ST. ANDREW'S BROTHERHOOD TO PRESENT PLAY

Crowds of local people who are planning to spend Monday evening at the St. Mark's Guild hall need not worry about chopsticks for the "Passing of Chow Chow" really has nothing to do with the Chinese dish. At least it is hoped not, for Chow Chow happens to be a "very adorable puppy dog."

The one-act comedy which bears his name will be presented as the leading feature of the festive evening, the last to be sponsored by the Guild previous to the Lenten season.

The cast of characters includes four well known amateur stage folk. Mr. Russell is played by Fletcher Fish, Mr. Standish by Harold Brown, Mrs. Standish by Mrs. Roberta Bebb, and the office boy by Billie Chrysler.

An attorney's office is the scene of the comedy which has much to do with divorce in its less serious features. Useful hints will be available for those without and within the matrimonial current. Tom Swem is directing the comedy, assisted by Mrs. Porter J. Neff. It will be presented at 9:30 o'clock.

Preceding the play bridge will be enjoyed by all enthusiasts. The evening will be completed with dancing and refreshments.

SCOUT SERVICE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A scout service for all troops in the Medford district will be held Sunday evening at the Christian church. This service will be non-sectarian in nature and open to parents and friends of scouts as well as others interested.

A special program in observance of the 21st anniversary of scouting is being planned by Rev. Baird, pastor of the Christian church, assisted by Rev. C. B. Porter and Wm. Lee Bricker. A similar service was held last year at the Methodist church and was very successful.

MEDFORD YOUTHS WIN ALTERNATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—(Spl.)—In the competitive examinations held in Medford and other places in Oregon in October for admission to West Point military academy and Annapolis naval academy, Orville Wilson of Medford was chosen alternate to West Point and George Winne alternate for Annapolis.

The examinations were held for appointments by Senator Frederick Steiwer.

TALENT GROOMED FOR MONDAY GAME

Monday night's game between Talent and the St. Mary's squad now holds the limelight. The game will be played on the Medford high school floor and it is expected to draw one of the largest crowds of the season for a secondary high school game.

Talent has already stated they would be out 100 per cent in support of their team. Both Talent and St. Mary's are considered two of the best secondary III teams in southern Oregon conference, both having a fast breaking offense and are well trained in basketball.

HOLLY

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News of the Churches

St. Mark's Episcopal

Corner Oakdale and Fifth St.
8 a. m. Holy communion.
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11:15 a. m. Holy communion.
7:30 p. m. Confirmation class.
Wm. B. Hamilton, rector.

Church of God.

Haven and Holly.
Subject, "The Journey's End." by Bill Ray of Jacksonville.
Buchanan Gospel quartet will sing "The End of the Road."

Church of Christ.

Scriptural in name, doctrine and practice, meets each Lord's day at 10 o'clock for the public worship. Meeting place is on West Pine street, Central Point. The public is cordially invited.

Main Street Methodist Church, South.

N. D. Wood, pastor.
Program for Sunday, February 15, 1931:
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.
Sermon by the pastor, 11 a.m.
Young people's worship hour, 6:30 p.m.
Song praise and sermon, 7:30 p.m.
All Boy Scouts are urged to attend the special Scout service at the Christian church at the hour of 7:30 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Corner of Edwards and Beatty. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching services at 5:30 p. m. Relief society, and Priesthood meeting Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. Every one is cordially invited. A. C. Hawkins branch president.

Seventh Day Adventist

Corner Beatty and Edwards St. T. M. Langberg pastor. T. L. Thuemler assistant.
Sabbath school 9:45 a. m. Jay McCombs, Supt. L. L. Bunch, assistant Supt. Church services 11 a. m. Young Peoples meeting 3 p. m., Zella Lauder, leader, Mrs. F. M. Rodman, assistant.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 8 p. m. No meeting Sunday evening.

First Presbyterian Church.

