

Buying Barbara

by Julia Cleft-Addams • Author of "YOU CAN'T MARRY"

SYNOPSIS: In five days Barbara Quentin is to marry Mark Loidly an artist, crippled and cruel too. Yet tonight Parrell Armitage tells her that he is determined to marry her, that Mark has postponed the wedding day for selfish reasons. A moment before they had ascribed a portrait of Lella Cans among Mark's effects—and Lella is wearing the beautiful Mark hat she gave Barbara. Barbara remembers her love for Mark, but at last offers to marry Parrell if he will use his great fortune to cure Mark and launch him on his career. Parrell refuses marriage on those terms.

Chapter 15

THE NEIGHBORS PEEK

HE JUST looked at her, marvelling. This is she...? Beyond question he knew her—she was the woman towards whose love he had been shaping since earliest years.

And there she sat, found at last, his destiny woven into the pearls she sat at her breast—there she sat and insulted him as grossly as he had ever been insulted; rated him lower than any man, woman or beast had ever rated him yet.

"You ignorant, conceited, lovely little fool!" he added; still in his most civil tones. "Barbara—doesn't the name mean a barbarian, a stranger? You are only a barbarian evidently, strange to the ways of real men and women. What a lot I am to teach you about life!"

saying to me. I hate you only because you have it in your power to give Mark health and happiness and fame.

"You actually have it in your power and instead of doing it you quibble and moralize about the nature of my love for him! I didn't know—I didn't dream that anything as ungenerous as you could exist!"

"Better and better! That's really a very good dig because it has shown me up to myself. I'm almost sorry that I can counter it."

"How?"

"By agreeing to do all those things for Mark."

She took an uncertain step backwards. He thought she awayed a little and he stood ready to catch her. She stared at him, her eyes wide and fixed.

"You mean that?"

"Certainly I mean it! Of course, I can't promise you health and success for him as if they were a penny's worth of candy. But I'll do my utmost. And you, in return—"

He passed and saw the terror darken in her eyes.

"No, no," he said gently. "You've lived too long among half-shadows and hidden meanings and lord knows what. Real life isn't a bit like that. . . . I want you, in return for my willingness to remodel Mark, to promise me that you won't marry him, well or ill, for a year at least."

"In a year, will he be well?"

"That's for the doctors to say; but probably in a year it will be clear what kind of a life can be made for him."

"For a moment she was silent; then she burst out passionately with:

"How can I understand you? After all you've said to me, how can I believe that you'll do these things for Mark? Whether they're successful or not, I shall marry him. What do you get?"

"You."

"I've told you—and told you—why should I want to marry you? Even?"

"Because when Mark's well, making money, enjoying himself, you'll be split-free. You'll be free to choose your man, and you'll choose me. I'm a sounder choice than even a rich, famous, cheerful Mark, and you'll know it."

"Never!"

"Well, will you give me that year?"

She did away, now, and he caught her. She lay against his shoulder for the second time that day and for the second time he laughed down at her.

"Give me that year?"

"Yes."

She made no effort to escape his arm and he quietly held her.

"Very well. And on Thursday I start work on Mark. And now I'll take you back to Kings Mallard."

He felt her shake her head.

"No. I want to stay here."

"As you please."

He drew the wooden chair towards him with his foot and lowered her into it. She sat as though oerest of strength; nevertheless, he thought there was a faint disappointment in the set of her lips and he laughed once more, but this time silently.

"As you please," he repeated. He stooped, picked up the emerald and held it out to her. When she drew violently away from it, he dropped it into his own pocket and, without any kind of farewell, he left her.

As he slammed the door of the odious little house behind him, he suspected that inquisitive curtains fluttered next door. He glared at them as he got back into the Devallet.

"Give 'em something to talk about," he muttered; he drew a rug over his knees, turned up his coat-collar and lit a cigarette.

Smoking, thinking, watching, he let the hours slip by. The lamp in the neighbor-house had long been extinguished, the moon had dropped behind the cathedral, but through the intervening faintness, Barbara's gleam came faintly out to him. Once he thought he heard her footsteps but he did not investigate. He kept his watch over her and believed that she knew it.

Between five and six o'clock he got out of the car, stamped briskly upon the stubs of his many cigarettes and drove quietly back to Kings Mallard.

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The Vicar stirs up the mud in his pond, tomorrow.

