Rainbow Gold

by

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SYNOPSIS

Dan Prescott and Gordon Westerby find gold in the arid bush of Australia. They stake their claim and start the long journey to the coast.

Westerby has a fiancee, Gladys Clements in England, but when they arrive in Sydney he marries a pretty blonde.

Gordon forwards a photo of Dan to former fiancee, Gladys Clements, in London and when Dan arrives she believes he is Gordon. Eve Gilchrist, a typist, obtains work in Medlicott's office, the broker who is floating the mine.

"I'm the bearer of bad news," she said. "Frankie's brother has turned up from Nottingham; and as she only sees him once in so often she has had to let us down."

His face fell; but his roving eyes took in every detail of her costume, including the short tweed skirt and stout shoes with low heels. Dan felt an impulse to insane audacity.

"What station do I book to?" he asked, as though the absence of the other girl was a negligible matter.

"Box Hill," Eve said.

When he came back with the tickets, she said:—

"Aren't you taking a good deal for granted?"

"I reckon a man's got to, sometimes; or else miss a lot of fun," Dan said. "Honest though, it's quite all in order, isn't it, Miss Gilchrist?"

"Honest, I meant to come in spite of Frankie's absence; if you were man enough to ask me."

They found an empty carriage, and as the train started, Eve heard Dan chuckling.

"What's amusing you?" she asked.

"Frankie's brother is a good sort," Dan replied. "He turned up at just the right time."

"I'll tell her what you said," Eve threatened.

"No, don't do that, Miss Gilchrist," Dan begged, serious all at once. "She's been awfully good to me, and I enjoy her company. "Only three's a crowd sometimes."

"You think of all sorts of things, don't you?" Eve mocked. "It's a wonder that it hasn't occurred to you that you treat your friends with a lot of formality."

"I—I don't."

"Some of them," Eve went on "I hear you calling my friend Frankie. Don't you know my name?"

"I wouldn't dare," Dan muttered.

"Say it," the girl insisted. "I'm not going to be missed by you all through a long day. Say it."

"Eve," Dan said. "Thank you Eve." "She never would be missed," chanted Eve gaily. And then, with a return to seriousness. "You make it a bit hard for a fellow, sometimes, Dan."

"After the way you've treated me," Dan said, "I should be ashamed if I seemed to presume in any way."

"Then that's that. You look different today, somehow."

"I feel like a kid again," Dan confessed. "Or like a chap in Aussie, going off with a good partner by train somewhere. Maybe they're off shearing, or fencing or something. Maybe just looking out for something to turn up. It just gives you the feeling that something is going to happen; something different."

"Tell me, dan," Eve said. "Why did you tell those tall tales about Australia to Mr. Burdon?"

"I'm not a liar," Dan replied. "Unless people ask me to be one. Medlicott as good as told me I was lying; so it was up to me to let him know what real lying was."

"The result being that Mr. Burdon is so sceptical about you and the mine that he may not supply the capital which Mr. Medlicott expected," Eve remarked.

"I didn't come to England to pitch the tale," Dan said, his jaw setting. "Medlicott has no right to make a show of me. And when he does, he has to stand by me, and not try to be funny."

"Well, but how's the mine to be developed if—"

"Look here, Eve," Dan said earnestly, "I wish I'd never sold any part of that mine. I wish Westerby and I had gone back, to take out the gold in sight, and develop it ourselves. We could have managed somehow. But it's done, now, and I cannot go back on it. But if Mr. Burdon, or anybody else, chooses to doubt me, I'd rather be stayed out. His loss, in the long run."

"I'm glad you are so confident about it."

"I'm confident enough to take the responsibility for any money lost, so long as I have my say," Dan answered. "But I'm dead sick of that mine. Let's talk about something else."

Eve wondered what Dan would say if he heard the allusions made to him by the department of Medlicott's organisation, which resented his introduction there. Social contacts was also jealous of Eve, for it was known throughout the office that this girl, though a newcomer to the staff, had been visiting with Medlicott and Dan, on the footing of a guest.

It followed that all the insinuations were directed at Eve, though not addressed to her in such a manner as to permit any reply. Somebody had christened Dan the "film hero," and the appelation had stuck. By that name he was referred to by the whole staff, and Eve smarted under the implication of imposture. Even Medlicott had a way of referring to Dan as though he were a very artful fellow instead of the simple and straightforward person he appeared.

So that Eve was glad of a little reassurance, and drew it in full measure from her companion's manner as well as his words. She was glad, too, to change the subject, and to point out Epson grandstand and the other places of interest which they passed on the train.

Presently they were on their way afoot, climbing through the beech trees to the edge of Ranmore Common, where Dan got his first view of Box Hill, with Dorking nestling to the right of it. They walked over the springy turf like velvet, keeping step with their feet and their thoughts. And presently their feet were on the Pilgrim's Way, while Dan marvelled alound at the wonders of a rural paradise set so near the edge of London.

They came out of the woods on to the edge of a hill, that overlooked the whole valley of the Ravensbourne. Field and pasture sloped away from them, bounded by orderly hedges, and sloped upwards again to the line of high ground that runs from Lith Hill to Pitch Hill. Eve sat down on the soft turf, and stretched her arms.

