WILD BEAUTY

by MATEEL HOWE FARNHAM

SYNOPSIS: Ever since David Frost married Fanny Freiberg he has been at odds with his mother for she hates Fanny. To insure Fanny's happiness David moves from his mother's home and throws up his job in his uncle's bank but his mother and uncle always are scheming to force him to return. Bob Daniels, married unhappily to David's cousin Leila, falls in love with Fanny and lets her know it just before sailing for France with the A. E. F. David suddenly discharged from his position suspects a new move by his mother to force him to return to her home, now that his sister Amelia has married and left. Then Sheila, their baby, is taken ill through Fanny's carelessness, and David's plans to move to the West are wrecked. Fanny returns from an outing with Sheila showing none of the contrition David expects.

Chapter 12

LOVE WITH RESERVATIONS

"THERE are things that can't bear being talked about," said Fanny quietly that first evening when she and David were alone. About her hovered the unmistakable aura of one cherishing secret grievances—unmistakable to a husband.

"Very well—if you feel that way," said David haughtily. A thousand times David had pictured this first hour alone—he, in the big chair, smoking, looking out of the window, a little stern, a little aloof. And Fanny fidgeting about the room, making excuse to do this or that to bring her nearer to him; until finally, with a little rush, she would come and kneel beside him, laying her bright head on his knee.

"Darling . . . do you love me . . . no matter what I've done? I'll die if you stop loving me."

But there she stood, after a month of separation, brushing her hair as unconcernedly as if she had never been away, and seemingly entirely unaware of any need to be forgiven. Almost involuntarily David found himself saying apologetically, "Of course you understood that I had no choice but to go back to the bank. Every cent that I borrowed to move went to pay the various bills."

"Yes," said Fanny noncommittally.

"Coming back to live with Mother was part of the bargain," David went on. "Uncle was very insistent, and I was hardly in a position to dictate."

It was on the tip of Fanny's tongue to cry out hotly, "But you might in decency have consulted me first! You might at least have written me and spared me the humiliation of hearing the news from your mother!" She bit the words back. After many weeks' struggle she had herself and her emotions in hand; but she dared not risk a quarrel. She said nothing, went on brushing her hair.

"I don't like the new arrangement any better than you do," continued David, a hint of irritation in his voice, "but I think you may trust me to see that you are not imposed upon. Mother's been awfully decent. You're to come and go and entertain exactly as if you were in your own home, and there's to be an extra maid who will take care of Sheila afternoons, and we pay only $125 a month. At least you can have some new clothes and won't have to do a servant's work any longer—you can be a lady, as Mother says."

"Your mother's idea and mine differ as to what constitutes a lady," said Fanny largely. "Really, David, you mustn't be so nineteenth-century minded."

The voice was Fanny's but the words, the tone, the bearing so un-Fanny-like that David glanced at her quickly to see if she were joking. Her face was grave.

Every fiber of David's soul, every nerve of his body, ached to have Fanny in his arms—strained so tightly to his heart that the black spectres that stalked between them should be exorcised. His conscience forbade. Moreover, for four years David had been worshipped rather than worshipper. After a quarrel, it was always Fanny who made the first advances. But now when she was so clearly in the wrong, so terribly in the wrong, she actually mounted herself upon a high horse.

"I confess that under the circumstances I am a little surprised at your attitude," snapped David.

"What attitude?"

"Your long-suffering attitude—of one much abused and put upon. Just as a matter of curiosity I'd like to know just what under Heaven you did expect me to do?"

"I expected you to act exactly as you did," said Fanny and smiled. (Did her lips tremble? No, she was stifling a yawn.)

Fanny came and stood by David's side.

"I think you imagined the attitude," she said gently. "I haven't liked coming back here to live, but no one knows better than I that I brought it on myself, and I don't mean to make you unhappy about it. What's done is done, and what is, has to be made the best of; but threshing over the whole thing is a little more than I can bear."

She smiled down at David, patted his shoulder reassuringly and departed. Her sweet reasonableness was like a breath of wind, setting alight David's smouldering rage. He flung himself out of the room, out of the house, and walked for hours until sheer exhaustion put the fire out.

But it is impossible for two young lovers to keep long estranged. David came into their room one evening to find Fanny sobbing. "Sweetheart, sweetheart," cried David exultingly, and gathered her in his arms. Fanny at last had capitulated, was ready now to ask his forgiveness. "What is it?" he asked tenderly, "dear, darling, dearest."

