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A Game for Two

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FLORENCE BELLOWS saw trouble ahead. She slowed the pace of her roadster as she approached the car beside the road and stopped when a tall figure planted itself squarely in front of her.

"Now, what in the world does he want with me?" she asked herself. "I can't help him and I won't give him a ride—even if he is good looking!"

The young man came to the side of her car, and she saw in his dark eyes a look of determination.

"My car has gone blooey, and I wonder if you will give me a lift? I'm headed for the home of Mr. Bellows."

She looked at him sharply. She knew that her father had been trying to avoid process servers from the city for a week. Was this handsome, tawny chap one of that annoying tribe?

"But I—"

"I am Vincent Douglas from the office of Watson & Watson," he explained.

"No, I don't think I will," she answered coolly. "Besides, I am on my way to town."

"I am sorry, but I am on my way to the Bellows country home; so, if you will please move over one seat, I'll—" he said quietly.

"Well, what do you propose to do?" she demanded, amazed.

"To drive you to the Bellows place, then drive you to town," he answered serenely. "Please."

"I won't," she replied briefly. She plunged her foot on the foot throttle, but he had taken out the ignition key. The car was dead.

He asked her to move: on her refusal, he lifted her bodily from the seat into the next. Sudden wrath was softened by the new sensation of a man's strong arms raising her as they would a child; and her mixed emotions left her undecided. Before she rallied, they were on their way.

He smiled down to her. "I am sorry, and I apologize, but you see I'm out to do what a dozen men haven't done."

"I see—and I ought to be downright angry with you, but you are a bit interesting. I never ran across a man just like you—so near the caveman, I think," she said, calmly studying him.

Attracted in spite of herself to him, she made up her mind to pay him for his cool confiscation of her car and also prevent him if she could from ever reaching her father, for she was convinced that her companion was a process server—a young lawyer who had volunteered to see to it that her father got the papers which would require his appearance in an annoying lawsuit.

She reached forward, and with practiced hand jerked the ignition key from its socket. The car slowed down to a standstill.

He turned around, smiling. "Now, little girl, you must be good. Return that key, or right here I must take it away from you by force, and I almost think I would like to."

She clung to the key, almost wishing that he would try for the sake of experience of having him, and yet angry at his calm assumption that he could take it from her. She returned the key with the feeling that here was a new kind of male.

The car rolled smoothly on, and then, over a rough bit of road, began to bump suggestively. She laughed in spite of herself. The old tire on the rear wheel had gone flat.

He stripped off his coat. "It's a case of putting on your spare, and here goes!"

He laid his coat in the seat. Her eyes caught the glint of a legal-looking envelope, and a wild plan leaped into being. Cautiously, she drew out the envelope, extracted the contents, and replaced it, and sat innocently back.

"Two at the same game," she thought with delight.

Once more, he took his seat, first glancing at the pocket to make sure his envelope was there, and the eventful journey continued.

Under the guidance of his capable hands, the car rapidly covered the remaining miles, and he came to the goal of his effort—the entrance to the Bellows home. He mounted the steps triumphantly.

"If you will wait, I will be glad to drive to your home or to town," he said gravely.

"This is my home," she said sweetly.

He hesitated, then she saw his strong jaw set. "I am sorry it should be this way, but I have no choice."

Then he went in.

The sound of voices reached her through the open door, her father's deep laughter loudest. Then the would-be process server came out and she skipped in.

When she returned, her hold-up man was far down the road swinging with steady strides townward. She slid hurriedly into her car, pressed the throttle, and soon caught up with him. He turned a smiling face, and it dawned upon her that he was a good winner and besides a good loser.

"What, Mischief, did you do with those papers?" he asked, a man's broad grin on his face.

She laughed. "I just gave them to father! I have always thought he ought to go and testify—and the other reason—well, I just plain like you! Will you ride with me?"

"Will I?" The frank adoration in his eyes averted hers. "I certainly will, because I want to show you my caveman ancestor is about a million years old!"

