LUCKY ACCIDENT

Was "Up Against It" Badly But a Rescuer Was Aat 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 drenched countryside. Her thoughts were as gloomy as the day.

Suddenly the coach quivered as the driver alipped clumsily into second gear on the steepish 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 Amerville-London coach was on its side in a shallow roadside ditch, the two offside wheels revolving with ab-

The driver hauled himself laborious-If from his seat, rubbed his badly car up in bruished head, and then walked slowly round to the back of the coach. The conductor was sitting on the grass bank, with a dazed, repreachful exon in his eyes

"Hurt?" inquired the driver. -

"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.

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?"

w moan from inside the coach was the answer. Next moment both was the answer. Next moment both in the was most men were standing over Mary Withers' kind of you. Now, please come inside and have tea with us."

"Thanks awfully. I'd be delighted!" dealy set lips, the expressions of amazement on their faces "Well, I'm blowed!" exclaimed the

The eyes of both were on the floor where Mary's handbag lay open, its her mother, contents rerealed for all to see.

A few mo

"I suppose you're thinking same a me, Sam?" muttered the conductor as he bent down to pick up a pearl neck-

"Don't touch it!" warned his companion. "Maybe there's fingerprints.
This is a job for the police, Tom!" And, as Mary Withers' eyes slowly

opened, the conductor's narrowed. "Feeling all right, Miss?" sympathized the driver as he assisted Mary to

"Y-yes-I think so," she said, lean ing unsteadily against a seat. "Only my head aches terribly. Have wehad an accident?

The driver avoided her eyes. "Yes! I had to ditch the coach to prevent a serious collision!"

A momentary silence. Of a sudden, a thought occurred t Mary which acted as a lightning stimulant. Her aching head forgotten, she shot a quick glance at the floor. A shot a quick glance at the floor. A gasp of dismay escaped her lips; she bent down, and was about to pick up the two diamond rings, the brooches, and the recklace, when the conductor placed a restraint the placed a restraining hand on her arm. Fraid you can't touch them, miss,

he said quietly. Mary paused—an expression of mingled surprise, indignation, and fear in her eyes, which crystalized into a glint

"And why not?" she asked coldir. The conductor turned to the driver for moral support, and went on, with a trace of a sneer in his voice:

I think you ought to go now, Miss Withers, Lady Reedsdale is offering fifty pounds reward for the return of that jewellery, and—well, me and Sam Wilkins, there, intend to return it. That right, Sam?"

The driver was an older man; he recognized the danger of jumping too impulsively to conclusions. Of course, there's a chance that

this isn't Lady Reedsdale's at all. So we ain't accusing you yet. Miss With- ers. I must say, though, that this jewellery immediately."

"If I give you Lady Reedsdale's invalidation of the control of t tallies pretty the description given in the local

Mary bit her lip and looked down To tell the truth meant that everyone would know what she was trying to keep secret. But if the police— "Hallo, there!"

All three turned at this cheery greet ing. A well-dressed young man clam bering aboard the coach. He stumbled awkwardly along the slanting floor to

Tim the driver of the car down the road," he announced, with a smile. "Terribly sorry to land you in this mess, but I got into a hopeless skid insitway down the hill. Anybody hurt?"

"No, only a few bruises" roally a language it your business. Lord Eustace?"

The your mane was becoming painfully ill at case.

"Perhaps so, but only out of a desire to help you. You see, I am not Lord Eustace Harbutt at all only a language."

"No, only a few bruises," replied the No, only a lew druises," replied the driver. "Luckily we were only carrying one passenger." He nodded to wards Mary, and added: "I suppose Your car's pretty badly smashed?"

"Strangely enough, it isn't! Simply ran full tilt into a thick hedge and stuck there. I put her into reverse and got on to the road again without much trouble. Seems to me this is our lucky day!" he concluded, with a good-humored grin, which was not re olprocated. Realizing that something was amiss, he glanced at the floor and saw the jewels. He turned to Mary, who averted her eyes; then, to the driver and conductor in turn. Neither spoke. Finally, his glance returned to the floor.

"I wonder if you'd mind driving me to St. George's—to fetch a police man?" It was the driver's voice, low and solemn. "My pai here will keep en eye on things until he arrives!" The young man was hopelessly mystifled. Again he looked questioningly

of Mary. Her eyes met his. Somehow she divined in the stranger a friend, and said in quiet, level tones:

wers" (London). "These men suspect me of having "These men suspect me of naving stolen the jewellery which you see on the floor. They say it fits the description of what was taken from Reeds-Gale Manor. Needless to say, their now."

