Lena Hates Men

by MARGOT NEVILLE

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Clarice Dodd, wealthy middle-aged widow who lives in Sydney, Australia, keeps her house filled with gay, indolent young people. Her nephew and niece, Felix and Joyce Burke, live with her. Besides two house guests, Eileen Foster and Denise Deschamps, various others are constantly in and out. Denise has designs on Felix and is jealous when he fails in love with Eileen, a sweet girl quite different from the rest of the gay crowd. Then, one night, Clarice dies from an overdose of sleeping tablets. It's apparently suicide, for her will is found on her dressing table, along with a valuable ruby brooch labeled "For Denise." However, her eccentric maid, Lena, insists that she had only one sleeping tablet in her possession that night. When the police investigate, Joyce casts suspicion on Denise by claiming that Clarice had no intention of leaving the brooch to Denise, but that Denise coveted it because her father gave it to Clarice. Then, Joyce has an unexplained fit of hysterics. The next morning, Eileen accidentally learns from a druggist that a girl answering Denise's description recently tried to buy some of the drug that killed Clarice. Eileen decides to ask Denise about this and goes to her room to see her.

CHAPTER XXI

IN response to Eileen's knock, Denise called, "Yes? Who is it?"

"It's Eileen. May I come in?"

"Yes, come in."

Denise was sitting at her littered dressing table rubbing perfumed oil into her face and neck and shoulders. She met Eileen's eyes in the mirror.

"What is it?"

"There's something I want to say to you, Denise. It's not frightfully easy . . . but I really feel I ought to."

"Then it's bound to be something unpleasant. All right, get on. I can take it," Denise said.

She went on pounding the oil into one plump shoulder, but her eyes never left Eileen's in the mirror.

"I was up the street at the drug store just now—not Cobb's, but the other man near the flower shop," Eileen said. "We were talking about people trying to get drugs without prescriptions and he happened to mention that one day last week a girl came in and tried to buy some seconal."

"Some seconal?"

"Yes. And—and—" Eileen floundered. "And he described you, Denise."

Denise sat suddenly still. "How did he describe me?"

"He said the girl was driving a big cream-colored Bentley and wearing a very striking necklace of gold mesh and links."

Instinctively, they both dropped their eyes to the necklace which was lying on the dressing table.

THEN Denise suddenly laughed. For the first time, she turned around from the mirror and faced Eileen.

"I'm so glad, Eileen, to be able to set your mind at rest about me. I didn't go into that drug store. It must have been Joyce."

"Joyce?"

"Yes. I was rather doubtful about the clasp of my necklace. I thought the spring was getting a bit weak. Joyce was going in to lunch at Prince's one day last week and I asked her to run into Hardy's and let them have a look at it. She was wearing that sheer black frock of hers, so I slipped the necklace around her neck. She wore it all that day and she was driving the Bentley."

Denise spoke slowly and clearly. You could see she was enjoying herself. She turned back to the mirror and spread more oil on her skin.

Eileen stood there, shocked and silent. Was this the truth or was Denise lying?

Denise smiled. "You're wondering if I'm telling the truth. Well, you needn't. I'm sure this druggist friend of yours will be able to identify Joyce if the detectives ask him."

"Oh, no, no!" Eileen cried. "Why should Joyce have tried to buy seconal?"

"Isn't that rather an ingenuous question? You know quite well what you're thinking and I know what I am." Denise got up and came toward Eileen. "You can't face that about Joyce, can you, because she's Felix's sister? But you were ready enough to think that I murdered Clarice, and I believe you were glad to think it!"

"What—what do you mean?" Eileen stammered.

"You know what I mean. Felix is mine, Eileen, and you're not going to take him from me."

EILEEN drew back. "I'm not taking him from you. I didn't do a thing. He came willingly."

"Your methods were very quiet. I admit, but you were active all the time. You tried to snatch him from the first moment you came here."

Eileen's temper started to rise. "I *didn't* try to snatch Felix, as you call it. If he's in love with me, that's just your bad luck!"

"Oh, is it? Luck isn't the only thing that counts in love. People can be clever, too. And let me tell you, *I'm* clever enough to see that Felix doesn't get away from me."

"Oh? How are you going to stop him?"

"Felix naturally fell for that wide-eyed look of innocence you've got. He hasn't seen much of it around here and it's something fresh. But if you went away tomorrow, he'd forget you by tomorrow night."

