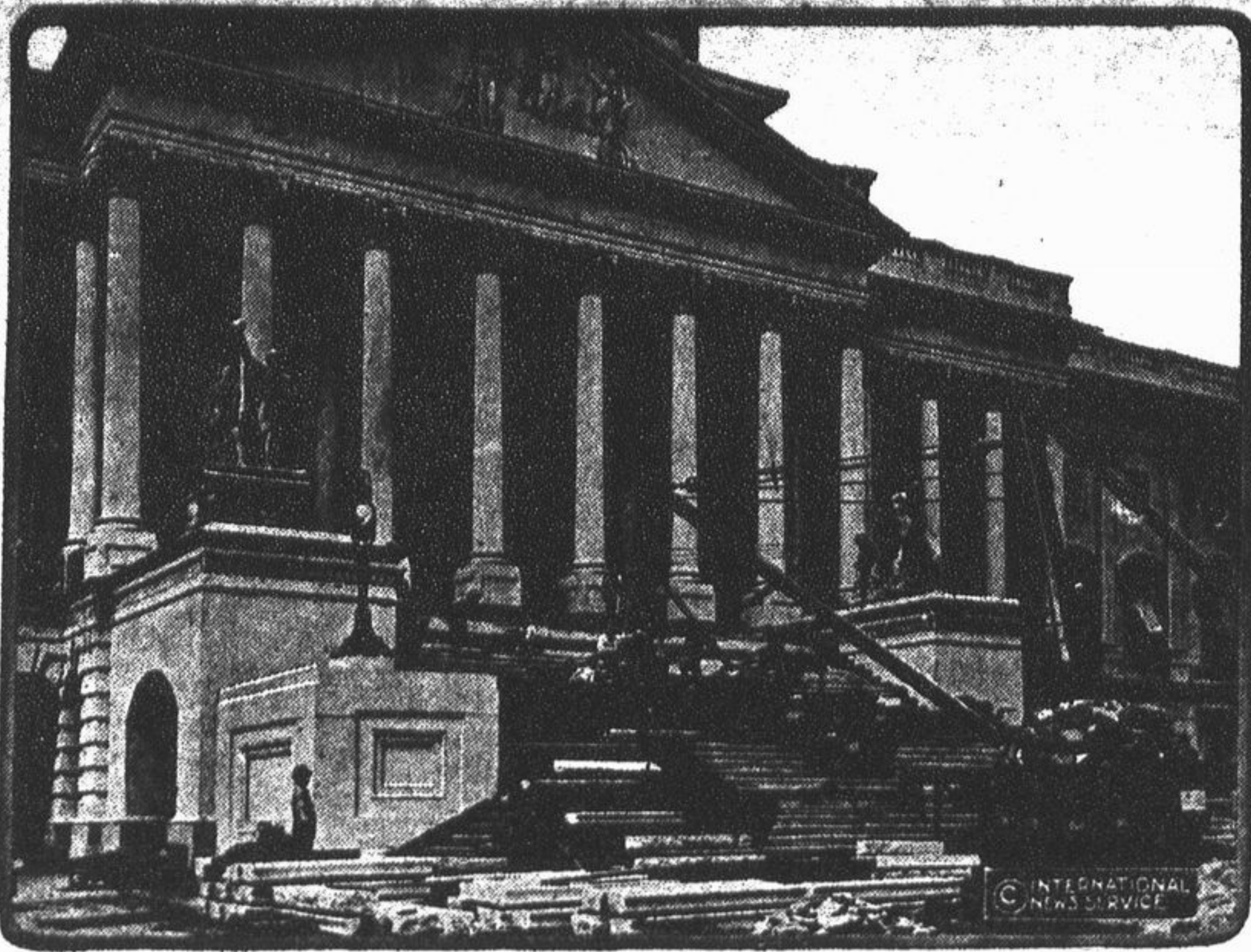
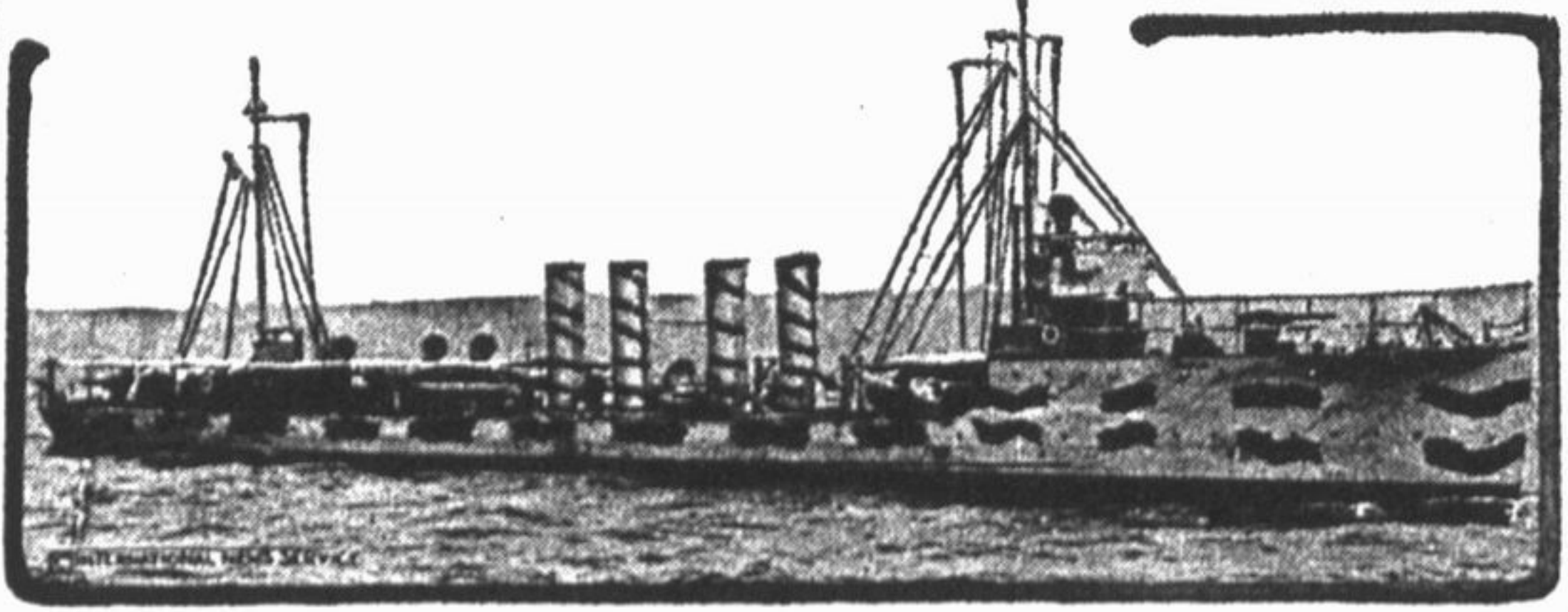