Claude B. Porter, minister.
The beauty and dignity of the worship services at the First Presbyterian church will be continued at the morning worship hour. The music is especially attractive. The sermon this Sunday will be a rather novel evaluation of Man, the topic being, "Sparrows, Sheep and Men."
The worship service is designed so that at some place each of the worshipers will feel a keen sense of responsiveness to this much needed part of life.

English Lutheran Church

Fourth at Oakdale Ave., "Where the way is made plain." Dr. H. C. Funk, pastor.
"St. Paul's Letter on Love," will be the subject for the sermon by the pastor at 11 a. m. Paul's great song of songs is certainly a fine introduction for the season of Lent. Here we have a picture of love personified.
The Bible school begins promptly at 10 a. m., with classes for all ages.
You are cordially invited to attend our services. If you like pungent preaching, come.

Advent Christian Church

(Not Seventh Day)
Corner West Jackson and Welch streets.
Bible school, 9:45
Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "Capital and Labor Up to Date." Irvin Dupray will be the speaker.
Loyal Workers' society, 6:45 p. m. At 7:30 there will be an informal song and praise service led by Mrs. Grace Thurman.
Wednesday night prayer meeting followed by Bible study.
You are invited to these services. Come. A welcome awaits you.

Church of God

Corner Haven and Holly.. Hugh W. Burch, pastor.
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Young people's meeting, 6:45.
Preaching service, 7:30 p. m.
Pastor Hugh W. Burch will speak at the 11 o'clock service, subject "The People Had a Mind to Work."

Rev. Bill Ray of Jacksonville will bring the message at the evening service. Subject, "The Journey's End." A message in song will be brought by the Buchanan quartet. Song title, "The End of the Road."

Methodist Episcopal.

Alexander G. Bennett, Pastor
Sunday morning worship, 11:00 o'clock, with address by Miss Beulah Douglass and Miss Alice M. Smith of the Northwest Training school at Seattle; anthem, "God My King," (Swartz); solo by Miss Cecile Coss, "Elegie," (Massenet).
Sunday evening chapel hour, 7:30 oclock; message by the pastor, "Tears and Sneers." Pictures and gospel songs.
Epworth league young folks' hour, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Welcome to new pupils.

Church of the Nazarene.

North Central at Jackson.
Rev. John T. LaRose, pastor.
Regular services for next Sunday at this church as follows:
Sunday school, 9:45. The interclass contest is working fine.
Morning worship at 11, with sermon by the pastor.
Young People's society meeting at 6:30 Sunday evening. Class meeting in the annex also at 6:30.
Evening evangelistic service at 7:30. The pastor will be the speaker for this service.
Midweek prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30. We will study the book of Deutronomy next Wednesday evening.
A cordial welcome to all.

International Bible Students.

Judge Rutherford, lecturer.
Broadcasting a Watch Tower program over KMED Sunday evening from 7 to 7:15. This program will consist of a lecture by Judge Rutherford, known as the world's greatest bible scholar and lecturer. The title of the lecture is "Who Is Your Go?" One of these talks will be given by electrical transcription every Sunday evening over KMED until further notice.
International Bible Students meet for study every Sunday morning at the home of Mrs. W. W. Bailey, 102 Mistletoe street, and every Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Anna Bwerer, 727 South Central avenue. All interested in Watch Tower Bible study are welcome.

First Christ of Christ, Scientist.

Authorized branch of the mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.
Services are held every Sunday at 11 o'clock, church edifice, 212 North Oakdale. Subject for Sunday, February 15: Soul.
Sunday school at 9:45. Applicants under the age of 20 may be admitted.
Wednesday evening meetings which include testimonies of Christian Science healings, at 8 o'clock.
The reading room, which is located at 401 Medford building, is open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily, except Sundays and holidays. The librarian is in attendance from 11 to 4, at which time all authorized Christian Science literature may be purchased or borrowed.
The public is cordially invited to attend the eservices and visit the reading rom.

Salvation Army.

