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• SERIAL STORY

OF BRIGHTNESS GONE

BY HOLLY WATTERSON

UNCLE BRUCE AGAIN CHAPTER XXIII

She found herself reluctant to see Peter and his father before she left. Peter had a trick, born probably of long association and understanding, of seeing through her; and she had a feeling that this Harper affair would not bear too much inspection, would not make her appear to advantage in his eyes.

She would make no mention of anything but the old lady, of course, and would trust to luck that he had never heard of the grandson or would attach no significance to his going along with them if he had; but she would have preferred not to have to say anything of it at all.

She rode a bus over to the modest little flat on Henley street with the neat sign in its front window, PETER FRAZIER, M.D., where Bruce now lived with Peter. After she rang the bell she could hear Bruce's footfall, first a firm step and then a dragging one that was the aftermath of the recent stroke that had partly paralyzed his left side.

Bruce opened the door wide. "Well, stranger!" he said, giving her a quick hug. "Where have you been keeping yourself?"

"On a case, as usual," Candace said, smiling. She followed her nose to the kitchen, sniffing hungrily. "Something smells awfully good. Am I invited to stay for lunch?"

"You sure are," Bruce said heartily. "Beef stew. I try to make things that will heat up in a hurry, just in case the boy ever does get a chance to come home for a bite to eat."

"How is Peter? Still working so hard?"

Bruce groaned. "That boy just about drives himself to death," he said. He looked worried but proud. "He doesn't talk, think or dream about anything but medicine. Seems to thrive on it, though. He's been trying to get in touch with you, by the way. Some case he wanted you on."

"No go," Candace said. "I'm already on one." She sat on a ladder-bench with her feet hooked over one of its rungs, munching a roll and watching Bruce as he went about, turning up the gas under a pot, setting the table. The limp was not too noticeable now, nor was the slight droop of the muscles on the left side of his face. Sometimes, though, that droop gave rather a startling before-and-after effect: the drooping side simulated the discouraged mood he had labored under while he was involved in business troubles and smarting under Belle's displeasure; the other, brighter look had come after his release from both.

Belle had finally obtained a Florida divorce on the grounds of desertion. The reasons she gave for doing so had been odd enough. "You appear to be smarting," she wrote, "under the feeling that creditors will feel you're dishonest because I refuse to turn over everything to them. They can't think that now. They'll de-

duce, by my having divorced you, that I've simply run off and deserted you, now that you're in trouble—"

Candace guessed that her action had really been a relief to Bruce. He had managed afterward, by dint of turning over life insurance and all other available funds, to satisfy all of his creditors; he had come out of the thing with honor, if with nothing else.

Father and son were alike as two peas in a pod, Candace thought with impatient admiration, Bruce giving up everything for the sake of a scruple, Peter slaving for no money and but little thanks. Impractical idealists, both of them. They needed someone to take care of them. Maybe this girl Peter was marrying would be the one to do it.

An uneasy thought struck her. Bruce was happy here, she knew, he felt himself to be needed and useful. What if this strange girl were to find him in the way? She knew that Peter himself looked on his father's stroke in the nature of a blessing, it was a lever he had made use of to pry Bruce loose from a hopeless situation, a losing fight against insurmountable odds; but what if his wife were to resent having him about, a half-invalid who might at any time become a heavy burden?

Consumed with curiosity about the girl, Candace had planned to ask at the first opportunity, "What about this gal Peter's marrying? Will I be able to o. k. her?" Casually. As though it didn't matter.

Now, she found, she could not. She was afraid that she might somehow convey her uneasiness to Bruce; and she didn't want to be the one to make him feel insecure, possibly unwanted.

She became anxious to leave before she herself might somehow blunder into the subject, or Bruce could bring it up. As soon after lunch as she decently could she said briskly, "I can't wait around any longer on the chance of seeing Peter, I'm afraid. I have an awful lot to do."

"He'll be disappointed he missed you," Bruce said. "Lord knows you get over here seldom enough. Can't you run in some 'evening this week'?"

Candace said, with a fine simulation of innocence, "If I haven't even forgotten to mention that I'm going away! With the elderly lady I'm taking care of now," she added, "to Nassau."

"That's fine for you, child," Bruce said heartily; but she could see that he was puzzled by her secretiveness. "You'll certainly try to see Peter before you leave, won't you? When are you going? For how long?"

