# $ Buying Barbara

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*SYNOPSIS: Farrell Armitage is to devote all his effort to cure the crippled Mark Lodely and make him a successful artist, according to the bargain he has made with Mark's fiancée, Barbara Quentin. In return Barbara has put off her wedding a year. Farrell hopes to win Barbara's love in that time; Leila Cane, whom Farrell almost married, is aiding him—perhaps because of some past connection with Mark. Leila has brought the actress Patsy Raoul to witness Mark's arrival at Farrell's house. She asks Farrell if he is the painter.*

Chapter 21

THE LODELYS ARRIVE

ARMITAGE, taking a thin hand, looked down into an ugly face with no redeeming feature save its vivacity. Patsy Raoul was swarthy and snub-nosed, her eyes were small and her mouth large, all her features a little awry as though one-half of her face did not quite match the other. Armitage sensed a strong personality, whether hostile to his type or not he could not be sure.

"Do I look like the genius, Miss Raoul?"

"You do not—it. But then—me! I look like not anything but perhaps a gargle. Yes. As you may see them under an old church-roof. Yet I am a great, a unique genius who all I desire must have."

She flicked a finger and thumb at Farrell's two wire-haired terriers who responded with all the quiverings, nose-pushings and tail-rappings known to canine etiquette.

"Ah, Mr. Farrell Armitage, you will be dee-lighted these two to me [illegible] night?"

"Last night?"

"Farrell has probably never seen your act and ever more probably never will," put in Leila. She leaned in the doorway fatally smiling, very smooth and sleek and golden-brown. [illegible] dressed in a deeper red, but it was, strangely enough, her [illegible] Miss Raoul's [illegible] . . .

"Then, [illegible] the [illegible] to me [illegible]," [illegible] the actress. "If you will not pay to come to the theater you must pay because you came not."

Her ugly [illegible] from Armitage.

"Has anyone ever [illegible] you anything, Miss Raoul?"

"Yes, one. And he died."

"Then I am [illegible]"

Patsy Raoul's [illegible] with a quick [illegible] of movement she produced a card from her scarlet [illegible] pencil.

"A box for this night," she [illegible] scribbling vehemently upon the card. "Now, Mr. Farrell Armitage, I tell you somethings. If you see not me act I think you feel sorry of me. If you then give them [illegible], I shall think you feel sore of me. If you give me not anything I think you feel love of me. Well, brrrred man?"

What was she—French? German? No, Armitage thought neither. And she had certainly cornered him. . . . He put up his hands in surrender and she thrust the card into his breast-pocket.

"You won't make any impression on Farrell," said Leila. "I asked him to marry me only the other day and he refused."

"But I would not permit 'No' for him to say it!" cried Miss Raoul. "It is only that he has a little caprice—"

"At this juncture a merciful interruption saved our hero from the embarrassment that threatened to suffocate him," murmured Armitage, moving into the hall.

Through the glass panels on either side of the door he had seen the arrival of the Lodelys. His butler and a footman appeared, as by telepathy, from the back of the house, the door was opened and the chauffeur was observed assisting the squirrel fur of Mrs. Lodely to the pavement. Armitage ran down to meet her.

"It's really very nice of you to come at such short notice," he said. When she had done laughing he added, "Let Gaffen take your dressing-case. He'll see to all your luggage. Is your son with you?"

"You bet he is. Mark!" She shouted it over her shoulder, as though he were still in Kings Mallard. When there came no response whatever from the heap of rugs inside the sedan, she laughed again.

"The run has been a bit long for him, I daresay," she offered by way of explanation. "P'raps someone'll help him out."

At a nod from Armitage his servants approached the car and Armitage entered his house with the lady. She was in her noisiest mood. The introduction of Miss Raoul had to be effected *fortissimo*, and the actress' face was a study as she waited in vain for a lull in which to express her pleasure at the meeting. As for the terriers, they scuttled up the staircase and disappeared into the peaceful upper regions of the house.

"Got up with the early birds this mornin'," enthused Mrs. Lodely. "Always have to allow an extra hour for Mark, y'know, half an hour for his lameness and half an hour in case anything unexpected happens to him!"

Armitage felt Gaffen at his side.

