

DAGGER

by Mary Dahlberg

SYNOPSIS: *Dagger* Marley, 14-year-old niece of a Texas rancher, rescues Elaine Howard, American adventurer, from some Mexican savagery. She falls in love with him, but Howard is already married, though unhappily. Later he is reported probably dead on the Western Front in France, and *Dagger* is heartbroken. She meets Captain Jack Vanceering, flying ace, and they are married when he is suddenly ordered back to France. In New York, at Vanceering's home, his mother meets *Dagger* with icy disapproval, but his father and sister Kitty like her at once. Meanwhile Vanceering is wounded in France. *Dagger* meets Dick Welton, now Lord Westlock, a well-to-do Englishman who lived at her uncle's ranch. He reveals he is to marry Howard's widow, whom he has always loved, and who was forced to marry Howard by a fortune-hunting mother. Captain Vanceering is ordered home and the family goes to meet him at the pier.

Chapter 18
A WRECK OF A MAN
 Kitty regarded askance the wan figure of Captain Vanceering slouching on the lower-deck rail.
 "Pasting the booze again," she commented inelegantly. "Seasickness medicine, I suppose."
 Jack glowered down at them. He had a cane, they could see, and one leg was strapped into an iron framework. His uniform was spick-



and-shan, but his face, even at this distance, showed bloated and spotty. There was a strained look around his eyes, and his shoulders stooped as if they supported a weight too heavy for them. A hint of desperation in his bearing wrung *Dagger's* heart; but what hurt her most was the evidence of dissipation written broad across his features. No war-shock, alone, there, (he had been drinking heavily, in defiance of his promise to her.
 "He looks very unwell," Mr. Vanceering said thoughtfully.
 "How could he look well after what he's gone through?" objected Mrs. Vanceering. "Poor, dear boy! He must have suffered agonies. We must all try to make him comfortable, Alexandra."
 "If he'll let us," *Dagger* answered mechanically.
 "Let us! Of course, he'll let us." Kitty muttered a phrase that included the word "spoiled" in it, and Mr. Vanceering fluttered contentedly. *Dagger* took no further part in the conversation. Her mind was occupied by a series of bitter reflections during the interval of making the steamship fast. A promise, to her, was a promise, not to be lightly given, never to be evaded, much less broken; and she couldn't resist the conviction that she would be unable to respect a husband whose code was different.
 But when she glimpsed Jack's shambling bulk at the end of the gangplank, she managed to bar such thoughts from her mind, and mustered a cheery, smiling face. Her arms were open for him as he planted a wobbly foot on the pier.
 "Darling!" She pretended bravely. "It's heavenly to know you! How's your poor knee?"
 "Good enough," he answered, returning her kiss almost perfunctorily. "But don't lean on me, there's a good girl. You've put this damn brace on me to keep my leg from shrinking. Where's mother?"
Dagger waved a hand toward the Vanceerings, and hoped nobody saw the sorrow in her eyes. But Jack had been perfunctory with her, he was equally so with his family.
 But what he actually wanted, as *Dagger* suspected, what was at the back of his mindness was an opportunity to drink unwatched. He said as much as soon as they were alone.
 "That promise I made you, *Dagger*."
 "Yes?" she prompted.
 "Well, why don't you ask me about it?" he barked.
 "Why should I, Jack? I'm your wife, not your persecutor. I don't intend to question you about anything you've done or not done."
 "It was a crazy idea," he exploded aggressively. "Silly! A man had to drink to stand the gauntlet of combat flying. Have you any conception of what it meant?"
 "Perhaps I haven't," *Dagger* admitted. "I asked you only because I knew—that is, I thought—you'd be happier in the long run if you stayed sober."
 "Happier," he sneered. "I'd have been dead!"
 "You might not have been wounded," she pointed out.
 "Blind luck—machine-gun bullet from the ground—doesn't happen once in a million tries. But other times—Why, I'd have done in. If I had to fly cold! You've got to be boiled up for that sort of thing—above yourself!"
 She said nothing, and after a while he remarked:
 "Not very glad to see me, are you? Disappointed, eh?"

