After Eleven O'Clock

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IT WAS usually just about eleven o'clock at night when Peggy returned to her flat from the theater and, as she finished the last flight of stairs she could always hear the thump of her collie's tail on the floor. It seemed as if David's greatest joy in life came when he heard her key in the lock. The hours were long and lonely while he guarded the flat, his nose pressed to the door. He had been trained against greeting her noisily lest he wake sleeping tenants.

After joyous greetings David and Peggy prepared for their late walk. David brought his leash and Peggy waited until she heard a door opposite close and footsteps descend the stairs and then they emerged together from the apartment building.

It didn't matter how weary Peggy was, even on matinee days, when she had had two performances at the theater—David was always taken out for his evening walk. And, living just two blocks from Riverside drive, they invariably made their way straight to the river since it gave David a gambol on the grass and Peggy some long breaths of fresh air from the Hudson.

And Jack Bennet, walking on Riverside drive, had found of late that he had a shadow, which, instead of being fashioned on masculine lines, was feminine. In other words, Bennet had noticed during the past three weeks that a young lady seemed to be following him everywhere he went. She kept well within sight of him from the moment he turned into the drive until he was within a block of home, then suddenly disappeared. She had never made any attempt to speak to him, but there was no doubt in his mind that she was watching him.

However, so long as there was no conversation attempted Bennet continued to enjoy his eleven o'clock ramble with Jip, his wire-haired fox terrier. Jip and the young lady's big shaggy black dog seemed to hit it off very well for they barked a joyous greeting and then dashed off together.

It was Bennet's most enjoyable hour of the day—this walk with Jip when most of that part of the noisy city was deep in slumber. He was glad to be alone, yet he couldn't help being just slightly interested in the personality of the girl who followed him so persistently though discreetly about. She disappeared so suddenly and so completely each night just as he was about to enter his own apartment building that Bennet had never had so much as a glimpse of her face.

One Thursday night Bennet felt himself shadowed a trifle less closely than hitherto. Then a stifled cry broke the stillness of the drive and sent Bennet swiftly in the direction from whence it came.

There was the snarl of dogs. Bennet heard his own Jip's snapping bark proclaiming the fact that something untoward was taking place.

As he drew nearer the sounds he heard a girl's voice shouting frantically, "David! David—come, David." And he knew that she was following the cry of her dog into the darkness of the shrubs that banked the walks toward the river.

The big black dog must be in trouble of some kind, was Bennet's thought, and reaching the girl's swiftly moving figure he asked:

"What's the matter? Can I help you?"

"Oh!" breathed the girl with tremendous relief in her voice. "I'm afraid some one has got David, my dog—I hear him snarling and—"

"You'd better let me go down—it's not safe," put in Bennet.

"David won't let you touch him—if I'm not along," she told him and followed beside him.

A bi. farther on they saw through the density of shrubbery an evil-looking man with David.

Upon hearing a masculine voice and footsteps hurrying in his direction the man bolted, and a second later David was freed and licking Peggy's hands and otherwise showing his gratitude. Another second and he bounded off, followed by Jip, both eager for their accustomed romp.

"Men do that," said Bennet, "to lure people down into this darkness—then rob them. You must never go down here alone—it isn't safe."

"I couldn't let David be hurt," she said tremblingly, then looked up at Bennet, and in the lamp light he saw her face for the first time with its soft eyes and lovely smiling mouth. "I have followed you about every night because I was afraid to being down here alone but David loves the grass so and I love a breath of pure air after the stuffy theaters. You have perhaps thought me very bold. I wait every night until I hear your door shut and you and your dog go downstairs—then David and I keep within calling distance."

Bennet smiled.

"And do you mean to tell me that you live on the same floor as I do—and that I have missed seeing you all this time?"

His words had so very much behind them that Peggy smiled—into the future.

Ancient Irish Proverb

"Fire and salt," says an old proverb in Irish, "are the two most sacred things given to man. If you give them away on May day you give your luck for the year." A hare found on that day is surely a witch in disguise and must be stoned immediately.

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NEWS OF SPORTS

KENNEDYVILLE WINS PENINSULA TITLE

Kennedyville base ball won the title of Peninsula champions when they defeated Dagsboro on Saturday last at Milford by a score of 8 to 7. This was the third game in a series in which each team had scored one victory and the titie comes to Kennedyville by the narrow margin of one run.

The series was arranged between Kennedyville and Dagsboro as they had won the championship of the Chesapeake Bay League and the Eastern Shore League respectively.

