

The Boxwood Barrier

By BLANCHE SMITH FERGUSON

The Story So Far: The safe world of the Maryland Goodloes has crashed. Their securities are worthless, and Judith Goodloe is heartbroken because Gary Brent, the man she loves, has gone out west. Reuben Oliver, injured when thrown from his horse, is an unwanted guest. A self-made millionaire, Reuben offers Judith's grandmother a loan, and is cruelly snubbed. With hatred in his heart Reuben stumbles into the garden.

Chapter 13

A Bargain

REUBEN did not see Judith until it was too late to retreat. In scarlet swim suit, she was seated upon the edge of the pool, slim brown feet in the water. She saw him first. Noticed his stormy face, and asked on a breathless note: "What has happened, Mr. Oliver?"

When he did not answer she rushed on to a fear that had ragged at her heart since his coming: "Has my brother been trying to borrow money from you?"

"On the contrary, your grandmother has refused a loan. In sheer relief Judith laughed: "One can always bet on Gran! A refusal to accept money shouldn't make you look so murderous."

"I've never been insulted be-

me?" angrily. "Suppose—Gran is only human—suppose she had let you?"

"I wish she had. You see, I'm with a blending of pride and humility, 'love you.' He wondered how he ever dared to say it. "Oh!" The heat of a thousand furnaces burned in her face.

He said proudly: "I suppose that is the crowning insult!" "Gran would think so, but— She was seized with a strange trembling. She sank down on the grass—"But—I—!" She covered her face with her hands.

Never had he felt so utter, inadequate. He had conquered life, risen to undreamed of heights by the sheer force of his will—but he stood by helpless—a bit scared—

He wondered what a man of her own world would have done under the circumstances.

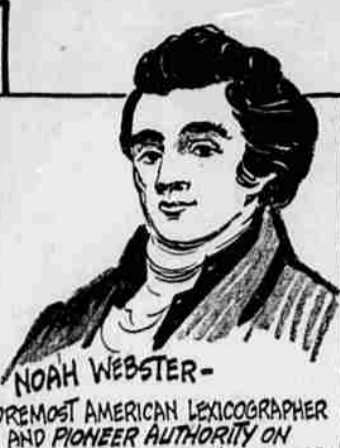
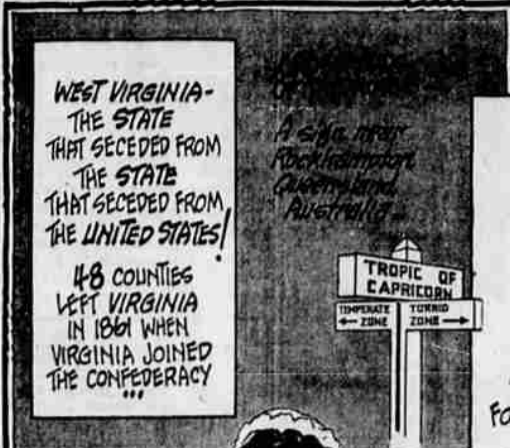
And suddenly he knew that a man of her world would not have forced a situation of this sort. He would have acted more circumspectly and with finesse—through a lawyer maybe—avoided anything that savored of bestowing a favor or paying a debt.

He said with a humility that sat strangely upon him: "I'm sorry, Miss Goodloe. Everything I say and do seems to be wrong. I don't belong here. I'm going."

"Wait—please." Gary hadn't loved her. This man did. It was a sop to her pride.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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NOAH WEBSTER—
FOREMOST AMERICAN LEXICOGRAPHER AND PIONEER AUTHORITY ON CORRECT ENGLISH, WAS AN ADVOCATE OF PHONETIC SPELLING!

THE WOMAN WHO NEVER CHANGED HER MIND!
MRS. ANNA MELLERUP—Walnut Creek, Cal., FOR 54 YEARS HAS WORN THE SAME STYLE DRESS, CUT ON THE SAME PATTERN FROM THE SAME CHECKERED MATERIAL! SHE STITCHED THEM ALL ON THE SAME SEWING MACHINE!!!

Same Pattern for 54 Years
The checkered dress Mrs. Anna Mellerup of Walnut Creek, Calif., wears today at 82 is patterned exactly after the one she made back in 1884, when she was still in her twenties.

In spite of the general admission that it is a woman's privilege to change her mind, Mrs. Mellerup has stuck faithfully to the same checkered dress pattern.

Styles have changed many times since 1884, but the becoming full skirt, tight waist and full sleeves of that first checkered dress have never been changed through the years, even to the slightest alteration.

Whenever she goes to church on Sundays, a special dress is worn by

Mrs. Mellerup—but it looks exactly like all the others of her wardrobe. In the illustration above, she is shown as she posed in one of her checkered dresses in her youth.

All sewn on the same machine, her dresses each have been made of from five to seven yards of material, the skirts four yards around.

Succession of Secessions
From the earliest times, Virginia's eastern and western sections were politically, economically and socially at odds. Western Virginia was democratic, eastern Virginia aristocratic.

Older than the Union itself was the idea of separation of the two sections, but not until the Civil War did opportunity arise for West Virginia to become a separate state.

profit for February while most other roads were operating "in the red." February net income for the system was \$142,517 after taxes and charges, compared with net loss of \$146,580 in the like 1937 month.

Phone 265, Odelle Osborne West of Rosalie Leslie for a spring permanent Hadley's Salon of Beauty.

