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WEST OF THE SUN

A Serial Story
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SYNOPSIS

The story this far: Virginia Ames is aboard the Lanassa stage crossing the dusty plains of Arizona in the summer of 1878, bound for Santa Bonita where she will meet her fiance, Phil Lawrence. Phil has written her, pleading frantically that she come to him. A few miles out of Lanassa the stage is held up by masked bandits and a money box addressed to a man named Barron at Santa Bonita, is seized. One of the bandits snatches a cameo pin from Virginia's dress, causing the letter concealed inside to fall to the ground. The bandit leader returns it to her. At Lanassa she sees Lt. Jim Randall whom she had known and had been in love with back home in Washington. He is coldly formal and over her protests insists that he and his company will escort her through the 70 miles of Apache country to Santa Bonita.

CHAPTER I

(Continued From Last Week)

"Really, lieutenant," Virginia said coldly. "What bearing have my plans on your investigation? I see no connection at all. Will you excuse me now?" She rose from her chair.

"My apologies," he said crisply. "There is no connection. But I was not being merely curious. I'm interested in how you intend to travel to Santa Bonita. It's a 70-mile trip through wild country. Apaches had been reported. It was about to suggest that it would be dangerous for you to make the trip unescorted. My detail is starting south in an hour. You may accompany—"

"It would inconvenience you, lieutenant," Virginia said coldly. "I wouldn't think of causing you any annoyance."

He regarded her soberly for a minute, then his smile came again and was faintly amused. He said crisply: "My detail will be waiting at the edge of town. Tell your driver to be there in an hour."

He bowed stiffly, his eyes still upon her. "Au revoir—Miss Ames."

He turned and walked from the hotel.

In her room again, her luggage ready, Virginia was angry. Of all the men in Arizona, it had to be Jim Randall who met her. The man at whom, three years ago, she had thrown herself, to whom she had offered her heart. The one man who could laugh at her.

Then she thought of Phil Lawrence and softened. Her thoughts leaped 70 miles across wild country to him and she grew gradually uneasy. More than merely uneasy. She became afraid.

There was Phil's strange, startling letter. She took it from her handbag and read it once more. It was as mysterious and as frightening as it had been on every other reading.

It was dated April 13th, 1878—six weeks before.

The face side of the single page was the proper sort of affectionate letter from fiance to beloved. But it ended abruptly in the middle of a sentence.

What was written on the reverse side was what had brought Virginia across the country to the Territory—and was what filled her with fear.

It was merely one sentence:

"Come to me, I beg you. For God's sake don't fail me!"

CHAPTER II

Those few written lines lived with Virginia. They rang like a tocsin of alarm in her consciousness. Their meaning was obscure. Either Phil Lawrence merely needed to see her out of lonliness — or he was in trouble, in danger, and could not face it alone.

Whatever the motive behind the strange message, she was coming to him. Nothing, not even her father's displeasure nor the necessity of travelling in Jim Randall's company would stop her. She was determined on that.

It was two hours after the lieutenant's visit that she finally permitted O'Grady to carry her luggage from the hotel. And then very slowly followed to the street.

She stepped from the hotel lobby, crossed the porch and was descending the steps when she saw the dark, well-dressed man who had smiled and bowed to her that morning from the street.

He halted before her on the steps and removed his hat. He seemed little over 30, but his temples were lightly frosted with gray. He was quite what she had judged him to be: a gentleman, handsome, soft-spoken, well-mannered.

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"Miss Ames?" he said. "I understand you are going to Santa Bonita. My name is Stephen Barron. My home is in Santa Bonita—"

His voice broke as he saw Virginia look beyond him. He slowly turned to follow her glance. Virginia had been distracted by Jim Randall. He was swinging from the saddle of his horse, his face angry. He strode toward her in a determined way that delighted her. She had annoyed him, as she had intended.

He came onto the steps so that he faced them both. His face was not only angry but threatening.

"Has this man annoyed you, Miss Ames?" he demanded.

Virginia showed her surprise. "No . . Not at all."

"I saw him accost you."

Color burned in her cheeks. "Thank you for reminding me of the proprieties, Lt. Randall," she said coldly. "It was I who was at fault. I should not have permitted him to stop me. Do you mind permitting me to go to my carriage?"

Jim Randall stepped back, but the other man held up his hand.

