

WILD BEAUTY

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SYNOPSIS: Pretty, vivacious Fanny Fremora was only twelve when her mother-in-law when she married David Frost. Mrs. Frost is the mother, perpetually leader of the Frost-Brownbeck clan, aristocrats of the little town of Cloughbarre, Pennsylvania. To her Fanny is not quite a "lady." When David announces his intention of taking his bride away from the ancestral home to a cottage of their own, Mrs. Frost tries to stop him by persuading David's uncle to refuse him an expected raise in salary at the bank. David throws up his job gets another and moves with Fanny according to plan. They have lived happily for six months and Fanny is expecting a baby.

Chapter 5 A NEW ARRIVAL

THE baby was born one early May morning with as little trouble as was humanly possible. "It was just like Fanny to have a girl," remarked Mrs. Frost complacently. The embargo that was to starve David and Fanny into a return to the maternal jurisdiction was still in full force, but when Mrs. Frost found that David had pawned his father's watch—a valuable Swiss repeater—and sold his pearl studs and diamond cuff links to pay the doctor's bill, she redeemed the watch and bought back the studs and cuff links and returned them to David.

"All right, I'll try to. Poor thing, he's in the way wherever he goes." "Well, why doesn't he go to work?" "You know why. You know he isn't fitted for anything but the army, and Lella yanked him out of that."

Lella Daniels, born a Brownbeck, was David's second cousin. Bob's father was a Cloughbarre grocer. Bob went to West Point and Lella to boarding school and Europe. After Bob's graduation he was ordered to the Philippines, and Lella, despite family opposition, went with him. Lella had not liked the Philippines nor her position as the wife of a second lieutenant. Bob specially disliked Cloughbarre and its anomalous position in the Brownbeck family.

When Lella's father died and left her three-quarters of a million dollars, she promised Bob that if he would resign his commission they would live in Europe. After five years in Italy the war drove them home.

Lella was a forthright, downright person, strongly maternal and capable and executive-like most of the Brownbecks. To her Bob was now another child, a little sulky, a little troublesome and hard to manage because he could not be spanked



Bob Daniels spent a good deal of time with Fanny.

The baby was named Sheila. It had been Fanny's mother's name.

Mrs. Frost tried to get her hands on the baby, and if Fanny had wished, her mother-in-law would have relieved her of most of Sheila's care. But that Fanny pastorella did not wish. All the past year Fanny had persistently wooed Mrs. Frost, trying to win her affection. Sooner or later it she kept on trying, was sweet and gentle and made her mother-in-law feel their need of her. Mrs. Frost was sure to soften and perhaps, later, really learn to love her.

But Fanny, weak and shaken, though occasionally happy, with her baby at her breast, Fanny felt a sudden chill, a sudden day's premonition of the sudden death of a step outside her door. She knew then, in a new clearness of vision, that she would never be able to win Mrs. Frost's liking if she wooed her till doomsday.

David had had his first raise in salary—Fanny was certain he would soon have a second. She often looked back on that summer as the happiest of her life.

For all their need of the strictest economy Fanny was forever giving parties. She would plan and plan, work and work, trying new recipes that claimed to be both inexpensive and good but in the end something seemed predestined to happen—too much curry powder in the sauce, the soup burned, the waffle batter spilled on the floor.

It came to be a commonplace in Cloughbarre that one had the best time and the worst food in town at Fanny's parties. David was proud of Fanny's popularity, but he often crumbled that he never had her to himself.

There was so little harm in Fanny, who was so open and above board in all she did, that nothing much was thought of it when Lella and Bob Daniels came home from Europe and Bob began spending so much time at the Frost cottage. Lella, indeed, told everyone she was grateful to Fanny for keeping Bob amused; David dubbed Bob Fanny's tame cat and begged her to shoo him out of the house before he got home.

or put to bed, but dear and well loved, if not so interesting as his youngest son.

Bob always referred to Fanny and himself as the rank and file and the Brownbecks as their superior officers. He had various names for them. Lella was the C. O. (commanding officer), David the lieutenant, Mrs. Frost the major-general, Uncle Judd the commander-in-chief.

