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Rainbow Gold

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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 believe he is Gordon. Eve Gilchrist, a typist, obtains work in Medlicott's office, the broker who is floating the mine. Eve and Dan fall in love but when Eve is confronted by Gladys she believes in Dan's duplicity.

Dan charters a plane back to Australia to check up on Westerby.

"Not to notice that Social Contacts has been busier than ever during the past fortnight. My innocent dear, Mr. Medlicott and Mr. Westbury have passed on all their shares in Dangong or most of them; and at a premium of 300 per cent or more."

"Do you really mean it, Frankie?"

"Everybody knows about it except just you," Frankie replied. "The public just opened its mouth after that story about the piles of gold in the shop window; and the Chief and Mr. Westbury fed them. Mrs. Medlicott has turned her 40,000 pounds or 50,000 pounds into four times as much by now; and that partner of Dan's must be worth every penny of 100,000 pounds."

"But it's not fair," Eve protested. "It is scarcely honest. There may be more rich stones there. The reports make that clear."

"That is why somebody else is now holding the baby," Frankie said. "Do not look so shocked child. The mine may be as rich as we hope, and then somebody will make a lot of money."

"And if it isn't," Eve said "They'll lose; and then they'll blame Dan. He is stuck out there working himself to a shadow; and he wouldn't sell a share until the mine has been proved. While these people—Frankie, cannot something be done about it.

"What do you want to do?" Frankie asked. "Have you any sympathy with the people who want to get rich so quick. They know the risk they are taking, don't they, and isn't Mrs. Medlicott entitled to square herself, while she has the chance? She backed Dan with her money when no one would look at his mine."

"That sounds right enough," Eve agreed. "But it is wrong somewhere, Frankie."

"Listen, dear," Frankie said. "When Dan went out to look for that mine he risked all he had, including his life. If he'd lost it all, would there have been any sympathy for him? No, not a scrap. Then Medlicott bought in, and risked 10,000 pounds. If he had been struck, who would have sympathised with him? The papers tried to stick him with it, didn't they"

'Some of them, I suppose," Eve agreed. "Bu—t—"

"Hold on," Frankie swept along. "Now we come to the speculators. They wouldn't have the shares at one pound, but they tumble over one another to pay 4 pounds and 5 pounds for them. And we know—you and I—that there is a good chance that they will be worth a lot more than that. Is that true?"

"Of course, its' true," Eve said.

"Then why worry about the alternative chance?" Frankie asked. "If they lose their money what does it matter?

"I know why it matters," Eve said triumphantly. "Because the money they lost will have gone into the pockets of men like Westerby. It will not have been spent in proving the mine, or looking for more gold. And, if Mrs. Medlicott is entitled to get her money back, as soon as she can, that man Westerby is not entitled to a penny. He ought to be in goal, instead of riding around in a Rolls-Royce."

"There's something in that," admitted Frankie. "Well, let's hope that there's lots of gold for everybody. But Dan Prescott certainly has let himself in for the hard work and all the kicks that are coming."

"He's a great big fool," Eve said, wrathfully. "Nothing else but a soft-headed ninny."

"I know a worse," Frankie said, with a comical sideways look at her friend.

"Who's that?" Eve asked. "I suppose something personal is coming."

"I'm talking about a fathead of a girl," Frankie said. "She sees all this going on, under her very nose, and she's too proud and too pig-headed just to drop a line to the injured hero. And he has buried himself in the desert—too shy and too scared to do anything about it. The two dear fools are eating out their hearts. But this girl ——"

"Stop, stop!" Eve begged.

"I'll not stop," Frankie said. "That lollop of a Westerby woman comes rolling into the place, smelling aloud to heaven. She enrages me. The more money she spends on her perfume the more she reeks of unthinkable things. If you'd got any grit in you, Dan Prescott would be told that his pal is double-crossing again. Not that he ought to need any telling."

"But I couldn't write to Dan now." Eve pleaded. "He'd think—he'd think I couldn't do without him."

"And can you?" Frankie asked. "Imbecile! Take pen and paper, and write to Australia."

Dan Prescott sat under the flap of his tent, and looked out upon the desolation that was called Dangong. The dry season had come, and once more the plain at the foot of Feathertop Hill was a dust heap. It was disfigured now by the rubbish left behind, to mark the secene of an ephemeral gold rush.

