

LUCKY ACCIDENT

She Was "Up Against It" Badly—But a Rescuer Was Aft Hand. By G. H. R. Young

In spite of the treacherous road surface the coach was making good speed. The solitary passenger, a neatly dressed girl in her twenties, sat well in front, and stared gloomily out at the drearied countryside. Her thoughts were as gloomy as the day.

Suddenly the coach quivered as the driver slipped clumsily into second gear on the steep hill. Next instant, Mary Withers was flung violently out of her seat. Her head connected with the iron hand-grip on the seat opposite, and she knew no more.

The driver hauled himself laboriously from his seat, rubbed his badly bruised head, and then walked slowly round to the back of the coach. The conductor was sitting on the grass bank with a dazed, reproachful expression on his eyes.

"Don't think so," was the uncertain reply. "No, thank 'Eaven!' he confirmed as he stood up, shook himself, and found his bones intact. "But wot on earth 'appened, Sam?"

The driver turned and glanced back the way they had come. About forty yards down the road a big saloon car was wedged in a thick hedge.

"Skidded down the 'ill!" explained the driver. "Was coming straight for us at about forty. I 'ad a split second to get the old bus out of the way. No passengers, was there?"

A low moan from inside the coach was the answer. Next moment both men were standing over Mary Withers' prostrate form. Her eyes were still closed, so that she did not see the suddenly set lips, the expressions of amazement on their faces.

"Well, I'm blowed!" exclaimed the driver. The eyes of both were on the floor where Mary's handbag lay open, its contents revealed for all to see.

"I suppose you're thinking same as me, Sam!" muttered the conductor as he bent down to pick up a pearl necklace.

suspicious are unfounded. The jewelry belongs to me!" There was no mistaking the deep sincerity of her words. They carried conviction.

"Look here," said the young man. "There's probably some mistake, but I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll drive the young lady to the police station, and

The conductor's eyes opened wide. "You will!" he exclaimed indignantly. "You! What about our reward? And who are you anyway?"

The young man handed him a visiting card. It read: "Lord Eustace Harbutt." The conductor looked crestfallen.

"I'm sorry, sir—me lord," he said. "Course, I'll be all right for you to handle the case."

Lord Eustace collected the jewellery, pocketed it, and took both men's names and addresses. Then he turned to Mary, and said gravely: "And now, Miss Withers—will you please accompany me?"

"But this isn't the police station!" cried Mary. Lord Eustace Harbutt had pulled his car up in front of a tea-shop in St. George's.

Lord Eustace laughed nervously. "Oh—I always believe that a cup of tea helps to steady one's nerves on critical occasions like this!"

Before Mary could object further, he was out, and holding the door open for her to alight. At that moment there emerged from the shop a grey-haired old lady.

"Mary!" she called through the side window. "Mother!"

The Guardians of Denmark's Coast



Thousands of lives have been saved by Danish life guards. This crew, stationed on the Julian coast, are shown launching a life boat.

Volcanoes Active In Aleutian Chain

Once more a volcano in the Aleutian chain of islands has been reported in violent eruption. This time it was Shishaldin on Unimak Island that recently belched forth clouds of smoke and showers of ashes and lit up the sky "like a huge torch."

Such submarine volcanoes are believed to be at least as common as those on the exposed surface of the earth. Occasional reports tell of the ocean's bubbling and steaming and throwing up fountains like a huge coffee percolator.

Practically all of the Aleutian Islands bear marks of such evolution, and the birth of some of them actually has been observed. An example is the Bogoslof group. In May, 1796, there were signs of volcanic disturbances off the coast of Unimak Island (where the recent eruption occurred) and a few days later a new island had been created.

That islands a third of volcanoes should themselves frequently be disturbed by volcanoes is to be expected, for they are only volcanic peaks projecting above the water. Estimates of the number of active volcanoes in the Aleutians runs into scores, and no one can say confidently of the others which are extinct and which are merely dormant.

Shishaldin is one of the best known of the active craters. Its most violent outbreak occurred between 1825 and 1829, when, together with its twin peak, Pogromni, it erupted fiercely at intervals. Since then the clouds of smoke it blew from its mouth have warned of hidden strength.

You're a Brick

Agessilus, King of Sparta, once conducted on ambassador from Esoporus over his capital. The ambassador, aware of the king's great power, fully expected to behold the town's wonderful defences, but was surprised to see none.

