

# Buying Barbara

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**SYNOPSIS**—Farrell Armitage is determined to win Barbara Quentin, although Barbara is to be married to the cruel and crippled Mark. Lela, Lela's friend, who has loved Farrell since she was a child, proposes to him; when he confesses his love for Barbara, Lela agrees to help him. Farrell helps Barbara's wedding plans by persuading Mark to visit him in London the day set for the ceremony. Now, in a cupboard of Mark and Barbara's new home, Farrell and Barbara find a portrait of Lela by Mark. She is wearing the diamond earrings Mark just gave her.

### Chapter 13

#### BARBARA DESPERATE

"THAT'S a— an interesting— quite an interesting piece of work. Isn't it?"

The words came clearly—Farrell thought that Barbara Quentin, whatever her extremity, would always speak with that chilled clearness; but the lingering softness of voice had gone. It was the voice of a woman, harsh with fear and grief, that said carefully and clearly how very technically interesting was this revealing portrait. A heart-wrenching voice. . . . Armitage dared not take his eyes from the floor.

care to them and to fix his mind upon the future, when his ease of life should have wiped all this misery from her heart. But her grief stabbed at him; and all he could do was to pace back the length of the room and put a deliberate foot across the portrait, obliterating it beyond repair.

As yet he had given no clear thought to Lela, the living girl, his friend and ally. She stood only for one of the imperfections which Lela aimed at Barbara Quentin. That emerald, so fantastically set, must have been Lela's, first. Given by her to the artist, as a fee for the portrait? Or offered by her—and rejected by him to his acknowledged love?

Mentally, Armitage broke Lela's neck, and dropped his remains from a high window into a backyard full of garbage. Then he remembered the man was a cripple. Barbara's sob ceased and Armitage, with a final kick at the portrait, went back to the fire. He saw that she had taken off the pendant and that it dangled, at the end of its chain, from her half-open hand. As he approached her, the hand relaxed entirely and, with a coiling gleam of platinum, the jew-

# Old Beliefs in Teaching Children Are Ruled Out In Ultra-Modern School

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CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—(AP)—That "A is for apple" way of mastering the alphabet is "out."

That's according to advanced pedagogical theories propounded these days in three nursery schools, two of which are run as part of public school systems, and believed to be pioneers in this connection.

Also "Cinderella," "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Sleeping Beauty" are decreed as unfit literature for baby's first books.

However, in these ultra-modern pre-kindergarten schools, children still learn to count in the old-fashioned 1-2-3-4-5 way.

But when it comes to learning their letters the youngsters absorb them incidentally in words, such as "cat."

As explained by Mrs. Rose H. Alschuler, founder and staff director of the Franklin, the Winnetka and the Garden apartments nursery schools, fairy stories are not ruled out altogether, but are held over until the infant is 4 or 5 years old and has some comprehension.

Then, she explained, he isn't terrified and confused by the wolf that did more than appear on grandma's

doorstep in the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

The child's first stories, she declared, should be about himself, his surroundings, the persons and objects that make up his world.

These nursery schools are the outgrowth of Mrs. Alschuler's educational work with her own five children. In 1925 the Franklin nursery school was opened in a room donated by the Chicago board of education in the Franklin elementary school. Within a year, by invitation from the Winnetka public school superintendent, a like school was opened in that suburb, where Mrs. Alschuler lives.

Later a third was opened in the Garden apartments, a development by the Roosevelt fund to better living conditions among negroes.

The teachers, of which there are generally two to each school, draw their salaries from support given by the Chicago Woman's club, which sponsored the first local public school kindergarten, private donations and small tuitions. Frequent deficits have been shouldered by Mrs. Alschuler.

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# 600 CHILDREN GET CHRISTMAS CHEER FROM LADY LIONS

Once again Christmas has come and gone, and in spite of the depression, Santa Claus, with the aid of many willing helpers in this city, made many children happy.

More than 600 little ones were visited by the jolly fellow, through efforts of the Lady Lions. The members worked for weeks gathering toys, making and dressing dolls, and with the help of the local firemen, who spent days fixing springs and painting wagons, they revived the old-time faith in Santa Claus.

The people of Medford responded wonderfully to the call for toys, Lady Lions announced today. The firemen and the Davis Transfer company spent a day and a half delivering packages in the vicinity of Medford. Donations were made by Mann's department store, Penney's and Newberry's. KMED and the Mail Tribune were also thanked today for publicity given the project, and John Niedermeyer, manager of the recently closed Holly theater, for the matinee given for children, which brought in many toys.

The Boy Scouts helped with the delivery of toys and it is believed that all children were reached, with the exception of a very few for whom indefinite addresses were given in.

