

Buying Barbara

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SYNOPSIS: Mark Lodeley tells Barbara Quentin, his fiancee, that he has agreed to go to London on their wedding day, and Barbara counters with the information there will be no wedding for a year. She has bargained with the millionaire Farrell Armitage that he may have a year in which to cure Mark's crippled body and establish him as an artist—and make Barbara love Farrell. Lella Cane, whom Farrell would have married had not he fallen in love with Barbara at eight, is allied with Farrell.

Chapter 20 MEAT FOR GOSSIP

"The easel should, I think, stand head," pronounced Jacques Malavie, Ltd., "but that, naturally, will be a matter for the painter."

He fixed the easel and paced back, his head tilted, his tired eyes half-closed. He was a long, thin, rather dry-looking man, suggesting perhaps a professor of archaeology; but a domesticated one, who took his wife and children out to dig for arrow-heads every fine Sunday.

"That velvet screen is beautiful," said Farrell Armitage pleasantly. "You consider the general result satisfactory?"

"Entirely, thank you! You've done wonders, especially as the job didn't really give you much scope."



"Barbara told the vicar the marriage was postponed."

"Ah, no." He put Armitage's check carefully away in his pocket-book. "I thank you, Mr. Armitage. If you have no further commands, I will leave you."

Armitage had no further commands. He stayed where he was, big and intent in the middle of the gleaming room.

Under the great north light were all the fixtures which Malavie's had assumed the painter to need; round the recessed cabinets full of porcelain and bibelots, he had grouped low divans, heavy with velvet, dower-chests and the rough-hewn Warwick chairs that would meet more social requirements. There was, to Armitage's eyes, very little in the apartment to remind anyone of its previous character.

He was by the cabinets when the butler announced Lella. Armitage turned with a reluctance which he hoped she did not see.

"Your verdict is anxiously awaited," he said.

Lella nodded to him. She did not offer her hand—she had long ago announced that she loathed shaking hands; she must either nod or kiss, she said, and preferably kiss. . . . She peered round him, into the cabinet.

"Oh, Farrell! They're enchanting!"

The cabinet held a collection of dolls, minute and perfect. "Oestum" was represented here, each tiny waxen figure an example of its chosen period. The figure in Lella's hand was powdered, powdered, shod with exquisite red satin slippers no larger than holly-berries.

"They were Malavie's idea—he had the collection on his hands, and he thought they would have an appropriate setting here."

"Barbara would love her," she said, restoring the doll, and she flushed gratefully. Nice of her to realize that he had hoped that, too.

"But Mark will be quite insufferable about them all."

Armitage's flush deepened.

"Why? I thought they would be just the sort of thing he'd like. They're so fragile."

"Do you think of Mark Lodeley as a sword encased in frail flesh; and a beautiful moth broken upon the

wheel of want; and a mystic who would give his life's blood to interpret a truth to us?"

"Well, I shouldn't have put it quite so tersely, but that is, I suppose, the gist of my attitude towards him."

She threw up her hands, wringing them above her head in a mock despair that somehow conveyed genuine concern.

"I know he can be rather above himself," admitted Armitage cautiously. "Self-obsessed, no doubt, and therefore cruel." He kept his eyes upon her lest she should guess his memory of a portrait.

"Isn't that a result of his ill-health, though? If he were to be cured, if he could feel himself the physical equal of any man of his own weight—"

"He'd hit a bit harder below the belt, that's all."

Armitage realized that this was what he himself would like to prophesy.

"Why do you hate him?" he asked boldly.

She made no answer. She gazed at the little period dolls, the pretty sadness gone from her lips.

"Oh, I nearly forgot!" she exclaimed as they went down the stairs. "I brought Patsy Raoul with me—you know, she's starring

PROGRESS MADE BY AIR INDUSTRY YOUNG REPORTS

Forward Stride Is Shown in Scheduled Transportation During Last Year—Airways System Growing

By COL. CLARENCE M. YOUNG (Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Aeronautics)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The aeronautics industry progressed in many ways during 1932, particularly in the field of scheduled air transportation.

Preliminary estimates indicate that the air lines carried more than a half million passengers and exceeded the total for 1931; that air express gained over the 1,150,000 pounds transported in 1931; and that air mail has approached the total of 9,600,000 pounds carried the previous year.

In this development, the aeronautics branch was privileged to play a part, its work during the year including the following:

Air line pilots were examined for scheduled air transport ratings, certifying to knowledge of meteorology and air navigation and ability to fly

"blind" and utilize aeronautic radio.

Weather Maps Transmitted.

The federal airways system was increased to 19,500 miles of lighted and radio-equipped air routes by the 2000 miles authorized for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1932. In view of the need for governmental economy, no new airway construction now is being undertaken.