KLAMATH MAYOR PROMISES FIGHT TO GAIN OFFICE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 31. (AP)—When Mayor-elect W. E. Mahoney comes to Klamath Falls January 3 to claim office he will be flanked by Elton Watkins of Portland and Judge Adam Beeler of Seattle, his advisors, according to an announcement made today by J. R. Shaw, president of the Mahoney club.

The city council meeting Monday night is expected to bring the local majority situation to a climax. Mahoney, facing proceedings contesting his election on the grounds of ineligibility, also faces an injunction signed by Circuit Judge Orlando Corliss restraining him from taking office and restraining proper officials from accepting his oath. The mayor-elect has not been served with legal papers in either action, having remained out of the state since the outer proceedings were filed.

Glass and Byrd Not For Cabinet

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The News-Leader said today it had learned authoritatively that neither

F. R. UNAFRAID TO WIELD BIG STICK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Speaker Garner said at his press conference today that President-elect Roosevelt "is not afraid to take all the responsibility congress will give him" in connection with the Democratic plan to permit him to reorganize the government for economic reasons.

The vice-president-elect was asked if the Democrats "are going to give Mr. Roosevelt the powers of a dictator?" Garner replied: "Whatever power congress gives to the president, it can take away. That's in the constitution."

Garner said the Democrats would give their president broad authority to abolish bureaus, consolidate agencies and such other as was needed to effect economy.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—

The city council today resumed its deliberation on the question of issuing a revocable permit to the street car company here on August 1, 1933, within which to try out experimental fares before a new franchise is granted.

KIDDLE SEES LONG SESSION IN SALEM

LA GRANDE, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—La Grande's three legislators will be at Salem by Monday it was announced today. Senator Fred E. Kiddle, who will become president of the upper house, will leave here this evening. Senator Henry Heat will depart tomorrow morning and Representative Victor Eckley will go on Sunday.

All three are of the opinion the special session will require more than the allotted time and Kiddle said that he believes nothing can be accomplished in less than two weeks.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends for the kindness and sympathy extended us during our recent bereavement:

Mr. John Mann
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mann
and family.

Contracts let recently for construction of the bridges on Long Creek.

PORTLAND—Miss Kay Conser opened Kay's Book Shoppe at 3908 Sandy Blvd.

OAKLAND—Northwestern Turkey show held recently.

Technocracys Niche In Literary World Pondered By Scribe

SALEM, Dec. 31.—(AP) New fields of creative writing might open under an era of technocracy, a questionnaire column in the Oregon Statesman indicated here today.

Ralph Curtis, a newspaperman, voiced his reaction to technocracy thus: "Let me see—technocracy. Now that the machine is the thing instead of the man, I suppose the literature of the future will be on such subjects as 'The Mystery of the Dying Battery.'"

SALEM—Salem unit of North Pacific Nut Growers' association reported recently that 475 tons of walnuts and filberts passed through its warehouse doors this season, increase of more than 125 tons over last year.

ST. HELENS—Bids received for construction of signal building at Warrior, Rock light station, located on north end of Sauvie island, near this place.

PORTLAND—Italian Federal building, Fourth and Madison streets, being remodeled and will soon be occupied by DeMatina and Lavorato Italian restaurant.

MARSHFIELD—Pacific Typewriter Co. opened business in Cooks Bay National Bank building in quarters formerly occupied by Sterling Shoe Co.

PHILIPPINE BILL VETO EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A presidential veto for the Philippine independence bill passed Friday was forecast today by Senator Bingham (R. Conn.).

The head of the senate territories committee told newspapermen he feared President Hoover "could not sign the Philippine bill in view of the opposition of Secretaries Hurler and Stimson," but added that he hoped the chief executive would.

Bingham expressed the opinion that "if this bill is not made effective, a worse one will be passed next time because of the selfish interests in agriculture."

Calendar salesmen from out of town companies are canvassing the town now for 1934 calendars. Why buy now a year ahead of time, and from outside people who do not do anything to maintain home payrolls, when you can buy as nice calendars cheaper from home printers who will call on you later in the year. Resolve to patronize home industry during 1933, and start by helping maintain one of the largest payrolls in Medford—the printing.

Real Estate or Insurance—Leave it to Jones Phone 796.

Phone 542. We'll mail away your refuse City Sanitary Service.