"These men suspect me of naving stolen and the same of the sa

enspicions are unfounded. The jewel-lery belongs to mel" There was no misiaking the deep incerity of her words. They carried convictio

"Look here," said the you 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 indignant ... "You! What about our rewards And who are you anyway?" The young man harded him a visit ing card. It read:

"Lord Enstace Harbutt." The conductor looked crestfallen.
The sorry, sir-me lord," he said.

"Course, it'll be all right for you to andle 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 yo please accompany me "But this isn't the police station!" cried Mary.

Lord Eustace Harbutt had pulled his car up in front of a teashop in St.

Lord Eastace laughed nerrously. "Oh-er-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

"Mother!"
"I thought I recognized you from the door. What ever are you doing here "Skidded down the 'ill:" explained dear—in this car? I thought you wen on your way to London!"

"So I was, mother; but we had a slight accident half-way, and—er—this gentleman has given me a lift home!" Mrs. Withers turned.

"Thank you, sir! That was mos

"Thanks awains. Fig be designed: was the prompt response.

Mary bit her lip, then signed resignedly and climbed out of the car.

"Now, you two warm yourselves by

the fire while I get some tea," said

A few moments later-moments of anbroken silence as far as Mary and ord Eustace were concerned-Mrs. Withers poked her head around the kitchen door. "Mary!" she called. "I want to speak

o you for a moment!"
"All right, mother!" As Mrs. Wither losed the door, Mary turned to the "Of course!" Next moment she was with her mother in the kitchen

"A most extraordinary thing happened this afternoon, just after you left dear". After a dramatic pause, Mrs. Withers went on: "A man was arrested in this very shop. Not half an hour

"Arrested?" gasped Mary.
"Yes, while he was having tea. You show him. He comes in a lot. Mr. Burton, the butler at Reedsdale Manor The police accused him of stealing Lady Reedsdale's jewellery that there's been a reward offered for!" "And did they find it on him?" asked Mary.

For a moment Mrs. Withers did no reply. Then, with a twinkle in her

"No, he was too cute for the police He must have guessed that they were hot on his track, so he popped the jewellers, wrapped in a handkerchief, in a china vase on the mantleshelf, intending to pick it up later, I suppose. But I saw him do it, through the server. So, after the police had taken him away, I—I took it out, Mary." Her voice feil to a guilty but jubilant whis-"It means that we'll get the reward, dear, when I return it. And that means there won't be any need to pawn our own jewellery, after all. The fifty pounds will just save our little business!"

As soon as the happy significance of As soon as the happy significance of her mother's words sank in, Mary hugged and kissed her.
"Oh, mother! How wonderful!"

"If I give you Lady Reedsdale's ord Eustace, will you kind ly return mine?" Mary asked, when she returned to the teashop. "You mean—you mean that you real

have the stolen jewellery?" "Yes, here! What you have mine." And then she explained.

"B-but I can't take this!" stammered the young man, in confusion, as Mary passed the small package to him. "He has nothing to do with me!"

"Nothing! But haven't you rather made it your business, Lord Eustace?

conductor was badgering you in the coach. I somehow knew you were innocent, and decided the only way to impress him sufficiently would be to represent myself as someone of unquestionable social standing in the dis

"That was very nice of you," smiled Mary, "but how did you come to be in possession of Lord Eustace's card?" "Well, I'm a car salesman. The saloon outside is a now one ordered by Lord Eustace, and I am driving it down to his home. The manager gave me his card for the address!"

He stood up as Mrs Withers came "Well, I suppose I had better be go-

Well, I suppose I had belter to 6 ing now," he said lamely.

"Going?" exclaimed Mrs. Withers.

"Yes—I—er——" he began. "Oh! But tea's all ready, sir. Do lease stay!"

He turned to Mary. "Do you mind very much if I do?" he asked. "I should be terribly hurt if you didn't!" she replied shortly. - "Au-

The Guardians of Denmark's Coast



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

Volcanoes Active In Aleutian Chain

Once more a volcano in the Alen Once more a vocano in the Filer-tian chain of islands has been reported in violent eruption. This time it was Shishaldin on Unimak Island that re-cently belched forth clouds of smoke and showers of ashes and lit up the sky "like a huge torch." Such news to be expected from the Aleutian Islands, for the majority of the 1,600. mile-long chain stretching between Alaska and the Orient seems to be of volcanic origin, that is, they were formed by volcanic eruptions on the seems bed.

Sparta—ten thousand men and servery special bed.

