

# THE WORLD WITH A FENCE

A New Novel by Marian Sims

**SYNOPSIS:** Carol Torrance feels a little better about her sudden decision to teach school in Ashboro, Ore., since she has met her fellow teacher, Ellen Sands, and seen Don Taylor, the town bookkeeper. The Sunday afternoon before school opens Ben takes Carol to play golf, and releases her apprehensions about the morning to come, when she must face her classes for the first time. But Carol does not intend to teach school forever.

### Chapter Seven

**THE CAT**

AFTER supper she and Ellen walked lazily home. "What'll we do tonight?" Ellen demanded. "Go to church?" "What—again?" "Well, there doesn't seem to be much else."

There didn't. "All right. But I don't want 'em to think I'm establishing any precedents."

Only a handful at church tonight. Another neat little sermon that was slightly more informal than that of the morning. Mr. Hudson was there again and they encountered him on the steps, talking to an incredibly old woman. His beam was even brighter.

"Well, well! You're starting the week right, I see."

Carol twinkled outrageously at

members of the football squad. One of them suggested a gorilla, black and unshaven and slightly stooped, walking noiselessly on his toes, with a springy, catlike tread. Two others were nondescript and the fourth was the most beautiful male she had ever seen.

The fourth boy quietly took a seat in the front row, directly in front of her. There were two vacant seats on the outer aisle, next to the open windows, and the other three broke and ran for them. There ensued a swift, silent struggle.

Carol watched them for an instant in silent astonishment. There was a minor crisis here: she knew it from the bright, interested stare with which the class was favoring her. The windows were too high to afford a view of the world outside, so why that primeval struggle? She looked at the boys quietly and intently, and the boys shuffled a little and grinned placatingly.

And then she had it. One of the gorilla's cheeks was distended, as if he had a toothache.

She followed her intuition, hoping desperately that it was right.

"What is your name, please?" He stammered: "Bill Vandell."

"Then, Mr. Vandell," the formal courtesy had the sting of a very fine wife, "I'll excuse you and your friends long enough for you to—get



Carol faced her first class.

him. "I told Ellen, though, that I wasn't establishing any precedents."

He laughed heartily and introduced the old woman. "This is Mrs. Taylor. She lives next door to you."

They were, Carol and Ellen said politely, delighted to meet her; exhilarated at the idea of being neighbors. The old woman hardly waited to acknowledge the introduction before she looked at Mr. Hudson.

"What do you think of your teachers playing golf on Sunday?" she demanded, with a contortion that was intended for a smile.

A crimson rage shook Carol. She looked quickly at Mr. Hudson and saw his face empty itself; become bland and vacant. He said placatingly: "Can I drive you home, Mrs. Taylor?"

Mrs. Taylor looked surprised, but not disconcerted. Mr. and Mrs. Hamm had brought her, she said; she guessed they were waiting for her now.

When she had gone Carol turned to Mr. Hudson. "I could hug you for that!" she said, and his eyes danced. Then she sobered. "I didn't dream the retribution would be so swift. I won't play again if you say so."

His face became thoughtful. "No. You go on and I'll see what happens. Nobody could please her we'll wait till the protest is more general." He nodded, almost paternally, and turned away.

As they left the church Carol realized that Ellen was shaking with laughter.

ON Tuesday morning Carol faced her first class. Monday's session had been brief, devoted to registration, arranging schedules, handing out book lists. Today there would be a half time schedule: twenty minutes to each period.

The class was American History and the students were seniors. She eyed them speculatively, and the class eyed her with mingled relief and curiosity. Relief because she was young and pretty; curiosity because they wondered how much they could get by with.

The door opened and four youths entered, swaggering a little. They looked like men, but Carol recognized them from their bearing as

Carol's "magnificent boy" talks to her, tomorrow.

## TWO ARRESTED ON GUN PLAY CHARGE

COQUILLE, Ore., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Charges of kidnaping filed by a state

police officer held Ted DeSpain of Wichita, Kas., and Harlow Thompson of Crescent City, Calif., in the county jail today in lieu of bail of \$10,000 each.

DeSpain was accused of holding Chief of Police George Sorenson of North Bend at bay while he took Ruby Dunham from a hotel there.

Sorenson said he was summoned to the hotel on a report of trouble and was accosted by DeSpain, who ordered the woman to pack.

At the point of a revolver, the chief said DeSpain forced him outside the hotel. There DeSpain and the woman entered an automobile driven by Thompson and fled. DeSpain warning him to say nothing, the chief asserted.

Sorenson notified state police, who stopped the machine a few minutes later near Marshfield. Officers said DeSpain leveled a revolver at them but the woman and Thompson seized it.

## STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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**LOUIS CHIRON—daring European racing driver, DID NOT HAVE A SINGLE ACCIDENT IN THE FIRST 9 YEARS OF HIS CAREER—1923-1932**

**A QUINTUPLET IS A 5-PASSENGER BICYCLE...**

**THE SOUTHERN CROSS WAS VISIBLE OVER THE HOLY LAND AT THE TIME OF CHRIST—AND WILL BE AGAIN ABOUT THE YEAR 10,000**

**DELAWARE SUPPLIED MORE FIGHTING MEN FOR THE CIVIL WAR UNION ARMY THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN PROPORTION TO POPULATION, YET NEVER RATIFIED THE U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ABOLISHING SLAVERY!**

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**Southern Cross.**

Strange as it seems, the Southern Cross was visible over Palestine at the time of Christ, according to Dr. Dinamore Altier, director of the Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles, the formation could be seen from any point as far north as 36 degrees north latitude.