Knnedyville had things their own way in the first five innings with a safe lead of seven runs and at the start of the ninth inning they were leading with 7 to 3.

Dagsboro batting first in the ninth accumulated the necessary four runs to tie the score before the side was retired. Kennedyville used two pinch hitters in the ninth inning, Brown and Bill Johnson, who each came through with a single which scored the winning run. It was an exciting game and a good windup of a base ball season.

Bill Loller, who has been the mainstay on the mound for Kennedyville during the entire season, allowed only one run to cross the plate in the first seven innings, but i nthe eighth and ninth a few safe hits and some costly errors netted the opposing side 6 runs.

The lineup and summary follows:

Kennedyville	AB	R	H	O	A
Grant, c	4	1	0	4	0
Archibald, 3b	3	1	1	2	2
Hurlock, cf	1	1	2	2	0
Williams, 2b	5	0	1	5	2
Loller, p	5	1	2	0	3
Tobin, 1b	3	1	2	7	1
Fitzgerald, rf	5	1	1	0	0
Oliffe, lf	5	0	2	2	0
Smith, ss	4	1	1	5	3
Brower, 1b	1	1	1	0	0
Johnson, ss	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	41	8	14	27	11

Dagsboro	AB	R	H	O	A
Hutson, ss	5	0	0	2	3
Spence, rf	4	0	1	2	1
Tait, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Campbell, 3b	4	2	2	5	1
Jester, 2b	5	2	2	3	8
Hickman, lf	5	0	0	1	0
Davis, 1b	3	0	0	5	1
Donoway, cf	4	1	1	1	0
Britham, c	4	1	1	7	0
Gray, p	1	0	0	1	1
Tingle, p	2	0	1	0	2
T. Donoway, 1b	1	0	0	0	0
Bunting, 3b	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	39	7	8	27	12

Kennedyville	1	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	1	—8
Dagsboro	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	—7

Runs batted in—Hurlock (3), Tobin (2), Jester (4), Campbell, Hutson, Loller, Oliffe, Johnson. Two base hits—Hurlock, Loller, Fitzsgerald, Oliffe. Home run—Jester. Struck out—by Loller 4, by Gray 1, by Tingle 5; Base on balls—off Gray 1; off Tingle 1; off Loller 1. Hit by pitched ball—Grant, by Gray; Archibald, by Tingle; Stolen bases—Campbell 2, Donoway 2, Hickman, Tobin. Umpires—Lawson and Horsey.

WASHINTON OUT-CLASSED BY MARYLAND

Washington College football team was out-classed by the Maryland eleven last Saturday when they were defeated by a score of 60 to 6.

In the first three quarters the local eleven were opposed by the Maryland reserves which afforded an interesting contest and although the score for these periods was 32 to 6 the scoring was spotty and was the result of a continued successful aerial attack. In the fourth period the Maryland regulars were put in and found little trouble scoring almost as well.

The spirit shown by the Washington eleven against a much stronger team is praiseworthy and this spirit and fight will, no doubt, make a showing before the season is over.

The lineup and summary follows:

Maryland		Washington
Wood	LE	Stevens
Keenan	LT	Phillips
Wilson	LG	Hope
Scott	C	Sherkey
Feldman	RG	Freeney
Butz	RT	Dwyer
Rooney	RE	Plummer
Evans	QB	Robinson
Settino	LH	Dobkins
Kiernan	RH	Reinhold
May	FB	Dean

Score by quarters:

Maryland	7	20	7	26	—60
Washington	0	6	7	0	—6

Touchdowns—Kiernan (3), Dean, Cronin, Rooney, Poppelman, Chalmers, Berger (2). Points after touchdown—Keenan (3', Cronin, Chalmers (2', all placekicks.

Substitutions: Maryland—Loughran for Wood; Sanford for Keenan; Fisher for Sanford; Hayden for Wilson; Steiber for Scott; Faber for Steiber; Duley for Feldman; Krajcovic for Duley; Carlis for Butz; Pease for Carlis; Deckman for Rooney; Cole for Deckman; Crinon for Evans; Chalmers for Cronin; Hockensmith for Settino; Berger for Kierman; Pitzer for May; Popplеman for Pitzer. Washington College —Gainor for Stevens; Brinkhurst for Hope; Harris for Sherkey; Williams for Dwyer; Rosenere for Plummer; Johnson for Robinson; Knolhoff for Dobkins.

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