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Excitement

Bishop was spending a few days in the heart of rural England. During one walk he stopped at a small inn. A farm laborer was the only other customer.

"Pretty quiet down here at this time of the year," said Bishop by way of conversation. "Shouldn't think anything ever happens."

"The laborer took a long drink from his tankard before replying. Then he said: "I don't know, mister. If you're down these parts in a fortnight's time you'll find the whole country stirred up."

"Bishop raised his eyebrows inquiringly. "Oh, and what happens then?" he asked. "Just ploughing, mister," said the laborer—"just ploughing."

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Bertram was taking his sweet heart to the pictures. For twenty minutes he waited patiently on the corner. At last she appeared.

"You're grinning," he said, "you look simply charming tonight!" The girl smiled coyly. "You fatterer!" she announced. "Honestly, I didn't recognize you at first said the tactless young man."

Real Cause

During the interval he adjourned to the refreshment-room. Thomas, his neighbor, saw him enter and went across to speak to him.

"Why are you at the theatre alone?" he asked. "My wife was in such a bad temper," the other replied. "Temper!" echoed Thomas. "What ever for?"

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Quotations

"It is in the small town that one finds life expressing itself with real vehemence."—Rebecca West. "The theft of a loaf of bread was once punished in England by death. Today it is doubtful if it would be punished at all."—Governor Morris.

"We must readjust the world politically or slow down our civilization to let our political institutions keep up with it."—Sir William Wiseman. "Principles do not die; ideals are imperishable; immortality is impervious to the ravages of time."—Henry Morgenthau.

"If you do not like a country, there are a thousand chances that the fault is not in the country, but in you."—Sir Arthur W. Lewis. "It is not a man's birth nor his wealth nor his influence which should count. It is the man himself."—John Grier Hibben.

"Maternal solicitude is designed by nature to be strong enough to preserve ten children at once from accident."—Bertrand Russell. "The grandest career any woman can have is to be the wife of a man of genius."—Mrs. A. A. Milne.

"Continued improvement in the standard of living and in the general welfare is as inevitable as the tides of the ocean."—Walter S. Gifford. "The American is a sharp bargainer but an easy spender as well."—William Allen White.

"Patriotism is the force behind nation-building and race-building."—Sir Arthur Keith. "Business and government executives, despite their knowing quite accurately the immediate future of business, always plead, with seeming innocence, its uncertainty."—Theodore Dreiser.

"As long as the will of man has forced upon the world an unceasing economic adjustment, the world will never succeed, never prosper."—Ramsay MacDonald. "We now cramp into the experience of one week all that we used to get in a whole year."—Sir Hugh Allen.

"Education is the only sure method which mankind possesses for directing its own course."—John Dewey. "Merit knows no sex."—Baroness von Hindenberg.

"Never was the need for co-operation between the peoples of the world more urgent than today."—Prince of Wales. "Thrift is not hoarding. It is the wise provision against future needs."—Herbert Hoover.

"The American spirit bids him flout the laws he makes and bids him make the laws he flouts."—Rudyard Kipling.

"Heat and Power to be Generated From Sewer Gas." Some new features mark the successful attempt of the city authorities of Plainfield, New Jersey, to utilize sewer gas for the production of heat and the development of power.

The plan is thus described and explained in the Plainfield Courier-News: "Sewer gas, never very popular, gained for itself a particularly undesirable notoriety early in October, when an explosion destroyed a part of the Woonsocket, Rhode Island, sewer plant and caused the death of two men."

Engineering publications throughout the country have carried columns of reports and discussions on this explosion. "At the local joint sewage-disposal plant the heating power of this gas, which is 50 per cent greater than that of manufactured gas, has been harnessed and put to useful purpose during the past five years by means of a safety collective device developed by the supervising engineer, John R. Downs.

Silver Lining

"Reconstruction started yesterday, is almost walking today, and will be sprinting tomorrow," says Eddie Cantor. "And my Uncle Sam is starting it with a jackpot of \$250,000,000, with President Hoover dealing the cards."

Victoria, B.C.—Provincial and Federal authorities have agreed to give 10,000 men limited work, according to Hon. E. W. Bruhn, Minister of Public Works. Radio—A combination short wave and broadcast radio set that really works was on demonstration at the Radio Convention in Toronto last week. It opens unlimited possibilities to radio salesmen.

Churches—Enough gladness to destroy all the aches in a hospital, was the trite comment of a reporter who received the financial reports of 21 churches in Toronto. Total receipts \$715,612. One church, College and Bathurst, burned a \$24,000 mortgage with the receipts of two and a half years' collections.