Denise's words made Eileen feel insecure. What chance had she, she thought, in competition with Denise? Beside Denise, she felt like an awkward schoolgirl.

"Well, I'm not going away," she said firmly. "I'm staying right here."

"Are you? He might ask you to go before I'm done."

"I don't think so."

"You made a mistake, Eileen, by telling me this about Joyce. If you'd been just a little cleverer, you'd have found out more about it before you went blurting it out. Joyce is Felix's sister: he's got to protect her."

"You don't mean you'd threaten to tell the detectives?"

"He's got to protect her," Denise repeated, "from a murder charge, perhaps. Joyce tried to buy seconal. And there's something else I know about her."

"What? What do you know?"

Denise smiled secretly. "Never mind. I'm not going to tell you. Joyce knows that I know. That's why she had that fit of hysterics."

The two girls stood staring at each other in open enmity.

It was no use keeping this up, Eileen thought. She turned and went quickly out of the room.

(To be continued)

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Divorces Filed

Leah Ruth Roberts vs. Fred Roberts.

Lillian Heflin Reeder vs. Victor Reeder.

Bernice Keil vs. Herman Keil.

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Estate of Charles Henry Swift, deceased.

Estate of James H. Moseley, deceased.

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Leonard A. Andrews and Ada Andrews to Russell Hibma and Fern Hibma, warranty deed.

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Gertrude F Robeson and Chas. Robeson to Harold G. Briggs and Thena Briggs, deed.

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Owen A. Dalley to Jens Jensen, warranty deed.

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V. M. Strong and Opal Strong to Frank LeNeal Tripp and Florence Elizabeth Tripp, warranty deed.

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Snider Dairy & Produce Company to Maude M. Snider, John W. Snider and Mary E. Snider, warranty deed.

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Edwin H. Nicholson and Grace F. Nicholson to California Oregon Power Company, right of way.

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Sam T. Howerton and Ella M. Howerton to Ward F. Wills and Minnie A. Wills, warranty deed.

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Julia A. Stinson to Orval K. White and Mary White, warranty deed.

ANOTHER FIGHT

Marshall, Ark.—(U.P.)—Just as the news came in that the Republicans were again winning elections over the country, the only Republican newspaper in the state of Arkansas suspended publication. After surviving 10 years of the New Deal, the "Marshall Republican" stopped publication when James R. Tudor editor and publisher of the paper, announced that he had enlisted in the Seabees.

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Time Shown Is PWT

Tuesday

5:00 p. m.—Big Town, KSL; Terry & The Pirates, KGO, KEX, KJR; Galen Drake, KNX, KOIN; News, KPO, KOMO; Golden Gate Quartet KGW; Heroes of the U. S. Navy, KOA

5:30 p. m.—Horace Heidt, KPO KOA, KGW, KOMO; Harry W. Flannery, news, KNX, KOIN; Jack Armstrong, KGO, KEX, KJR; Judy Canova Show, KSL.

6:00 p. m.—Burns & Allen, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Three Romeos, KJR KEX; Mystery Theater, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; News, KGO.

6:30 p. m.—Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO, KEX, KJR, Fibber McGee & Molly, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Report to the Nation, KNX, KSL, KOIN.

7:00 p. m.—Raymond Gram Swing, KGO, KEX, KJR; Suspense, KOIN KSL; Bob Hope Show, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO.

7:30 p. m.—Red Skelton, KPO KOA KGW, KOMO; Red Ryder, KGO, KEX, KJR; Two Piano Team, KNX; Edwin C. Hill, news, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Fred Waring in Victory Tune Time, KPO, KOA, KOMO; Roy Porter, news, KGO, KEX, KJR; I Love A Mystery, KNX, KSL, KOIN

8:15 p. m.—Raymond Gram Swing KGO, KEX, KJR.

8:30 p. m.—Johnny Presents, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Duffy's, KGO, KEX, KJR; Big Town, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Salute To Youth, KPO KOA, KGW, KOMO; Judy Canova Show, KNX, KOIN; Homicide O'Kane, KEX; Buy Washington, KJR; American Melody Hour, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Edwin C. Hill, news, KNX; News, KSL, KJR, KOA; Spin for Dough, KGO; Million Dollar Club, KOIN; Light & Mellow, KPO.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO KGW, KOMO; Ten O'Clock Wire, KNX, KOIN; Music for Romance, KGO; Soldiers of the Press, KJR; News, KOA; Masterworks of Music KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Dance Orch., KNX; Harmony Team, KOMO; Andrinni Contluentals, KJR, KEX; Nite Club KGO; Your Home Town News, KGW, Edwin C. Hill, news, KOIN; Sweetheart Swing Time, KPO.

