

After A Man's Heart

by JEAN RANDALL

YESTERDAY, Iris charms Tim into thinking she was the unconscious winner to a fraud. Tim tries to win Buff's approval of Iris. Neither Buff nor George is fooled.

Chapter 20 Rattlesnake

"LISTEN, Tim," George said presently, sitting on the bed and holding one shoe in his hand. "If I hear a rattlesnake rattling, I don't inquire into his motive, don't even pause to find out if he's annoyed with me or with a chipmunk that's crossed his trail. I just tell myself it's a rattler, and I fight out for other parts. Unless," he finished deliberately, "I happen to have a stout stick close at hand, in which case I—"

"That's enough!" Tim's voice and eyes were angry. "Iris didn't behave well toward me—toward us both last summer; but she's not the menace you're trying to make me believe. Talk to her yourself—"

"Not me!" George tied a shoestring smartly, put on the other shoe, and stood up. "There's an old proverb my grandfather used to remind me of: if a mule kicks you once, it's his fault; twice, it's your own. It makes no difference to me if the mule in this case has all the beauty and charm in the world. I'm staying outside the range of its heels."

Tim controlled his rising wrath. "Look here, George, you and I are good friends. You stuck to me through a lot. I owe you more than I can say. But not even you can call the girl I love a rattlesnake and a mule. Anger retreated before the absurdity of it. Both men burst into a shout of laughter, and for the time being the subject was dropped.

Tim took Iris to call upon Buff; a sweet and wistful Iris, charmingly courteous to the younger girl, quick to admire the big living room which as the weeks went by has taken on more and more of the look of home. Buff for her part, though polite, was detached. Tim was uneasily aware that she had retreated, in some feminine and cryptic way. He could not find the Buff he knew so well. For the first time he saw her, not as a headstrong child but as a sophisticated young person who kept a composed hold upon the tea table talk.

Tim tried to tell Iris something of his stay at the ranch. Buff smiled and returned the conversation to Boulder, its delightful views, its educational advantages. Tim seized upon Lance Carroll and attempted to describe him to Iris who evinced a pretty enthusiasm on the subject. Buff, suavely countered by a question concerning Iris's own plans for the future.

At last baffled and bewildered by undercurrents he could not in the least perceive, let alone avoid, Tim sat back in his big chair and let the two girls chat as they would.

"You're staying at the hotel indefinitely?" Buff inquired.

"That," said Iris sweetly, "depends on Tim. I suppose you know our story. Buff—you will let me call you Buff, won't you? I can't be formal with anyone who has been so kind to my Tim—it's romantic and a bit incredible, but I assure you it's all true."

Irresistible Iris
BUFF cocked her head, spaniel fashion. Tim knew it for a danger signal and stirred uneasily.

"Your Tim? Is the engagement announced then? hadn't seen it in the papers. And I have cause to know," she said with a soft laugh, "that very little escapes the papers in this town!"

Iris threw Tim an imploring look. "It's—it's for Tim to say, don't you think? Under the circumstances?"

Tim squared his shoulders. "I was under the impression we had already said all that was necessary just now! We agreed, I think, Iris, to let matters rest as they are—for a time, at least."

Buff cheered him silently. She had measured the strength of her adversary with canny eyes and knew it to be great. Iris was the sort of woman whose appeal is well-nigh irresistible. Hearing the cadences of her lovely voice, seeing the whiteness of her skin, the natural crimson of her mouth, the absolute genius in the way she wore her clothes, the younger girl wondered that Tim had not succumbed a second time to her.

He was astonished to hear Buff cordially inviting Iris to lunch with her soon, to hear Miss DeMuth's equally cordial acceptance. Tim, as Buff fully realized, knew little of girls!

Buff was not surprised to receive a visit from George Weekes almost on the heels of this call. George has passed from annoyance to anxiety. He yearned to pour out his troubles. He was glad to hear that the girls had met, that Buff recognized the genuine menace Iris was to a man of Tim's type.