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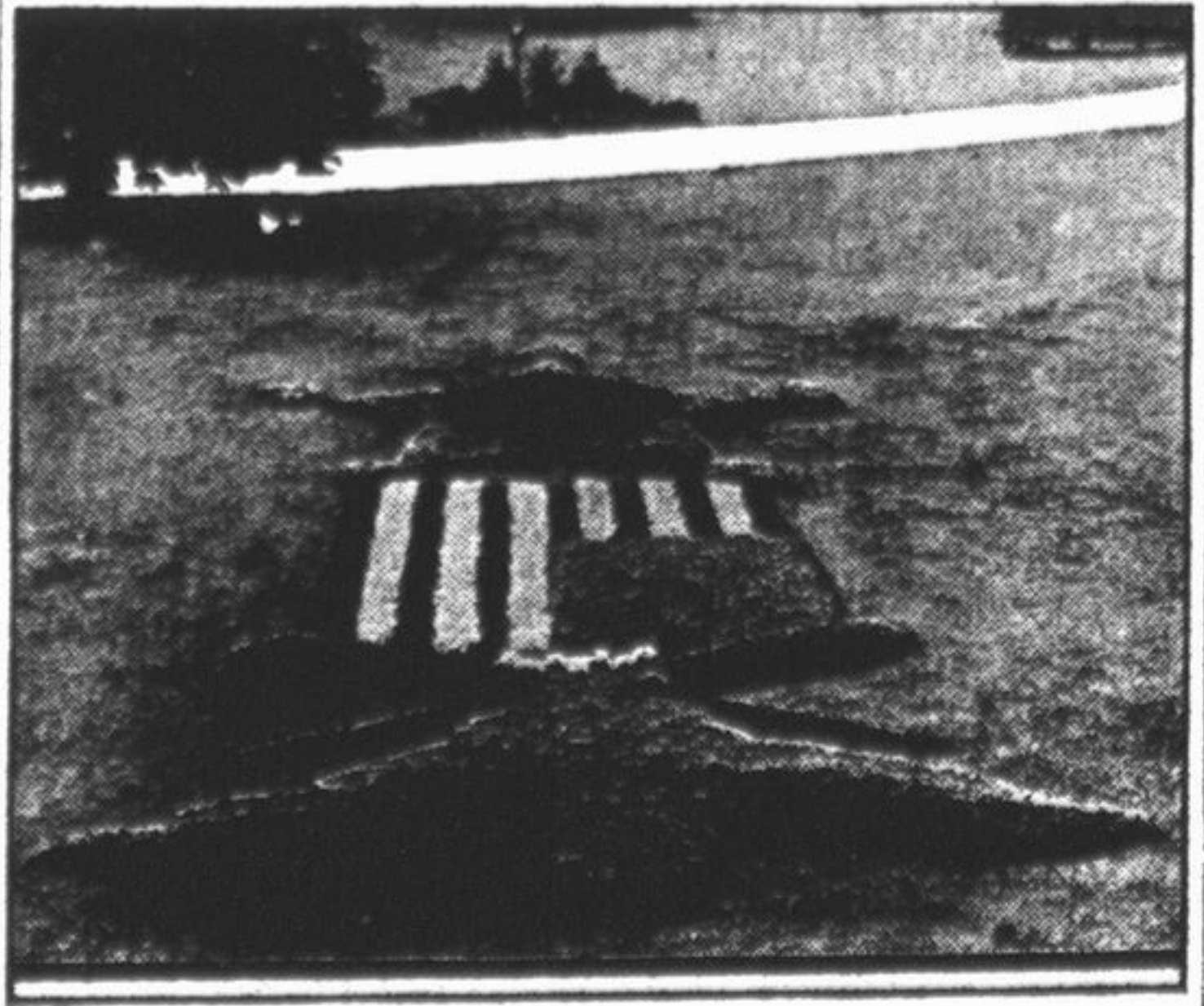
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Peter Perkins and the World Changed.