Such submarine volcanoes are be-lieved 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. Volcanic cinders and dead fish float above the spot, and sometimes those more permanent evidences of submarine eruptions—volcanic islands—rise mysteriously out of

the depths.

Those islands sometimes are made by foldings in the earth's crust as a ult of the tremen ious pressure exerted by volcanic steam. They may also be accumulations of volcanic ash and lava which have collected under the water, until after repeated eruptions they make mountains thousand of feet high projecting above the

ocean's surface.

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 l'sturbances off the coast of Unimak Island (where the recent eruption occurred) and a few days later a new island had been cre-ated. It was christened Bogoslof. Almost a century later, in 1883, another island, which was called New Bogoslof, came into being nder similar circumstances, and in 1906 a third appeared. That islands born of volcanoes should themselves frequently be disturbed by volcanoes is to be expected, for they are only volcanic peaks pro-jecting 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 dor-mant. Shishaldin is one of the best known of the active craters. Its most violent outburst occurred between 1825 violent outburst 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
her engagement ring was in three
families before Tom gave it to her."

ENJOYM
The secret of en
families before Tom gave it to her."
simplest resources.

You're a Brick

Agesllaus, King of Sparta, once conducted on ambassador from Esperus over his capital. The ambasperus over his cape of the king's great sador, aware of the king's great power, fully expected to behold the town's wonderful defences, but was surprised to see none. He questiontime of the year," said Bishop by ed the king, who replied: "Indeed, way of conversation. "Shouldn't think anything ever happens." tomorrow morning and I will show you the walls of Sparta." Next day the king led his guest to the plain Sparta-ten thousand men, and every

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 tem per," the other replied. per," the other replied.
"Temper?" echoed Thomas. "Wha

"Because I wouldn't bring her to



"Where are you going to spend Easter this year?"
"It will be either at my folks or

my wife's. We haven't quarrelied about that yet."

WILL -

Excitement

"I don't know, mister. If you're down these parts in a fortnight's time you'll find the whole country

"Oh, and what happens then?" he



"And Skating?"

Oh, yes! She likes anything that may possibly lead to a pro-

"Jove, darling," he said, "you look uply charming tonight!" The girl smiled coyly.

Aims

ENJOYMENT The secret of enjoying life is in eing able to get happiness from the

Bishop was spending a few days the heart of rural England.

The laborer took a long drink from his tankard before replying.

stirred up." Bishop raised his eyebrows inquir-

"Just ploughing, mister," saidth laborer-"just ploughing."



"Does Maud like dancing?"

Hardly Complimentary

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

Bertram gasped.

"You flatterer!" she announced.
"Honestly, I didn't recognize you till first said the tactless young man.

It was Julia Ward Howe who once said, when asked for a definition of what the ideal aims of life were: "To



Quotations

"It is in the small town that one

"It is in the small town that one finds life expressing itself with real rehemence."—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."—Gouverneur Morris.

"We must readjust the world politically or slow down our civilization to let our political institutions keep up with it."—Sir William Wisemar.

"Principles to 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. Leais.

"It is not a man's birth nor his wealth nor his influence which should It is the man himself."-John

"Maternal solicitude is designed by nature to be strong enough to pre-serve ten children at once from acci-dent."—Bertrand Russell.

"The grandest career any women 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 ides of the ocean."—Walter S. Gifford.

of the ocean."—Walter S. Gillord.

"The American is a sharp bargainer but an easy spender as well."—
William Allen White.

"Patriotism is the force behind

ness, always plead, with seeming inno-cence, its uncertainty."—Theodore Dreiser "As long as the will of man has forced upon the world an uncatural economic adjustment, the world will

never succeed, never prosper. '-Ramay MacDerald. ay Alaciforaid.

"We now cramp into the experience of one week all that we used to gat 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 re say." Passayay

"Merit knows no sex."-Barone

von Hindenberg
"Never was the new! for co-operation between the peoples of the world more urgent than today."—Prince of

wise provision against future needs'

Herbert Hoover. the laws he makes and bids him make the laws he flouts."—Rudyard Kip-

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 hear

and the development of power.