Fairy Flag

Probably of all the relics of Dunvegan Castle, Scotland, the most popular is the fairy flag of the Macleods, even more than a waistcoat worn by Prince "Charlie," and some of his hair in a locket. Tradition says the flag was the gift of a fairy whom a Macleod chief wedded and then deserted. It insures victory in battle for the clan and lures fish in shoals for the fisherfolk of Dunvegan. But the flag can be waved only three times for service to its owners. Twice it has rendered help in dire need.

WEDDINGS

Announcement has been made of the marriage on May 27th of Miss Elizabeth Mae White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. White, Camden, N. J., and Donald Howard Hickman, of Wilmington, Del. The latter is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hickman, residents of Chestertown for a number of years.

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Only members of the immediate families attended the wedding at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon of Miss Mary L. Walls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. McCosh Walls, of Galena, Md., and Cheston A. Knotts, son of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Knotts, 617 West Twenty-sixth street, Wilmington. The wedding took place at the future home of the bridal couple, the Rev. A. H. Kleffman, pastor of West Presbyterian Church officiating. The bridal couple were unattended.

Miss Walls is a graduate of the Millington High School, Millington, and Thompson's Business School of Wilmington.

Mr. Knotts attended the Smyrna High School, Thompson's College, and is now associated with W. S. and F. J. Boyce, Inc.

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The announcement by Mr. and Mrs. George P. Orr of the approaching marriage on the 28th of their daughter, Frances, to J. Elwood Taylor, is of great interest here especially in the M. E. Church where they have been workers for some years, Mr. Taylor at present holding the place of superintendent in the Sunday School and Miss Orr being the secretary.

Origin of the "A," First Letter of the Alphabet

Some wise man once wrote, "what is ever seen is never seen." The saying is particularly true of the alphabet. "In the words of Prof. Isaac Taylor," says the Chicago Tribune, "the alphabet may be fairly accounted the most difficult as well as the most fruitful of all the past achievements of human intellect. It has been at once the triumph, the instrument, and the register of the progress of our race." Yet the alphabet is so commonplace a fundamental of human intercourse that its history is little appreciated or known.

The Phoenician A, considered as one of the very earliest of alphabetical forms, stood for a breathing sound. Vowels were not represented in the Semitic alphabets. The Greek alphabet was a development of the Phoenician. The early Greek alphabet is dated at approximately the Ninth century B. C. In the early centuries of the Christian calendar the Romans further changed and developed the alphabet. Roman writings in stone in early times were inscribed with large capital letters, such as the Roman A. This form has come down to us unchanged in many respects. It is strongly contrasted with the Hebrew form of A.

Stalin's Biography in 17 Words

In the Biographical Annual, published by the Izvestia, the organ of the Soviet government, the shortest note reads as follows: "Stalin, Joseph Vissarionovich Djugashirli; b. Gori, Tiflis province, 1879; m. Nadejda Sergeyevna Alleluya (d. 1932); two 3." There is nothing about his being de jure secretary general of the Russian Communist party, or de facto dictator of the U. S. S. R. The "Small Soviet Encyclopedia," also published at Moscow, remedies the first omission, but not the second, and adds the information that "he became the successor of Lenin through the testament" of the latter, followed by 3,000 words covering his school days and early life in Tiflis, Transcaucasia, his scholarship and his "superhuman" industry.

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DEATHS

Lemuel Mark

Lemuel Mark died at his home in Galena Tuesday morning, aged 78. The deceased was a retired railroad engineer and since coming to Kent has established a reputation for sobriety, honesty, and uprightness of character.

Surviving are his widow and one sister, Mrs. George McGee, of Baltimore.

Funeral services were held from his late home in Galena at 2 p. m., on Friday with interment in Galena Cemetery. Chester Lodge of Masons had charge of the funeral with the pastor of M. E. Church.

W. Irving Walker

Washington Irving Walker, father of the rural route system in Queen Anne's county, and active for many years in farm bureau work, and at one time a delegate to the Maryland Legislature died on Tuesday morning at 5.30 o'clock at his home near Chestertown. He had been in failing health for several months, but only recently was in Chestertown, where he greeted a number of friends.