GRUESOME FIND ON CITY'S DUMP

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The skin of a man's torso with enough flesh attached to it to give it a quarter of an inch thickness (and with both legs attached but with the head and one arm missing, was found early today at the incinerator plant of the city dump.

There were no marks of identification and employees at the dump said they had no knowledge of how it was delivered there.

Police and deputy sheriffs expressed the opinion the dead man was the victim of some skilled surgeon, possibly crazed, as there were three incisions in the skin that had been made with expert care. One was in the abdomen and two were in the groin. Stitches were found in the skin.

Edward Davis, a negro worker at the dump, made the gruesome discovery.

Ex-Navy Officer Leaps To Death

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Commander Harold Jones, 49, Tacoma, recently retired from the navy because of a nervous breakdown, leaped to his death from the fourth floor of the Knudsen hotel here early today. He was killed instantly.

By GLENN CHAFFIN and HAL FORREST

TAILSPIN TOMMY—On The Trail Of The Illusive \$20,000



BOUND TO WIN—No Need For Disguises



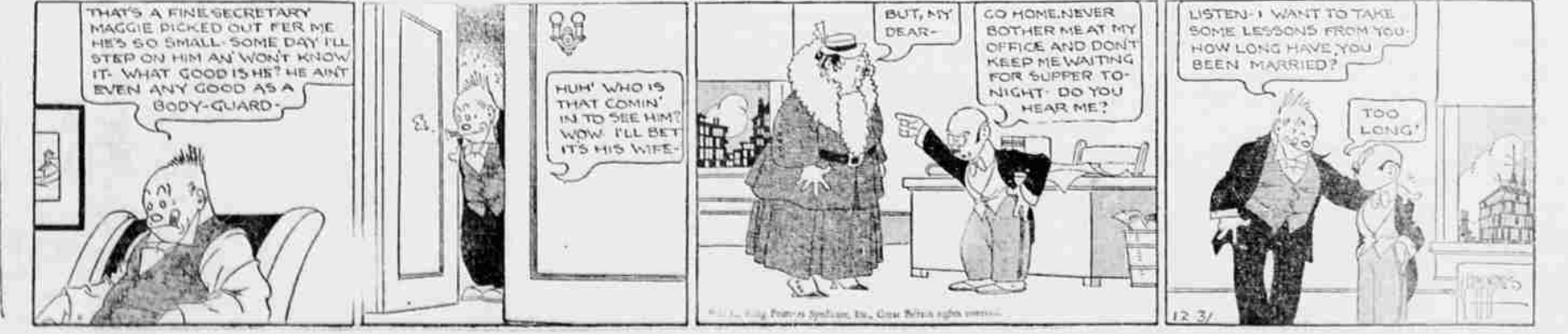
S'MATTER POP—Pop Weighs The Matter



THE NEBBS—Same Old Story



BRINGING UP FATHER



MARION TO LEVY NO PROPERTY TAX

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—Marion county will levy no property tax for state purposes in 1933, County Judge J. C. Selgund announced at the annual budget meeting here today.

The \$145,671 of state tax levied by the state tax commission will be paid out of the county's reserve fund for roads and highways, which shows a balance of \$350,000, and will not be spread upon the tax roll.

The court also announced that the cost of transporting school pupils would be reduced from \$40 to \$35 a pupil during the coming year.

FIR PRODUCTION SHOWS INCREASE

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A gain of 700 per cent in the production of 322 mills of the Douglas fir region was shown by a report to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending December 24, as compared to the previous week. The mills operated at 193 per cent of capacity, which also was a gain of 23 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.

Current new business, as reported by 217 of the mills, was 21.4 per cent of their weekly capacity, a considerable gain over the new business of the previous week, which was 18.6 per cent of capacity. Shipments for the week were 1.14 per cent under production.

Unfilled orders decreased 950,000 feet from the previous week and new export business dropped 6,497,000 feet. New domestic cargo orders dropped 8,104,000 feet but new rail business increased 1,059,000.

Production for the week was reported 49,864,643 feet, orders 49,892,312 and shipments 49,496,651.

Gandhi Release Rumor Is Spiked

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Reports from London that the vice-regent, the Earl of Willington, was to resign and the Mahatma Gandhi was to be released January 1 were described here today as "pure inventions."

Fender and body repairing. Prices right. Brill Sheet Metal Works.