"Well, how's the other rank and file?" was Bob's usual greeting to Fanny.

"Not so good, thanks," she said one day. "Can't you see I'm in the guardhouse on bread and water?" "What's the offense now?"

Fanny laughed. "Well, you know Cousin Louisa gave a dinner last night to that Yale professor who's visiting the Enos. I sat next to him—you might guess the rest."

"I hope he had a good time." "I think he did. But so did I," giggled Fanny. "He's a professor of literature and I asked him if he had read the latest thriller, and he hadn't; so I sketched him the plot."

"Sounds harmless; let's have it." "It wasn't the professor who was shocked. It was Mother Frost and Cousin Louisa. I was never so surprised in my life. I thought I had been a model of propriety—a perfect lady for once."

"I'm afraid you're a common person," said Bob. "After living for two years on Olympus, not to know what is or is not ladylike—I'm ashamed of you."

"I'm no worse than Amelia." "Tut, tut, my child, Amelia, being David's sister is one of us. We shut our eyes to Amelia. What did David say?"

"I haven't told him yet; maybe I won't. He's been a little worried—nothing important," said Fanny hurriedly.

It was the dreaded first of the month, and Fanny and David had had one of the unhappy scenes about money that recently had become so frequent.

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The advent of Bob Daniels in Fanny's life has a deeper significance than either of them know. Read tomorrow's chapter.

RURAL AND SUBURBAN NEWS

BEAGLE

BEAGLE, Ore., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Orval Bendure are moving from the Purcell ranch to a ranch above Trail, which they have rented for the coming year.

Milton Sanderson spent the weekend at the Joe West home on Applegate.

The H. B. Ellis family and the E. H. Lucas family spent Thanksgiving at the Oscar Blackford home in Willow Springs.

Mrs. King, county health nurse and Miss Burr, county school supervisor, visited Wednesday and both attended the school Thanksgiving program.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulhollen and James Mulhollen of Medford were Thanksgiving guests at the C. O. Mulhollen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pomeroy of the Meadows, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Force of Eagle Point.

Lester Ashworth and Ralph Miller of Troutdale, Ore., visited several days at the Sanderson home, leaving Friday for Elk Creek to trap and hunt cougar this winter.

The R. H. Seemiller family, Chas. and Howard Williams and Mrs. Parks were Thanksgiving guests at the Earl Meiling home in Medford.

Chas. Williams will be instructor for the boys 4-H club in handicraft. The boys are taking great interest in the work and expect to make many useful things.

The M. F. Young family of Willow Springs, Mrs. Sanderson and Dorothy, of Central Point, Lester Ashworth and Ralph Miller of Troutdale, spent Thanksgiving at the Chas. Sanderson home.

Roy McIntyre finished moving the first of the week from the Jones ranch to the Russell ranch on the Crater Lake highway.

November 22, friends from Beagle, the Meadows and Applegate met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pomeroy of the Meadows and enjoyed dancing. A lunch was served at midnight.

The new market road that connects the Dodge Bridge road with the Cass lane, is being surveyed and staked this week.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nelson of Antelope are glad to hear of the arrival of a baby boy at their home.

The children at the Baldwin home have been on the sick list the last week but are better.

The county road scraper was leveling roads Friday and Saturday in this district.

Mrs. Blanche Sweet spent Thanksgiving with her daughter and family Mrs. Elmer Simmons in Dorris, Calif.

PHOENIX CLUB MEET SET FOR WEDNESDAY

PHOENIX, Ore., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Announcement that the Dafoed club would meet at the home of Mrs. W. E. Poling on the 4th of December was in error in the date. The club will meet Wednesday, December 3, for an all day's meeting at the above mentioned home. All members are urged to be present.

PHOENIX

PHOENIX, Ore., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Senior class entertained the rest of the high school with a very interesting program Wednesday. Members of the class gave a comedy entitled "A Hit of Comedy." Those taking part in the play were Thomas Lyons, Mildred Coats, May Bonham, Jean Rose and Billie Cottrill. A number of musical numbers were also given by members of this class.

Rev. Fred P. Schell is conducting a series of sermons for the young people.

