

A PATH TO PARADISE

by Coningsby DAWSON

SYNOPSIS: Defeated in their plan to put Clive to work for his wife's former husband, Dicky, Santa and Dicky remain friends. Indeed, Dicky puts himself into the role of family friend, and although Clive could revitalize Dicky, he has brought home to him the fact that he will talk with Santa until the end of time. Clive feels himself dis-

When I learned that Clive was in low water—
 "She swung around.
 "You saw your chance to compromise me. To lead Clive to suspect—"
 "I saw my chance, mistakenly as events have turned out, to prove to you that I could be decent."
 "Dicky."
 "Yes."
 "Some of the things you said last night were true; that was why they hurt. You accused me of being most selfish when I feel myself that I'm unselfish. If I'm as directionless as that, I'm a ship without a rudder. You've made me feel insecure."
 He nodded.
 "That's what divorce does to you. I have no confidence left in my judgment. I went wrong in the greatest decision."
 "Me, too," she tapped her breast.
 "To have been divorced is to have suffered an amputation. The shock stays. If you were to marry again, Dicky, would having been married to me make a difference? What I mean is could you force yourself to act as though it were the first time?"
 He smiled.
 "Your question tells a lot. No, I couldn't. I'd be continually confusing the second woman with you. I'd start to refer to doings in the past and then remember that it was with you I'd done them."
 She seated herself at last, drawing her chair close to his.
 "That's what I've feared might happen between myself and Clive."
 "Has happened," he suggested.
 "Has happened." She responded to his sympathy. "You're the only person in the world to whom I would own it—I suppose because you're the only person who would understand me. You come suddenly into my mind by day, for no reason whatsoever; you become so vivid that sometimes you usurp the place of Clive. Worse still, I dream about you at night; that I'm still married to you."
 "Same with me, Santa."
 "But isn't it queer," she appealed to him, "after the cat-and-dog life we led? I was always prodding you to set you in motion. When I wasn't, I was checking you. If I hadn't, goodness knows where we'd have landed—I'm sorry. I oughtn't to have said that."
 "I was a crazy ass." He grinned ruefully. "Apologies aren't necessary. But why feed the same medicine to a steady earnest fellow like Clive?"
 "With a stifled cry of gratitude she dived forward.
 "You do approve of him."
 "He's the salt of the earth, Santa. If you mess him up, you don't deserve to be forgiven."
 Her eyes filled.
 "Then I don't deserve to be forgiven. I'm so afraid after a quarrel. All our rows are the results of my acting policeman. Except when I hold him in my arms, I'm nervous."
 "Then stop acting policeman. I wish there was something I could do."
 She stroked his sleeve to soften the blow.
 "You're sweet—but having you hanging about makes matters difficult."
 "Poor darling!"
 When the clock striking five in the passage warned them that they seemed to have been talking for hours.
 "What time does Clive return?"
 "He's due any minute."
 Dicky rose, casting a furtive glance round the bedroom. At the front-door he halted.
 "I made a bad husband; I could be a good friend if you would allow me."
 "Already you've done me good." She clasped his hand.
 Five minutes later Clive entered.
 "Headache better?"
 "It's eased up a trifle."
 "Well, you're going to bed, if I have to carry you."
 When he had helped her to undress and had placed hot-water bottles round her, she asked a naive question:
 "Do you ever fancy that I deceive you?"
 "That proves you're sick," he burst out laughing.
 "I only asked," she settled back luxuriously, "because—well, this apartment—always wanting to do things my own way. It isn't loyal."
 "Simple Simon!" He stooped his lips to her bare shoulder.
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Chapter 39
A DIP INTO TRUTH
WHO are you, since you know me?" asked Santa.
 "Does that matter?"
 "Not particularly. What's Mr. Dak doing?"
 "Busy."
 "Call him."
 The fluttering refinement of the voice at the other end faded.
 "Dearie, you're no longer his wife. You know how irritable it makes him to be disturbed."
 "You bet!" Santa slipped into the vernacular. "Tell him to ring me. He has my number."
 She fussed about the apartment, not daring to go out or to make any engagement. She was strung to concert-pitch—feverish to get the scene over. As she was sitting down to lunch, the telephone tinkled. She snatched the receiver only to hear Clive enquiring about her headache.
 At two it rang again.
 "Yes, I phoned you." Her anger was evident.
 "See you presently."
 "But when? I've wasted my morning!"
 He had broken the connection. There was nothing gained by having a witness to this rowing folly. Going to the kitchen, she dismissed the maid for the afternoon and retired to prepare for the ordeal.
 She was in the midst of dressing when the door-bell summoned her. Draping herself in a negligee, she answered. There stood Dicky, groomed and smiling. Producing a box, he thrust it at her.
 "Roses as a peace-offering."
 Ignoring the gift she said, "If you'll amuse yourself in the drawing-room, I'll be with you directly."
 Safe in her bedroom, she dawdled. She oughtn't to have taken this risky step without Clive. It was the old story of doing things alone, being too sure of herself and then regretting.
 The door opened.
 "We've talked before in a bedroom. It's no novelty."
 "I suppose it isn't," she spoke coolly. "I still have to brush my hair." She proceeded to do it.
 He seated himself in the chair that Clive usually occupied.
 "What was the rush?"
 "This is our last meeting, Dicky."
 "O, yes?"
 "Before we part, I owe it to myself to put you right on some of the mud you fung at me last night. Perhaps I wasn't a good wife to you, but I am to Clive. Not as good as he deserves; so I intend to be better."
 "You were a good wife to me, Santa."
 She glanced sharply across her shoulder; then went back to her brushing. In the mirror she stared into his reflected eyes. For the moment at least he had ceased to be trivial.
 "If you can own that now, why did you lie to me last night?"
 "Seeing you happy without me."
 "Made you long to make me unhappy—is that it? You succeeded. But why did you first pretend to be generous? To have come to Clive's rescue, had that really been your motive, would have been magnificent. I see now that it's not in your nature to be magnificent."
 "You don't give me credit for much—you never did, Santa. I tried to help Clive that I might square accounts with you. You divorced me without claiming alimony."
 She caught her breath in a nervous laugh.
 "A fat lot of good it would have done to claim alimony. The chief reason for our divorce was that you'd been content to live on me."
 "Not content," he corrected. "I hated living on you. I expected to be rich when my father died. It didn't seem to me unfair to let you paddle the canoe—but why go into that? You pushed me too hard. Brought out all my worst qualities."
 "You jacked me a few weeks too soon for your own profit—and, I may add, for my own self-respect. I'm wealthy now. I'd like to feel that I'd been assessed for the damage I've done you. It's impossible to approach you with an offer of a cash settlement. Because of that,