"Why she's here I don't know," he said, his clasped hands swinging between his knees. "But whatever it is, it's not going to do old Tim any good—having her here in Boulder, I mean. I think—in this just my impression, but I do honestly think that if he won't—quite the easy mark for her he was last time. At any rate, he's said nothing about being engaged to her, and that's a good sign. But I wish she'd go climb Long's Peak and fall off," he said unchivalrously.

"Way is it now, she'll keep him dangling at the end of her string until she's accomplished her purpose—whatever that purpose is."

Buff was thoughtful. "What do you think it is, George? I don't know just how much she paid for that land—"

"Buying Tim's favor?"

"Twenty thousand," was the answer. "Tim and I each put in five of our own money, ten of the firm's—firm of Corliss and Weekes; that makes twenty altogether. I should say that it's worth about fifteen hundred—if that much. And lookit, Buff! Iris didn't have to pay Nesbit twenty thousand. We'd told him to sell it for what he could get out of it. In our wildest dreams we didn't expect to get more than a couple of thousand. But Iris walks into the office, tells Nesbit she's prepared to pay twenty thousand if he'll let her buy it for a friend of hers—name of Smith! And Nesbit, of course, grabbed it. Now why, I ask you, did she pay the exact sum old Tim and I plunked down for Latschaw's benefit last summer? It's got me guessing."

"You don't think it may be really valuable, after all?"

He shook his head. "That idea occurred to me, too; but it's out. Definitely out. Tim has personally and thoroughly examined practically every square inch of that—in that infernal land of ours. You couldn't get enough silver out of it to make a thin dime."

"Tungsten? Copper?"

"Nothing, I tell you; nothing but some beautiful rose-colored quartz that tourists adore to take home to make doorstops and bookends."

"What's become of the gentleman named Latschaw?"

"According to Iris via Tim, he's now in California. Becoming conscious of the unworthy part she had played, Miss DeMuth dismissed her—her motivating influence as soon as possible, and got herself a job—private secretary to some generous soul who paid her right good wages. I should think, all things considered. Then someone had the consideration to die and leave her some money, so out she took for Denver, bought up some land, and came here, simply pining for forgiveness—and nothing else, says Tim! Nuts, says I and I bet you do, too, Buff."

Buff nodded. "I think," she told him, "she's really in love with Tim; that she got that money back from Latschaw some way or other—it may have been a case of polite blackmail—and she is trying to buy her way with it back into Tim's favor."

"Think she'll succeed?" Weekes inquired with a grin.

"Buff's small hands were folded tightly on her lap. "Depends on many things; people, too; you, me, Tim and Iris."

"Tim and Iris, yes; but how do you and I figure in it?"

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS
Where to Find Them on the Dial:
KEX, Portland, 1180; KFL, 640, Los Angeles; KGA, 1470, Spokane; KGO, 790, San Francisco; KGW, 620, Portland; KJR, 970, Seattle; KNN, 1050, Los Angeles; KOA, 830, Denver; KOIN, 940, Portland; KOMO, 920, Seattle; KPO, 830, San Francisco; KSL, 1180, Salt Lake.

Sunday
5:00—Adventure, KOIN, KNX, KSL; Edgar Bergen, KPO, KFI, KGW; Festival of Music, KGO, KJR, KEX; 6:00—Note Book, KGO; Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, KPO, KGW, KFI; Sunday Evening Hour, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

6:30—Organist, KGO, KJR, KEX; Familiar Music, KPO, KGW, KFI; 7:00—Playhouse, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Sleep Parade, KPO; Hour of Charm, KGO, KEX, KJR, KFI; Humber's Orch., KGW.

7:30—Carnival, KPO, KFI, KGW; Cheerio, KGO, KJR; 8:00—Week's Orch., KGO; Hobby Lobby, KNX, KOIN; Night Editor, KGW, KPO, KFI; News, KEX.

8:30—Jack Benny, KPO, KGW, KFI; Sweet and Low, KGO, KJR; Armstrong's Orch., KOIN; 9:00—Walter Winchell, KPO, KFI; KGW; Ben Bernie, KNX, KOIN; Mr. District Attorney, KGO, KJR, KEX; 9:30—Ayres' Orch., KOIN, KNX.

