

# GREAT RICHES

by Mitchell Howe Farnham

**SYNOPSIS:** Being James Simons, III, of New Concord, Ore., a considerable distinction especially since the death of his grandparents has made the boy head of his family. But James believes that their death has also robbed him of his faith in a conservative God. Judge Holcomb, his good friend, is explaining a similar situation to his own youth to the boy.

## Chapter Seven HOPE AGAIN

"AND you went on believing in God?" asked James. "In a pitying God?"

"I went on hating Him," the Judge said. "I strutted around hating Him like a pompous little bantam cock. It gave me an enormous satisfaction. I can tell you."

"And then what?" James asked, interested.

"Then I grew up and realized I was a confounded ass and that my picaresque nates and despair mattered no more to the Almighty than the love affairs of a louse mattered to me. It was highly unpleasant, but extremely educational. I've never been much more than ace high in my own estimation since."

James laughed. He said shyly: "It was kind of you to tell me. But I don't hate God. I just don't believe in Him or in a Hereafter. I think men just

Remember that nothing is or can be wasted. The best of the old gentleman may be changed, undoubtedly is changed beyond human understanding, but damn it boy what does that matter? It cannot be lost."

James went home whistling, head thrown back, arms swinging free. The black hound of despair which for weeks had dogged his footsteps had proved but a shadow after all. James laughed aloud from sheer relief. At least he had a hope, more than a hope. After all he might cheat the grave. He might go on somehow.

He was too excited that night to eat his dinner and Aunt Sarah suggested a dose of castor oil. Castor oil? How like a woman! He teased her into cheerfulness. It was their first cheerful evening since his grandmother died. Later he lay asleep in bed watching the stars.

It had been planned the summer before his grandfather was injured that James should go East to school that September to prepare for college but that project was, of course, abandoned when it became evident that he would be needed at home.

But the following Spring when there were only the two of them to be considered, his Aunt Sarah, out of a clear sky, decided that she was being selfish and standing in James'



made him up because they couldn't bear not to."

"There are a lot of arguments I might give you, but you probably know most of them. Here's the best one, one I got hold of a thousand years ago and leached onto and never let go."

He leaned over the desk, tore a sheet off a pad, held it over Lulu's black and crimson beak and lighted it, letting the ash fall into the tray.

Speaking slowly and authoritatively the Judge went on to explain the law of physics that nothing in or on or under this earth can be lost or done away with, only changed as the paper had changed under their eyes to gases and ash, but never by any possibility blotted out or annihilated—a common place to any but a school boy.

To James it was both new and revolutionary. With his quick intelligence he grasped it instantly and a God-given hope sprang to life in his heart. If even his flesh could only be changed into its original elements would his intelligence, his personality change in some unimaginable manner, but still survive? Unaccountably he did not like to ask the Judge.

"BUT how about goodness and honor and intangibles like that?" he finally questioned.

"I believe that the things of the spirit must go on. They are stronger, more powerful than organic matter. The faith that moves mountains, builds cathedrals. I am certain that they are not lost, though I am not wise enough with my finite mind to understand how. Your grandfather, for instance, was an inspiration to everyone who knew him well. Never doubt my boy that though we cannot see it or touch it that inspiration is still here, all about us."

"But his personality? Grandfather himself?"

"His personality was your granddaddy. His worn-out body was no more the Governor than the arm he lost in the Civil War. Hang onto that."

way. Nothing would satisfy her but that he should be sent off to preparatory school immediately.

Consequently he entered after the Easter vacation, which is the worst possible time for even the most cash-hardened and experienced old timer to enter a new school. Others of his age and condition, who have enrolled as a class in the autumn, have been long before this whipped more or less into shape and their more evident crassness and differentness ironed relentlessly out.

Moreover, by Easter the upper and lower classes are apt to be bored and eager for entertainment. James during his first term and at great hurt to his dignity, furnished rare entertainment.