Courthouse News

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Marriage Licenses
 William Butler and Alberta Clark. John M. Miles and Anzoinetta M. Caldwell.
 William Harris Bean and Mary E. Brauer.
 Bud Bell and Doris Anderson.
 Kenneth R. Ross and Jean B. Rice.
 Victor V. Mattiazzi and Harriet Scott.
 Joseph G. Bianchi and Mabel Altken.
 Frank Danish and Willie H. Clark.
 John W. Ayres and Mary B. Bristow.
 A. Calvin Davis and Nina L. Miller.
 Frank W. Jacott and Beverly O. Dunsworth.
 Claude H. Cross and Elizabeth E. DeVore.
 Archie VV. Roberts and Opal E. Howell.
 Albert Pinho and Mae Simas.
 Merie E. Wood and Flora Batson.
 Walter J. Soracco and Eugenia V. Ponte.
 Marvin H. Upton and Mae H. McGee.
 Waldo F. Iverson and Evelyn E. Day.

Circuit Court
 Lester J. Messal vs. Ruby Messal—Divorce.
 R. M. Conley vs. T. A. Shollenburg and H. E. Bedford—For money.
 Oak Street Garage vs. A. T. Arant—Chattel lien.
 Thomas W. Harris and Mary C. Harris vs. H. C. Bare et ux and Jas. Davis et ux—Foreclosure.
 Fern E. Mercer vs. Robert E. Mercer—Annul marriage.
 The First National Bank of Ashland vs. Olive Page—Foreclosure.
 Jackson County Building & Loan Assn. vs. Frank Borland et al—Foreclosure.
 The First National Bank of Medford vs. L. O. Herrold et al—Foreclosure.
 Frank J. Schuler et ux vs. Harry L. Butler et ux—Foreclosure.
 R. A. Skinner as Skinner's Garage—Foreclosure.
 State Industrial Accident Com. vs. Chautauque Flory—For money.
 United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. vs. E. O. Wilson—For money.
 Josephine Waddell vs. Perry Roy Waddell—Divorce.
 Jackson County Building & Loan Assn. vs. E. A. Dorf and Martha Dorf et al—Foreclosure.
 M. Moody vs. P. Owen Jamerson, E. F. Dunlap as Standard Neon Co.—For money.
 Hazel Rogers vs. Louis Rogers—Divorce.
 Ina M. Hinson, Darrell Hinson and E. C. Corn incorporate as DeVore's, Inc.
 Articles of Incorporation filed by the Oakwood Land & Timber Products Co., a Wisconsin corporation, and the Bray & Choate Land Company, a Wisconsin corporation.
 State of Oregon vs. James Marr—Assault with intent to kill.
 Raymond S. Bowers, et ux to Benton Bowers, Jr. Q. C. D. \$10.00. Tract of land on Walker Ave. in City of Ashland.
 Benton Bowers, Jr. to Allen Becker.