11:00 p. m.—This Moving World KJR; Dance Orch., KOIN; News, KGO, KNX; Eyes Aloft, KEX.

Wednesday

5:00 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, KOA; Terry and the Pirates, KGO KEX, KJR; Galen Drake, KOIN; Everybody's Inn, KSL; News, KOMO KPO; Golden Gate Quartet, KGW; Beryl Wallace, KNX

5:30 p. m.—Dr. Christian, KSL, Jack Armstrong, KGO, KEX, KJR; Harry W. Flannery, news, KNX, KOIN; Day Foster, commentator KGW; Theater Reporter, KOA; Stories of the Day, KOMO; musical Journal, KPO.

6:00 p. m.—Mayor of the Town KSL; Bandwagon, KGO, KEX KJR; Time to Smile, KPO, KOA KGW, KOMO; Dorothy Allen and Milton Charles, KOIN; Inglewood Park Concert, KNX.

6:30 p. m.—Mr District Attorney, KPO, KOA, KGW, KOMO; Jack Carson Show, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands, KGO KEX, KJR.

7:00 p. m.—Kay Kyser's Program, KPO, KOA, KOMO, KGW; Great Moments in Music, KNX, KSL, KOIN

7:30 p. m.—Cresta Blanca Carnival, KNX; Wings Over the World, KJR, Organ Reveries, KEX; People Are News, KGO, Timber, KOIN; Symphonettes, KSL.

8:00 p. m.—Roy Porter, news, KGO, KEX, KJR; I Love a Mystery, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Fred Waring in Victory Tune Time, KPO, KGW, KOA, KOMO

8:15 p. m.—Raymond Gram Swing, KGO, KEX, KJR.

8:30 p. m.—Beat the Band, KPO KOA, KOMO, KGW; Dr Christian KNX, KOIN; Battle of the Sexes KGO, KJR, KEX; Dramas From the Living Bible, KSL.

9:00 p. m.—Dance Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR; Mr. and Mrs. North, KPO, KGW, KOMO, KOA; Everybody's Inn, KNX, KOIN; Studio KLOCK, KOIN; Your Hymns and Mine, KSL.

9:30 p. m.—Scramby Amby, KPO KGW, KOMO; Mayor of the Town, KNX; News, KSL, KEX, KJR, KOA; Dance Orch., KGO; Northwest Neighbors, KOIN.

10:00 p. m.—Reporter News, KPO KGW, KOMO; Ten o'Clock Wire KNX, KOIN; Music for Romance, KGO; Covenant Home Hour, KJR; News, KOA; Masterworks of Music, KSL.

10:30 p. m.—Dance Orch., KOIN; National Radio Forum, KJR; H. V Kaltenborn, news, KOMO, KPO; Broadway Bandwagon, KEX; Nite Club, KGO; Gardening for Food KGW; Suspense, KNX.

11:00 p. m.—Dance Orch., KOIN; This Moving World, KEX; Dance Orch., KGW; News, KGO; Folk Music, KJR.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

MIDWEST RESENTS WRA'S ALLUSION TO BATHING NEED

Japs Bathe in Same Water, Says Irked Farmer—Director's Words Ridiculed.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—(U.P.)—Farm leaders attending the 25th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation expressed indignation today at the War Relocation Authority's suggestion for bringing Japanese internees into the midwest to teach farmers sanitation and efficiency.

George Wilson, a farmer near Sacramento, said he knew the Japanese well, because before the war they predominated in the region where he lived.

More Japs In School

"There were more Japanese children attending the schools where my children go," Wilson said, "than there were American children."

Commenting on the WRA statement, Wilson said:

"The Japanese take many baths, as frequently as one a day—but there is all the difference in the world between their baths and sanitation."

He said whole families of Japs bathe in the same tub without changing the water, and that the make-shift tubs "are filled with scum when the family finishes its bathing."

"It is ridiculous to think that the Japanese can come into the mid-west and teach the American farmers anything about sanitation or efficiency," Wilson said.