Pupils of the seventh and eighth grades, under direction of Mrs. Fletcher Fish, have been practicing for an opera to be given December 3 at the school gymnasium. The regular admission price will be charged.

Mrs. John Mast entertained at dinner Saturday in honor of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Leo of Eugene, who are visiting at her home.

Coleman Creek club met at the home of Mrs. Ralph Wilcox on Tuesday with a large number present. Mrs. Mack Lome demonstrated a series of helpful suggestions for Christmas gifts. A picture was taken of the gathering.

Mrs. Ray Ward entertained at luncheon Tuesday for Mrs. Clarence Frye, Mrs. Doe Wright, Mrs. Ray Wright, Mrs. Fred A. Morse and Mrs. Florence Drake.

A surprise party was given for Mrs. Jess Edwards Wednesday evening in honor of her birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Maust, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilcox and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Littlefield.

Billie Sheets and Truman Bishop, members of troop 5, Boy Scouts of Medford, were among those entertained at a banquet at the First Presbyterian church in Medford by the Men's club Friday night.

Mrs. Lillian Coleman and daughter, Fay Carter, left Thursday for California, to visit Mrs. Coleman's sister, Mrs. Christianson, at Linden, and later motor on to Los Angeles and Riverside. At the latter place they will visit the neighbor of Woodcraft home. They expect to be gone several weeks.

Mrs. H. H. Boyer, who recently underwent a major operation at the Community hospital in Medford, was visited by a few of her friends here, and is reported getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Talcott of Yakima, Wash., spent Friday night at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Fred F. Schell.

Six weeks exams were given at the school here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Miss Jane Peehler spent Thanksgiving day with Miss Leola Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Peehler and daughter Ruth attended the game in Ashland on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bishop entertained a number of relatives at Thanksgiving dinner, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sheets and family were also guests at the Bishop home on Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Barnetburg were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carey on Thanksgiving day.

Misses Janet and Rosemary Bishop and Eleanor Sheets spent Thanksgiving day with Miss June Purry in Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Sheets and son Billie attended the Ashland Thanksgiving day game.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Caster spent Thanksgiving day at Eagle Point, where members of the Grange had

a big basket dinner, and ended the day with an old-fashioned dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fish spent Thanksgiving day with relatives on the Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. Gemata and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Webster and A. E. Woolverton were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Gammill Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilcox Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norris and baby were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Norris.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Edwards were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Fay.

Mrs. Elva Caster spent Thanksgiving day and night with Miss Marie Prescott of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hartley attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmar Polley of Ashland.

Miss Florence Heain spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Heain.

Miss Lottie Watkins visited friends in Ashland Thanksgiving day.

Paul Gannaway, employed by Copco at Marshfield, spent Thanksgiving day with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Will Gannaway.

Miss Sybil Caster spent Thanksgiving day and night with Miss Mary Hannafof of Eagle Point.

GOLD HILL

GOLD HILL, Ore., Dec. 1.—(Special)—A family dinner was held at the Wilbur Martin home Thanksgiving. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mills, and small daughter, Mrs. Leland Hewitt of Roseburg, Frank Doty and Mr. Kenaston.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Johnson of Klamath Falls were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson entertained at dinner Thanksgiving for Mr. and Mrs. George Hoff and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Angstead are spending the holiday vacation at Lakeview, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Sutton were dinner guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Mulien and family Thanksgiving.

A surprise party in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. Viola Moore, Mrs. Dora Hammersley and Aurele Miller was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Munier Wednesday evening. Those enjoying the evening were Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. George Meisinger, Miss Hanky, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blair and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, Mrs. Dora Hammersley and Mr. and Mrs. Aurele Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter had as dinner guests Thanksgiving Mr. Carter's sister, Mrs. Dooley of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and son.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Force and family spent Thanksgiving at Eagle Point as guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson entertained at dinner Thanksgiving for Mr. and Mrs. William Hittle, Merritt and Lucile Hittle, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Davis, Mrs. Lulu Davis and W. A. Mansfield.

Harold Fuller is at the Oregon Caves forking for Ernest Ross, who has a contract driving a tunnel at that place.