Electrical Worker Killed
LEWISTON, Idaho, April 19. (AP)—Fred L. Hamlin, 48, Coeur D'Alene electrical worker, was killed when pinned beneath an overturned roadster on a country road five miles east of here Sunday. Don Tracy, 30, who arrived here recently from Eugene, Ore., escaped with bruises and shock.

Pioneer Buried
LA GRANDE, April 19.—(AP)—Funeral services were held Sunday at Elgin for Mrs. Permelia Ann Beem, 76, pioneer Union county resident who died Friday. A native of Missouri, she came to Oregon with her parents in 1877.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY REFUSES TO RELINQUISH THE BEADS AUNT MABEL GAVE HIM TO PLAY WITH DURING THE VISIT, AND SHOWS SIGNS OF MAKING A SCENE IF FORCE IS USED

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TAILSPIN TOMMY—A Vital Question!



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BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—What To Do?



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THE NEBBS—Indispensable Muggins



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fore for offering to help over a tough spot.

"What," sharply, "did you do?" "Committed the unpardonable sin."

"How?" "Suggested to your grandmother that she sell the box."

"You," coldly, "should have known better."

"Why should I?" darkly angry. "We love the box. It's part of our lives."

"Well?" defiantly. "I left your grandmother trying to figure out how to hold on to both, without breaking the outdated, silly rules you all live by."

Judith's blue gaze swept him contemptuously. "You don't even begin to understand."

"I wish I didn't." He was trying to hate this girl as he was hating the haughty old woman in the library. "Your grandmother asked my advice. Before I gave it I offered to take up her notes."

She got slowly to her feet. "Don't you know that was only a crude way of offering money?"

"I didn't know any method of averting bankruptcy could be crude. Most people aren't so particular."

"It wouldn't be honest—on our side."

"It would on mine."

Judith dismissed his side with a wave of her hand. "Don't you know we're mortgaged to the eyebrows? The security Gran could give you wouldn't be worth the paper it was written on. Don't you know that?"

"Yes," doggedly, "I know."

Love Acknowledged

SLIM, straight, supple as a dryad, she came quite close to him. "Why," impatiently, "did you make such a fool offer?"

He did not know how to dissemble. "I wanted to keep you safe."

"Me?"

Despite his efforts to nurse his anger, his mouth softened to tenderness. "You."

Just to say it was like breaking down a dam and letting the water rush in, but instead of a turbulent stream, love acknowledged, proved a sea—steady, salt, clean—washing over him, healing all scars, making him forget everything except her.

"You did this wild thing for

Fool's Dream

CLEAR-EYED, she searched his face without seeing it. Instead she was seeing Gary, debonaire, merry, as he soared away—leaving her again to waiting—to endless years of waiting—

The smooth purr of a high-powered engine recalled her. A shining automobile with failleless liveried chauffeur rolled up the drive. In another minute this man would go away in it believing her indifferent, insulted—

She was hardly conscious of her words: "You—you love me enough to—"

"I've dreamed a fool's dream I never expected to tell you."

She placed a brown hand upon his coat sleeve. "I'm glad you did."

His heart beat so fiercely it sounded in his ears like the roar of a cannon. "It can't mean a thing to you."

"It can," a mere whisper. "It does." It meant that she could cut her losses. Go on with this man or spend her life waiting—

The ecstasy within him beat down everything else. Beat down common sense, the ability to think clearly—to speak.

She said: "It means keeping that," indicating the box. "It means keeping the only world I know."

"You may keep it—a free gift—without sacrifice." Reuben said. "It wouldn't be sacrifice—please believe that."

He could only stand mute and staring. For so long a time he had thought of her as a star, unattainable. As a lily growing in a sheltered pool—

"Judith." Just to say her name gave life a new meaning. Just to touch her hand was a cure for all the hard, starved years of his life.

He knelt in the soft grass beside her and smiled into her eyes. It was a tender smile. Young with all the youth that had eluded him. "Judith!"

Suddenly she felt a great surge of pity for this man who was to save her from years of waiting.

Almost without her own volition she bent over and touched the wisp of hair that dipped down upon his forehead.

"Judith! Oh, God—" It was his first real prayer.

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Tomorrow: Amanda surrenders.

'OF MICE AND MEN' NAMED BEST DRAMA

NEW YORK, April 19.—(AP)—The New York drama critics circle elected John Steinbeck's play, "Of Mice and Men," the best drama of the current New York season at its annual award meeting today.

The critics chose Steinbeck's work, dramatized by himself from his best-selling book of the same title, by a vote of 12 to 4 on the fourth ballot. The runner-up in the critics' opinion was Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." The leads in "Of Mice and Men" are played by Wallace Ford, Claire Lane, and Broderick Crawford, son of the eponymous Helen Broderick, Steinbeck lives in California.

LINDBERGH PURCHASES LONELY ILLICIE ISLAND

ST. BRIEUC, France, April 19.—(AP)—America's Col. Charles A. Lindbergh may pursue his scientific research on a lonely isle a quarter of a mile off the northwest tip of France.

It was reported here yesterday the colonel had purchased Illicie Island and would make it his residence a part of each year.

The island is near that of St. Gilds, where lives Dr. Alexis Carrel, with whom Colonel Lindbergh in 1933 developed the artificial heart and lungs which opened a new cycle of study upon removed human organs.

UNION PACIFIC HAS PROFIT IN FEBRUARY

NEW YORK, April 19.—(AP)—Union Pacific railroad today reported net