Fourth and Bartlett, old Methodist Church Bldg.
Ensign and Mrs. James R. Pack, officers in charge.
Sunday services: Holiness meeting 11 a. m. Subject "The Outcome of a Clean Heart." All holiness believers are invited to attend. Sunday school and Bible class, 2:30 p. m. Mrs. Velma Gibson in charge. Young People's Legion meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 8 p. m. "Love Is All," by Ensign Pack.
Week-day services Tuesday night, a special service of favorite songs and music, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Yoakum. Thursday night, public service led by Mrs. Velma Gibson, assisted by the young people. Saturday night, free and easy meeting. The addresses will be given by Ensign Pack, the subjects chosen by the congregation.

First Baptist Church.

W. H. Eaton, minister.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m. Anthem, "The Wondrous Gladness." Sermon, "My highest Ambition."
Young People's meetings (four groups), 6:30 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Pastor Eaton will give the fourth of the Sunday evening Chummy Chats. The topic for Sunday night will be, "The Challenge of the Golden Age of Youth."
Our young people began last Sunday evening a six weeks' school of missions, whose beginning was auspicious. Four groups meet together for a short travel talk with stereopticon pictures, after which they pass to their own rooms for the discussions. One hundred and fifty-five enrolled on the first evening. Everybody is invited to share these hours of delight with the young people.
Try our welcome.

First Christian Church.

Ninth and Oakdale.
W. B. Baird, pastor.
Bible school at 9:45 a.m. M. B. Olson, superintendent. Our attendance is increasing each Sunday. Come and help us reach the 400 mark this Sunday. The Women's Bible class is leading in the contest. The men's class had the largest attendance last Sunday.
Morning worship begins at 10:50.
Anthem, "My Savior's Love," (Wilson).
Incidental solo, Marjorie Hon.
Sermon subject, "Breaking Down Barriers."
Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p.m.
The Boy Scouts of the city will be our special guests at the evening church service at 7:30. In celebrating the anniversary of the Scout movement the boys will have a prominent part on the program. The parents of the boys are urged to be present. The special music will be furnished by a male quartette. The pastor will speak on the subject, "The Complete Life."

First Presbyterian Church

Claude B. Porter, minister.
The morning worship at 11 a. m. The sermon topic will be, "Sparrows, Sheep, and Men." The music will be as follows:
Organ Prelude, "A Cloister Scene" ..... Mason
Quartet, "Soft Floating on the Air" ..... Root
Request Number
Organ Offertory, "A Melody" ..... Nordman
Trio, "Praise Ye" ..... Verdi
Elsie Carleton Strang, R. E. Waldron, Dr. W. W. Howard
Quartet, "Sevenfold Amen" ..... Stainer
Organ Postlude, "Postlude" ..... Bastiste
Ministry of music: Elsie Carleton Strang, soprano; Edna Effert Isaacs, contralto; Dr. W. W. Howard, bass; Eva Hazelrigg Marsh, organist.
Young people's worship service at 6:30. Frank Graham will lead the senior group. The topic for discussion will be "What is Implied in 'The Church As a Family?'"
All young people are welcome.

Valley Radio Church

(Non denominational). Fred L. Thuemler, pastor.
Services every Sunday evening between the hours of 8 and 9 over KMED, the voice of a Great Country, Medford, Oregon. The subject of the evening will be Divine Healing in the light of the word of God under the heading "Dr. Moses." What were the remedies used by Moses to bring approximately four million people out of Egypt to Canaan? We especially invite the doctors and nurses of the valley to tune in on this subject. The Salvation Army has kindly consented to furnish the music for the evening of Sunday, Feb. 15th and you can expect something good.
We welcome your questions and suggestions that will make these subjects more helpful. We cordially invite you to tune in and make your home a place of worship during this hour, and realizing the the delicacy of our task in speaking into your homes, we will endeavor to be careful.

APPLEGATE

APPLEGATE, Ore., Feb. 13.—(Special) — Miss Ollvette Ginet, who has been attending school at Medford, spent last week-end at the home of her mother, Mrs. Corenne Ginet, on Sterling creek.

