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SYNOPSIS

Regi Allen, a manicurist in the barber shop of a swanky New York hotel has ambitions to marry a millionaire. Although she intrigues the interest of Allen Macklyn a young millionaire paralyzed from the waist down in a plane crash Regi has eyes only for Theodore Drew III society playboy. Drew plans to marry a wealthy society girl after a short vacation trip to Bermuda. He misses the boat when he gets drunk at dinner with Regi and Regi has to put him up in her apartment for the night. Later he tells Regi that he isn't worth a cent his father losing everything in the crash. Regi is in love with him but she thinks he would be better off if he married money. She repulses his ardent advances and he leaves the apartment bewildered. Meanwhile Ted's fiance comes to the Carlton and insults Regi. Disappointed and disgusted Regi accepts Macklyn's proposal of marriage and a honeymoon on his yacht.

CHAPTER IX

TED hurried out to the Snowden estate in Westchester only to be informed by the butler that Vivian was staying in town at the Carlton hotel.

"The Carlton?" he puzzled. "Why the Carlton?"

"I don't know, sir," answered the servant. "She didn't say . . . but I suppose she had some reason."

"You could marry me for my money and I could marry you because . . because . . . you give such a good manicure," Macklyn said.

"Well, that's where I go then. Good-bye, Miles. Keep out of draughts."

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Nona greeted the listless Regi with the announcement that the day was a wonderful one for her, according to the "aujeries."

"It's no use, Nona," her friend smiled wanly. "Ted's gone. He's going to marry that Snowden girl. He's got to marry somebody with money. That's the way he is. The same as I am. Yes . . . and I'm going to, too. I'll marry the first rich man that asks me. I'll show him!"

"Somebody in Seventeen-O-two wants a manicure," interrupted Laura. "Asked for Miss Allen. Hurry right up, Regi."

A few moments later Regi entered the presence of a haughty and beautiful member of the four hundred, who sized her up rather unamicably.

"You'll pardon the mess," said the young lady as she waved toward the dresses which littered every chair in the room. "I'm inspecting my trousseau." After a lengthy pause she added. "Your name is Regi Allen, isn't it."

"Yes," answered the manicurist, busy with the slim fingers.

"Will you tell me something about your profession? Why do all men attempt to dine with manicurists the minute they sit down. Is it because they are more or less holding hands?"

"I think that's a little exaggerated."

"Not from what I hear. Every man I know who has an evening on his hands . . . " she smiled "on his hands, says I guess I'll get a manicure."

"Oh, does he?" Regi was becoming annoyed. "Well, I don't think he always succeeds."

"Oh, I see you're an exception, that's why you only dine with men like . . . Theodore Drew, the third, for instance. You can pack up your things now. I didn't want a manicure. I wanted to see what you were like and that doesn't take long. It's like this . . . when Ted telephoned from New York and said he was in Bermuda, I engaged detectives to trace the call, and that's how you came in."

"Before you say any more, can I say something?" asked Regi as she rose and began calmly to gather her tools. "I must tell you that, crazy as it seems, there is nothing between Ted and me."

"You don't have to explain anything, and least of all do you have to lie. I know all about what happened between you and Ted. He's had manicurists before. I've never minded much. My only purpose in seeing you was to find out if you were any different from the ordinary run. I certainly would have nothing more to do with him if I thought his heart was touched. But now that I have met you, my dear Miss Allen, my fears have proved quite groundless. Now there's one thing more. Mr. Drew, as you probably found out, is not overly wealthy at the moment and I think it's only fair you should be paid for a week's manicuring. . . . If you will find me my purse . . . "

"Mr. Drew will find your purse," snapped Regi as she walked out and slammed the door behind her.

She went directly from Miss Snowden's room to her daily appointment with Allen Macklyn.

"You're late today," reproved Peter as he opened the door. "We've phoned twice. Mr. Macklyn's been . . . "

"Yes, I know." Regi's tone was savage. "I was polishing up a bride."

"Oh, at last," cried Allen when she entered the living room. "My nang, that's have been screaming for you."

Regi went to his chair, trying to hold back her tears. She put the tray on the floor rest. Then no longer able to restrain her feelings, sank down beside him, let her head fall on his arm and, like a hurt child, sobbed convulsively.

"I'm sorry, Regi," he soothed her when he had heard the story.

"Don't be sorry for me," she cried. "It serves me right for going back on everything I ever believed. I should have run like mad when I saw what was happening. But not me. I jumped at it. I wanted to get bitten. Well, I got it. And, Allen, it hurts so!"

"You can't run away from love, Regi," he said, stroking her bright hair. "It just comes. I know how you feel. I've been through it. I told you how my love flew out the window when . . . when . . . " He indicated his condition. "when I lost the use of my legs. We're a fine pair, Regi. You and I ought to be ideally happy, because we're through with love."

"Those are the only people who ever are happy, I guess," she answered, drying her eyes.

"You think I'm a good egg, don't you?"

"The best."

"And I think you're . . . " He was aching to declare his love but did not dare. " . . . completely swell. Let's you and I get married. You could marry me for my money and I could marry you because . . . because . . . you give such a good manicure."

"Don't kid about it, Allen," she exclaimed, jumping to her feet. "I'm trying to take it big, but it's . . . "

"I'm not kidding," he told her gently.

"But I don't love you."

"That's great. I don't love you either. Isn't that a sound basis for happiness? The more I think of it, the more I like it. What do you say . . . is it a bet . . . do we get married?"