"Mr. Lodely, sir, he doubts whether he can venture to move from the car without your assistance."

"Mine? Can't Michfield and Thomas tackle his weight between them?"

"Easily, I should have said, sir. Or I offered my own shoulder. But Mr. Lodely is quite insistent, sir, that no one but yourself shall touch him."

Armitage hesitated. His instinct was to ignore this whim, since it could be nothing more. Damned little egomaniac, he ought to be kicked! But, of course, one couldn't kick a cripple. On the physical plane, Armitage supposed one couldn't logically refuse a cripple anything.

Mrs. Lodely, hurling the small talk of her type at an appalled Miss Raoul, broke off to glance somewhat anxiously at the car. Armitage went down to it again.

"What's up, Lodely?"

He had put his head right into the sedan for only the faintest movement had come from his guest. At first Armitage, who was ready for a studied languor, arched eyebrows and a good deal of "temperament," was confused by the fact that Mark was not actually visible at all. Then the rugs moved again and Armitage, peering, found him prostrate upon the spacious cushions.

"Very unconvincing, isn't it?" murmured Mark. "But I'm afraid I really do get heart attacks from excitement; and I really do have to be lifted in a special way. Generally, Barbara supervises it."

Armitage, genuinely shocked by the white lips, the twitching eyelids and the panting breath, could only beg to be shown how this lifting was to be attempted.

Mark pantingly explained.

"But, of course, if you don't think you have the strength," he added. "I can just stay here until I'm able to move of myself. Then I shall only need someone to hold by crutch. One of your servants could manage that, I'm sure."

"Just clear this floor, Michfield, will you?" asked Farrell.

Mark was eased off the seat and disposed on a rug while Armitage walked round to his second position. Then came the real pull on his muscles. He succeeded mainly because he felt it was imperative that he should succeed. Slowly, like an overladen beast, with Mark's full weight upon him, he mounted the steps and carried Mark into the house.

"Brute force," he heard Mark murmur. "Women are supposed to admire it." Armitage looked at him sharply but Mark had apparently fainted.

Mrs. Lodely was insistent that no doctor need be summoned.

"He goes into these faints and he comes out of 'em again." She did not even moderate her tones over the patient's unconscious form. "If he feels a bit queer afterwards he might like a drop of brandy. D'you say you've got an elevator, Farrell?"

"Just like Mark," said Leila. Mark had been laid on a couch in the hall and she sat upon the edge of it. With an abrupt movement she pushed back a lock of hair that straggled over his forehead. Armitage saw that she was pale under her rouge. "Clever Mark!" she added, to no one in particular.

There was a moment's pause and then Mark violently sneezed.

"Ah, z-z-o!" Miss Raoul screeched out her mouth and then blew a second cloud of smoke into the pale face on the couch. "Sit!" she commanded brutally, as to a performing seal. "You are perhaps one day the genius here. I am already today it." And, as Mark opened resentful eyes—"No, you pree-tend even not so very well. You know that I am Patsy Raoul."

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Mark is entangled, tomorrow, in a first-rate quarrel.

# Land Seekers Continue Flood of Inquiries About Area Surrounding City

Land settlement inquiries continue to pour into the Medford chamber of commerce in spite of the depression and the letters indicate that there are many people in the world, who would like to live in the Rogue River valley, small tracts of land appear to be most desirable. Copies of the Mail Tribune, giving further information on resources and events here, have been sent to the following list of persons:

Dr. J. C. Tamiesie, 519½ Williams ave., Portland, Ore.

Richard Hoeme, box 351. Hooper, Okla. Carpenter by trade; would like to buy a small tract of land suitable for dairying and poultry raising.

R. D. Drummond, 5425 Percy street, Los Angeles, Calif. Would like one or two acres of land located on main highway with five to 10 cabins in good condition. Has five-room modern bungalow, large lot with pens for 200 chickens, all clear, present value $3500, which he would like to trade.

M. R. Russell, 373 West Wilson avenue, Glendale, Calif. Wants land that can be developed; would possibly consider homestead relinquishment. Must be reasonable in price.

Mrs. Chas. Joyner, box 333, Ventura, Calif., writes that several families are interested in locating on small farms; asked especially about cut-over lands that could be developed.

