

UNLOCKING ADVENTURE

By Charles Courtney

Charles Courtney is the world's highest paid legal Jimmy Valentine. This is the true story of his many adventures unlocking safes around the earth and under the sea.

CHAPTER V

ON the bottom the light reflected from the sand made a cheerful twilight in which we could walk around without lights. The long hull stretched farther than I could see without twisting my head, and the wreckage was slippery. My job was to tend the lines for Hank who was working with an ax, Tom who was using a saw, and a couple of others who were pulling and shifting the lumber. Another diver stood with a submarine light close to their faces. They all looked like fantastic sea monsters in their bloated rubber suits.

After an hour we were pulled up gradually and put into the decompression chamber. In this sealed room, filled with air at the pressure which we had met under water, we traded stories until we had gradually expelled the nitrogen from our tissues.

Hank was our authority. An old-timer of at least 35, he had been at the business so long that he had worked under every imaginable condition. He had deserted an American freighter in Havana to join a small, ill-organized, shabby financed treasure hunt for one of the 40 Spanish galleons that carried \$80,000,000 in doubloons to the bottom of Matanzas Bay.

Hank's leaky, filthy, little boat found the wreck. For weeks the crew searched it, clambering around the decks half buried in coral. Their supplies and water began to run low, weevils were in the meal, and the rats were so bold that a man had to sleep in his boots to keep them from taking a nip at his toes. When the divers finally worked into what had been the strong room, they found it battered into a mass of loosened planks. Someone had been there before them, for there was nothing left except a few green coins caught under overlapping boards.

HANK was always lecturing us on keeping fit. There were too many examples around us of the damage that the sea could inflict on divers. Old Man Arons, the watchman on the dock, wasn't really old, not turned 60, but he had been twisted with rheumatism and deaf since he was 25. Others became blind or tubercular. If we got nitrogen bubbles in our hearts, it was all over in a few minutes; if we got them in our brain or spinal cord, we were seized the diver's palsy.

Pressure was our great enemy. If our air line fouls and that wall of air collapses which keeps the pressure inside our suits greater than the water pressure, it doesn't take many minutes for the sea to crush us to jelly.

Currents are another hazard. One day I had been down my allotted time, crawling around on my hands and knees and hanging my shoulders over piles of lumber, trying to use the crowbar. When the signal came that I had been down long enough, I started up the shot line. A few feet from the bottom, a current grabbed me with such force that it dragged me 50 or 60 feet south of the mother ship. Getting my back to the pull, I held onto the shot rope, but the current yanked me with such violence that I lost my grip. There I was, hanging at an angle of about 20 degrees and every second being pushed farther and farther away. In another second I would be dragged out to sea and no one would ever know what had become of me.

Pulling frantically at the life line, I signaled to be drawn up. Slowly I began to rise through the clutching water that tried to drag me back. About 50 feet higher there was suddenly no current at all. As if I had been released by a giant spring, I swung in the other direction, then back and forth like a human pendulum until the momentum wore out.

When I reached the deck, Bob, who was tending the life line, had eyes as big as moons. "You sure did give me a fright, Charley," he told me when I came out of the iron doctor. "Your bubbles were streaking back and forth as if you were caught in a shuttle. I thought you had gone crazy, I surely did."

BUT toward the end of the season I was getting tired. Ten dollars a day was good money when you got it, but in foul weather, when the current was running so strong that we couldn't even crawl around the bottom, the company would not send us down.

As autumn came, work was not only less steady but more uncomfortable. Sometimes we had to wear four suits of woolen underwear, four pairs of homespun socks and felt boots under our lead-soled leather shoes. Often, before we had been down an hour, our fingers got too numb to work and our air lines became frosted.

It seemed foolish to be engaged in work at which, even under the best conditions, you spent 60 per cent of your working time resting. Then, too, if you got in four months' work a year, you were lucky. Hank and I figured that in this climate we averaged about four months a year, 12 days a month, subtracting all those days when the salvage ship must look for shelter from storms and when we could not go down because of fog, tide, winds, and excessive currents.

However, this diving game was just a step for me. I had saved money, but not enough yet to start in my own lock business. I thought it was time to look for steadier work to make my capital grow faster.

(To Be Continued)

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by Alice Brooks

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TEAM WORK

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The 12-pounder had been stunned when a boy on the escarpment showered it with rocks.

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NEXT: The first "hybrids"

AMERICAN GENERAL

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pictured U. S. general, Theodore _____, Jr.
- 9 Base in Algeria
- 12 Either
- 13 Sheet metal tube
- 14 Type measure
- 15 Symbol for terbium
- 16 Classified
- 17 Mother
- 18 3,1416
- 19 Buffalo
- 20 Animal's appendage
- 22 Type of meat
- 24 Mock
- 27 Charged atom
- 28 Perform
- 30 Guided
- 31 Obtained
- 33 Oil of vitriol (abbr.)
- 34 Stupor
- 36 Behold!
- 37 Novel
- 39 Dined
- 40 Toward
- 42 He is the of a late president
- 43 Returns
- 47 Ship
- 48 Hawaiian food
- 50 We
- 52 Room (abbr.)
- 53 Affection
- 54 Exist
- 55 Sign
- 56 Every one
- 57 Active power

Answer to Previous Puzzle

DIVISION
REARERS OF
ANTI-ON STEP
INDEPENDENT AS
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E REPISTOR ME
ERIN DI STOR
OE SLABIAA
REMEMBER

VERTICAL

- 1 Regular succession
- 2 Sphere
- 3 Peel
- 4 Rubbed out
- 5 Helect
- 6 Correct
- 7 Cover
- 8 Symbol for tellurium
- 9 Weave
- 10 Fiber-knots
- 11 Send forth
- 12 Female servant
- 13 Receptacle
- 14 Entertain



21 Limb

- 23 Wanderer
- 25 Tree
- 26 Single instrument's selection
- 29 Choir of eight voices
- 32 2000 pounds
- 35 Over (poet.)
- 38 Spider's home
- 39 First man
- 41 Far East
- 44 He saw action in — Africa
- 45 Talked
- 46 Pipe
- 48 Place for baking
- 51 Body of water
- 53 Piece of wood
- 55 Symbol for tantalum

Our Boarding House

With Major Hoople



Red Ryder



Freckles and His Friends

By Blosser



Wash Tubbs

By Crane



Boots and Her Buddies

By V. T. Hamlin



Allep Oop



Little Orphan Annie

By Harold Gray