It is no easy thing for one who has been from his birth a personage to adjust himself to the twinkling of an eye to a position of monumental obscurity such as James occupied in his new environment. The only preparation he had had for his changed estate came from Judge Holcomb who had taken him aside before he left home and given him what he considered the most price less advice.

"You'll feel at first like a pup shut outside in the dark whining to get in to the fire," warned the Judge.

"I suppose so," said James. "but I'll try not to whine."

"I'm not afraid of that. But you'll be so doggedly lonesome for a while you'll be willing to throw your arms about the neck of the first young whelp who so much as notices your existence or gives you a casual good morning. I know I went through it all myself."

"Don't be in any rush to play Damon to the first Pythias who asks you. Look around. Feel your way. You won't have the slightest trouble in taking your proper place. If you don't get swamped at the beginning with a lot of left-overs nobody else will associate with."

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Tomorrow, school proves a cross which James bears with some diff. results.

## LAMSON'S TRYSTS IN HOTEL KNOWN

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 23.—(AP)—The state prepared today to press for rapid completion of its case against David Lamson, accused of slugging his wife to death, when his second trial resumes on Monday after the week-end recess.

Members of the prosecution staff hoped they would be able to wind up their side of the evidence by Monday or Tuesday with the calling of two more expert witnesses, Drs. A. M. Moody and Jesse Carr of San Francisco.

They made no mention of plans to call Mrs. Sara Kelley, Sacramento divorcee, to whom they allege Lamson was attentive.

It was made known, however, the state has possession of a San Francisco hotel register by which it may attempt to show Lamson kept trysts with Mrs. B. Leonard.

Lamson's life time porcelain finish is particularly easy to keep spotlessly clean due to the fact that it is acid-resisting and is not impaired by grease.

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## Gable and Colbert at Studio



Motion picture fans who have been waiting with keen delight for the local showing of "It Happened One Night," the romantic screen comedy co-starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert, will be appeased with the news that the film opens today at the Studio theater for a 4 day run.

Gable, today, is undoubtedly the most masculine stellar figure on the screen.

refrigeration service; fast freezing, frozen storage, extra cold storage, moist storage and normal storage—all in the same cabinet, according to Morris B. Leonard.

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Bottle Aided Mother Pig ANACORTES, Wash. (UP)—Crop reduction days are over, decided a matronly hog owned by William Symonds. So she gave birth to 17 youngsters. Symonds supplemented their diet with bottle fare. The sow provided table room for only 13.

Home portraits of family groups and children at Special Prices Shangle Studio, Phone 1508.

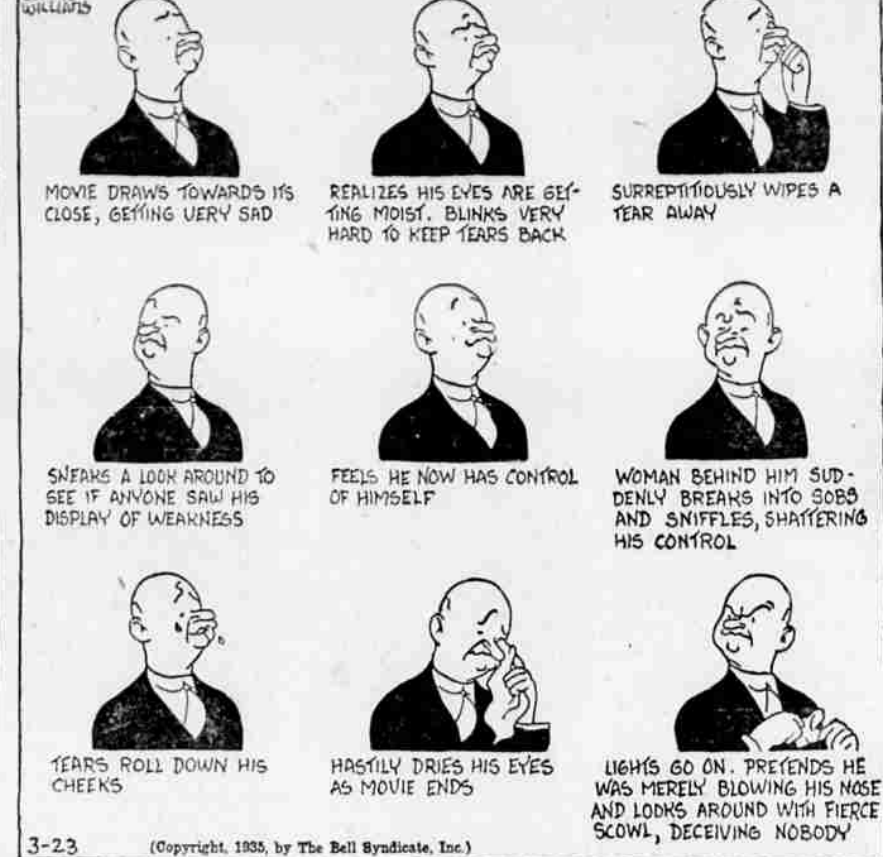
## 1935 Frigidaires Displayed Here By Leonard Electric

