

# Penny the Pup

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## CHAPTER III. DARKY & HER KITTANNIES

"Come, kitty! come, Darky!" the children called, as they approached the red, hip-roof barn, agleam with white trimmings.

"Tum Darky, honey! Here Darky!" Pet called, and, running to the barn, she opened the door that led to the stall where two old spavined horses stood busily eating hay from a trough.

"Where's our kitty, Trix? Where's Darky, Ginger?" she cried.

Before the horses had time to answer, a big, sleepy, black cat appeared from out of the hay and rubbed against Posey, purring loudly. Posey reached down and stroked it.

"Penny, this is Darky, and Darky, this is—"

But Darky did not wait to hear the rest. The fur on her neck ruffled up in bristles. Her back arched into a black crescent. Her mouth opened and there poured from out the red cavity a fearful resounding hiss which made Penny sink off and tremble, and run back to Pet. His ears lay close to his head, as if to say:

"Disagreeable old scratch! What did I do to make you so snippy?"

"Nice puppy! Nice Darky!" Pet kept repeating, trying to encourage them to be friendly but Darky was stubborn and refused to be pacified. Without warning, she raced up a tree, frisking her long, black tail backwards and forwards and looking over her shoulders impudently, but Penny did not give chase. Instead, he sat on his haunches, his eyes full of puppy-knowledge. Then a very odd thing happened. Darky ran down the tree and walked right up close past Penny in her best Sunday-go-to-meeting behavior, and purred at puppy. Penny yelped in answer, and stalked importantly before Darky.

"Look quick! They've made up!" Posey shouted. "Penny's trying to make an impression on Darky."

"Go get your Kittannies, Darky. Penny wants to see them," Nell commanded.

"Where the Kittannies?" Pet asked.

For answer, three little coal-black kittens came tumbling out of the grain bin. They were round dumplings and so young that they were yet unsteady on their feet. Penny rushed over to one of them and pushed him off his feet. Then he sat back on his haunches and barked in high glee, as the kitten tried to right its fat little self. Again and again he did this, being careful all the while not to hurt one of the little animals. Darky looked on, purring contentedly, realizing that Penny would not harm her offspring.

In the midst of this fun the breakfast bell rang.

"Come, children," Mrs. Hoops called, "your porridge is ready."

The children put the kittens back in the barn and called to Penny to follow them.

Mr. Hoops opened one of the windows with a bang and called sharply: "Can't you kids hear the breakfast bell?"

They scampered towards the house.

"I'll bet you wonder why papa's so cross, don't you, Penny. Well, he put his name on a bond or something for a friend, Andy, who ran away, and then Daddy had to pay the money. Daddy was awful nice but that made him cross."

As they ran up the front steps, Mr. Hoops came out on the porch. Penny ran up to him with a joyful bark and laid one little paw up on his overalls, as if to say, "You're my master." For a moment, as the man stood looking down at the dog, his face softened into the first real smile it had known for many days.

"Come in in for breakfast, pup!" he welcomed. "Who knows? Perhaps you will be my 'lucky Penny.'"

Continued in next week's issue.

## Thoughts for a Thousand Sermons

BY DRUSILLA DUNJEE HOUSTON

### YOUTH CAN BE SAVED

The youth we see seemingly rushing to destruction, are the class for whom Christ came—the lost, it is not our own eminently respectable class that we are sent, but to these, lost indeed without intelligent endeavor. The mistake that the church is making today is in thinking that the mere revival is enough. The revival is all right but not enough. To revive a drowning man is all right but he would not be long with us if we did no more.

It is because we do no more that there is the great falling away that follows revivals that have undone the belief of sinners in the whole thing. I remember a beautiful girl who attended our college. She was very intelligent as well as being spiritual. She used her intelligence in her religion. We used to have revivals among the students every year with the result that no sinner could live and breathe and continue to be in our midst.

There were consecrated young women who without any invitation would fast and pray that the unbelieving might come to the Saviour and at the close of school along with graduation went a baptismal service. I noticed that when we were all together as we thought, this beautiful young Christian would go on. You would find her at early morning with the young converts around her leading them on by explanation of the pathway in which Christ said we must walk.

It was not possible for these to turn back. I remember another great revival in another city where I had charge of a school. Over a hundred young men seemed really converted. Some of them had been gamblers, great big fine looking young men capable of anything, but they walked the streets almost begging for work, for honest jobs. The church had saved them and did not concern itself farther. Most of them finally returned to the pool hall atmosphere. I remember a great handsome fellow of the group who did not want to give up. We had turned him over

to CHRIST but we did not want any one of us to take him into our business—he had been a GAMBLER. We forgot that CHRIST said to the THIEF, "This day shalt thou be with me in paradise." I saw this big fellow board the train, he was still struggling to hold up going away to find WORK when it was all around him. This, THIS is why men go down.