Attorney and Mrs. Gus Newberry of Medford were pleasure riding and visiting friends on Little Applegate last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kubli left Saturday of last week for their home at Golden, after being here during the illness and death of Mr. Kubli's brother, Harold, who passed away February 4.

Mrs. Laura French entertained last Saturday night for a number of friends of this community and several from Medford. Among those from this vicinity who were present to enjoy the evening included Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dutton and family, J. F. Curry, Miss Patrita Hogen, Mr. and Mrs. Harden Turnbow, Thelma Emmons, Miss McCray, Misses Olivette, Josephine, Virginia Ginet, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kinney, J. D. French, T. J. French, Miss Margie French and Jim Smith. The evening was spent with music and dancing with refreshments served at midnight. The plans made were for all to meet at Mr. Curry's next Saturday night. Leonard Meachem of Seattle who is interested in the Little Applegate Mining company, was a business visitor in this district on Thursday of last week.

J. T. Lovel has rented Billy Anderson's place on Yale creek for this year and is moving there this week.

Mrs. Nancy Hinshaw and Mrs. Lucretia Conway who have spent the winter here visiting at the home of their daughter and sister, Mrs. J. A. West and at the home of Mrs. Hinshaw's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Godlove at Medford left Thursday morning for their home at Cambridge, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. West spent Wednesday visiting at the Godlove home.

J. C. Cass sold about 80 head of sheep with 40 lambs to John Rohor of Medford recently. The sheep have been cared for by Mr. Young on the Cass place on Little Applegate and were driven down as far as the Crump ranch last Wednesday, where they were held all night. They are to be shipped to Roseburg.

Felix Simbourski of Medford is spending a few days this week visiting at the home of William Pursel on Yale creek.

The Neighborhood Embroidery club met last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Dave Jones. The afternoon was spent with visiting and sewing. Refreshments were served in the late afternoon. The club will meet next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. S. Kleinhammer.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Goldsby and family moved to the Hollis Parks place last Sunday from Josephine county. Mr. Goldsby spent his boyhood days on the Parks place and has many old acquaintances in this vicinity who will be pleased to hear of his return.

Beaver Creek district have organized a literary club at their school house, called the Big Applegate litetary and will meet the first Saturday in every month. They met last Saturday night to elect the officers, which were as follows: Mrs. Floyd Rippy, president; Mrs. Leonard McKee, secretary and treasurer; Lance Offenbacher, sergeant at arms; Floyd McKee, song leader; Mrs. Leonard McKee, pianist. A committee was appointed for membership and a program committee and others will be appointed later.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hanson of Medford were Tuesday guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Throckmorton, at Ruch.

Mrs. Kate Eaton of Medford, who has been employed at the Walter Armprest home at Ruch become ill this week and was taken home. Mrs. Gibbon of Ashland is filling her place at the Armprest home.

Frank Bybee of the Rogue River valley was motoring on the Applegate last Sunday.

Mrs. Maggie Buckley has been quite ill this week at her home near Ruch. Dr. Inskeep of Medford called to see her Tuesday.

WILLIAMS CREEK

WILLIAMS CREEK, Feb. 14.—(Special) — Williams Grange No. 329 held its regular semi-monthly meeting Saturday evening February the seventh with an open meeting in the public. The house was called to order by Master George Fields with the presentation of the flag, after which the hour was turned over to the lecturer and a short program was rendered, as follows: Flag salute; songs by all; address by Mr. Johnson, master of the Fruitdale grange; reading of the Grange paper, the daily Bumble Bee, by the editor Mr. Vahrenwald. Piano solo by Mrs. Irene Lutz. Banjo solo by Mr. Sorrels; kangaroo court, resulting in much merriment. Afterward sandwiches, cake and coffee were served in the dining room, after which a social hour was spent with dancing.