The plan is thus described and explained in the Plainfield Courier-

"Sewer gas, never very popular, gained for itself a particularly une-enviable notoriety early in October, when an explosion destroyed a part of the Woonsocket, Rhode Island, sewmen. Engineering publications throughout the country have carried

columns of reports and discussions or 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 har. nessed and put to useful purpose during the past five years by means of a safety collective device developed by

the supervising engineer, John R. "The organic matter or the solid portion of the sewage is destroyed, and the remainder of the solids rendered A will residing within us, and life which misses any of these is incomplete; but as any life can have complete; but as any life can have them all, the incompleteness is a matter of choice, not of fate. innocuous, by a digestion process. This process is greatly accelerated by heat, reach the plant daily, the saving in the cheer all the advocates for readjust-capacity of structures to hold the solution ment. It emanates from Roger W. ds, until the process is completed, be-

"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 acceleration. 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 seen piped into the office and laboratory building where it is burned in the steam-heating plan. A visit to this building will rouse the envy of any coal-shoveling 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 cooling water in the engine jacket or lost in the exhaust. By water-jacketing the oxhaust and using the cooling water to heat the sludge or buildings, 75 per cent of this waste heat can be re

Duliness

Duli is, after all a relative term; i apresses only a want of correspo ce between the mind of the writer and that of the reader.-Prof. Seeley.

DISCOURAGEMENT, so through it without harm.

Silver Lining

"Reconstruction started yesterday, is almost walking today, and will be is almost waiting 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 Hoorer dealing the carde." Victoria, B.C.-Provincial and Federal authorities have agreed to give

10,000 men limited work, according to Hon. P. W. Bruhn, Minister of Public Radio.-A combination scort wave and broadcast radio set that reality works was on demonstration at the Radio Convention in Toronto tast week. It opens unlimited possibilities to radio salesmen.

Churches.—Enough gladness to de-stroy all the aches in a hospital, was the trite comment of a reporter who the true comment of a reporter who received the financial reports of 34 caurches in Toronto. Total receipts \$715,612. One church, College and Bathurst, burned a \$24,099 mortgage with the receipts of two and a half years' collections.

Supply and Demand—The store smiled on two fathers on January 15 last. He left two sets of triplets on the same day. The office boy hazard-ed the comment that the stork did not only smile but laughed right out loud.

Banking.—Reconstruction in Can-ada 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. Hen-"Patriotism is the force behind Bank of Toronto, Managef H. B. Henmation-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 inqu.

Vienna, Jan. 21.—Austrian govern-

Vienra, Jan. 21.-Austrian government buys 5,000 head of cattle to convert into sausages for unemployed, vert into sausages for unemployed, thus hilping Alpine cattle raisera. Mayor of St. Thomas proposes to fol-low example in his own city. Toronto Board of Trade.—High

lights on President C. H. Carlisle address on Jan. 25th, 1932: "A re-adjustment of world conditions is necessary rather than an improvement in sary rather than an improvement in the economics of any particular na-tion." "Machinery is now efficiently operated in most of the lower priced nations of the world." "We must main." tain our position with lower costs."... For instance we have 241 members and Senators dealing with Federal matters . . . would we not have "Thrift is not hoarding. It is the half or fewer members?" "A general half or fewer members?" "A general re-adjustment of wage scales is an-Herbert Hoover.

"The American spirit bids him flour he laws he makes and bids him make laws he flouts."—Rudyard Kipto such a high percentage of our peo-ple." "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." Federal Government is to be commended for appointing an able Royal Commission to investigate the railway situation . . . costing us a defi-cit 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 Drummot.d! McCall, according to one of the offi-

men. Engineering publications Steel—Manager of the Steel Excort 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

Refrigerators-950,000 units, an increase of 35 per cent. over 1929, is reported by Nationa! Electric Lighti Association. Telephones-New York Telephone

Company reports 1931 net operating income \$45,000,000 against \$43,000,000 in 1930. Here's an item of news that will, ment. It emanates for readjust-ment. It emanates from Roger W. Babson, an economist and statistician who predicted the crash of 1929. Besides other things he says, "Depres-sion is in retreat. This year will show an irregular movement towards high-

er levels and for some years to come brighter outlook and fundamentally better times are now definitely assured. Finance.—Jack Canuck was asked for \$150,000,000 by the Federal authorities and he oversubscribed it to the time of \$215,000,000. Monday, Old Man Ontario was asked to subscribe \$25,000,000 and within three hours \$25,000,000 and within three hours time the Ontario loan was oversub-scribed by \$34,000,000. A deluge of orders totalling \$64,000,000 was re-ceived. Premier Henry remarked. "This proves that our province is in-herent," sound."



Prospective Tenant-"How is this flat heated?" Tenant-"By tipping the janitor."

The only charm some men pos-

What kills men is discouragement. Barn owls, long-cared owls, redlt is sitting down under trouble that destroys men; it is standing up and mocking trouble that enables men to owls destroy rats and mice and should so through it without have.

Barn owls, long-cared owls, redshouldered owls, hawks, sparrow hawks and screece owls destroy rats and mice and should be encouraged and protected.