This was why CHRIST said to Peter, FEED MY LAMBS. He meant it literally as the world is finding out more and more literally that every word of Christ is meant. The churches of today that are really saving souls are those who see a duty above building a church for themselves and their children and friends to enjoy, realizing that this church will never reach the masses, for we dress too fine and too many of us seem to really associate with the fallen.

Because of this these churches send Gospel groups out into the sections of the city, men and women with a passion in their hearts for SOUL-SAVING, and there are such folk. These found right down in the heart of swirling sin centers, sometimes at the risk of life, SOUL-SAVING STATIONS—and they do save many who, without them, would be lost. They feed and clothe the needy and find HONEST work for types often dishonest for the lack of a chance.

The hour has come in our group when this work MUST be done. No they will not come to our big fashionable churches, we will have to go after them. We have been so negligent, so many have drawn into the swift channel of ruin, even from better homes of our group, that some of us will have to sink our very LIVES down in the bed of the channels that hold them, to turn the current into higher, better and safer ways. As the lodging of a few stones in a river bed has turned the channel of a mighty river, so a few lives in each community sunk into life-saving stations can save the mass of the seemingly ruined youth of today. We will turn the subject of HOW to the Social Service Editor.

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New York, May 9.—An article by William Pickens, Field Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, of "African Negroes and the Future of the Colonial System" is published in "Die Friendsen-Warte", for April, 1927, a German internationalist magazine published in Berlin.

In his article, Mr. Pickens contrasts the West African system of encouraging natives to raise cocoa and other products with the South African system of segregation and industrial slavery. He points out that it will be impossible to hold down the 125,000,000 natives in Africa indefinitely, and that the only possible solution of present problems will be through cooperation between the races.

"In the face of railways, airships and radio," writes Mr. Pickens, "Africa can no more remain a purely black continent than Europe can remain entirely white or Asia brown and yellow."

## NO RACE PREJUDICE IN NEW ZELAND REPORT

New York, May 9.—Absence of race prejudice and of color problems in New Zealand is commented on in the "British Australian and New Zeland" of April 21, copy of which has just come to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The newspaper states: "In New Zealand the colonists encountered the Maoris, a fighting race, not despicable either in numbers or capacity. Their rivalry and claims

to the same soil, in which justice was by no means always with the whites, provoked long and fiercely contested wars. But no bitterness remains. New Zealanders are fortunate in having colonized a country in which the native race is capable of living alongside them in amity, and probably eventually merging with the whites. Individual half-caste Maoris and pure-blood Maoris have already attained to the highest positions in the State, and more of them will do so. It is highly creditable to both races, to the New Zealanders of British descent no less than to the Maoris that this is so and that New Zealand today has no color problem because Pakehas and Maoris treat one another with mutual respect, and both enjoy full rights of citizenship in their common native land.

## FEMALE JOURNALIST INJURED IN FALL

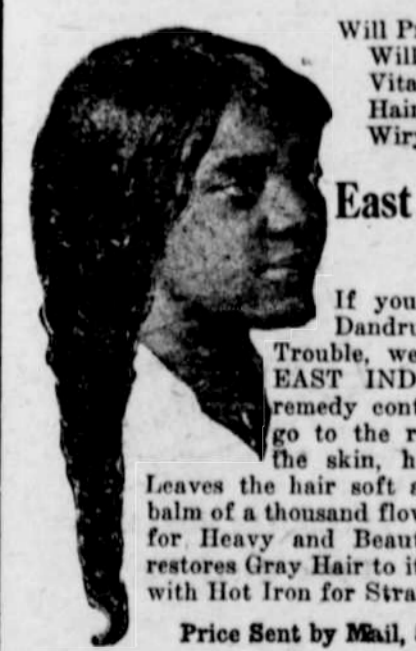
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Los Angeles, Calif., May 19.—Mrs. J. T. Bass, managing editor of the California Eagle and wife of one of the vice-presidents of the National Negro Press Association, suffered painful injuries on the head, when she fainted in the press room, striking her head on the powerful machine. The injury is not serious, according to Dr. A. J. Booker, who was called, but Mrs. Bass was removed to her apartment and cautioned to remain quiet for a few days.

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