Mrs. Reed and daughter, Eleanore of Grants Pass took supper with Mrs. C. W. Roberts Saturday evening and attended the entertainment at the Grange hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walling entertained at dinner Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and family, Mr. Moor and Mrs. Marshall, the occasion being Mr. and Mrs. Bennet's 14th wedding anniversary, also Mrs. Bennett's and Mr. Moore's birthday. Maurice Butts of Medford spent Thursday, Lincoln's birthday, at home, the bank being closed.

Williams ladies club met Wednesday with Mrs. Harry Cougle after the regular business meeting. A very enjoyable social hour was spent, taking the form of a Valentine party with music, readings and games. There were 18 ladies present. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charles Cougle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lewman of Williams were dinner guests Sunday at the home of T. Davidson of Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Elsman and sons of Grants Pass were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wood of Williams.

Grants Pass business visitors from Williams creek Monday included Mrs. W. C. Fixley, Mrs. F. E. Wood, O. A. Edwards, F. E. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Butts, Mrs. Chester Boal, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Watts were dinner guests Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Letteken.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and son, Gordon and Louie Carson of Murphy and M. McCloud of El Paso, Texas, were entertained at dinner in the Kradel Newcomb home Thursday evening, the occasion being Mr. Kradel's birthday.

Grace Roberts visited Sunday night and Monday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knutzen of Thompson creek.

The Provolt ladies' club entertained the Williams ladies club Thursday afternoon at the Provolt community hall with a Valentine party. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, with games and music. Delicious refreshments of sandwitches, salads, cakes and coffee were served. The Valentine hearts and decorations were carried out through all.

George Crapp of Portland and Mrs. Ed Woolfolk and two small children of Grants Pass visited Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Woolfolk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Letteken.

The Poultry meeting at the Provolt community hall Thursday evening was fairly well attended. Turkey diseases, their cure and prevention were discussed. Next Thursday evening feeding, how and what, will be the topic. These are interesting and profitable meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Satter of Grants Pass were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walling of Provolt. Mr. Satter is suffering from a wrenched back sustained while jacking up a car.

GRIFFIN CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisk and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holbough of Talent.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Sandine of North Bend, Oregon, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson this week. Mrs. Sandine was called to Ashland to attend the funeral of her uncle.

Miss Agatha Buchanan of Medford was dinner guest Sunday at the home of Miss Helen Judy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harney Dotton and children were visiting at the R. R. Guches home Tuesday evening.

Clyde Guches has been laid up with blood poison in his hand, but is much better now.

Mrs. S. L. Jones was a pleasant caller at the home of Mrs. Wilbur Kime one day this week.

Mrs. S. L. Ruch was entertained Wednesday evening by a birthday dinner given by her daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. McPheters and son, Carl, have rented the Dills house on the P. R. Backus place. Carl had the misfortune of breaking his leg, but is improving now, so he will soon be ready to start to school.

We have several children out of school with the mumps and Marjorie McKee has the poison oak quite badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Isador Meadows and daughters were calling on home folks Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon R. Guches and children and Marie and Glenn Guches were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Meadows.

Masked Longing

BY HOWARD ROCKEY — A ROMANCE OF RADIO

SYNOPSIS: Radio and a marvelous mask open a new life to Aileen Gray after an accident ends her stage career. She becomes "Mademoiselle Masque," mystery singer of the microphone, with the aid of Dwight Channing, artist who makes the mask, and Jimmy Crane, press agent who lures her. When a masked woman shoots and wounds Arnold Kronberg, movie magnate, while he is making advances to Aileen's sister Vivienne, he suspects her assistance by Aileen. He tries to make Vivienne incriminate her sister. Messages to Aileen signed "Adrastein" lead the reader shot Kronberg but will throw the blame on Aileen. Vivienne poses for publicity done for Kronberg's new picture by Channing. He and Aileen attend the opening, but as strangers to allay Kronberg's suspicions. Vivienne becomes engaged to Channing. Max Klein, producer and friend of Aileen, is trying to learn "Adrastein's" identity.

Chapter 31

AN ALLURING HOPE

It was Vivienne's first experience in a broadcast studio. Both the setting and the precision with which everything was done held her entranced as she listened to each stage of the program.