ROBERT DOUGLAS.

By the McClure Newspaper Syndicate. The transfer of property was a step in the right direction for both parties concerned. It had made free to go into the city and secure congenial labor, while Peter Perkins could seek the robust health he had lost in his effort to find that vague pedestal called fame. His channel had been through art, and Peter had succeeded to a flattering degree before his health—or the lack of it—had sent him to the country.

The Stanwood property was sadly neglected. The gardens, both vegetable and floral, were all but wrecks; the lone cow was a pitiful sight to a lover of animals, while the few hens and rabbits were forlorn creatures. The orchard, once bearing choice and rare fruit, required pruning, lopping and care to an alarming extent, but with it all Peter felt sanguine as to the results he would obtain from healthy labor on the property.

Peter had worked with feverish impetuosity on his art, and by so doing had arrived on the practice of a nervous breakdown. The Stanwood place came up as a blessing to him. Since he could not make further use of his brain during its process of rebuilding, he rejoiced in the physical activity that would be demanded of him during his three years in the country.

It was difficult at first to fling off the mental that gripped him after leaving the steam-heated studio and his brushes and models; but the trimming of shrubs that was necessary, since it was his autumn, sent Peter out with his axe and saw and an augmenting sense of zeal. Having come originally from the West, Peter was at least adapted for outdoor life. Farming had the artist's temperament went through his mind in Peter's memory. It was not difficult, then, during the fall of the artist's brain, for the farmer to come readily into activity.

When the structure had been removed the trees in the orchard were cut, Peter Perkins was contented and served only by old Gregory, who was both an intelligent gardener and a handy man about the place.

The social intercourse and no meeting with pain. Remember that had been the doctor's parting words to Peter. "For one year at least."

And so Peter had forgotten the pleasure of seeing even Doris Brown, the girl whom he had almost desistently fallen in love with, and he had looked up his paints and brushes in the attic room and had bravely given the key to old Gregory.

"Don't give it to me—even if I see you for nothing so," he had demanded Gregory, and the old man had the key.

Before the cold weather came the orchard was mended, the chicken coop whitewashed and a cockerel and hen were added to the kitchen flock, and all other preparations for an excellent springtime were made. The poor little rabbit was left to roam and, that being the last of the domestic arrangements among the Stanwoods, Peter and Gregory turned their attention to their own business.

During the winter months they looked every inch of the interior of the Stanwood house and mended the shutters and doors and windows. Some vines were trimmed so that they would not be a nuisance to the old living room with its great stone fireplace and high ceiling.

It was not until the arrival of spring when the verdure was brilliant and the fruit blossoms in bud and odorous bloom, that Peter really christened Gregory with distinction.

"It's a shame in an artist's life," he muttered at the imperturbable servant. "These blossoms are perfect—these roses have an orchard so beautiful, it could win a thousand dollar prize with a small sketch." His own had become somewhat wheedling.

"The blossoms'll be out again next year," was all Gregory said, and Peter went in with the keys to his studio and workshop. He eyed Peter with a glow of pride. Somehow he had succeeded for the glow of health had been steadily progressing in Peter's life.

"I'll be glad to do with the chickens, eggs, milk and vegetables that we'll be having before long," murmured Peter as he realized the genuine tenderness that work on the farm was beginning to do for him. "We'll have a hundred little rabbits if we don't get any more," he laughed. The queer old man was a serious one. "Old Gregory is a real beauty now," he added, watching the sleek, fattened fowls that he was feeding with his own hands. "Think of the fine ones that were raised. You and I raised 'em."

"You've got the word," said Peter and Gregory with astonishment. Peter had accused the other of being a miser, and now with Gregory's words he was at least doing everything possible to render it unnecessary.

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