Know Them Well

"We know the Japanese well," he said, "and I know that we can get along without them without any difficulty."

He said that the situation between the American and the Japanese on the west coast is tender. "A few more statements by Myer (Dillon Myer, WRA director) and the shooting will start," he said.

"The ridiculous statements by the WRA are unnecessary, and serve only to increase the hatred by Americans against the Japanese which will result in conflict and hamper any plan to employ them on mid-western farms."

Francis Johnson, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, agreed with Wilson. He added that "American farmers know more about successful farming than either the Japanese or the WRA."

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Crossword Puzzle

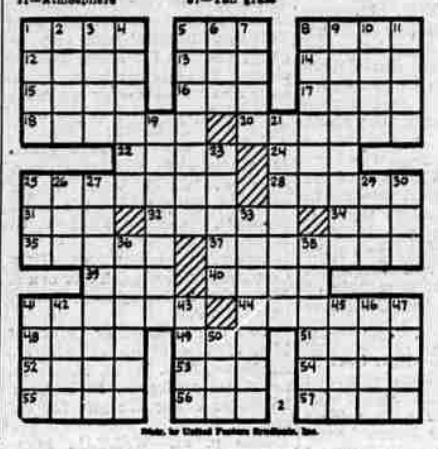
ACROSS

1—Young sheep
6—Feline
8—Pierce
12—Medley
13—Hawk parrot
14—Therefore
15—Sound made by cat
16—Cloth measure
17—Contends
18—Come out
20—Lances
22—Kiln
24—Sea eagle
25—Beer can
28—Colored man
31—Atmosphere
32—Son of Abraham
34—Boy
35—Swiss call
37—Hedge bushes
38—Rags
40—Strain (Prov. Eng.)
41—Emblem
44—Hebrew esthetic
45—Wings
48—Take food
51—Implore
52—Permits
53—Skill
54—Free State
55—Join
56—Meadow
57—Tall grass

DOWN

1—Gallop
2—Mineral salt
3—Mud
4—Adopt
5—Milk products
6—Trouble
7—Hindu cymbals
8—Harsh
9—Three-sided figure
10—That which ripens
11—Superintendent
19—Sea in Palestine
21—Writing tools
22—Catches
23—Frivolous
26—River (Sp.)
27—Regular
29—Rodent
30—Theoretical force (pl.)
33—Short song
36—Man's name
38—Evening Star
41—Balsam
42—To sheltered side
43—Actual
45—Great Lake
46—Nostril
47—Looked closely
50—Part of "to be"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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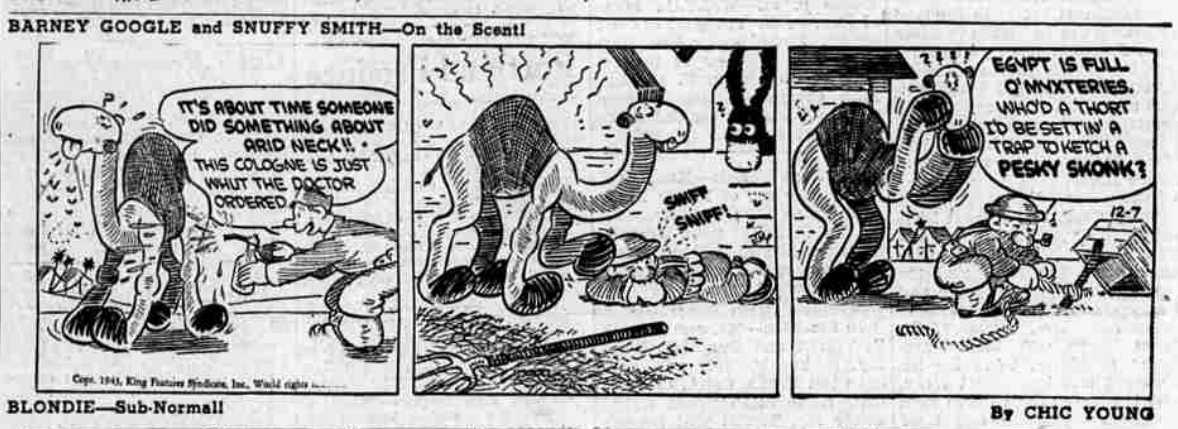

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THE NEBBS—Just a Dreamer. By HESS

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