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"MAGDA, the saintly," her friends called her. For though this beautiful actress had countless admirers, she steadfastly refused to let the slightest suspicion of love or romance enter her life.

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For some strange reason Magda neither denied nor confirmed these rumors. The poison spread. One by one her friends deserted her. Even her youthful protegee, a young man in the cast whom she had encouraged and helped with all her strength, publicly denounced her as unfit for decent people to associate with. Had he known the truth he would have cut out his tongue rather than breathe a word against her character.

Then Magda's play suddenly closed. Crushed and in despair, she sought out the man responsible for her wrecked reputation, and threatened to expose him—to tell the world the truth.

"I dare you to!" he snarled through evil lips. And Magda knew her fight had just begun.

Until now, the sensational truth about the venomous scandal which blasted her life has remained securely locked in Magda's aching, grief-torn heart. But now her story can be told. It is entitled "Beyond the Pale," and appears complete in December True Story Magazine.

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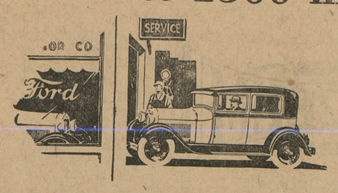
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MENAGERIE IN BACK YARD

Resplendent though it is with stories of glamorous careers of showmen beneath the billowing canvas the history of the American circus offers no story more romantic than that of a Rockville (Md.) youth who, at the age of 17, is the owner of two traveling menageries and proprietor of a thriving business as dealer in wild beasts.

Lowry Riggs, who comes of the distinguished old Maryland family of that name, did not achieve his unique position through the conventional story-book path of leaving home to join the "big top." Withdrawn from Rockville High School because of ill heatlh, the young man set his hand to commercialize his fondness for wild life.

In so doing he not only regained health, but found a place for himself in a field which, because of the hazards entailed and the remote sources of supply of stock, is not overcrowded.

His first business transaction consisted of the exchange, with a rattlesnake dealer, of a flock of Maryland bantam chickens for several full-grown Texas "rattlers," which young Riggs promptly sold at a profit to a carnival company.

The back yard of the Rockville home of the Riggs family in summer time is a colony of strange creatures from all quarters of the globe, housed in pens and cages built by the aspiring young showman. Toward winter the menagerie diminishes, for the pens are not provided with heat and tropical animals will not withstand the Maryland winters.

Young Riggs' two menagerie shows are now in Waynesboro, Pa., after making a summer circuit of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. During the season just closed the exhibits were a leading attraction at the Rockville Fair.

Seen at his home last Wednesday young Riggs was making plans for "packing away" two good-sized alligators for the winter, while snakes and other warmth-seeking species have already been bedded down against the chilling blasts. Burlap is used for this purpose.

During recent weeks the young showman has quartered a huge baboon, foxes, a hyena, numerous varieties of wildcats, a Mexican hairless dog, and numerous smaller animals at the Rockville homestead.

In adopting the career of showmanship young Riggs violated all precedents of the historic Maryland family of his name. Since early Colonial days, when his progenitors settled on land grants from Lord Baltimore near what is now Laurel, Md., the family vocation has been banking.

One branch of the family produced the founders of Riggs & Co., bankers, in Washington, which later became the Riggs National Bank. Samuel Riggs, father of the youth, is in charge of the accounting division of the District of Columbia Water Department.

Lowry's two brothers are both employed in banking institutions. Reuben Riggs is employed at the Montgomery County National Bank, at Rockville, while Samuel B. Riggs is receiving teller of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, in Washington.

The odd assortment of wild things at the Riggs home is a continual source of terror to the young man's friends. They watch in alarm while the young showman fondles the queer beasts from which he derives his income.

When 6 years old he exhibited a decided fancy for the possession of living playthings. One of his early acquisitions was a "troupe" of trained white mice which he taught to perform numerous fancy tricks, such as walking the tight rope and spinning a small wheel.

The nearest approach to a tragedy which has visited the Riggs show occurred in Riverdale, Md., during the past summer. An attendant in removing a rattler from its cage was bitten on the forearm. Hurried to a hospital in Washington, the man recovered from the effects of the reptile's poison and later rejoined the show.

Among his best customers for animal consignments young Riggs lists the zoos of Washington, San Antonio, Texas, and the Bronx Zoo in New York. He also sells to private collectors and persons with game preserves to stock. Some of his patrons are merely seeking an odd household pet from the realm of the easily domesticated wild beasts.

MALNUTRITION—WHERE?

Miss Miriam Kincheloe, Red Cross Nutritionist, now located in Kent, says, "Remember that the four kinds of food which are to be found in milk, eggs, cheese, meat, fish, fruits, vegetables, whole grain cereals as well as water are necessary to health. Some must be included in the diet every day. To eat just bread and butter, potatoes and meat, cakes and pastries, and to drink tea and coceee eventually mean malnutrition. Remember also that nutrition does not only mean eating the right foods. The body has to make use of them and so needs also sunshine, fresh air, exercise of one sort or another, adequate sleep, absence of strain and worry if the proper food is to do most for the body.

Drop your "bucket" right where you are and you will almost inevitably find malnutrition.

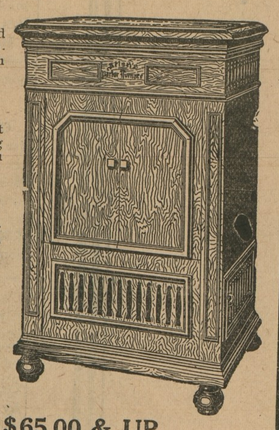
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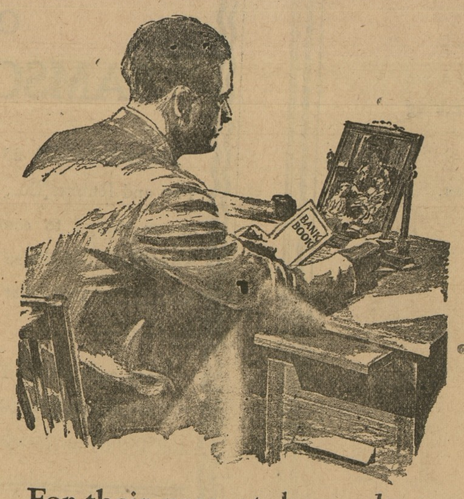
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