Martin's Orch., KGO, KEX; One Man's Family, KPO, KFI, KGW, News, KJR; 10:00—Martin's Music, KGO, KJR, KEX; News Reporter, KPO, KFI, KGW; News, KNX; News, KOIN; 10:30—Leland's Orch., KOIN, KEX; Noble's Orch., KGO, KJR; Bridge to Dreamland, KPO; 11:00—News, KGO, Songs, KOIN, KSL; Nottingham's Orch., KPO, KGW, KFI; News, KNX.

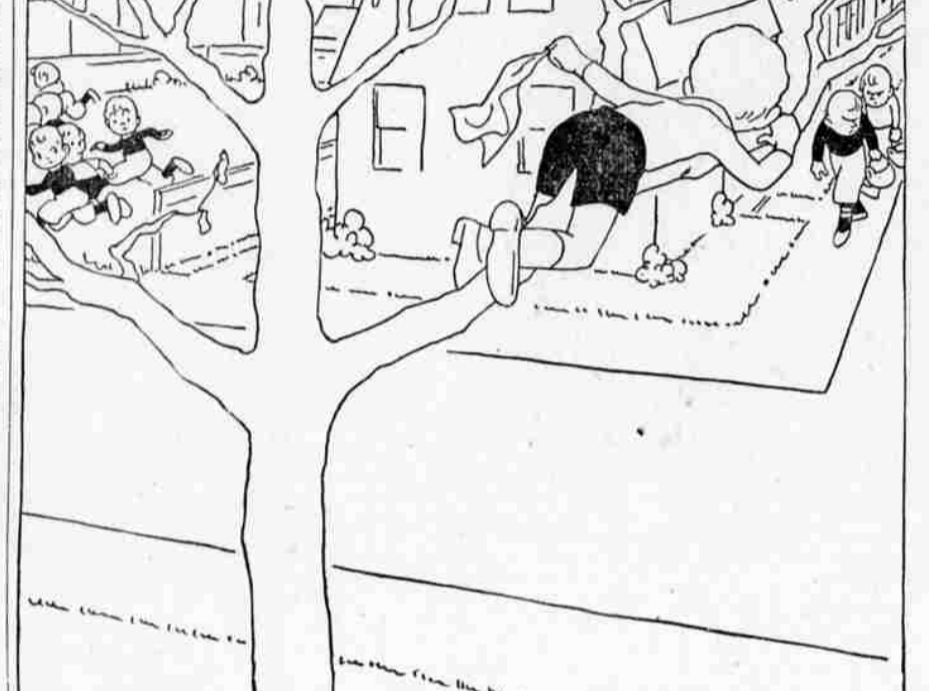
Monday
5:00—Party, KPO, KFI, KGW; Frank and Archie, KEX, KJR; Sunset Shadows, KGO; 5:30—Time and Tempo, KGW; Kelsey's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; True or False, KOMO; Master Singers, KPO; 6:00—Soloists, KGO, KEX; Radio Theater, KSL, KNX, KOIN; Quiz Program, KPO, KGW, KFI; 6:30—Templeton Time, KPO, KGW, KFI; Youth Questions, KGO, KEX, KJR; 7:00—Dance Orch., KGO, KEX; Music, KPO, KGW, KFI; Lombardo's Orch., KSL, KNX, KOIN; News, KJR; 7:30—Brodie, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Musical Sensations, KPO, KFI, KGW; Radio Forum, KGO, KJR, KEX; 8:00—Amos and Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Doe's Music, KEX; Aloha Land, KGO; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KFI; 8:15—Love a Mystery, KGW, KPO, KFI; Lum and Abner, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Political Talk, KGO, Songs, KEX; 8:30—Margaret Speaks, KPO, KFI, KGW; Lyman's Orch., KGO, KEX; Model Minstrels, KNX, KSL, KOIN; 9:00—Sherlock Holmes, KPO, KFI.