et ux, W. D. \$10.00. Tract on Walker Avenue in City of Ashland.
 F. D. Wagner, et ux to The First National Bank of Ashland, Q. C. D. \$10.00. Lots 9 and 10 Bk. 30 Summit Addition to Ashland.
 Mary E. Hurst to Wallace Woods, et ux, W. W. \$10.00. Lot 8 Bk 4 Crowell Addition to Medford.
 Niedermeyer, Incorporated to C. M. Sandberg, W. D. \$1.00. Part Lot W. Snowy Butte Orchard Tracts.
 The First National Bank of Ashland, Oregon to Belle Schwein, deed. Tract on Church street in Ashland, Oregon.
 Belle Schwein to the First National Bank of Ashland, W. D. \$25.00. Tract on Church street, in Ashland, Oregon.
 Mintie Hill, et vir to George W. Childs, W. D. \$10.00. Lot 6 Bk 2 Imperial Addition to Medford.
 R. S. Murray to Josephine F. Murray, Q. C. D. \$1.00. Lot 2 Bk 3 South Park Addition to Medford; land desc. DR 157-106; Tract in Lot 1 Bk 3 Barra Addition; Lot 10 Bk 6 Carlton Add.; Lot 9 Bk 2 Newtown Add.; Land in Sec. 25 Twp. 38 S. R. 1 W. and land in Sec. 34 Twp. 33 S. R. 1 E. H. M. Morrison, et ux to Richard Henry Cheda, Q. C. D. \$10.00. Tract in Tract No. 3 of Royal Orchards.
 W. B. Myratt, et ux to Mrs. Desa Pollock, Q. C. D. \$45.00. Land in Sec. 10 Twp. 35 S. R. 1 W. on Butte Falls Highway.
 Clard M. Smith, et ux to Hiram Knapp, et ux, W. D. \$10.00. Lot 3 Bk. 16 Town of Phoenix.
 Mary J. Stennett, et vir to Cora L. Glass, W. W. \$10.00. Tract in Highland Park Addition to Medford.
 Emily J. Harner to Harry L. Harner, et al. deed. Tract in Lots 17 and

18 and Tract in Lots 7 and 8 Nob Hill and Bagley Additions respectively to Ashland.
 K. Nelson to Butler & Thompson Co., deed, \$70.00. Part Lots 62 and 68 Pracht's Addition to Ashland.
 Sarah R. Jeter to Rosa Powell, W. D. \$10.00. Lots 24 and 25 in Bk. "L" Railroad Addition to Ashland.
 Guy Barnett, et ux to W. H. Worthington, et ux, W. D. \$10.00. Land in Sec. 11 Twp. 39 S. R. 1 E.
 W. I. Vawter to L. S. Hicks, Q. C. D. \$10.00. Lot 30 Bk. 2 Glen Oak Subdivision to Medford.
 S. H. Hawks, et ux to L. S. Hicks, W. D. \$10.00. Lot 26 Bk. 2 Glen Oak Subdivision to Medford.
 J. C. Barnes, et ux to W. N. Trusell, et ux, W. D. \$10.00. Lot 1 Cherry Park in DLC 79 Twp. 37 S. R. 2 W.
 George E. Fox, et ux to First Insurance Agency, Q. C. D. \$1.00. Lot 1 Bk. 5 Olson Addition to Medford.
 J. E. Wood, et ux to First Insurance Agency, Q. C. D. \$1.00. 1/2 of 8 1/2 of SEP of NW 1/4 Sec. 22 Twp. 35 S. R. 1 W.
 Albert B. Laraway to Elizabeth B. DeVore, W. D. \$10.00. W 1/2 of E 1/2 of E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 2 Twp. 36 S. R. 4 W.
 Jessie Knight Jordan to Elizabeth R. Jordan, deed, \$10.00. Land in DLC 61 in Twp. 38 S. R. 1 W.
 Elizabeth K. Jordan, et al. deed, \$10.00. Land in DLC 61 in Twp. 38 S. R. 1 W.
 Sheriff to Mattida Lofland, Sheriff deed. Land in DLC 60 Twp. 37 S. R. 2 W.
 D. P. Duggan to J. C. Duggan, W. W. \$10.00. 1/2 of SW 1/4 and part of SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 Sec. 33 Twp. 35 S. R. 2 W.

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO RIVER



Seven cars piled up on the embankment of the Nemaha river, near Auburn, Neb. when a freight train was wrecked while crossing the stream. Note the demolished bridge. (Associated Press Photo)

TAILSPIN TOMMY—A Blow-Out On A Dangerous Curve



BOUND TO WIN—Jonathan Returns



S'MATTER POP—You Can't Always Fool An Infant



THE NEBBS—Prosperity—Just Around The Corner



BRINGING UP FATHER



HEALTH SERVICE FREE FOR S. O. N. S.

(By Estill Phillips)

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Miss Breakay is a graduate of the University of Oregon and received her nurse's training at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. She, with the combined consultation and assistance of Dr. Bernard G. Barxwell and Dr. Mattie B. Shaw, practicing physicians in Ashland, make it possible for all students to receive prompt medical attention and first aid at any time.

In addition to the regular routine work of the newly-formed health department, complete physical examinations are being given to all students entering this institution for the first time.

TO INSTALL FRAT UNIT, MONMOUTH

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BRINGING UP FATHER

(By George McManus)

MR. BLEARY TO SEE YOU, SIR.
 GOOD—SHOW HIM IN / HE'S ONE GUY THAT WON'T TALK FOOTBALL!
 HOWDY, JIGGS!
 HELLO, WHAT'S THE MATTER? GOT A COLD?
 YES, A TERRIBLE ONE!
 HOWDY YOU GET IT?
 AT THE FOOTBALL GAME!
 OUCH!