A system for transmission of weather maps six times daily over the teletypewriter circuits of the federal airways system was developed and placed in operation.

A photo-electric cell apparatus for switching beacon lights on whenever daylight falls below a predetermined intensity was adopted for a number of beacons.

New Beacon Lamp Developed.

A new and more powerful type of lamp was developed for the beacons.

A new type of radio marker beacon to assist pilots in locating departments of commerce intermediate landing fields under conditions of poor visibility, was developed.

Experimental work began in 1931 on the development of crash-resistant fuel tanks for aircraft was concluded.

Development work was completed on an air traffic control projector, for use in directing aircraft movements with red and green flashes.

How to Get Rid of Ants.

In eradicating house ants, spread gasoline, kerosene or disinfectant of carbon about the house. Since all of them are inflammable, rigid precautions must be taken to see that no fire is present. Keeping food supplies in closed metal containers also helps to drive them out.

Busy Hurrying Crowds, Bright Store Windows Lured Calvin Coolidge

By C. P. WILLIAMSON Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Busy hurrying crowds, brightly lighted shop windows and the bustle of swift traffic attracted and amused Calvin Coolidge as almost nothing else did.

While president, he found it easiest to cast aside the duties of office by a brisk before-dinner walk into the downtown shopping and business sections of the capital after the day's work was done.

Day after day his routine for the walk was little altered. The great front doors of the White House would be swung open. Walking so swiftly it was almost with difficulty that his secret service guard kept pace with him, the then chief executive would stride around the treasury building and into brightly lighted "R" street.

Rarely did he take friends with him, but Colonel Edward Starling of the secret service would fall in step beside him and speak only when spoken to.

Along the narrow thoroughfare he would walk with hands clasped behind his back. Sometimes a difficult problem bowed his head.

Most often, however, he sought out

the store windows and would stop—sometimes for minutes at a time—to see the displays. Frequently he would pause several nights in succession at the same window which had particularly interested him to view the display again.

The people with whom he liked to mingle often recognized him. Women would bow slightly and men would respectfully raise their hats. Often he passed on unnoticed.

"It's the president!" was the awestricken remark of many as he came face-to-face with them or stood quietly waiting for a traffic signal to change.

Once a bicycle policeman took it upon himself to ride ahead and see to it that the traffic signs were turned properly for the president, but Mr. Coolidge objected when he began to be an object of notice and the officer was thanked by the White House for his solicitude and asked not to do it again.

Once an automobile from a distant state drew hastily to the curb. A man leaped from it and started toward the president. The secret service men closed in. The motorist asked the president for directions to a well known hotel. Patently the chief executive traced the route for him

on the palm of his hand. Then to make sure the stranger would know the way, he traced it again.

Not knowing that he had received his directions from the president himself, the stranger drove off and the president mingled again with the crowd.

FUEL TAX DROPS FAR IN NOVEMBER

SALEM, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The loss of more than \$25,000 in fuel tax revenue for the month of November brought the total loss from this source for 11 months of 1932 to \$593,812, Hal E. Howe, secretary of state, reported today. Gasoline from January 1 to November 30 of the past year de-

creased 14,081,140 gallons, while distillate sales, with November showing the smallest November total since 1919, fell behind 879,459 gallons.

Motor vehicle fuel taxes for 11 months in 1932 totalled \$5,896,867.88 while for the same period in 1931 it was \$6,490,680.48.

Fuel sales reported by the various wholesale dealers operating in Oregon during November totalled 11,588,687 gallons of gasoline and 44,896 gallons of distillate.

Choose Curtains Carefully. WASHINGTON — Textures to be used together at the same window must be chosen carefully, says the Bureau of Home Economics. With cretonne drapes glass curtains or scrim, marquisette or linen gause are pleasing, but silks call for fine net, lace or silk gause.