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"My apologies, Miss Ames. We were not properly introduced I admit."

"You were slow in realizing that, Barron," Jim Randall snapped.

Stephen Barron was a man of vast self-control; an ease lay over him that was marvelous. He had been insulted, but he showed no anger beyond a faint narrowing of his dark eyes.

"I don't like your insinuations, Randall," he said. "You make it appear that my motives—"

(Continued Next Week)

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"Dear Anne Hirst:

My husband and I have gone through some awfully hard times, but now I am really at my wits' end. We have been married 26 years. He is 44, and I am a little younger. We have four married children, and a litle boy four years old.

"My husband gives me money to pay the bills. But there has to be more in life than that! He likes his good times, and he wants me to go to taverns with him. I could, but I wouldn't take my boy with me; I have too much self respect. Also, I'm not well, after four operations.

"I am a good wife. I keep my husband's clothes clean, and the house too, and have his meals ready. I don't mind his taking a few beers, but I think it's time to have something ahead. He keeps at me to save, but what's the use? He has to have his good times.

Had No Fun

"I never had much enjoyment in life. I've been too tied down with the children. I've not had time to make many friends, either.

"What can I do to make my husband understand better?

"F.B."

* The trouble is, it seems to me, * that you have not formed the * habit of going out with your * husband. His tastes lead him to * places that do not interest you, * and you resent the fact that he * is not more thoughtful of your * health and your pleasure.

* It is not too late to correct * this. The care of your little boy, * and the many household chores * you do, would not be such a * burden if you had something * pleasant to look forward to. An * evening or two a week is not too * much to spend with your husband, and you should come to * an agreement to go where he * likes to go, if he will other times * take you to see your mutual * friends and have an agreeable * evening with them.

* Surely one of your married * children could look after the boy * now and then, and leave you free * to enjoy yourself? They, like * your husband, I expect, have * grown accustomed to your staying home all the time, and do * not realize how much you need * occasional amusement.

* As you find pleasure in being * together, you will be more tolerant of each other, and grow more * thoughtful and considerate of * other. Give and take is the best * rule for marriage, and when your * husband finds you trying to * practice it, he will realize what a * good sport you are, and how he * actually has missed you all these * busy years.

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When husband and wife seek their amusement in separate ways, they are bound to grow apart. Don't let this happen to you! Anne Hirst has suggestions that can prevent it. Write her at 123 Eighteenth St., New Toronto, Ont.

Hints For Busy Housewives

You can add interest and a personal touch when giving a child's party if you write the name of each little guest on a cooky with colored icing. Use it as a place card at the table. You can do this with little practice, and the youngsters love it! — B. A.

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When putting up plastic curtains in the kitchen or bathroom, try fastening the tiebacks with cellulose tape. It holds the curtains in place nicely and does away with holes which would be made in the woodwork by thumbtacks or nails. — Mrs. M. B.

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You can keep your bun warmer clean and spotless by placing a piece of waxed paper inside the wire basket when heating sweet rolls. The waxed paper keeps any syrup which may melt off the rolls from settling on the bottom of the warmer and staining it. — Mrs. B. C.

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When making molded gelatine salads, try greasing the molds with a small amount of salad oil. You'll find that the salads unmold very easily without the usual dip in hot water. — Mrs. C. L.

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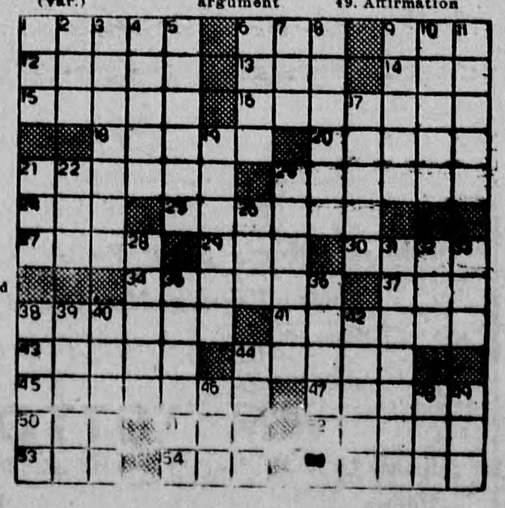
Inexpensive shoulder pads can be made easily by folding two or three strainer discs in half and stitching them together. They are very light in weight; they are handy for cotton blouses, dresses, and children's jackets. — Mrs. A. T.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Storms
6. Angry
9. Hold back
12. Size of type
13. Application
14. Chalice
15. Ethical
16. Splash
18. In a vertical line (naut.)
20. After a while
21. Convincing
23. Recollection
24. Windmill sail
25. Dress
27. Finest
29. River island
30. Whirl
34. Showered
37. Fish eggs
38. Shelter
41. Most mature
43. Plain
44. Sacred poem
46. Better prepared
47. Those outside a profession
50. Cereal spike
51. Threshold
52. Follow
53. Existence
54. Speak
55. Considers