Strangely, too, the northern stars were visible in a large section of the southern hemisphere. The change in position of these stars as observed from the earth is due to the motion of the earth known as "precession." This causes the earth's axis to describe a cone around a line perpendicular to its annual path. It requires about 25,800 years to complete this cone.

According to computations on the Griffith Observatory planetarium, the Southern Cross will again be visible over Palestine shortly before the year 10,000. At present it can be seen only from places south of 26 degrees north latitude.

**Civil War Delaware.**

About one-fourth of the entire male population of Delaware fought in the Civil War. Of these, a few hundred cast their lot with the south, but at least a fifth of the men of Delaware enlisted with the armies of the north.

Yet, oddly enough, the state of Delaware was not among the ratifiers of the 13th Amendment to the United States Constitution which abolished slavery in the nation.

Contrary to popular belief, Abraham Lincoln's famous emancipation proclamation didn't free a single slave in the United States! It gave freedom only to "slaves within any state, or designated part of a state, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States." Slaves in parts of the confederacy that were held by union troops at the time of the issuance of the proclamation, January 1, 1863, and slaves in the four slave-holding states which did not secede were not freed until the ratification of the 13th Amendment.

Tomorrow: Mutiny Port.

**BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Instructions**

I THINK WE SCARED THE OLD WOMAN AN' THE KID AWAY—ANYHOW THEY'VE LEFT—AN' WE'VE GOT THE TWO SERVANTS HOG-TIED, BUT—

—WITH THE ALBATROSS COMIN' ALONG IN TWO HOURS, WE'D BE CRACKPOTS IF WE TOOK ANY CHANCES—SO—

YOU, PASTY, TAKE THE SMOKEHOUSE, AN' YOU, GUG, TAKE THE MANSION—IF YOU BUMP INTO ANYONE, GIVE 'EM THE WORKS!

I THINK WE'D BETTER SEPARATE, BEN—

WELL, I DON'T KNOW, MRS. MONTROSE—YOU WAIT HERE, THOUGH, WHILE BRIAR AND I TAKE A SQUINT AT THE SMOKEHOUSE.

**THE NEBBS—No Use**

HERE'S NEBB'S BROTHER-IN-LAW'S BREAKFAST HE ORDERED MORE BUT THIS IS ALL HE GETS

WHY ME ALL THE TIME?

IF A DIME EVER GOT PAST HIS FINGERS, IT WOULD BE SO SMOOTH YOU COULDN'T PASS IT!

HE AIN'T GOT A DIME—WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'S DOWN HERE? IF HE HAD DOUGH HE'D NEVER COME HERE

YOU'RE TELLING ME! I NEVER SENT OUT A MORE DECISIVE HINT FOR A TIP—I HEMMED AND HAWED AND ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYTHING ELSE I COULD DO AND HE SAID IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE HERE AWHILE, TAKE A QUART AND MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE

## "ALL ABOARD!" By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



**HEARS ANNOUNCER CALL TRAIN, CHECKS OVER FAMILY TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE ALL THERE, AND STARTS FOR GATE**

**HALFWAY, DISCOVERS GUY LITTLE ELMER IS MISSING**

**HURRIES BACK AND FINDS ELMER ENGROSSSED IN WATCHING A TRAVELER TRYING TO MANAGE TWO DOES AND A CAT**

**REDDING FAMILY WITH ELMER, LEARNING THAT WIFE HAS SENT MARGOLD TO ASK IF THAT IS SURELY THE RIGHT TRAIN**

**SENDS ALBERT TO TELL HER NOT TO BOTHER. MARGOLD WANDERS BACK PRESENTLY, BUT ALBERT REMAINS MISSING**

**DISCOVERS ALBERT WAVING FROM OTHER SIDE OF GATE, AND WHOLE FAMILY SURGES FORWARD**

**PASSES FAMILY THROUGH GATE, BUT HAS TO STOP HIMSELF TO PRODUCE TICKETS**

**GETS THROUGH GATE AT LAST AND RACES DOWN PLATFORM JUST AS FAMILY IS ABOUT TO DISPERSE TO SEARCH FOR HIM**

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## S'MATTER POP—By C. M. PAYNE



**TELL THE MAN I'M NOT IN**

**YESSIR**

**THE MAN SAYS, OKAY, AN' TO TELL YA HE DIDN'T CALL**

**NOW, IS IT YOUR TURN TO SAY SUMTHIN', POP?**

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## ANCIENT ARROW HEADS FOUND IN NEW MEXICO

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 20.—(AP)—Archaeologists under the direction of Dr. Edgar B. Howard have uncovered evidence of an ancient unutilized people in a prehistoric lake bed near Clovis, New Mexico, the University of Pennsylvania museum said today.

Dr. J. Alden Mason of the museum said Dr. Howard's discoveries dated back "possibly very close to the glacial period."

He said that the actual time in years was a matter for geologists, but that "expert estimates placed the date approximately 8,000 to 10,000 years ago."

The specimens uncovered at Clovis were those of a "very ancient unutilized hunting people who lived in New Mexico and Arizona."

## LIBERALS WILL SHUN LEMKE AND COUGHLIN

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 20.—(AP)—Liberal leaders of Wisconsin and Minnesota turned their attention today toward formation of a national farmer-labor party in 1940.

In a conference they agreed the time was not ripe for a new party movement this year and decided to have nothing to do with the Union party of Congressman William Lemke, North Dakota, and Father Charles Coughlin, Detroit radio priest.

Although some of the leaders voiced sentiment for support of President Roosevelt, to avoid splitting the liberal vote, the two groups decided that as a body they would withhold endorsement of any specific candidate.

## By SOL HESS



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