Miss Mildred Orr spent Thanksgiving vacation with home folks in Eugene. Miss Orr is member of the Gold Hill high school faculty.

John Palmer, Jr., of Rogue River spent last week end in this city as the guest of his uncle, Ed Bolt.

Ethel Smith, who is a student of the University of Oregon, spent Thanksgiving vacation with her parents on Sardine creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pickard entertained at bridge Thursday the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Bots of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. Al Hildreth of Butte Falls and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Walker of Central Point. Mr. Bots held high score and Mr. Walker low.

Mrs. Gail Smith and small son returned to their home in this city from Grants Pass last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keil and family had as dinner guests Thanksgiving Mr. Hayne, Mr. Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. John Logan and son Charles.

Howard Drake was a business visitor in Grants Pass Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Force and family are leaving Wednesday for Washington.

Mrs. W. G. Davis and daughter Marilyn and Mrs. M. L. Stichel were visiting friends in Medford Wednesday.

Bud Snyder is confined to his room at the Coy cottage by illness. Mr. Snyder and Tom Chisholm recently returned from a duck hunt in Klamath.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pickard of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson and family of Medford were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luby in Medford Thanksgiving day.

Miss Eva Coy spent the Thanksgiving vacation with her mother, Mrs. Susie Coy and family here. Miss Coy is a teacher in the Roseburg schools.

Mrs. Bryger has as a Thanksgiving guest her aunt, Mrs. Baldwin of Medford.

Mrs. C. J. Shorb entertained in honor of her daughter Beverly's fourth birthday Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson and Mrs. Altha Robbins attended a show in Medford Friday.

In Judge's Reed's court Friday morning, L. D. Condit of Grants Pass paid a fine of \$19 for reckless driving, and Lorenzo Francis \$15 and costs for speeding.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davis and small daughter Marilyn spent the week end in Phoenix the guests of relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker held a family dinner at their home Thanksgiving day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Whitsett and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker and family.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reed spent Thanksgiving in Medford as the guests of friends.

John Chisholm returned to his home in this city last week from Hood River, where he had been packing apples.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ham and daughters spent Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Lyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Merriman entertained the following guests at dinner Thanksgiving day: Mr. and Mrs. Cole of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. George Hammersley, Billy and Jean Hammersley and Mrs. Cameron.

J. L. Henness spent Thanksgiving in this city as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. George Meisinger and family. Mrs. Henness has been a guest at the Meisinger home for several weeks.

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MRS. BLAIR HOSTESS FOR GOLD HILL CLUB

GOLD HILL, Ore., Dec. 1.—(Special)—The Sewing club held a large party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blair last week. The evening was spent in games and cards, followed by lunch. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Laune, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Walker, Mr. and Mrs. George Hammersley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Davis, Mr. and Mrs. William Hittle, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmot, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Angstead, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gray, Miss Aleatha Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. George Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Aurele Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blair, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shorb, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Frost, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hayes and Miss Olive Turner.

Mrs. A. A. Walker entertained the Sewing club at her home Friday afternoon.

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GOLD HILL I. O. O. F. AND PRESBYTERIAN BAZAAR REBEKAHS IN ELECTION AT PHOENIX THURSDAY

GOLD HILL, Ore., Dec. 1.—(Special)—Last Tuesday evening at their regular meeting the I. O. O. F. lodge of this city elected the following officers for the ensuing term: Noble grand, Raymond Thompson; vice grand, George Meisinger; secretary, Warren Coppack; treasurer, John Ritter.

Wednesday evening Amythea Rebekah lodge elected the following officers: Noble grand, Mrs. Viola Moore; vice grand, Mrs. Madge Dorman; secretary, Mrs. Evelyn Thompson; treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Mey.

PHOENIX, Ore., Dec. 1.—(Special)—President Ladies Aid society, Mrs. J. W. Watkins, calls attention to the bazaar to be given at the Presbyterian church Thursday. Cafeteria luncheon will be served from 1:30 through the afternoon and evening. Each member of the society is asked to remember that they are to furnish some article for sale at the bazaar.

Many Christmas gifts will be on sale, in the line of fancy work and aprons, home made candy will also be for sale.

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