

SERIAL STORY

GHOST DETOUR

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Yesterday's party of four... Mrs. Maude Hogan, aged 56...

CHAPTER V

Mrs. Maude Hogan, aged 56, had always held that while automobiles and bicycles and air-planes and such contraptions were all right...

Five in a row, carrying tent canvas and groceries and water canteen and pick and shovel and sundry utensils...

She guided her charges through Joshua trees, making a short cut from the Dale ranch...

White granite-like formations to her were not wilderness castles created by the Master architect...

She trudged dutifully up the deserted main street of Goldcrest at 10 o'clock this morning...

"Gee! Git along!" she ordered her burros, and moved with them to follow the tracks.

DUST was still eddying, settling when she came to the gaping hole in the mountain side that marked the old mine shaft.

"We better s-p-e-l-l." "What for? She can't even t-a-l-k yet."

For once, though, Providence had been kind. Mrs. Hogan labored for no more than a quarter-hour when she caught Christine Palmer's hands...

"You're both pale in yer gills," she declared. "Why you woulda got out presently with Mr. Richard here a diggin' that way, honey! But I shoulda got here sooner. Your ma'll chide me for neglecting you like this!"

"Well!" Roselee breathed, presently. "We're off to a fine start. We planned to thrill a lot of tourists, and we begin by thrilling ourselves! Anybody too scared to go on?"

"Nuts," said Dick, matter-of-factly. "Let's get to work. Anyhow we got the money buried in there. It's under some of that fallen rock, safe as possible. Let's scatter as planned. And stay out of dangerous places, you guys!"

ROSELEE looked happily at him. She liked the way Dick Bancroft took charge of things. Without a further word he and Franklin left them—they had already agreed on the order of the first day's work—and she watched the two handsome youths striding toward Franklin's car.

"Isn't Dick the best-looking thing that ever walked?" Christine breathed then, surprisingly. Roselee turned to look at her friend.

"Why—Christy!" "Himm?" "Are you—? Why, yes! Dick moves gracefully. He is a fine athlete, remember. I—I think we're lucky to have hired him."

Roselee turned the talk into business. But in her heart had been planted a sudden new worry. A vague, undefined little worry, it is true; quite inconsequential as yet, but recognizable.

"You are beautiful, Christine!" Roselee declared, suddenly, and meant it. "And sweet!"

Christy looked at her a trifle curiously. "Sure. Just discovering it, kid?" She thought it merely a matter for kidding and fun.

"Prettiest thing in Arizona—next to you. Shall we go call Mrs. Hogan and get her settled first?" They wouldn't venture again far into the shaft, and they heard her coming back out anyway.

The good woman's eyes were lighted with something more than the presence of daylight when she came from the hole. She held five or six egg-sized rocks in her hands, clutched them close to her.

"Children," she spoke excitedly.

"I always say trouble is right frequent a blessing in disguise." "Why, Mrs. Hogan? Why do you say that?" Roselee looked curiously at her.

Roselee changed the subject. Perhaps poor Mrs. Hogan was just an old lady getting a little queer, she guessed. (To Be Continued)

Hitler Renting Port of Trieste?



Map shows location of Trieste, Italian industrial seaport, on which Mussolini is reported to have given Hitler 10-year lease. If report is true, Nazi Germany gains port on Adriatic, becomes Mediterranean power.

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LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



WASH TUBBS



BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



ALLEY OOP



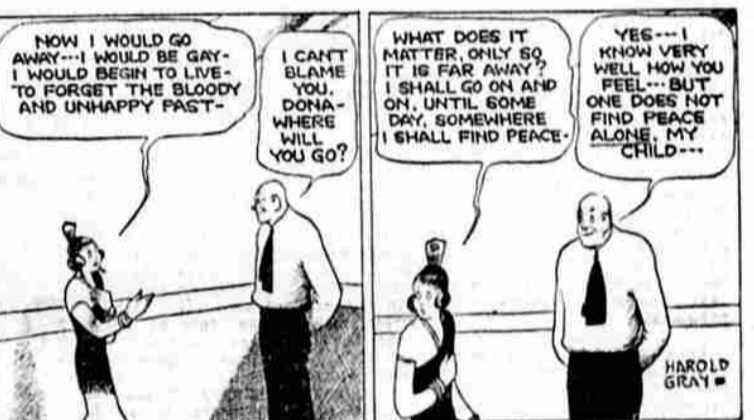
OUR BOARDING HOUSE With MAJOR HOOPLE



NEVER MIND THE OX PALATES, CHARLIE



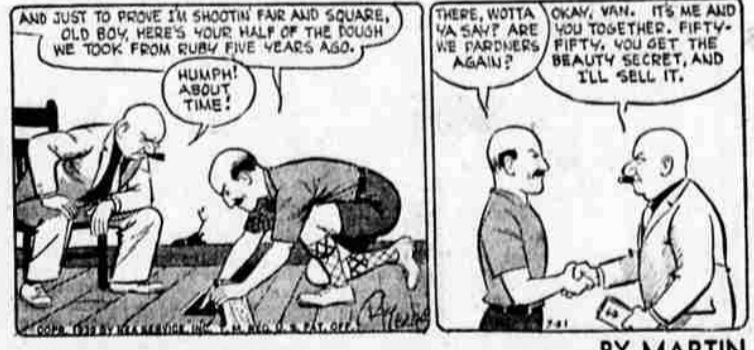
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BY MARTIN



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FLAPPER FANNY



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CORVINE BIRD

- Horizontal: 1 Pictured corvine bird. 6 It is a glossy bird. 11 Short-billed rail. 12 Supped. 13 Upland plover. 15 To suffice. 16 Fishing bag. 17 Electrified particle. 18 Derby. 19 Credit. 20 Hops kiln. 21 Market. 22 Prison dwellers. 24 Frosty. 27 Horse's neck hair. 29 Sandbank passage. 30 Ever. 31 Behold. 32 Males. 33 Rebel. 34 Commissioner of array. 36 Either. 37 To resurrect. 39 To require. Answer to Previous Puzzle: 21 Joined. 22 Wayside hotel. 23 To reduce to tables. 25 Hoisting machines. 26 It can be taught a few when tamed. 28 Radio wires. 30 Before. 31 Sheltered place. 33 Thing. 34 Since. 35 Japanese money. 37 To regret. 38 Biscuit. 41 To strike. 43 Day. 45 Dwarf bulldog. 46 Type of cuckoo. 47 English coin. 48 Lava. 49 Connecting word. 50 Common verb. 51 Morindin dye. 52 Mister.