"I'm so lonely," sobbed Fanny, "I haven't . . . haven't . . . heard from . . . my father . . . in over a year. I'm afraid he's been killed. And he's all the family I ever had. I feel so terribly, terribly alone."

A little chilled, considerably disappointed, David loosened his hold and immediately tightened it. Right or wrong, justice or injustice, dignity or no dignity, he could not let Fanny go, now that she was once more in his arms.

"You have me—Sheila and me; don't we count a little?" he asked jealously.

"A speck," said Fanny and snuggled against his shoulder.

"Happy?" asked David. Fanny made a soft little murmur. David knew well enough that the spectres had been but temporarily worsted. He even divined dimly that they had come to a dangerous turning point. But now nothing mattered but that Fanny loved him.

And yet all the while David was conscious that Fanny had changed. He missed something in her—something terribly important. It was some time before David would admit that it was the worship he missed in Fanny's eyes. She no longer loved him as a child loves. She loved now as other wives love—with reservations.

Irritated, baffled, hurt and strongly conscious of his own rectitude, David too often recalled that Fanny had never expressed a proper remorse, nor asked to be forgiven. Indeed in the days of estrangement after her return, it was he who had given in—not Fanny, the culprit. Still more galling to his pride, harder, perhaps, to forgive, when David to signify his just anger or displeasure, withdrew himself into the high places of the spirit Fanny was now able to endure it with disconcerting equanimity. Concerned she was, even sorrowful, but devastated she was not.

"Poor darling," she would say, leaning her cheek for a moment against David's unrelaxing cheek, "does it want to be alone?" and take herself away without waiting for a reply.

Said Fanny once to Leona, the cook, "About the only times Mother Frost really laughs is when David tells a joke on me. But when I tell a joke on David she might be Queen Mary listening to a blatant upstart ridiculing the Prince of Wales."

"She were always like that," said Leona. "Me and Amelia used to have our laugh on Davey, but their mama never would join in. She ain't much of a laugher nohow." With her eyes turned on the sun drenched back yard Leona added mournfully, "It don't seem like the sun's shone since Amelia went away."

The quick tears sprang to Fanny's eyes. Even before she left the little cottage she had missed David's sister acutely — and now doubly Amelia had ever been not only her staunch champion and defender, but confidante and safety-valve.

Little slights, trifling hurts doubts, perplexities, Fanny had early learned to carry to Amelia rather than David, since David was certain to take them too much to heart. Oh, if Amelia were only here now with her ready laughter, and readier sympathy, her blunt common sense, her dominant sense of justice!

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Fanny fights on in her loneliness until a storm breaks within her. See Monday's chapter.

"Just Imagine" at Fox Craterian

Marjorie White and Frank Albertson, above, Maureen O'Sullivan and John Garrick, below, in a blissful scene from the DeSylva, Brown and Henderson Fox Movietone picture, "Just Imagine."

DeSylva, Brown and Henderson, creators of the most successful picture of 1929, "Sunny Side Up," have surpassed that great production with "Just Imagine," a new Fox Movietone musical comedy novelty, which opens at the Fox Craterian theater today.

"Just Imagine" serves to bring a new star into prominence in the person of Maureen O'Sullivan, the beautiful little blue-eyed Irish colleen with the wistful smile, who scored so sensationally in Will Rogers' "So This Is London?"

"Just Imagine" is a spectacular departure from the usual in talking pictures. The entire story is projected 50 years into the future, with only one "hold-over" from the modern age in El Brendel, the premier Swedish character comedian.

John Garrick, the leading man, is in love with Maureen, but owing to the peculiarity of the marriage laws of 1980, his rival, Kenneth Thompson, has been successful in winning the girl. However, Garrick has the right of appeal, which he takes.

"Just Imagine" represents a tremendous task in building DeSylva, Brown and Henderson's conception of New York in 1980 as a background for the story and the Martian sequence is said to be the most spectacular ever conceived for any production, screen or stage.

Famous Operetta Is Holly Talkie

"Bride of the Regiment" was originally a German operetta by Rudolph Schnazer and Ernest Welltsch and was known throughout Europe as "The Lady of the Rose." Before its American production by the Shuberts it ran in Berlin, Paris, Vienna and for more than a year at Daly's theater in London.

