

A PATH TO PARADISE

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SYNOPSIS: Olive and Santa are married and on their way from Chicago back to New York. Olive, scornful of his business, has spent the last few weeks with Santa, attending her duties to rid herself of divorce. The rotter Dicky, it is Olive's opinion whom Santa had thrown over to marry Dicky; it is Olive's opinion whom Santa had loved. Dicky's worldly views have proved too worldly even for the notorious Santa; she is determined that some values shall rule her second marriage.

Chapter 17
MARRIED AGAIN

CLIVE glanced at the closed door of their compartment, then at Santa's hatbox and suitcase, labeled Mrs. Olive Donocaster, Santa, seated opposite him, followed his glance. She had been secretly amused and touched by him all day, but hadn't dared show it. What a puzzled, eager boy he was beneath the surface! Such a relief from Dicky. She was going to be young again.

"It's true, Clive," she nodded. "I really belong to you."
"I'm kind of stunned," he smiled. "It takes a bit of getting used to."
"For me, too." She was wondering whether she might powder her nose. "It won't tomorrow."
He seized her slender wrist.
"Of course it won't. Everything past will be forgotten."
"As though this were the first time I had been married." She read his thoughts.
He shifted to her side and slipped an arm about her. She waited pulseless as a doll.

"I'm the only husband you ever had," he burst out. "Say so."
She took his face between her hands.
"I can never thank God enough for having given you to me."
That satisfied him for the moment. He twisted the wedding-ring on her finger—the one he had bestowed on her.
His mind was in a ferment. So many thoughts—so few of them to utter. Scarcely more than a week ago had he been caught in a sleeping compartment with her, he could have been dragged into her divorce.

The conductor tapped and entered to collect tickets. Clive betrayed the customary nervousness of the newly wedded. Santa watching, found his confusion adorable. Evidently he feared that the legality of their relationship might be doubted. She'd experienced the same pangs on her first honeymoon.
When they were alone again, Clive re-seated himself beside her. "You're awfully quiet," she challenged.
"I feel such an amateur," he laughed.
"I shall love living with you in New York," she snuggled.

Till now Dicky had afforded almost the sole topic of their conversations. Would he bring counter-charges at the last moment? Then, after her release from him, would he cease to annoy her?
Things had moved too fast. Clive had judged rightly that after her conduct, Santa wouldn't be safe to conduct her own affairs. When he'd surprised her that morning two weeks ago, she had cultivated the complex that all her friends were ashamed of her—that nobody would ever want to be seen with her.

The best cure had seemed to be to restore her without waste of time to a recognized niche in society. He had urged immediate remarriage. She'd permitted herself to be persuaded on the condition that they involved nobody in their rashness save themselves. Hence there had been no guests, no wedding presents. Not even her parents had been notified. Their plans for the future had yet to be formulated.
The first minister they had approached, on learning that Santa was a divorcee, had refused to officiate. The second had invited them into his parlor—this was a few hours ago—and united them as a perfunctory as if he'd been issuing a dog-license.

Now that his goal had been attained and they were man and wife, had come the reaction. Her remark as they had stepped aboard the train had started it. "Married again. I adore it." In their marriage was everything to be again for her? He had approached this day with so much of reverence, which nothing external had reflected. At the back of his mind was the account he had read of the social importance which had been attached to her first nuptials.
Santa roused his reflections.

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HOLLY THEATER'S ELECTION PARTY WILL AID NEEDY

Plans for a hilarious election party, regardless of the winner, in the form of a community benefit with election news by the Mail Tribune and fun for Republicans and Democrats, Socialists and Independents, were announced today by relief workers of Medford and John Niedermeyer of the Holly theater, where the celebration will be staged, beginning with the regular show and continuing through a midnight matinee.

GOV. MAY MAKE OLD TAGS GOOD DURING ELECTION

SALEM, Nov. 5.—(AP)—A 24-hour moratorium on election day next Tuesday to permit all cars with old license plates to operate on the highways is under consideration by Governor Julius L. Meier, it was learned here. This would enable many to go to the polls to vote who otherwise could not do so, it was stated.

FATAL RIOTING IN BERLIN CAR STRIKE

BERLIN, Nov. 5.—(AP)—One man was killed and three were wounded today in a street fight arising from Berlin's transportation strike, but this afternoon street car, bus and subway service had been partially restored.

Saxophone Studio Opened Here; Band Will Be Organized

Opening of a studio at 603 South Riverside and plans for organization of a saxophone band here were announced yesterday by Stephen Whipple, formerly of San Jose, Cal., where he instructed a 175-piece band, frequently heard in motion picture programs.

Pear Markets

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—(USDA-AP)—Pear auction market: 12 cars arrived; 3 Oregon, 3 New York, 3 Washington, 3 California cars unloaded; 39 cars on track.

BATEMAN RECEIVES \$300 CRASH DAMAGE

The circuit court jury hearing the damage suit of Samuel Bateman against the Rogue River Meat company and co-defendants, G. M. Coker, driver of the meat firm truck, and Anna M. Wardell, Friday returned a verdict for \$300 against Coker and Anna M. Wardell. The meat company was not involved. It was shown, Bateman asked for \$280 damages as a result of an auto accident on the North Pacific highway last September.