The mobs who had come to the field by plane and car, by motor-cycle and camel train, on push bikes and afoot, had gone again. Dangong had been proved what Dan had said it was—not a poor man's goldfield. Nothing remained to show that more than a thousand adventurers had recently camped there under canvas, except the heaps of bully beef tins and the ashes of extinguished fires.

The spring had ceased to flow, and the creek had dried to its last waterhole. The chug-chug of the oil-driven pump was regularly maintained to show that Dan's precaution alone had enabled the eighty miners who worked on the Dangong developments to remain on the field. Their camp, a layout of tents in orderly rows, was there to prove that some design and purpose existed behind this invasion of the desert.

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Sees Extremes

Bible Institute Chief Says Young Folk Better Or Worse Than Ever

TORONTO—The good young people of today are better than ever, in the opinion of Dr. Paul Rood, president of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, who is here for the annual meeting for the World's Christian Fundamental Association.

Dr. Rood characterized the difference between modernism and fundamentalism as a question of authority. "The modernist makes the fallible reason of man his authority. The fundamentalist accepts the infallible revelation of God as his authority. The modernist believes in salvation by work, the fundamentalist in salvation by grace."

Frogs' Legs Give Jobless Income

LONDON, ONT., — Door-to-door peddlers have been offering London housewives many kinds of foodstuffs during the past few months, but a new delicacy came upon the market during the past few days.

Frog legs at 40 cents a dozen have lifted some of the unemployed from a meagre existence into a position of comparative affluence almost over night. With the biggest crop of frogs in the district for some years, unemployed working in pairs have caught as many as 600 frogs in a morning at the Coves in South London.

Baby Food

Combinations of Vegetables and Fruits Are Favored

When baby's solid food diet consists of just two or three teaspoonsful of vegetables a day, it's really quite a problem for mothers to get much variety into his meals.

Unfortunately it isn't practical to prepare just a few teaspoons of carrots one day, a few tablespoons of spinach the next. And the result in most homes is that baby gets the same vegetables day after day, or that you are forced to the extravagant practice of throwing away perfectly good foods.

What most mothers haven't realized until recently is that this lack of variety in baby's diet may lead to imperfect nutrition. No single vegetable or fruit contains all the minerals and vitamins that babies need. In view of this fact, the recent introduction of solid foods for baby in combinations is quickly winning the approval of leading doctors everywhere.

Three combinations of vegetables are offered. Spinach, carrots and peas are included in one; tomatoes, pumpkin and string beans in another; and beets, peas and asparagus tips in a third. There is also a combination of prunes, pineapple juice and lemon juice.

All of these combinations of baby foods were recommended by leading baby specialists to provide a diet of balanced nutritional values, and all are prepared by a special method of homogenization which makes them far easier to digest and much more nourishing than the same foods prepared by sieve straining.

Perhaps some inspired Burbank of the future will succeed in growing a single vegetable or fruit that furnishes all the vitamins, minerals and other food essentials needed to satisfy normal nutritional requirements. But in the meantime, mothers can solve the problem by feeding baby homogenized foods in balanced combinations.

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Two persons were killed and sixteen injured in automobile accidents on Western Ontario highways over the week-end.

That is a pretty good record considering the fact that spring has scarcely come to Western Ontario yet. When warmer weather comes and cars get really going on the highways, if that rate is maintained, we may look forward to an eventful summer.

One of the fatalities was the old story of a man driving a horse vehicle after dark without carrying a light. The other was the still older story of trying to beat a locomotive over a level crossing.

The injures received, most of them very serious, were from the usual run of accidents—too much speed to hold control; passing on a hill, head-on collisions, etc., that had their ending in sixteen people going to the hospital, from which some will emerge sound; some maimed for life, and some may never come out alive.

Everyone of those drivers knew the risks of highway motoring. Everyone of them had seen or heard of the other fellow meeting injury or death in week-end accidents, and no doubt every one of them had condemned those other fellows for their careless disregard of safety driving under similar circumstances to their own.

But they never learned the lesson. Neither will many others. This week-end many more will go to the hospital and a few more will go to the cemetery. And next week-end it will be the same.

Apparently the human race is incapable of learning lessons of caution or even common sense, as far as motoring is concerned. —The Huron Expositor, Seaforth.

"The science of evolution sustains the theory that mind has an increasing influence over matter."

—Phelps Phelps.

Motoring Under the Alps

It will be possible to motor under the Alps, between Switzerland and Italy through the famous Simpion tunnel, if plans submitted to the Swiss Federal Railway authorities are carried out.

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