All sizes of gleaming white, roomy Frigidaire refrigerators for 1935 are now on display at the Leonard Electric store in the Holly theatre building, and the outstanding feature of the new models is the "Super Freezer."

The exclusive Frigidaire super freezer makes possible a complete

## MAN'S EMOTIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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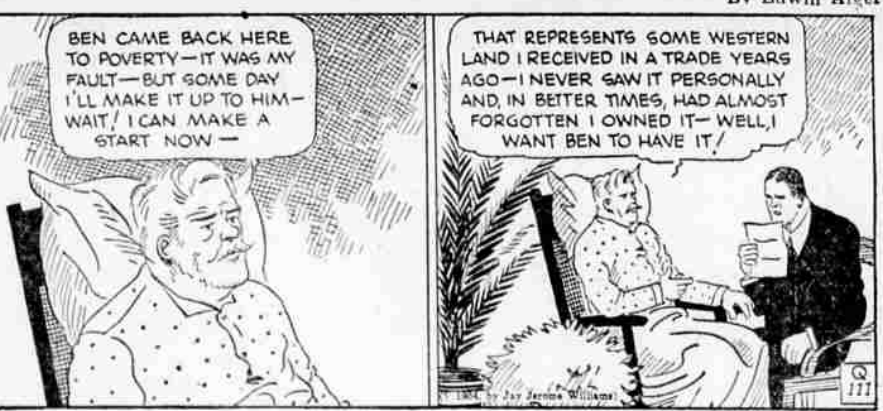
## SMATTER POP—



## TAILSPIN TOMMY—Li Lib Appoints His Cabinet!



## BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Uncle Nat's Gift



## THE NEBBS—Lucky Girl



## BRINGING UP FATHER



## Carlson's Orchestra Here Again April 3

By popular demand by many who heard him at the Elks temple in the highly successful Elks New Year's eve dance, and others who were turned away, Merle Carlson and his 12-piece Columbia Broadcasting orchestra will be brought to Medford again, in a spring dance at Oriental Gardens Wednesday night, April 3. Bob Strang has secured the entertainers and will sponsor the dance.

In anticipation of a large crowd the Oriental Gardens was secured to assure utmost enjoyment of the music. Merle Carlson is returning from Seattle, where he was engaged for four weeks at the Olympia hotel, and where he played for the governor's ball.

The orchestra is a versatile entertainment group that "turns out" what is selected the best music ever brought to Medford. Pettie Pauline Byrns of Seattle has been secured recently as a popular addition to the orchestra and is the featured vocalist.

Besides melodious waltzes, fox-trots and novelty numbers, the organization has a trio of voices, a

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estation, but several suggestions are now being offered.

One is that it be held on the White House lawn so as to save long distance telephone charges, which always run up when a president runs his renominating campaign from the executive mansion. Also, the secret service could keep busy long out.

Your watch repairing will receive my personal attention. Johnson the Jeweler.