W. E. Ranhut, 1288 Ferry street, Salem, Ore.

Harold Groves, route 2, box 678, Astoria, Ore. Especially interested in farm or homestead relinquishments.

Chas. Dumke, box 14, Clarkston, Wash. Interested in either improved or unimproved five acre tracts.

J. L. Hatch, Pateros, Wash. Asks about poultry raising and stock raising; small general farm.

Floyd E. Packard, 830 Park street, Bellflower, Calif. Interested in diversified farming, dairying, and stock raising. Would like to know about improved and unimproved farms.

J. S. Nicholson, box 1, Waterford, Calif.

Roy A. Fisk, Joseph, Ore.

Harry S. Moir, 917 Bridge road, San Leandro, Calif. Wants about 25 acres suitable for general ranching, and good future. Two or three families are considering making a move, and might split a larger acreage if it were very attractive.

W. Pettis, Weaverville, Calif. Wants a small business; would consider something requiring $500 to $2000 investment, if the proposition is good.

William D. Young, 1840 Hamlin street, Seattle, Wash. Interested in good fruit orchard.

W. A. Quackenbass, 179 N. Michigan avenue, Pasadena, Calif. Wants to trade for improved farm land near Medford.

Victor Dangel, 968 Woods avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. Wants to buy 4 or 5 acres within four or five miles of city, with 5 or 6 room house.

Gorden L. Williams, box 692, Portola, Calif. Wants a place with considerable pasture for dairy ranch. Buy or lease.

George H. Deek, 610 South Sickel street, Los Angeles, Calif. Experienced in stock raising and dry farming; would like to lease a place already stocked and improved, on a share basis, if possible.

John R. Bouldin, 1347 Thirteenth street, Douglas, Arizona. Interested in small farm, 10-20 acres.

Oliver Jetty, box 766, Tillamook, Ore. Ranch with grazing possibilities.

S. M. Smith, route 1, Yuma, Ariz. Would like some small business.

Geo. Ville, 1337 Elm avenue, San Gabriel, Calif.

R. L. Walker, 300 W. Walnut street, Springfield, Mo. Small ranch having some fruits, and suitable for truck garden and poultry raising.

Wm. H. Clark, 4914 Tweedy Abbott boulevard, Southgate, Calif. Wishes to get in touch with someone having a small place, 5-10 acres, for lease on highway, with option to buy. Also has some friends who have places they would like to exchange for southern Oregon property.

M. F. Dietze, box 502, Lakeview, Ore.

C. E. Cooke, Medical Lake, Wash. Interested in buying ten or twelve acres suitable for raising poultry and home garden; improved or otherwise; must be reasonable in price.

Harral H. Yancey, 605 Fillmore, Taft, Calif. Wishes to exchange house and lot in suburb of Los Angeles for small farm near Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dillon, Kennewick, Wash. Interested in reasonably priced location suitable for turkeys.

M. Fred Howe, box 111, Brownsville, Texas. Would like unimproved location which could be developed into good producing farm; soil must be good. Terms must be reasonable. Would consider buying homestead relinquishment, if location good.

M. L. Bowser, 705 S. Essex street, Compton, Calif. Interested in buying a small farm.

Gerald Clayton, Elko, Nev. Cut-over tracts or unimproved land that can be profitably developed.

Ralph K. Aniba, 146 East Colden street, Los Angeles, Calif. Unimproved land.

E. B. Benson, 28 North K street, Madera, Calif. Small lunch counter and doughnut business.

J. C. Bromley, Fall Creek, Ore.

Iral C. Nelson, box 244, Weiser, Idaho.

A. W. True, Hotel True, Center, Colo.

D. Kinahan, Craig, Moffat county, Colo.

V. W. Hale, 138 North Summit street, Prescott, Ariz.

Lewis H. Drake, 3112 Columbus avenue, Royal Oak, Mich.

M. H. Crabtree, Conde, South Dakota.

A. A. Bernard, care The Henley-Kimball company, Manchester, N. H., 40 Merrimack street.

Robert Harrison, 1833 Main street, Baker, Ore.

Wm. Kern, Otisco, Clark county, Indiana.

Chas. F. Bromaghim, Arnegard, North Dakota.