# Eight Popular Beliefs Thrown Overboard by Savant's Investigation

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Eight popular beliefs that are not true were described by Dr. Otis W. Caldwell and Gerhard E. Lundin of Columbia university with methods of training school pupils to avoid them. The unfounded beliefs are:

- 1. A child is influenced by what its mother sees or thinks before the child is born;
- 2. Birth marks are caused by what a mother sees or touches before her child is born;
- 3. In former times the average length of human life was much longer than now;
- 4. Fat people are always good natured;
- 5. Mental disorders are caused by overstudy;
- 6. Children of first cousins, though of good parentage, are likely to be feeble minded;
- 7. Heavy growth of hair on a person's limbs and chest indicates great physical strength;
- 8. Sex of some snakes can be told by the length of their tails and Norman L. Schmetschel and Edith R. Force, studying 411 "lined" snakes of Oklahoma, they found females had tails less than 14.5 per cent of their total length and males' tails were more than 16.5 per cent of their length.

# OREGONIANS GET REFUNDS ON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Women, both of Portland, tax refunds of more than \$100 each to the top of the list of needy by the treasury.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Zehnbauer received \$21,858, erroneously by the government, and Mrs. H. Jantzen received \$20,970.

Other refunds of more than \$1,000 included:

- Benson Timber Co., \$10,569; Carl L. Davis, \$1,750; Edwina Box Co., \$1,740; Glendale Lumber Co., \$1,354; Pacific Spruce Corp., \$1,250; Powers-Davis Logging Co., \$1,140; George F. Fogarty, \$1,007; Southern Bro. The Dalles, \$9,845; Silver Rocker Co., Klamath Falls, \$2,200.

FREE—Pioneers and Oregon photographers without charge plan to publish a 100-page collection of photographs.

Broken windows glazed by bridge Cabinet Works.



"What about a cup of coffee?" Farrell asked.

"The emerald suits her coloring, doesn't it, Farrell? The emerald certainly suits her better than it suits me. And then here's a little sea-scape. It looks like Bogoy Cove. I—that effect of sunlight on the sand is—There's a favorite of mine! It's the back of King's Barn, seen through the blossom of the pear tree. The pear tree is—there's a beautiful pear tree—"

The desperate voice broke at that. He was still quite unable to look at her. He swung away and walked across the echoing boards to the window. The cotton curtain tore from its rings as he dragged it back and leaned his forehead against the pane.

He stood there for some minutes, intently listening for a sound from her—any sound. He felt indifferent whether she cried or cursed or pitched to the floor, provided she broke down in some way. There seemed to be nothing to think about except perhaps that it had been too easy a victory, after all; a mere walk-over.

He turned. There had only been the faintest whisper of a movement, but she was crouched, palms down, upon the floor gazing almost vacantly at the portrait. The emerald at her throat swung within an inch of its painted likeness.

Armitage walked back across the room and, bracing himself against the cupboard, stooped over her and picked her up. Her head sagged against his arm, her face had a greenness that he did not like; but she was not unconscious. He stood quite still, holding her easily, vaguely aware that she was not as heavy as she should be. Then she muttered—"Mark."

"Forget him," jerked Armitage. "You were never his. You're mine. Don't you know it?"

She turned her face against his shoulder and began to sob terribly. He carried her to the only chair the room possessed, a wooden kitchen chair near the fire, and put her into it. She sat there stilly for a moment, then turned to lean her forehead and her crossed arms upon its comfortable back.

Her sob went on, hard and agonized. Armitage tried to close his

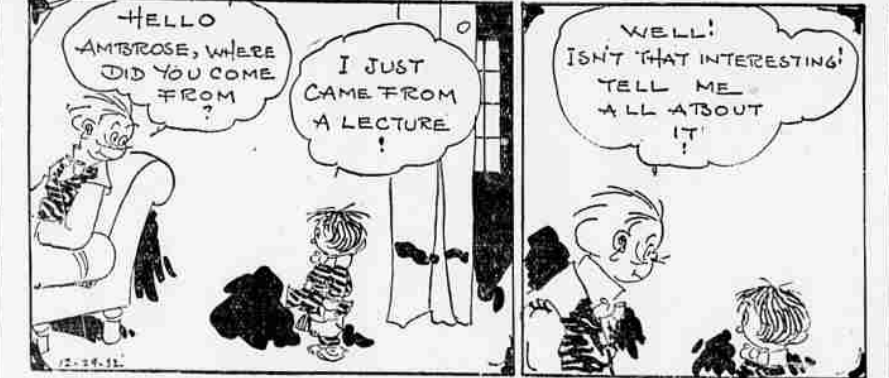
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**COODING ADVISED ON HAULING KIDS**

SALM, Dec. 29.—(AP)—No provisions are found in the Oregon statutes providing that a school board must advertise for bids when arranging transportation for pupils, Attorney-General L. H. VanWinkle held in an opinion handed down today. The question whether the board should advertise for bids lies solely with such board, VanWinkle held.

The opinion was requested by George A. Coddling, district attorney for Jackson county, concerning bids for transportation on a route of 42 miles a round trip.

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**RAILROAD TO USE BIG TIMBER ORDER**

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Oregon lumber companies are receiving specifications blanks from the Chicago & Northwestern for between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 feet of fir lumber for January delivery.

The amount to be needed by the railroad for repair work on bridges and cars will amount to about 125 carloads. The material will be moved to Huron, D. C., the line's concentration point.

During 1932 the railroad bought between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 feet of fir timber in Oregon.

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