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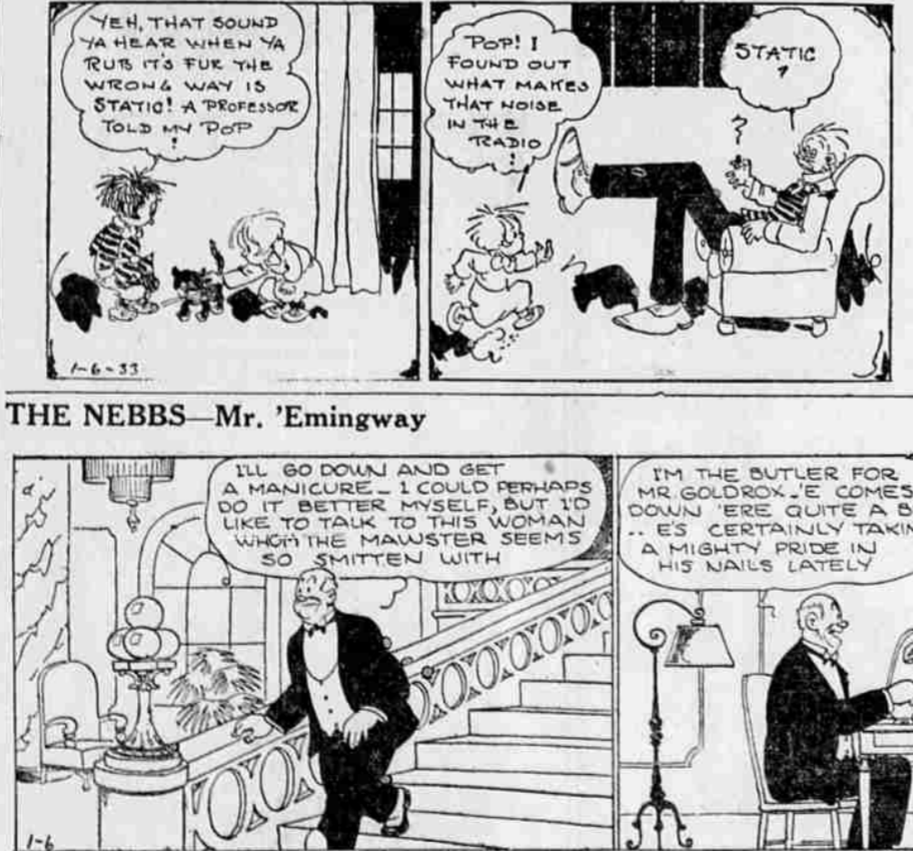
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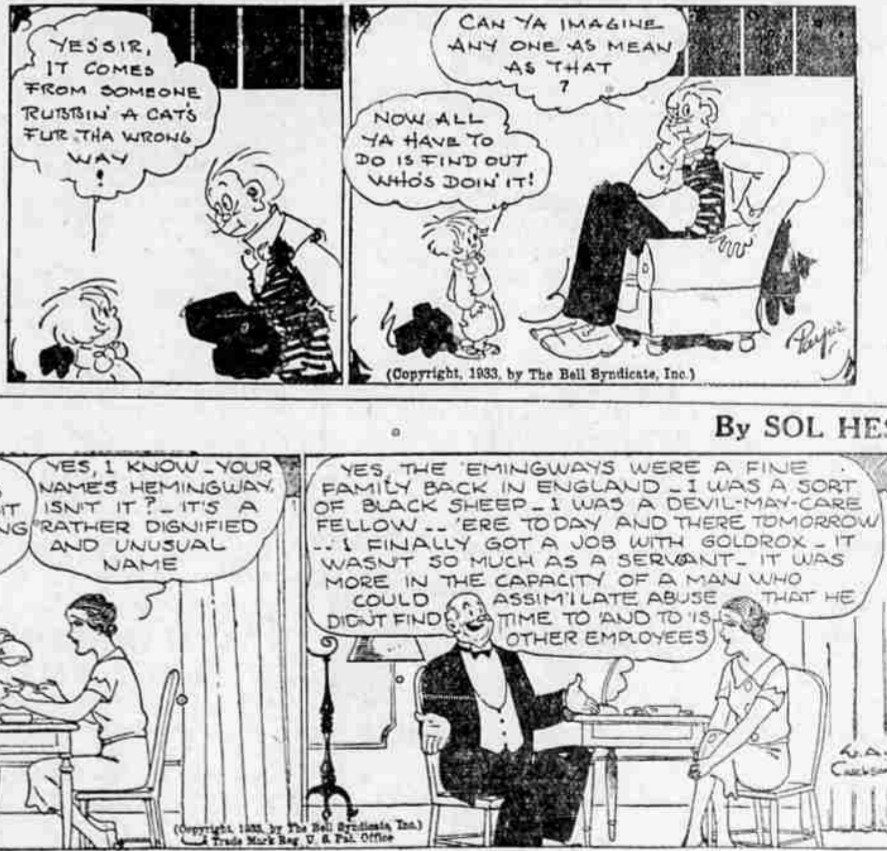
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BRINGING UP FATHER



NURSE PISTOLS MACEDONIAN RED ON HOSPITAL COT

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 5.—(AP)—The recent battle between rival Macedonian factions in front of the king's palace had a sensational aftermath last night when a hospital nurse attending Christo Trojanoff, who was wounded and captured after having fatally wounded the Editor Estimoff, drew a pistol and fired three shots into her patient, killing him.

This brings the number of deaths in connection with the attack on Estimoff to four, the others being a policeman, an employee of the war office and the editor himself.

Give Children Simple Parties.

Parties for children under six should be very simple and occur seldom. Above all, they should be very small, not more than three or four children, government child experts advise. Simple games played outdoors in a group, followed by a simple supper at the usual time make the best kind of party for little children.

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