Mr. Walker was born at Middletown, Delaware, November 10,1862, and was a son of the late Martin Walker and Maria Walker. On June 6th, 1889, he married Miss Katherine Ford, a daughter of the late Budd Sterling Ford, large land owner and prominent resident of Queen Anne's county. For many years they had resided near Chestertown.

Throughout his life Mr. Walker had been active in Democratic politics and in 1912 represented Queen Anne's county in the Maryland Legislature. When rural routes were being planned throughout the country he fostered and secured for Queen Anne's county the first rural route leading out of Chestertown into Queen Anne's county. He was also instrumental in securing for his section the first improved highway, when a stretch of slag road was built near Chestertown. He was an active member for a number of years of the Farm Bureau, and was untiring in his efforts for organizations for the betterment of farm conditions.

He is survived by his wife, and also leaves one brother, Martin Walker, who resides in England.

Funeral services were held Friday at 1.30 o'clock at his late home conducted by the Rev. Dr. John White, of Denton, assisted by the Rev. J. K. Hudson, pastor of the Crumpton M. E. Church. Interment was in the Ford family lot, at North East, Md. The pall bearers were James P. Brown, Harry Baker, Herbert Hartman, Charles Fuller, Frank Price, Richard Collins, Jr.; Wm. H. Good, undertaker.

Anna M. Creighton

Mrs. Annie M. Creighton, 73, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edward Clothier, Swan Creek, on Tuesday morning. She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Clothier, Mrs. Chas. Rodney, Charles, Howard and George Creighton and a sister, Mrs. Ella Latham, of Chester, Pa.

Funeral services were held from the residence of her daughter at 2 p. m. Thursday with the Rev. Mr. Hamer officiating, interment in Wesley Chapel Cemetery; Marvin V. Williams, undertaker in charge. The bearers were Norris Ashley, Owen Clark, Stephen Scott, Roy Strong, Jesse Copper and Charles Jacquette.

Thomas Bruff

Thomas Bruff, a well-known educator, died at his home in Baltimore county recently. He was well-known in Kent among the older people. Joseph, Charles, Thomas and Miss Mary Judefind and Mrs. Charles Hynson, of Rock Hall, are nieces and nephews while Miss Mary Webb is a grandniece.

Personal and Social Events of Interest

Junior Hoopes, who lives with his mother on the Tolchester farm, was among the highest who took the examinations in Washington last week for a scholarship to Princeton University. Young Hoopes will enter the freshman class of the institution in September.

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Miss Hope Wickes has returned to Chestertown from a tour to England. Miss Wickes was among the group who attended the Dickens memorial at the author's birthplace.

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Wilbur Ross Hubbard, Esq., entertained a small party of friends at dinner Thursday night, at his historic home here, Widehall. Mr. Hubbard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, are visiting friends and relatives in California.

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James Metcalfe, Jr., will leave on July 1st for a month's stay in Chicago, to attend the World's Fair. Miss Mae Lynn will accompany him.

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Miss Anna Lewis, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. W. Lewis, for a few days.

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Mrs. Jesse Maxwell entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mr. Maxwell's cousin, Miss Josephine Cockley, of Peru, Ind.

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Mrs. Catherine Beck Jones fell from the porch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Massey Hines, on Front street, Tuesday evening, and suffered severe bruises and pains.

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Little David Massey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Massey, underwent an operation for the removal of his tonsils in a Baltimore hospital this week and is now at the home of his parents again.

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Miss Margaret Jefferson is attending a showing of fall fashions in New York City.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Huber, of Baltimore, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cooper at their home on Washington avenue.

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H. W. Vickers, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. Vickers is at the home of his parents here after completing the year's work at the Stony Brook School for Boys. Stony Brook, Long Island. After finishing his school work he visited in Philadelphia for a week with his uncles.

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Mrs. William E. Moody, who has been a patient in the Church Home and Infirmary, Baltimore, Md., was brought to her home on Washington avenue in the Kent ambulance on Monday. She was accompanied by her son, W. Raymond Moody, and a nurse. She is improved.