H. Hohensee, 292, Eleventh avenue, Long Island City, N. Y.

Joseph Heins, 1303 Lagoon avenue, Wilmington, Calif.

O. R. Jackson, Webb School, Claremont, Calif.

R. L. VanNatta, 687 Chester avenue, Elgin, Ill.

Dolph Cain, 5915 Seville avenue, Huntington Park, Calif.

Sidney Park, Solano Beach, Calif.

L. G. Whitehorn, box 203, Bolivar, Mo.

Clyde E. Knott, 117 South Thirty-eighth street, Omaha, Neb.

Carl A. Gustafson, box 244, Boone, Iowa.

L. D. Robinson, 133 Burbank boulevard, Burbank, Calif.

Ralph R. Young, route 1, box 128, Goble, Ore.

Tom M. Smith, Keota, Iowa.

D. Camomile, 960 Yale avenue, Salt Lake City, Utah.

F. S. Bourne, box 293, North Sacramento, Calif.

Dr. E. R. Harrison, 3321 Griffith Park boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.

P. A. McNeel, Cortez, Colo.

L. E. Clarke, 725 Acacia street, East San Gabriel, Calif.

J. S. Nicholson, box 1, Waterford, Calif.

Interested in general farming and dairying—V. W. West, Strasburg, Colo.; C. O. Fredrickson, Bennett, Colo.; J. Wayne Sibley, Byers, Colo.; John Zybach, Strasburg, Colo.; T. E. Miller, Strasburg, Colo.

H. M. Overton, 230 North Olive street, Burbank, Calif.

F. S. Eby, 322 Lee building, Kansas City, Mo. Wants small farm home in this valley.

H. N. Burton, Las Couces, New Mexico.

Forrest C. Foll, Yuma, Colo.

T. Adamack, 23 N. W. 63d avenue, West Duluth, Minn.

Mrs. S. L. Elliott, 816 Simmeons street, Hillsboro, Ore.

P. Harrison, 130 Pomona avenue, Long Beach, Calif.

W. T. Thompson, 509 East Second street, Tuscon, Ariz.

Mrs. Chas. Joyner, box 333, Ventura, Calif. Would like small farm home; 5 to 10 acres; cut over land might suit, or unimproved tract if price is right and if soil is good.

Mrs. C. H. Merritt, Selah, Wash., route 1. Interested in buying a small chicken or fruit ranch, or general farm.

T. A. Telfer, 2434 Fourth street, Ocean Park, Calif.

Mrs. Nellie Codden, 705 North Mitchell street, Cadillac, Mich.

Mrs. C. M. Turner, Gen. Del., Stockton, Calif.

Frank L. Tinker, 420 West Territorial Road, Battle Creek, Mich.

E. G. Wilson, Canary, Ore. Would like to rent farm on crop payment with option of buying; would like place where he could keep several cows.

Robert A. Ross, box 33, Tarpon Springs, Florida.

D. B. Hoffman, 410 East Seventy-ninth street, Los Angeles, Calif. Would like ranch of forty or more acres, at a price between $2500-$3000.

J. W. Gheer, Hagerman, New Mexico. Wants dairy and poultry ranch.

E. J. Myers, 1025 South Kingsley Drive, Los Angeles, Calif. Would like to have information and places from 10 acres to 160 acres.

M. J. Broun, 4627 Twelfth street, Rock Island, Ill. Interested in small ranch suitable for raising turkeys and poultry.

S. G. Downs, care W. H. Wyckoff company, 2627 Seminary avenue, Oakland, Calif. Has client who wishes to exchange a very nice home for a home in Medford in the near future.

Otto A. Van Hise, 115 South Valmein, Burbank, Calif.

A. W. Hibbs, 183 Ardmore Road, Berkeley, Calif.

Jere R. Scott, box 113, Wasco, Calif.

L. B. Self, 466 East Morrison street, Portland, Ore.

F. A. Russell, 314 North F street, Porterville, Calif.

James A. Burr, 208 Strand, Redondo Beach, Calif.

F. D. Murray, 4036 Elm avenue, Long Beach, Calif.

Wm. Berlin, Berlin Dental Laboratories, Los Angeles, Calif.

George T. Pierce, Gen. Del., Polytechnic, Fort Worth, Texas.

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