GRANGERS DECIDE EARLY MARRIAGE NOT DESIREABLE

JACKSONVILLE, Aug. 12.—(Special)—A good peppy meeting was held at the Jacksonville Grange Friday evening and a good crowd present in spite of the warm weather and busy days. All officers present except one and many visitors from the various Granges also were present. We appreciated their coming and hope they will come again. Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Hank of Eagle Point Grange and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sweet, Emmet Nealon and Doris Richardson of the Sams Valley Grange.
 At the close of meeting, Mr. Arthur Brown of Coos Co. and district deputy gave a few stimulating facts on what constituted a good marriage. These words of counsel proved very timely and should be applied personally to each unmarried member. Words of greeting were also given by other visitors. The program was opened with roll call. Each member was asked to give the name of a song, the opening bars of which were played on the piano. Each song had been selected as characteristic or suggestive of each member. Some responses caused a great deal of amusement.
 The next number was a debate on the question: "Resolved that early marriages are more satisfactory than late marriages." Those on the affirmative were Henry Conger and Roy Martin. While those on the negative were Mrs. Nellie Neidermeyer and Mabel Sims. Both the humor and the serious side of the question were disclosed. After much deliberation the judges cast the ballot for the negative, although the affirmative put up a good fight, having several good points to their credit.
 For the next number the entire Grange took part in a grand march, using various floor drills. This was concluded by a reducing stunt, which helped to limber stiff muscles. Other games were enjoyed and a social good time had. Mrs. Brown assisted in the games.
 The H. E. club met at Mrs. Marsh's on Wednesday afternoon. There was a small attendance, due to a misunderstanding concerning the day. Those present enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Marsh, sewing and visiting being the order of the day. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 21, to be held with Mrs. Severance in Jacksonville.
 The refreshment committee for this month is Mrs. Archie Bowman, Mrs. Anna Hartley, Catherine West and C. D. Thompson.

ASHLAND MAN IS HONORED BY ELKS

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(P)—The second day of the 13th annual convention of the State Elks association opened today with "business meetings" in the temple. Reports were received from the credential and resolution committees. More than 600 delegates were in the city.
 Lakeview lodge won the ritualistic contest last night, and was awarded the cup symbolic of state championship.
 Appointment of committees was announced by Perry O. DeLap, Klamath Falls, president of the state lodge. The committee on credentials is made up of J. R. Thornton, Ashland; Charles Rossman, Portland; and A. E. Crosby, The Dalles.
 Dr. Steiner Worrist
 SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—About 60 criminals insane inmates at the state hospital are a cause of serious concern, Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent, says he probably will ask the 1931 legislature to make provision for safer care for these wards.
 C. D. THOMPSON LEAVES FOR STATE MEETING
 C. D. Thompson, local senior high school Smith-Hughes instructor, left Sunday morning to attend the conference of Smith-Hughes workers, which will be in session at Forest Grove until Saturday afternoon, having opened Monday morning.
 W. T. Spanton, regional agent of agricultural education from Washington, D. C., is spending two days at the conference before leaving with his wife and son for the Hawaiian islands.
 Mr. Thompson, who has been quite prominent in high school agricultural work in the state, will have a place on the program.
 Seaside — Seaside Cleaning establishment being improved.

OREGON ALLOWS \$245,000 TO PAY STATE FLAX LOAN

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—Money for the immediate payment of farmers who have contracted their flax crops to the state of Oregon was provided by the state emergency board Monday when it authorized a deficiency appropriation of \$245,000. The debt thereby created will be paid off from the sale of flax products.
 It was estimated that \$296,000 will be required to handle the 1930 crop. But the state has received \$35,000 from seed advanced to growers and \$25,800 from pulpers sold to the farmers.
 At the request of Secretary of State Hines the board authorized \$400,000 to cover a deficiency in the fund for the transportation of convicts within the state.
 Portland — Prof. R. G. White and Dr. Harry Lee Fording opened modern business college in Hollywood Arcade building.