Sascha Leziuska appeared to hold his orchestra in his hand. His fingers, his eyes, and the very gestures of his body were excessive of command. He would signal one group of musicians, wave another into silence—dampen their volume or bring them all into a crashing crescendo. Then Aileen began to sing.

Vivienne listened entranced. Unseen, her hand found Channing's and pressed it tenderly. The words of the Valse Parfum Masque breathed new charm and witchery.

Never before had Vivienne been so delicately susceptible to the love motif of a song. Its seductive lilt galvanized her into a surge of emotion. Glancing at Doctor Saunders, she sensed that he, too, felt the spell which held her by its magic. What Aileen's sensations might be, were concealed by the porcelain mask. Only in her more plaintive notes was there a suggestion of her depth of feeling. A consciousness of it stabbed Vivienne. She realized the self-suppression that Aileen unwittingly voiced. Her song was like the despairing cry of an inhibit capacity, sentenced by fate to longing.

Vic felt Channing's touch on her arm. Aileen was just finishing the final phrase of her chorus. Her back was toward the control room. Vic was glad of that, for as his door opened silently, just long enough to admit them, Colonel Sherwood and Kronberg stepped into the studio.

"Dwight!" Vic whispered to Channing. "She mustn't talk to him alone! If he dares—"

"But he won't," said Channing. "Suppose we go over and join them. Perhaps it's time that Kronberg was presented to my fiancée."

As they approached, Kronberg smiled. Whatever caustic comment he was about to make, was silenced by Channing's announcement. Kronberg managed to murmur well-phrased congratulations, but as his eyes met Channing's, their expression was not lost on Aileen or Vivienne. A faint raising of Kronberg's eyebrows gave evidence of his taking up the gauntlet that Channing tossed him.

"At least," he smiled ironically, "one of our current mysteries is solved very pleasantly. N'est-ce-pas, Mademoiselle?" He turned mockingly to Aileen. Then with one of his stiffest bows, he wished them a merry Christmas and walked off with Colonel Sherwood.

All of them felt a distinct relief when they arrived in Aileen's suite at the Ambassador. Jimmy Crane and Klein had already arrived, and with Nora Nolan's help, the three were busy trimming a miniature Christmas tree.

"Suppose we open our presents," Vic proposed, impatiently aware of one that she knew awaited her. "You start, Aileen," she added as she noticed Channing's fingers dip into his waistcoat pocket.

"All right," said Aileen, as eager as Vic to see the engagement ring. She began to untie the packet Nora had handed her. It was a flat, oblong box, and from the inner tissue she drew out a silver frame. In it was a picture of a girl dressed as Santa Claus—one of Aileen that had appeared in the paper prior to her opening in Sara's Christmas Stocking. Stuck in the frame was a blank card with a single typewritten line—"To La Masque from Miss Santa Claus"—but there was no signature.

As its meaning grew clear to her, Aileen swayed and would have fallen if Saunders had not caught her. Vivienne took the picture from Aileen's limp fingers. With an exclamation of mingled pain and rage she passed it to Channing.

"Oh!" she cried, as she ran Saunders stretch Aileen on the davenport and bend over her. "Please! Doctor, please—!"

But it was too late. The hand of the porcelain mask had slipped from about her head, and Aileen lay unconscious with her scarred face exposed.

"Don't worry, Miss Gray," Saunders sought to pacify Vivienne. She saw ready sympathy and something more in his fine gray eyes. "It really doesn't matter—you see. I've known since yesterday."

Late that afternoon, Aileen lay back and listened as Saunders talked to her in quiet tones. The mask was on the dressing table in the other room.

Aileen was quite calm, after having spent all of Christmas day in bed as Saunders ordered. She was finding it rather amazing that she had not even questioned his authority—how completely willing she was to place herself in his hands. It was a comfort also to feel that her sister's future need no longer trouble her. She said as much to Saunders.