Supply and Demand—The store smiled at two fathers on January 13 last. He left two sets of triplets on the same day. The office boy hazarded the comment that the store did not only smile but laughed right out loud. Banking—Reconstruction in Canada will perhaps be started by the banks. All Canadian banks show a profit for 1931. In the report of the Bank of Toronto, Manager H. B. Hanwood gave the following report for his own bank. Net profits \$1,168,915, assets \$126,102,578. He stated: "In Canada our problems are less difficult than in many countries."

Vienna, Jan. 21.—Austrian government buys 5,000 head of cattle to convert into sausages for unemployed, thus helping Alpine cattle raisers. Mayor of St. Thomas proposes to follow example in his own city. Toronto Board of Trade—High lights on President C. H. Carlisle address on Jan. 25th, 1932: "A readjustment of world conditions is necessary rather than an improvement in the economics of any particular nation." "Machinery is now efficiently operated in most of the lower priced nations of the world." "We must maintain our position with lower costs."

For instance we have 241 members and Senators dealing with Federal matters. I would we not have sufficient representation if we had half or fewer members?" "A general re-adjustment of wage scales is another essential to improved business in Canada." "Owing to constant improvement of the machinery, cities cannot give in the future employment to such a high percentage of our people." "Would it not be better if the money for relief work were spent in providing inexpensive and comfortable permanent homes?" "In Quebec last year over 4,500 families were placed on the land under this scheme." "The Federal Government is to be commended for appointing an able Royal Commission to investigate the railway situation. . . costing us a deficit last year of \$52,945,804." "Our interest lies in the British Empire both for protection and trade."

Toronto.—One firm in Toronto, which has not laid off an employee, nor reduced wages, is the Drummond McCall, according to one of the officers of the company. Steel—Manager of the Steel Export Association speaks of phenomenal growth of steel brought in from England to Canada during the last three years. Figures show that they have risen from 3 per cent. in 1925 to 25 per cent.

There is a rumor that the port of Churchill will be open for commerce that is confirmed by the Honorable Dr. Manion, Minister of Railways and Canals. Last autumn, trial shipments of grain from that port were most successful. Refrigerators—\$50,000 units, an increase of 25 per cent. over 1929, is reported by National Electric Light Association.

Telephones—New York Telephone Company reports 1931 net operating income \$46,000,000 against \$43,000,000 in 1930. Here's an item of news that will cheer all the advocates for readjustment. It emanates from Roger W. Babson, an economist and statistician who predicted the crash of 1929. Besides other things he says: "Depression is in retreat. This year will show an irregular movement towards higher levels and for some years to come brighter outlook and fundamentally better times are now definitely assured."

The Plainfield Joint Sewage Plant was the first to apply this principle by using the gas given off during the process to supply the heat necessary for acceleration. The more heat that is supplied within certain limits the more gas is produced so that there is always an excess quantity of gas. "Part of the excess gas has now been piped into the office and laboratory building where it is burned in the steam-heating plant. A visit to this building will rouse the envy of any coal-burning householder. An absolutely uniform temperature of 70 degrees can be maintained night and day without shoveling coal or removing ashes."

"Power has also been developed from this gas, one horse-power being available continuously from each 1,000 persons connected to the sewer system, or fifty horse-power at the local plant. "A very interesting development is that both the power and the heat can be recaptured from the same gas. The best gas-engines made are only 25 per cent. efficient, thermally speaking, the other 75 per cent. of the heat value of the gas being given up to the boiling water in the engine-jacket or lost in the exhaust. By water-jacketing the exhaust and using the cooling water to heat the sludge or buildings, 75 per cent. of this waste heat can be recovered."

Dullness Dull is, after all a relative term; it expresses only a want of correspondence between the mind of the writer and that of the reader.—Prof. Seelye.

DISCOURAGEMENT What kills men is discouragement. It is sitting down under trouble that destroys men; it is standing up and mocking trouble that enables men to go through it without harm.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

GLUYAS WILLIAMS



WHEN YOU'RE HURRYING TO GET DRESSED FOR A BANQUET AND CAN'T GET BACK TO YOUR ROOM BECAUSE YOUR WIFE AND THE FRIEND WHO HAS COME TO VISIT HER ARE DARTING BACK AND FORTH IN THE HALL SHOWING EACH OTHER THEIR NEW CLOTHES