"We could never hurt each other, could we?" She looked at him tenderly. "Allen, honestly, you're the top!"

She hugged him affectionately but dispassionately as he took out his handkerchief and finished drying her eyes.

To be continued

"FARM AND HOME"

Our Weekly Digest Of Timely Topics Which Will Be Found Interesting And Instructive.

The Supreme Court's decision, invalidating the AAA, is not expected to have an immediate harmful effect on farm prices and incomes, inasmuch as some experts believe that removal of the processing taxes will cause prices to rise sufficiently to offset the loss of benefit payments.

However, the long-time effect of the decision, unless it is remedied by new legislation, causes considerable alarm. This is based on the belief that absence of control measures will mean substantially increased production to be followed inevitably by price declines.

The decision of the Court was called "a stunning blow to national economic recovery" by Edward A. O'Neal, head of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who predicted a fight with all gloves off. Mr. O'Neal has been an ardent advocate of the present program, which, he considers, a child of organized agriculture. He insists that farmers will not stand idly by and watch the fight for economy swept into the discard. He looks to Congress to provide legislation to meet the situation and insists that if this is possible under the Constitution, "steps will be taken immediately to amend the Constitution." He attacked the enemies of the program as enemies of the Republic who have left no stone unturned to keep the farmer impoverished and to reduce him to a state of peasantry.

On the other hand, Charles A. Ewing, president of the National Livestock Marketing Association, hailed the Court as "our greatest safeguard of Democratic Government" and declared that "we must now develop a program legally and economically sound." He believes it possible "without regimentation and without resort to a policy of scarcity" to establish more stable and better markets for livestock.

Walter M. Singler, head of the Wisconsin cooperative Milk Pool, and H. C. Keeney of the Nebraska Farmers' Union, said the decision was what they expected and the latter expressed the belief that a majority of the farmers "were against the AAA and hoping they could get away from it."

Stanley F. Morse, of the Farmers Independent Council, said "The farmers can thank the Supreme Court." He denounced bureaucrats masquerading as benefactors of the farmer and said that the decision leads to the conclusion that the real object of the AAA must have been to catch the farmers' vote and to regiment farmers into collectivism.

Earl Smith, President of the Illinois Agricultural Association, who helped draft the AAA said that national recovery is in large part due to the AAA. He believes that a vast majority of farmers and of the members of Congress hold to the same convictions and that steps to cure defects in the act will be taken immediately.

The first crop crisis, resulting from the Supreme Court's decision, threatens cotton because officials will unable to handle the problem even if a new approach to farm relief is devised.

Unrestricted production throughout the South is expected and private observers fear that next season's crop might easily reach 15,500,000 bales as a maximum and 13,500,000 bales as a minimum. Already information has been received that large planters are preparing to throw huge acreages into cultivation. Operations in Texas should begin by the end of the month and move eastward without restriction.

Because controlled production has been the basic fundamental of AAA programs, it is interesting to call attention to the yield of cotton in former years. Beginning with 1929, the cotton crop was 14,800000 bales; 1930, 13,900,000 bales; 1931, 17,100,000 bales; 1932, 13,100,000 bales; 1933, 13,000,000 bales, after 10,500,000 acres had been arbitrarily taken out of cultivation—otherwise, a crop of 17,000,000 bales would have resulted; 1913, 9,600,000 bales; and, 1935, 10,700,000 bales.

A large leaf surface is needed for the development and maintenance of a good bearing surface and for the production of heavy crops of high quality fruit.

There is considerable difference in the rate at which foliage from a given tree removes carbon dioxide from the air at different hours of the day and on different days during the growing season. Some of the differences are clearly associated with weather conditions.

Eleven students from eight counties in the state are registered at the second annual University of Maryland Winter School which is being held at College Park from January 6 to February 14. The following counties are represented: Anne Arundel, Worcester, Frederick, Montgomery, Harford, Prince George's, Charles and Carroll.

Apples soften much more rapidly in temperatures from sixty to seventy degrees Fahrenheit than they do in cold storage.

The acreage of soybeans threshed during 1935 is estimated at 6,000 acres. This is the same acreage as for 1934, although the yield was considerably lower.

Hens kept in confinement and properly fed will lay as many eggs and tend to lay larger eggs than birds of the same age on limited range. These conclusions are the outcome of experiments conducted since 1928 at the Animal Husbandry Experiment farm at Beltsville, Md.

Birds kept under confinement in these experiments were fed cod liver oil along with other feed and had access to sunshine through open windows in the laying house, thereby preventing possible adverse effects from vitamin deficiency. These hens had a tendency to lay a larger number of eggs during the winter months instead of in the spring as was the case with the hens on range. Electric lights were used in both pens from 5 a. m. until daylight each day from September until April. The fertility nor hatchability of the eggs was affected by the confinement of the hens, nor was there any noteworthy difference in mortality of the hens.

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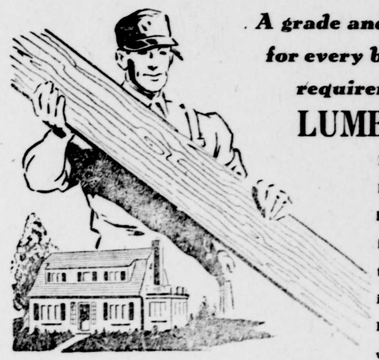

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