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Mrs. Orman Andrews, of Denton, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Dukes, here this week.

Lieut. Geo. H. Gerhart, a recent graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, and Miss Sara Gehr, both of Philadelphia, were guests over the week-end at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. Benge Simmons.

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Superintendent of Water Plant, Charles S. Smith, is improving and expects to get down stairs Sunday.

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John Mason Lord, of Cumberland, a former student at the college, is assisting this summer in the Voshell House office. He makes a fine helper.

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Alvin E. Coleman's young son, of Chestertown, is attending the Pike county, Pa., camp.

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Capt. Floyd Brown, of the U. S. Marines, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Brown, Chestertown.

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Miss Laura R. A. Thomas, who has been a member of the elementary school faculty for a number of years has asked to be retired from active teaching and will be elegible for a retired teacher's pension.

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Mrs. Walter U. Lusby has been nursing bruises received Monday when she tripped and fell over a chair at her home on High street.

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James W. Crouch, teller of the Chestertown Bank of Maryland, fell on the driveway at G. D. Lofland's on High street last Friday evening and injured his back. He has been at his post each day but he is quite sore and bruised.

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Miss Katherine Fowler, of Baltimore, is the guest of her father and Mrs. Fowler on Mill street.

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Mrs. Thomas Davis has been spending the week with her son, Fred, and family near Wilmington.

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John Middleton, of Piney Neck, is quite ill in Easton Hospital.

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Miss Madge Crawford has been taken to Maryland General Hospital after several weeks of illness. She was later transferred to another home for treatment.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Usilton, Frank Jarrell, Jr., Dr. M. Earle Usilton and wife attended the Commencement of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia Wednesday. There were 1572 graduates Among those receiving degrees was Frederick G. Usilton, Jr., of Chestertown. He graduated from Washington College last year, attended Maryland University Summer School in 1933 and specialized in history at the university where he won his Master of Arts degree. He expects to follow teaching.

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Miss Julia Wilson, of Rock Hall, was one of the graduates at St. Gertrude's Academy, near Ridgely, last week.

Dr. Lewis B. Whiting and wife formerly Miss Kathryn A. Ford were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Ford during College Commencement. Dr. Whiting was graduated in medicine and surgery from Johns Hopkins University on June 12th, and will interne at St Agnes Hospital beginning July 1.

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Dr. and Mrs. D. Tylden Riley and daughter, Miss Kathleen, of Florence, S. C., are guests of Mayor and Mrs. C. N. Satterfield at their home on High street extended. Miss Maud Miller, who is employed in Florence, S. C., accompanied the visitors to Chestertown and will spend some weeks here.

The Chestertown "Cubs" on Tuesday won from the Church Hill Club by score of 15 to 7. Neavitt and John Frank pitched all except the last inning when Tommy Robinson finished in fine style. Charles Hadaway caught and made a 3-base hit. This team wants games. Address Thos. Robinson, Chestertown.

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Few Genuine Eskimo Dogs

It is rather difficult to find what is known as a "pure strain Eskimo" dog, the breed having been crossed with Newfoundlands, Great Danes and other large working dogs of modern civilization, but the Alaskan huskie is accepted by many as truly representing the old type. Contrary to general belief, the huskie is not only highly intelligent and kind, but makes a reliable companion. Only in cases where the animals have been abused and neglected do the old wolf tendencies rise up and stamp it as a vicious animal ready and willing at all times to assert its right to survive by the same methods as did its wolf ancestors.

Famous Lake Not Bottomless

The belief that Lake Ronkonkoma, on Long Island, is bottomless originated with the Indians. Subsequent soundings, however, found a uniform depth of 15 feet except in the center, where 60 to 70 feet and later 92 feet were measured. It is here that fresh water pours into the lake. Geologists who have studied the subject believe that this water comes from the northern states, passes under a stratum of rock underlying Connecticut to find an outlet in the porous bottom of Long Island.

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