Music from the German and New York versions of the play was retained in the First National-Vitaphone all Technicolor production, which is now at the Holly theater. In addition, nine new songs were written by Bryan and Ward and Al Dubin of the studio musical staff. The new numbers are "Broken-Hearted Lover," "Heart of Heaven," "One Life, One Love," "Dream Away," "The Soldier Song," "I'd Like to Be a Happy Bride," "Prelude to Dream Away," "Welcome" and "The Miracle of Love." All but the last are by Bryan and Ward.

Vivienne Segal, Allan Prior, Walter Pidgeon and Lupino Lane of the "Bride of the Regiment" are well known on the musical stage. Leo Forbstein's orchestra played for all song and choral numbers. Jack Haskell staked the dance ensembles.

This all-technicolor picture plays the Holly for a very limited engagement. It will show tonight and tomorrow only.

Walter Pidgeon, Hollywood's newly crowned King of Lovers, as he appears in his latest all-color picture, "Bride of the Regiment."

GOLD HILL

GOLD HILL, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Spl.)—Grants Pass visitors from this city Tuesday evening to witness their merchant's Christmas opening were Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hittle, Lucile Hittle, Merritt Hittle, Maxwell Marvin, Mrs. W. G. Davis and daughter, Marilyn, Mrs. M. L. Stickel and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Childers.

Ladies' Aid met at the home of Mrs. Della Shaver Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Steelman has as her house guest her sister, Miss Alice Hudson of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Aurele Meunier entertained the following guests at bridge Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. George Meisinger, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Merriman, Mr. and Mrs. George Hammersley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Moore, Mr. and Mrs. William Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Force, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Blair and Miss Hanky.

Carol Bertleson came over from Coquille Wednesday to spend a day with home folks.

Gold Hill high school basketball team played the Glendale high team Friday evening at Glendale and lost the game, 26 to 13.

Mr. Frank Childers will entertain the Gold Hill division of the Jackson County Health unit at her home on Riverside Wednesday, December 10. All members and friends are invited to bring thimbles.

Miss Bernice Cook is ill at her home in this city.

The state fire marshal inspected the Gold Hill schools last week. He reported heating plant, insulation and fire extinguishers all in first condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Garman and daughter Audrey, were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Carl Davis was guest of M. D. Bowers the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hedgepath spent the week-end in Medford as guests of relatives.

C. L. Dusenberry came down from Lake Creek to spend the week-end with his family.

The high school orchestra has made its first public appearance with the following members: Jean Hammersley, piano; Edith Dusenberry, violin; Beatrice Palmer and Melvin Sargent, saxophones; Lucille Wheatley, trumpet; Sylvia Cardin, baritone and Ted Ritter, drums.

Dean Garman, who is employed at Corning, Calif., spent several days last week in this city visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Aletha Robbins is spending several days in Portland, with relatives. Mrs. Evelyn Thompson is taking her place in Drake's grocery.

Baby clinic for the Gold Hill district will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at the city hall reports Lyda King, the county health nurse. The next clinic will be December 16, and all mothers are invited to attend these clinics and bring their children of pre-school age.

Harold Fuller returned from the Oregon caves Saturday and will remain with his family while recovering from an injured hand. Seth Coy is taking his place at the caves.

W. R. C. will serve a dinner at their rooms in the city hall Wednesday.

"A Lady's Morals" Is Fox Rialto Feature

The love story of a prima donna who considered love of no importance until it was taken from her is related in "A Lady's Morals," starring Grace Moore at the Fox Rialto theater today and tomorrow.

Miss Moore, sensational young star of the Metropolitan opera, is called upon to enact the role of Jenny Lind, the "Swedish Nightingale," in this musical romance directed by Sidney Franklin. Reginald Denny plays the young composer who finds love a barrier to his courtship. Wallace Beery, Jobyna Howland, Rodil Rosing, Joan Standing, Judith Vosselli and George Marion are seen of the other actors. Carrie Jacobs Bond contributed a new composition which Miss Moore sings in "A Lady's Morals."

Beds of pain are eased with sheets of Christmas seals. Buy several sheets.

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

(Edited by Mrs. Gertrude Haak)

Calendar
(For this week)

Lake Creek, Friday, Dec. 12, 8:30 p. m.
Jacksonville, Friday, Dec. 12, 8:30 p. m.
Lake Creek carnival and bazaar, Saturday, Dec. 13, all evening.
Enterprise, Saturday, Dec. 13, 10 a. m.
Jacksonville H. E. C., Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2 p. m.