KGW; Tune Up Time, KNX, KOIN, KSL; True or False, KGO, KEX, KJR; 9:30—Hawthorne House, KPO, KGW, KFI; Carter's Orch., KGO, Nichols' Orch., KNX, News, KJR; 10:00—News Reporter, KPO, KFI, KGW; Madriguera's Orch., KGO, KJR; News, KSL, KNX; News, KOIN; 10:30—Music by Woodbury, KPO, KGW; Pianist, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Foster's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX; 11:00—Bavaria's Orch., KPO, KFI; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; Organist, KOIN, KSL; News, KGO, KNX, KGW.

Radio Highlights
By Associated Press
(Pacific Standard Time)
New York, Oct. 28.—Edgar Bergen's feud with his wooden co-worker, Charlie McCarthy, will reach a climax a week from Sunday, when another character will come to the WEAF-NBC program in the dummy of Mortimer Sneed. That means Bergen, as ventriloquist, will have to double up in giving voice to two knee sitters.

The row, as it has developed, evolves around McCarthy's decision to sign up with one ventriloquist in what he insists is a move to replace Bergen. But Bergen is countering with Mortimer, even if Mort isn't the Beau

THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEAGUE



By GLUYAS WILLIAMS
WHEN THEIR OWN FOOTBALL WAS PUNCTURED, THE MIDGEYS WERE STILL ABLE TO PLAY THEIR GAME BY "BORROWING" THE OLDER BOYS' FOOTBALL FOR THE AFTERNOON, HASTILY DISAPPEARING FROM VIEW WHENEVER THEIR SCOUT SIGNALED THE APPROACH OF MEMBERS OF THE BIG TEAM LOOKING FOR THEIR FOOTBALL.

10-24 (Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Tommy Explains



BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Steplock's Round!



THE NEBBS—Cat's Out of the Bag



Klamath Falls postoffice. The firm bid \$4,200.
Sunday brings Europe-NBC-Chains 5 a.m.; WABC-CBS 6 a.m. 4, 5:55, 8 p.m.; WEAF-NBC 12:30, 8 p.m.; WJZ-NBC 4:15, 7, 9.
Postoffice Bid
Washington, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—The Brosterhaus Construction Co., Klamath Falls, was announced today as the low bidder on a public buildings administration project to repair the

BOLIVIAN CANDIDATE EXPELLED AS REBEL

La Paz, Bolivia, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—General Bernardino Bilbao Rioja, presidential candidate in the forthcoming general election, was expelled from Bolivia today on charges he attempted to foment a revolution. A state of siege (modified form of martial law) was decreed this morning. A communique issued by Colonel Antenor Ichazo, chief of the army general staff, said in view of "plotting" it had been necessary to clean up the army, and General Bilbao Rioja "had been removed from the territory of the republic."

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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NEW WORLD KEY
A small block of concrete at Meade's Ranch, Kan., forms the North American Datum, standard point for all map triangulation computations in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The point was originally fixed in 1891. In 1922 the present marker was installed, consisting of an underground concrete block containing an inscribed metal tablet, surmounted by a surface mark of concrete. The marker's location, near the actual territorial center of the U. S., is established by latitude and longitude to the inch. MONDAY: Monroe Doctrine.

KEY TO THE NEW WORLD!

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MORSE REFUSES ARBITRATE ROW

Seattle, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—Wayne L. Morse, federal arbitrator for the Pacific coast, refused today to arbitrate the labor controversy over loading steamship Point Ancha at Bellingham. He ruled the controversy was a local one, to be arbitrated by Van C. Griffin, Seattle, arbitrator for the Puget Sound district, and not of coastwise jurisdiction. His ruling, upholding the contentions of CIO-affiliated

FINNS TO HAVE FINAL WORD IN SOVIET PACT

Helinski, Oct. 28.—(U.P.)—The Finnish people have been assured that theirs will be the final decision on any bargain with Soviet Russia. Foreign Minister Eljas Erkkola, addressing a patriotic meeting last night in the state theater, appealed for confidence and courage, saying, "The people of Finland must decide their own future and choose their own path."

longshoremen who refused to put lumber aboard the steamship, however, said the dispute was highly serious and might develop into a coastwise controversy unless settled soon.