(To Be Continued)

Education Not Cause of Slump

Dr. H. M. Tory Claims This Theory Both "False" And "Stupid"

WOLFVILLE, N. S.,—The theory that too much education had been one cause of the depression was termed "false" and "stupid" by Dr. H. M. Tory, former president of the National Research Council of Canada, in receiving an honorary degree of Doctor in civil law from Acadia University here at a special founder's day convocation.

"As people rise in intelligence," he said, "so rises the state." He delcared modern science has created far more jobs than it had destroyed and the very future of Canada lies in the hands of the educated men.

Dr. Tory was born in Guysboro, N. S., and received his early education there. Graduating from McGill University, Montreal, in 1890 with a gold medal in mathematics and physics, he continued his studies and helped organize the University of Alberta, becoming its first president in 1908 and holding that position for a quarter-century.

Thirteen were present at the last meeting of the French Academy, but one member was so terrified that he had his name erased from the list of those attending, and left the assembly.

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EVERY DAY LIVING

A WEEKLY TONIC
by Dr. M. M. Lappin

THE ART OF LIVING TOGETHER

Of all the problems of Every Day Living, the problem of how to live together seems to be a most difficult one for some folks. For example, a correspondent has written to ask my advice as to how he should act toward some troublesome neighbors. He writes: (I quote in part only).

"My wife and I are rather proud of our little house. We try to keep it tidy inside and out. We managed to make quite a nice little garden, but our neighbor's children made it very hard for us to keep the peace. They were continually tramping over our flower beds on the pretence of looking for a lost ball or something of the kind. When spoken to about it they were insolent, and protests to to their parents only brought the retort "Children are children and they must play somewhere". How can one live peaceably with neighbors like that?"

Well, of course, I realize that there are good neighbors and bad neighbors. There are some folks who have no consideration for the other fellow. They seem to deliberately make themselves disagreeable and it certainly is not pleasant to be around where they are. The quietest way is usually the best way with such folks.

My correspondent does not say whether he has any children, but I fancy he has not. May I remind him that parents are often a bit touchy regarding their own children and, while they themselves may find fault with them, they do not like to have others criticising them. Perhaps that accounts for the retort with which his protests are met.

I believe he could accomplish more through dealing directly with the children and leaving their parents alone. Of course, in order to get the best response from children it is necessary to understand children. Anyone who does understand children knows that they will always respond to the touch of kindliness. I think if I were in my correspondent's position, I would make it my business to win the friendship of those troublesome children. I would try to spend some time working in my garden when those children were playng. I would get into conversation with them and try to get them to see how a nice frontage to a house helps to make the neighborhood look nice. I would even go so far as to suggest that it would be nice if they would make a little garden in front of their own house, and I would offer to help them and to give them seeds or plants with which to start it. In this way, I would try to win their cooperation and that would be better than incurring their enmity.

Of course this method may call for a great deal of patience, but rightly adopted it will work in time and, who knows, but the friendship and undying gratitude of the parents might be won as well as the cooperation of the children? If this should be the result it will have been well worth trying.

If it is a case of deliberately and maliciously destroying property, and there seems to be no other romedy, then one can always resort to the laws that are made to protect one's property. But this should only be done as a very last resort and only after every other attempt to stop it has failed. After all, living together is an art and, in order that we might be able to practice that art, it is necessary that we should be able to see the other fellow's point of view. To go about in a fretting spirit looking for trouble is the sure way to find it, but if one can adopt the pleasanter attitude that always tries to return good for evil then life runs along much more smoothly. People generally, and children in particular, usually respond to the kindly attitude. I advise my correspondent to try and to let me know the result.

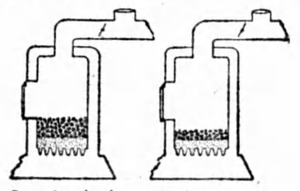
NOTE: The writer of this column is a trained psychologist and an author of several works. He is willing to deal with your problems and give you the benefit of his wide experience. Questions regarding problems of EVERYDAY LIVING should be addressed to: Dr. M. M. Lappin, Room 421, 73 Adelaide Street, West, Toronto, Ontario. Enclose a 3c stamped, addressed envelope for reply.

HEATING HINTS
by James Stewart

One mistake that a great many home owners make is in not putting enough coal on the fire. This is a false economy. A thin, skimpy fire not only burns up too fast, goes out more easily, and causes many unnecessary trips to the cellar, but it also wastes fuel.

For the most economical operation, always put on enough fuel to keep the fire-bed level with the bottom of the fire-door.

In mild weather you can leave a little heavier accumulation of ash on the grate. The fire will then burn very slowly, yet there will be sufficient fuel in the process of burning to provide ample heat in case of a



Deep fire, level with bottom of fire door — Shallow fire. Wasteful and annoying

sudden drop in the outside temperature. And remember, whenever you put on fresh coal, always leave an exposed spot of live coal directly in front of the fire-door to act as a pilot light to ignite the gasses arising from the fresh coal.

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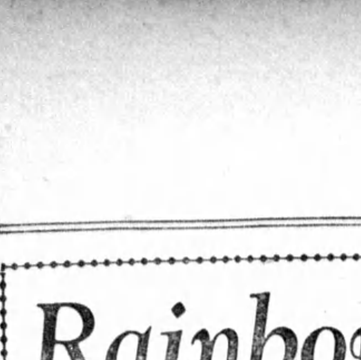

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