Grange Motto

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

Purpose

"To educate and elevate the American farmer."

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

Principles

The principles of the Grange are built around its purpose, "To educate and elevate the American farmer."

The principles upon which our Grange is founded, and which were bequeathed to the organiation "to have and to hold forever" by its seven staunch founders who sacrificed so much to give the Grange birth and to get it started.

To build up the morale of the farmers, to give them hope for the future, to encourage a faith in God, to be charitable and broad-minded, to develop a fraternal and cooperative spirit, these are some of the principles upon which the Grange is founded: through education, to elevate the members morally, socially, spiritually, and financially.

Tomorrow's Challenge

By L. J. Taber, National Master.

"The world has a right to expect of those living today, that we shall make a contribution to our generation, worthy of the sacrifice and service of those who have passed on. The clarion call for men and women, for clean citizenship, goes forth in as clear tones as at any hour in our history. There may be corruption in high places; commercialism on every hand; but so long as we have citizens who realize their responsibility to the government, the privileges and opportunities of the present, just so long will our future be secure.

"We should be willing to catch inspiration from the patriots and leaders who made history what it is, in their conquest of America for the best things in life. Passing generations have tossed to us the torch of opportunity; we must hold it aloft and pass it to coming generations undimmed. To be permitted to live in this period of opportunity, to have health, strength and vision to stand for the right, is a glorious privilege. It should call forth the very best within us, that we may face the sunrise with high hopes, courage, and strong hearts, unafraid. The Grange calls for the best that her sons and daughters can give. We dare not fail."

Installation

The committee, headed by Theodore Sims, of Jacksonville, which has charge of the arrangements for a public installation of all of the officers of the ten subordinate granges of Jackson county, have secured the armory hall for this occasion, which will take place some time between Christmas and New Year's, the exact date to be announced.

Plans are being made to put on this beautiful and impressive ceremony in full form, more elaborate than it has at any time been put on in Jackson county.

All granges are urged to see that all of their newly elected officers attend this installation, as it will be the only full form installation put on in the county this year.

This is to be an open meeting, and all grangers and all friends of the grange are cordially invited. Watch for the date, which will probably be Monday night, Dec. 29, but definite announcement will be made later.

Eagle Point Grange

There was a large turnout of the regular grange meeting held on Tuesday, Dec. 2. Many visitors were present from sister granges, including a large delegation from Lake Creek and Jacksonville, among them being Ted Sims, master of Jacksonville Grange, and wife, Reed Charley, master of Lake Creek Grange, and wife, and young Billy Abbot, master of the Jacksonville Juvenile Grange.

Mr. Sims announced the arrangements that are being made for the joint installation ceremony.

Mr. Charley and his group worked up considerable enthusiasm for the carnival that Lake Creek Grange expects to hold on Friday, the 13th of this month, in their hall at Lake Creek.

Master Abbott also told the grange about a booth that their juveniles expect to have at this carnival and solicited the patronage of all who attended. The booth will be entitled, "A trip around the world."

The balance of the time was mostly taken up with the election of officers for the year 1931, with the result of the election as follows:

Master, Wm. Perry; overseer, Paul Force; lecturer, Luella Ward; steward, Sam Coy; A. S. Steward, Chas. Jackson; L. A. Steward, Mrs. Mae Jackson; chaplain, Mrs. Sophia Childreth; treasurer, Roy Ashpole; secretary, Mrs. Edith Weidman; gatekeeper, Rudy Weidman; Ceres, Gladys Cowden; Pomona, Dorothy Lamb; Flora, Miss High; executive committee, Nick Young, Frank Brown, C. S. Spencer; trustee, Julius Bitterling.

Refreshments were served by the bachelors of the grange.

The 3rd and 4th degrees will be conferred at the next meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 16, in full uniform.

Four candidates were given the obligation of the 1st and 2nd degrees.

Lake Creek Carnival

Lake Creek Grange will hold a carnival and bazaar on Saturday night, December 13.

Elaborate preparations have been made and an unusually good time is expected by all who attend.

Booths of every description will be in charge of energetic Lake Creek grangers, including fancy work, fish pond, refreshments, general store, novelties, and the juvenile booth which will give you a trip around the world, which alone will be worth all you spend during the entire evening. Candy and goodies will be dispensed by good looking young ladies. In addition to all this there will be on hand two fortune tellers, one of which has learned the clairvoyant and sorcerer's art from ancient Indian tribes.