Efficacy of Spinal Adjustment for HEADACHES

There are many thousands of people who have suffered because of headaches, some of them for many years, and during that time have been continually treating the effects in one way or another, rather than getting to the fundamental basis of what is causing their headache.
 This is accounted for largely by the fact that the average individual seeks to rid himself of pain the quickest way, even though the method employed may not be of ultimate benefit to his health. He seeks rather to eliminate or deaden the effects of his disease than to determine the real causative factor and strive to make the abnormal condition again normal.
 Headache is a term used to express pain in different parts of the head or perhaps one which affects the entire structure.
 HEADACHES which are due to abnormalities in the tissues within the skull are known as organic, while those which are due to abnormalities in other parts of the body are called functional. We may say in general that the headaches which are the result of involvement of the intracranial tissues are more severe and would in reality be classed with the convulsions, while those which result from functional disturbances of organs outside the cranial cavity may be classed with cephalalgia. Involvement of the dura mater, and in fact any of the covering membranes of brain or cord, is more apt to produce headache than an involvement of the brain substance itself.
 We do not drive out the disease, because a disease is a name used to express the absence of normality in a given structure. We can no more drive out disease than we can drive out darkness. We can only bring in health as we can admit light or as we can gather knowledge; and thus the apparent disease becomes no more a substantial reality, but a vague remembrance of a condition where health did not exist.
 The Chiropactor is better fitted to bring about those conditions which are productive of health than any profession striving to accomplish the end of driving out something which is not present.
 The very foundation upon which Chiropactor is erected is the admission that all things were intended to be normal, healthy and happy. It is because of the inability of the life-giving energy, of which we are all composed, to reach all tissues of the body, that health is not existent in those tissues and that disease inevitably results.
 We do maintain, and our contention is based upon the latest knowledge, that every organ in the body in order to be normal must be supplied with its full quota of mental impulses or vital energy. These mental impulses are originated by Innate Intelligence, with which each living unit is supplied. The only path whereby they may be transmitted to the various destinations in the tissue cells is through the nerve fibers originating in the brain, emitting through the spinal cord, and branching as an intricate network to every tissue cell in the organism. It is further conceded that the only places in the body where any interference is possible with the transmission of these impulses is at those points where the nerves emit from the spinal column and are subject to the pressure of the bony segments of which the spine is composed.
 The only possible way that a diseased condition may be removed by a condition of health is to permit the free passage of mental impulses from the brain to the tissue cells, thus permitting the materials to receive the vital energy upon which they are soley dependent for their harmonious activities. With this accomplished disease cannot exist, and when disease does not exist symptoms cannot manifest themselves. It is as impossible for a headache or any other symptom to be present in the human body with the perfect alignment as it is for darkness to express itself in the broad light of the shining sun; the two absolutely cannot co-exist.
 In conclusion we would say that the old methods of eliminating the symptoms without thought or care as to the conditions which are producing those symptoms are the most exact kind of folly. Where an honest effort is made to locate the disease which is productive of the headache, the possibilities of a correct diagnosis are, to say the least, uncertain. If a correct diagnosis is made and the old methods of treating the disease are employed, success is not within the range of possibility.
 On the other hand, when a Chiropactor replaces the segments of the spine in perfect alignment with one another, the carrying capacity of the nerves must be one hundred per cent, and the functioning of the organs of the body all must be normal. If all organs and systems function normally, no symptoms can manifest themselves.
 Every individual who suffers from headache owes it to himself to have his spine so aligned that disease cannot exist, even though temporarily dormant. The time required to bring about that condition where headaches no longer occur is dependent, not upon the severity, character or location of the headache, but entirely upon the time required to replace the segments of the spine in their normal position and thus make possible the free expression of Innate Intelligence in the bodily organs.

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JURY REFUSES TO INDICT 'VANITIES'

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(P)—Earl Carroll and eight members of the cast of his "Vanities" were freed today of charges of presenting an immoral performance when a grand jury refused to return an indictment against them.

WOODBURN GETS FIRST PEARS

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—The first pears to be received at the Woodburn cannery were received yesterday from the Roseburg district.

Ashland — Lithia Springs Hotel coffee shop opened to public.

FOREST FIRES FOLLOW HARD STORM AT BEND

BEND, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—Forest fire control units were today attempting to hold in check eight small fires in the Deschutes national forest. The fires, all on the Cascade crest, were set by lightning. Three of the fires were near Hingo and Royce buttes, areas of extreme fire hazard.

The lightning storm was preceded by wind of near-tornado velocity. Large pine trees were uprooted in the forests, and several houses in a lumber camp south of Bend were struck by falling limbs.

Ashland — New 900 Wee golf course formally opened to public.

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