"It must be a relief," he agreed with her. "But what you feared for Vivienne should convince you of the seriousness of your own situation. You can't ignore Nature's demands."

"But so much has happened—for the best," Aileen reminded him. "Now that all this horror—over Kronberg—is cleared up, what have I to worry about—after Vivienne marries? My voice will take care of me handsomely—and I shan't have any more football attacks, such as I had at your hospital, and that one last night. Once I really get used to it all, I'm going to enjoy it immensely."

"No, you won't," he warned her. "For the time you're a mystery. The average person doesn't suspect—anything behind the mask. But that phase won't last always. The public is naturally curious. People you meet, as well. And even if you could preserve your present incognito—you would always know."

"I'll forget—in time," she insisted.

"For a time, perhaps," Saunders corrected her. "But that is least important. You'd go mad if you attempted permanent seclusion. That would be unnatural—wrong. You are young, healthy, intelligent—and you're starving for happiness. Even before this happened, you were making an unwise sacrifice. That's what ails your nerves—not just the thought of these scars, although they complicate the trouble."

"That part isn't—going to matter. I'm not—going to let it."

"You can't help it," Saunders told her. "Every normal woman wishes to live her life completely. Love—when it comes—has a right to express itself. Aileen, I'm a plastic surgeon. I was able to do a lot for a number of men who were terribly messed up in the war. I'm sure I can do as much for you—if you'll let me try."

"Wouldn't it only make matters worse?" she asked pathetically. "I've seen myself—and I can't believe I ever could look—human."

"Won't you trust me when I tell you—that I'm certain I can help? Some day, you're going to meet a man, and you're going to be terribly cruel to him if you don't take this chance. But totally aside from that, you have your future to consider. You're not the kind to disch. So, by refusing what I suggest, you're even more cruel to yourself—and to those who care for you."

Forgetting that her face was bare, Aileen lay there with closed eyes, grappling with herself. Although she could not see him, she was aware of Saunders looking at her with more than professional interest. The hope he held out was alluring, and yet it frightened her.

"Wouldn't it make you happy—just to lay aside the mask—to be able to face the world again?" he asked persuasively. "There's even a possibility—that you might be very lovely. It's marvelous what we can do in that way these days.

For a little time she could not summon courage to answer him. Then she put her hand in his and gave it a little pressure.

"If you will with me to—I will," she agreed. "And—I hope—I'm doing right." Yet even as she promised, Aileen had vague misgivings.

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Tomorrow Max Klein solves two mysteries.

3000 CHINESE DIE IN MINE HORROR

PEIPING, China, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Despite denials of railway officials Chinese newspapers here today insisted that 3000 miners had been burned to death in a fire in a coal mine at Fushun, near Mukden, Manchuria, last Sunday.

At the same time representatives of the Japanese management of the mine announced that there had been no casualties and that material damage had been intangible.

The Mukden correspondent of the Taking Pao, known as one of the most reliable newspapers here, reported today that in order to localize the blaze the management had closed the affected shaft, thereby trapping in a roaring furnace 3000 Chinese laborers and 20 or 30 Japanese foremen, all of whom perished.

The correspondent described pitiful scenes which he said took place at the pithead when relatives of the entombed miners pleaded that the burning shaft be opened.

Who is GUILTY of THE CRIME IN THE DUTCH GARDEN ?

Madame or Evelyn Boone
pieces of Annabelle Querilling, the murder victim? The two sisters are under suspicion.)

Lone Duckworth
Evelyn's fiance, who admits the murdered woman tried to halt his romance?

Doctor Newton
who was with Marjorie only a few hundred feet from the scene when the crime was committed?

Miss Greene
who also was near the spot and reluctantly admits Miss Querilling had declined his marriage proposal?

The Chauffeur
the chauffeur, who was discharged because he made love to one of Miss Querilling's maids.

The Unknown Man
whose auto was seen parked near the scene of the crime?

The answer is revealed in this gripping story by Herbert Adams

Starts Wednesday Feb. 18th in the Mail Tribune