Jitney dances will be a feature all the evening.

The hall is large and can accommodate a large crowd comfortably.

Splendid orchestra music and a general good time for all.

Sams Valley Grange

Grange met for regular session Saturday night with a short program due to the necessity of electing officers.

Election opened with little interest and more declined nominations than ever witnessed; many seeming to prefer to be followers instead of leaders for the coming year. The past year has been a hard working year for the officials of the grange, due to the strong fight they had to make against the efforts made by politicians to kill the grange measures, but it is hoped our retiring officials will still remain as a spoke in the wheel of our order. They have a great consolation in knowing the record of the past year shows the most successful year since the organiation of our order, not only in accomplishments, but in the average attendance of members. The chairman of the legislative committee deserves much credit and gratitude for untiring efforts towards the passage of grange measures.

It is gratifying to hear our retiring master say there is no reason why the oncoming year will not be just as successful, and it is hoped the organization will give their same faithful support to our new officers who are as follows: Master, Hershel Harper; overseer, James McDonough; steward, Arthur Straus; lecturer, Martha Seegmiller; chaplain, Sadie Frink; assistant steward, Stephen Wilson; treasurer, S. S. Abbott; secretary, Geo. McDonough; Ceres, Catherine Koger; Pomona, Ruth Frink; Flora, Geraldine Harper; lady assistant steward, Eva Frink; executive committee, Albert Straus, R. E. Nealon and Mrs. Pete Burreson; pianist, Frances Wilson; assistant pianist, Mrs. Burreson.

The new officials were in favor of a public joint installation which is being planned by the county granges.

Visitors from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Walt, newly elected master and lecturer of Live Oak Grange.

BEAGLE

BEAGLE, Ore., Dec. 9.—(Spl.)—Turkey picking for the Christmas market is in full sway this week. Several of the raisers are going out of business this year, and several new ones are going in so there will be about the same number raised in our community next year as this.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawsen, who have been staying with Mrs. Lawsen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Blackman for several months have moved to Eagle Point, where Mr. Lawsen has employment for the winter.

A dancing party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pursell, November 29, and all the neighbors attended and enjoyed the evening. The good times ended at midnight with a lunch.

It was rumored over the community that some of the children had the mumps but it was a false report as it was just a bad cold and all are back in school again.

Mr. and Mrs. Moon were Medford visitors Saturday.

Friends from Dry Creek, the Meadows and Beagle met at the Sanderson home Friday evening and spent the evening dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Mulhollen and children were Medford visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Seckmiller and family, Charles and Howard Williams and Mrs. Parks spent Friday evening in Medford visiting relatives, and enjoying a visit also with their cousin Mr. Day of California, who is here for a few days. Mr. Day intends to go from here to some southern point to spend the winter.

Mr. Hopkins, our new neighbor, that bought the tract of land south of the school house is cleaning the same and will put it into crop this coming spring.

Miss Burr, county school supervisor was a visitor at our school Friday afternoon.

We are glad to report Mrs. Moon much improved from an attack of neuralgia from which she has been suffering for several weeks.

Mrs. George Pursel and son, Bobby, have been on the sick list for the last week.

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MERRIAM RENEWS VAN TRUMP FEUD

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—The long-standing feud between S. H. VanTrump, Marion county fruit inspector, and H. S. Merriam of Goshen, Lane county, member of the state board of horticulture for this district, has cropped out again with refusal by Merriam to recommend VanTrump for reappointment by the county court, on grounds that he "is not performing his duties in a competent and satisfactory manner." Merriam cites the law which says the person appointed shall be recommended by the commissioner as competent. VanTrump has been inspector for about 15 years.

AMERICAN PILOT KILLED IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Paul Bear of Fort Wayne, Ind., pilot, 30, a woman passenger, her name not learned, and a Chinese pilot were killed when their plane crashed on the Whango river near here today.

Five Chinese passengers, among them General Hsiung, were seriously injured in what is said to be the first crack-up of an airmail plane in China.

On his first birthday recently celebrated at Gordon Castle, near Aberdeen, Scotland, Lord Settrington, son of the Earl of March, was presented with a rocking horse and an engraved gold watch by the tenants.