level teaspoonful of chloride of lime.

After treatment has been in progress two weeks, a sample of water should be sent to the state laboratory for examination. If the test is not satisfactory, the dose is probably insufficient and should be increased. It is difficult to chlorinate a small well supply properly, but with thoughtful and careful application good water can often be obtained. Whenever the water acquires a bad taste during chlorination of the supply, too much chloride of lime is being used.

BIGGEST POTATO PATCH TO YIELD 9 HUNDRED CARS

HOUSTON, Tex.—(AP)—A 2,100-acre potato "patch," called the world's largest, lies at Houston's back door.

Operated on a scientific basis, market charts are kept by experts, only certified seed is used, and even a sales manager helps run the ranch, owned by W. T. Eldridge.

After the huge potato crop is harvested, cowpeas, a legume crop, are planted. This adds humus to the soil and makes crop rotation unnecessary.

Six hundred Mexicans, many of them women and children, follow potato-digging machines during the "harvest."

"Potatoes beat cotton," says Eldridge after figuring his profits. He expects to gross \$500,000 on approximately 90 cars of potatoes shipped this season.

WILL TEST SPAN AT GOLD BEACH

PORTLAND, July 31.—(AP)—A. L. Gemeny of Washington, D. C., chief structural engineer of the bureau of public roads, accompanied by C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer of the Oregon state highway department, left today for Gold Beach for experimental tests on the Rogue river bridge.

The design of the concrete arches for this bridge follow a method introduced by Freyssinet, a noted French engineer, a method which never before to have been used in this country.

MILLIONS SUFFER AGONY WITH PILES

Everyone knows that piles and hemorrhoids are caused by swollen, dilated veins, but until the new method of internally treating piles was perfected nothing seemingly would relieve except an operation. Now, thanks to the chemists of today, piles and hemorrhoids should soon be a thing of the past.

Only a person who has suffered long and terribly with piles can imagine how glorious it is to be free of such troubles, yet it can be done now. The chemists said—"Why can't we put a coating on a pill that when swallowed will not dissolve until it reaches the bowels? Then let it melt into a healing, soothing, pain banishing liquid that will help nature banish all signs of the trouble. Research resulted in the making of Colac Pile Pills and tents in thousands of cases prove it almost infallible. As one sufferer recently said—"It is the only thing that ever helped me. For years I suffered terribly with piles. Could not work, stand up or lie down in comfort. It discouraged me to get no relief. Then one day a druggist friend told me about Colac Pile Pills—something entirely new—and I was desperate enough to try anything. To make a long story short, I got relief in two days and was cured in five, and haven't had a touch of piles since." Mrs. John Quinlan, Glens Falls, N. Y. WHY SUFFER ANY MORE?

Similar cases in thousands of instances have responded promptly to Colac Pile Pills. Druggists are authorized to refund money if any user isn't relieved. Each bottle bears the name and is backed up by the nationally known reputation of the Colac Chemical Co., Brentwood, Md., who gladly mail a full size bottle in plain wrapper to any address upon receipt of 75c in stamps if your druggist hasn't them.

'DUMB BELL' SOCIAL BY PHOENIX ENDEAVOR

PHOENIX, Ore., July 31.—(Sp.)—The social committee of the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian church extends an invitation to all young people in the community to attend the "dumb bell" social to be given at the church Friday evening, August 1. They advise every one to come prepared to have a good time but not to wear good clothes.

The Christian Endeavor meeting planned for next Sunday will be held in Ashland park. All who wish to go are requested to be at the church at 8 o'clock sharp.

Last Sunday all enjoyed the missionary meeting led by Harold Fish. Rev. Fred F. Schell, Mrs. John E. Roberts and Mrs. C. C. Hartley gave short talks on missions. Joe Hartley gave a special piano selection which was greatly enjoyed.

South Carolina ranks second in the packing of oysters.

METRO'S LION HAS INSURANCE POLICY WORTH A MILLION

Everybody interested in seeing \$1,000,000 worth of lion, and who wouldn't be interested—should make a note to be in the vicinity of the Fox Craterian theatre at 2:30 p. m. Monday, where Leo, the celebrated trade-mark lion of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is scheduled to make his headquarters during his stop here. Leo who lends his dignity as the king of beasts to the trade-mark of the motion picture company, will appear in person—behind the silver bars of his magnificent, motorized traveling cage which is reported to be the most lavishly equipped and decorated conveyance ever specially designed for any quadruped.

At any rate Leo is insured for a million dollars which makes him the most highly valued beast in the history of showdom.

BROPHY'S BARGAIN OFFER ATTRACTS

Brophy's Jewelry store sale which started Wednesday morning continues to attract large numbers of shoppers from northern California and all parts of southern Oregon. This big readjustment event will be limited to ten days so that everyone should take advantage of the bargains as soon as possible.

The entire stock of high grade jewelry merchandise has been greatly reduced in price for Brophy's sale. Rings, watches, costume jewelry, crystal necklaces, silverware and clocks are some of the articles included in the clearance sale.

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No man or woman should fail to have beautiful even colored youthful hair nowadays. Once appearance counts for a great deal, socially or in business. It is no longer necessary to use ugly dyes, or patronize beauty shops to put ones hair in splendid condition entirely free of gray and dandruff.

Simply buy a bottle of Lea's Hair Tonic at the drug store, and apply a few drops nightly to the scalp with finger tips. Gradually day by day the hair turns shade by shade back to its beautiful even youthful color. One may defy an expert to detect its use, and so easy and convenient to use too. Just a few drops massaged into the scalp seems to stimulate circulation, and growth also, and the scalp becomes as healthy looking and free of dandruff as a child's.

If your druggist hasn't Lea's Hair Tonic send dollar bill, check or stamps to Lea Tonic Co., Brentwood Md., and bottle will be mailed you with a positive guarantee of money back if using Lea's six weeks doesn't bring results that delight you.



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BROWNSBORO

BROWNSBORO, Ore., July 31.—(Special) Mr. and Mrs. Ray who have been employed at the home of Bill Gibson for sometime left for Ontario, Friday, where they may locate permanently.

Mrs. E. E. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vettel and daughter Thelma, and Mrs. M. Girvork were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hansen, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Peters arrived from Grinnell, Calif., Thursday of last week, and have been visiting at the homes of their nephews, George and Will Hansen, and also with their niece, Mrs. J. J. Rohrer. They found the highway in excellent condition and

BROWNSBORO

Melvin Wright who is working in Medford, was a week-end guest at the home of his father, H. W. Wright.

Eighty Jane Sanger of Medford spent a week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cays.

George Hansen and mother motored to Hornbrook Sunday on business, and for a short visit, returning Monday evening.

Mrs. Joe Maxfield returned Saturday from a trip to Klamath Falls, where she visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Charley, Claus Charley and H. W. Wright, attended the ball game in Medford Sunday.

GDYNIA, Poland (AP)—Aug. 2.—The city of Gdynia has obtained a 4,000,000 Swiss franc loan from the Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft for electrification of the city.