

Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

SYNOPSIS: Nan Forsyth follows Jervis Weare, who roges because his fiancée, Rosemary Capron, has left him at the last moment to marry another man. Nan is determined to win her back. He succeeds in three days. Rosemary will succeed him as heir. Nan is surprised on to help Jervis by the unexpected loss she has felt for him since as a child she saved him from drowning. She also is surprised because her sister Cynthia, mostly in love, is presented by poverty from marrying.

Chapter 5

TWO PROBLEMS SOLVED
I WANT to speak to you," Nan said to Jervis.
"Why?"
"I am from Mr. Page's office. It's a business matter."
He paused, detached, not really aware of her.
"You are going home. Will you let me speak to you there?"
He stared for a moment longer. Then he said,
"Oh, certainly."
They went on together. The house rose up before Nan, heavy and square and grey. Jervis used a latchkey, and they went through the hall into a room at the back of the house—a man's room, littered with a man's belongings, littered also with what were obviously wedding presents. Two windows framed in dark velvet curtains looked out upon

"Nan Forsyth," said Nan. He took his hand off the table and swung a chair round.
"You'd better sit down."
He came round, took the writing chair, picked up a pen and filled it. "Did you say Anne Forsyth?"
Nan came forward. Her legs felt as if they belonged to someone else. She sat down a little stiffly. She was being interviewed for the situation of Jervis Weare's wife. It was like something in a dream. But there was Jervis, looking at her and repeating.
"Anne Forsyth?"
"No—just Nan. I was christened Nan."
He wrote "Nan Forsyth," and without looking up asked her age.
"Twenty-two."
"Parents?"
"Dead."
"Any near relations?"
"A sister." She thought suddenly and warmly of Cynthia, and the dream shook a little.
"Older or younger?"
"Younger." She paused, then added, "Nineteen."
Jervis had stopped writing. His pen dug holes in the paper. He didn't really want to know the answers to any of these questions. She had a well-bred voice. If she was in Page's office, she was likely to be a respectable girl. . . .



"Ten thousand dollars," said Nan, and set her teeth.
a fair-sized garden bordered with trees.
Nan passed into this room and felt its atmosphere close about her. The current had brought her here. Now it ebbed away from her. She was Nan Forsyth facing something that was going to decide all the rest of her life, and all the rest of Jervis Weare's life. For a moment she felt fear as she had never felt it before. And then courage rose in her like a food.
He turned from the door and said: "Do you mind saying what you want? I'm rather busy."
"Yes," said Nan.
"I'm in Mr. Page's office. When you came in this afternoon you slammed the door. It didn't latch. I was in the office. I heard what you said to Mr. Page."
"You listened. Well?"
His look hurt her beyond bearing. But Jervis Weare did not see her wince. His anger turned a cold edge upon this confessed eavesdropper.
"Well?" he repeated.
"I heard what you said to Mr. Page," she told him again.
Jervis walked to the table and stood there. He must have been recalling his own words, for he was looking at her, really looking, for the first time.
He saw a girl in a neat grey dress and a close black hat, a girl who held herself very straight and looked at him with steady grey eyes. Her face was pale, her lips pressed firmly together. She held her head high.
"You said that you must be married by the sixteenth," she went on. "You asked him to find a girl who would marry you at 24 hours' notice."
"So that's it? You've got a nerve haven't you?"
Nan said, "Yes," quite soberly. He burst out laughing.
"Well, why not? I haven't time to pick and choose. Since you overheard what we were saying you know that. So if you're really offering to step into the breach perhaps you'll begin by giving me your name."

ADJUTANTS GENERAL WILL TALK ECONOMY

SALEM, Aug. 26.—(P)—A conference of war department officials with adjutants-general of the eight states of the ninth corps military area will be held at Portland September 11 and 12, it was announced here today by General George A. White, commander of the National Guard in the northwest states, who called the conference at the request of the war department.

Practical means of reducing the National Guard budget, without interfering with basic training requirements, will be the principal topic discussed at the conference, General White indicated.
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OREGON OFFICER TO ESCAPE PRISON STAY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—(AP)—President Hoover has modified the courtmartial sentence imposed upon First Lieutenant Francis J. Clark of the infantry, through an order eliminating the six years of imprisonment but confirming the dismissal of Clark from the army.

The war department issued a statement of the President's action today. Lieutenant Clark, who is from Oregon, was tried at Fitzsimons General hospital, Denver, March 8, 1932, on a charge of criminal assault and being drunk and disorderly, being convicted on both counts.
Prentice Attends General Meeting Candy Salesmen
Harry Prentice, local representative of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit company,

is in Portland attending the general sales meeting at the Tru-Blu factory of the company. Plans are being discussed for the fall campaign to further popularize Krause's candies and Winstel chocolates. These products have been manufactured in Portland for many years and are well known for their quality throughout Oregon. A. J. Bale, vice-president of the Loose-Wiles Biscuit company, arrived in Portland this morning by plane from San Francisco to attend the meeting and to consult with W. A. McDonald, manager of the Portland factory. Mr. McDonald stated that

sales had held up very well in spite of the depression, and that he looked for a considerable increase in sales, now that business conditions show definite signs of improvement.
"Merchants throughout Oregon are realizing more and more the benefits which accrue to our state through the patronizing of home industries," said Mr. McDonald. "We have been manufacturing our candies in Portland for many years, and when we are in full production we employ about 200 people in our factory."
"Graves' Jewelry Shop, now located 41 So. Front.

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GAS RANGE MAKERS FAVOR NEWSPAPERS

DEL MONTE, Cal., Aug. 26.—(AP)—Newspapers will be greatly favored as an advertising medium in the \$6,000,000 three-year cooperative advertising campaign of gas range manufacturers. P. O. Ditch, New York, told the Pacific Coast Gas Association here today.
He said in a talk yesterday that 80 per cent of the range manufacturers of the country had joined in the cooperative advertising plan.

TATTOO MARKS FAIL CHICKEN STEALERS

DENTON, Md., Aug. 26.—(P)—Tattooing of chickens and hens has been adopted by the Caroline County Poultry association as a means of combating fowl thefts which have increased in this section recently.
Each poultry raiser will be assigned a different tattoo mark which will be registered with the association. The branding will be done by a special apparatus which marks the chickens for life within a few seconds.

Rioting Follows Family's Ejection

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 26.—(AP)—One man was shot and slightly injured and eight others suffered cuts and head injuries this afternoon as 300 policemen were called to halt a riot that followed an attempt to evict a family from their home. Twenty-one persons were arrested.

Globe Girdler Off for Japan

CORDOVA, Alaska, Aug. 26.—(AP)—Captain Wolfgang von Gronau, German round-the-world flier and his three flying companions, hopped off from here today for Dutch Harbor, en route to Atju and Japan.