SQUATTERS GUILTY IS JURY'S FINDING

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 5.—(AP)—E. H. Best, Emory Davis, Edgar Martin and two other defendants were convicted in federal court here of conspiracy to violate the national laws regulating settlement on forest land.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—And Not a Speed Cop In Sight!

THOSE BANDITS MUST HAVE COMMANDERED AN AWFULLY FAST CAR... THEY'RE GAINING ON US.

SORRY, BUT I CAN'T GET ANOTHER BIT OF SPEED OUT OF THIS BUS. MAYBE THE VALVES NEED GRINDING.

WE'RE DOING SEVENTY. SO DON'T STOP TO GRIND 'EM NOW.

GEE! LISTEN TO THAT POPPING! I MUST HAVE BLOWN A CYLINDER-HEAD THROTTLE DOWN!

THE WIFE ISN'T COMING FROM THE MOTOR! THE BANDITS HAVE OPENED FIRE AGAIN! HOLD THAT THROTTLE DOWN!

WE HAVEN'T MADE THIS CURVE YET!

BOUND TO WIN—While At The Farm

I SUPPOSE I SHOULDN'T HAVE SENT THAT WIRELESS MESSAGE TO BEN. I WONDER IF HE GOT IT AND IF HE'S COMING IF HE IS I'LL GO WITH HIM TO HURRY UP!

JIM STANTON, AS YOU MAY RECALL, IS THE ONCE POOR BOY WHO IS TO BE AN INHERITOR AND HE'S GOT THE EXACT DOUBLE OF BEN WEBSTER. BEN, YOU KNOW, LEARNED WHO JIM REALLY WAS AND BELIEVED HIM WITH HIS FATHER, A WEALTHY FARM MINER—MR. STANTON AND JIM REMAINED ON THE FARM WHILE BEN WENT SOUTH WITH JONATHAN.

EVERYTHING WAS GOING ALONG SWELL UNTIL DAD HAD TO RETURN TO ALASKA ON BUSINESS AND THAT STRANGE OLD MAN, TITUS CANBY, MOVED INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD—I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN HIM, BUT I'LL BET HE'S AT THE BOTTOM OF MOST OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED!

GOSH, WHAT NEXT? THEY'VE SET THE BARN ON FIRE!

S'MATTER POP—A Tough Break

AMTROSE, YOU LOOK DOWN IN THE MOUTH.

YEAH!

I'VE GOT DISCOURAGED.

S'MATTER?

MY POP WOULDN'T BUY ME A DAWG!

HE SAYS, ON ACCOUNT OF THE DEPRESSION, WE'LL HAVE TO DO OUR OWN 'BARKIN'!

TOUGH! AIN'T IT?

YEAH!

THE NEBBS—That-A-Boy!

NEBBS, THE GREAT CAMPAIGNER, THE MAN OF AND FOR THE PEOPLE IS NOW ON THE LAST LAP OF HIS CAMPAIGN AND THE COMMON FOLKS ARE FLOCKING TO HIS BANNER LIKE FLIES TO HONEY.

MY FRIENDS—I CAN CALL YOU MY FRIENDS—THAT'S A PREROGATIVE A MAN TAKES RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND I DON'T SUPPOSE THERE'S A PERSON WITHIN THE HEARING OF MY VOICE WHO CARES WHETHER I'M RUNNING FOR OFFICE OR FOR EXERCISE!

AND STILL IN ME YOU HAVE A CHAMPION—I WOULDN'T SIT IDLY BY AND SEE THEM RAISE THE POSTAL RATES TO A DEGREE WHERE YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO WRITE A FRIEND FOR A LOAN OR SEND OUT A CATALOG OR CIRCULAR TO INCREASE YOUR BUSINESS!!

I'M FOR A TAX THAT'S APPLIED SO GENTLY THAT IT'S NOT AN IRRITANT—IT WILL BE A BALM—EVERYBODY WOULD BE GLAD TO PAY TAXES IF THEY HAD SOMETHING TO PAY IT WITH—MY OPPONENTS SAY—"SOAK THE RICH"—WELL, HIT A TURTLE ON THE BACK AND HE DRAWS IN EVERYTHING AND WHEN HE'S LIKE DOING ANYTHING OR HE ISN'T GOING ANY PLACE

BRINGING UP FATHER

NO-I WUZNT ELECTED, BUT I GOT MORE VOTES THAN MISS LOTTA VOTES DID-I SURE DID INTERFERE WITH HER GETTIN' IN OFFICE—SO IM SATISFIED—THAT'S WHAT PLEASD ME WIFE—

THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THESE BARGAIN DAY SALES AT THE STORES KEPT ALL THE WOMEN AWAY FROM THE TOWN HALL WHERE MISS LOTTA VOTES DID ALL HER SPEECH MAKIN'—

AN I AM THE ONE WHO GOT ME FRIENDS WHO OWN THE STORES TO DO WITH—I AM A BORN POLITICIAN—

DADDY! MOTHER WENT TO THE BARGAIN SALE THE OTHER DAY AND NOW THERE'S A MAN AT THE DOOR WITH NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS WORTH OF C-C-O-D-PACKAGES—

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