DOWN
1. Male sheep
2. Gone by
3. Auto workshops
4. Public storehouse
5. Moon godd
6. Grape hyacinth
7. Viper
8. Merchant
9. Moro chief (var.)
10. Mohammedan noble
11. Wed
17. Domesticates
19. Achieve
21. Public conveyance
22. Have debts
23. Joins at an angle
26. Metal
28. Walk
31. Basis of an argument
32. Moths
33. Clear gain
35. Eagles' nests
36. Tuned a radio
38. Stone heap
39. Unsoiled
40. Raises
42. Carpenter's tool
44. Pillage
46. Girl's name
48. Card wool
49. Affirmation



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New Gadgets and Inventions You'll Probably Be Seeing

NEW TYPE HAVERSACK

New type haversack has lightweight magnesium frame which supports shelves and allows pack to stand by itsefl. Frame distributes weight evenly on hiker's back. Has three easily accessible shelves, states the maker.

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DEFROSTS AUTOMATICALLY

Any electric refrigerator can be made self-defrosting by use of combination defroster and electric clock. Defroster automatically turns refrigerator off at 1 a.m. each night and switches it back on after frost is removed. During shut-off periods moisture created by melting film is circulated through box and foods are thus kept better. Device is installed by inserting plug into convenient outlet, inserting refrigerator plug into slotted receptacle on defroster plug and hanging clock, housed with switch controls in cream-colored plastic case, upon wall nearby.

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DRAINS FAT

Eight and one-half inch cast aluminum frying pan makes fat and grease draining automatic. Maker claims foods are made more digestible and necessity for tipping pan to pour off fat is eliminated.

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TINY PORTABLE RADIO

Tiny portable radio developed for the hard of hearing is also recommended for travelers, sports fans and hospitalized persons. Weighs but 4¼ oz. complete with self-contained batteries, antenna and individual listening device. Delicate, light-weight tinsel wires covered with protective coating of vinylite plastic connect radio with inconspicuous listening device that fits in ear. Similar wires form antenna.

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BABY'S RATTLE

Novel baby powder can with rattle on top. Can is blue and rattle top is of bright pink Tenite plastic. Can contains 9 oz. powder.

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TWO-COLOR PAINT

Two-color paint produces two-color finish of wallpaper-like appearance, by a single coat from one can. Designs are obtained by daubing painted surface with brush, sponge or ball of paper. May be applied over almost any type interior surface, is quick-drying, fade-proof and washable, says maker. Coverage is 200-400 sq. ft. per gal.

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SIX-BIT SCREW DRIVER

New six-bit screw driver for professional or amateur mechanic. Said to fit most standard-slot type and square-head screws. Bits of nickel steel are readily interchangeable. Has two heads of three bits each which fit in shockproof plastic handle.

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IRONING SPEED PAD

Electrically heated unit, sealed within aluminum sheets slips between the ironing board top and its pad covers. Low-wattage element heats the pads providing a uniform heat under damp clothes to be ironed. This heat plus that of the iron used on top is claimed to cut the ironing time over 33%. Maker claims that blouses or shirts needed in a hurry may be washed out, wrung by hand and immediately ironed. Asbestos covered nichrome heating wire, again insulated between asbestos sheets is used in this unit.

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PLASTIC STARCH

A unique plastic starch that does not wash out when a garment is laundered has been recently marketed. The product is claimed to keep clothes starched through as many as eight successive launderings. It is used the same as the usual kind of starch. It is colorless and claimed to be entirely harmless to any fabric. It will not rot or corrode or stain any fabric and helps to retard mildew, says the makers.

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3. THEN stir well. (The water used with the yeast counts as part of the total liquid called for in your recipe.)

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