"We're leaving tomorrow," she said, "so I doubt if I will see Peter. But it'll be for only a month or so," she added lightly, "I'll be back before our busy bee even realizes I've left."

She slipped out, thankful that she had missed seeing Peter and avoided his possible questioning thereby; feeling at the same time lonely and dissatisfied too.

When she got back to her apartment at Mrs. Flint's she saw that some packages had been delivered while she was out. In the corner her steamer trunk, still open, waited for what they contained; all other luggage was packed and strapped, ready to go.

One of the packages, she knew, held an evening gown that had required some minor alterations; she unwrapped it quickly and tried it on.

It proved to be a bad move. The last time she had worn evening clothes had been the night when she'd dressed up, so confidently, so happily, to lay her present at Martin's feet; she hadn't worn them since. Immediately memories rushed in, scalding her. She tried to escape from the pain of the past by looking

FLANKED NAZIS



British Gen. Bernard Freyberg, a New Zealander whom Germans reported killed in the 1941 battle of Crete, proved himself very much alive by leading the flanking attack on El Hamms, Tunisia, that was responsible for rout of Rommel at Gabes.

ahead; she faced resolutely a future that promised to be, if not dull, rather on the drab side. . . .

She became aware with something like relief that for some minutes the doorbell had been pealing insistently in the back of the house downstairs; she heard the door open finally and a man's footsteps prowling about. She opened her door to investigate.

(Continued Next Week)

Some Odd Tricks Of Plane's Compass

Compasses on aircraft misbehave for the strangest reasons, says The Windsor Star. The compass has to be right or it will throw the pilot off his course. So, the compass is checked regularly.

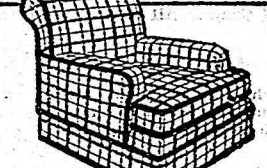
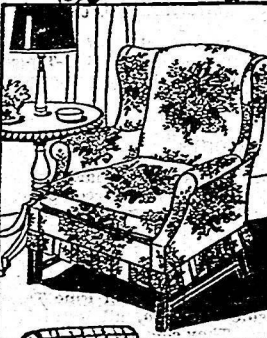
One pilot was constantly having trouble with his compass. It would deviate from true bearings and he could not set it right. Finally, in disgust, he threw off his cap. To his amazement, he discovered the compass immediately registered a true bearing. Inquiry revealed that the pilot had a circle of wire inside his hat to keep the stiffening. That innocent bit of wire was the guilty piece of metal that threw the compass off a true bearing.

Sometimes a pilot will have a knife stuck in his flying boot. That will be enough to throw out the compass reading.

Dye-Bath Matches Up Odd Stockings

Everything isn't as bad as it seems. Your stocking situation, for example. If you have several odd ones cluttering up your drawers, get them out and match them in pairs by giving them a dye-bath. You can add longer life to faded hosiery the same way. It's as simple as laundering them since tinting requires no boiling.

SMART SPRING TONIC



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By Laura Wheeler

Turn old furniture into new—and change the entire character of your room—by making slip-covers. It's easy to do aided by these clear directions. There's a cover for many types of chairs—frilly or tailored—and smart trimming ideas, too. Instructions 457 contain step-by-step directions and all information for making slip covers.

Send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) for instructions to Wilson Needlecraft Dept., Room 421, 73 Adelaide St. West, Toronto. Write plainly pattern number, your name and address.

TABLE TALKS

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Chart For Vitamins

Vitamin A
Sources: Milk, butter, cream, cheese, eggs, green and yellow vegetables, liver, apricots, tomatoes, carrots.

Without sufficient A this happens: Night blindness, abnormal changes in lining of breathing organs and digestive tracts.

Vitamin A does this: Prevents night blindness, keeps lining membranes of nose, throat, lungs, digestive tract healthy.

Vitamin B
Sources: Whole grain-bread, whole-grain cereals, bananas, grapefruit, lemons, pineapples, yeast, wheat germ, eggs, milk, cabbage, lettuce, peas, spinach, string beans, tomatoes, thiamine chloride.

Without sufficient B this happens: Loss of appetite, retarded growth, disorders of the nervous system, constipation.

Vitamin B does this: Stimulates appetite, promotes normal growth and healthy nervous system, aids digestion and elimination.

Vitamin C
Sources: Citrus fruits, tomatoes, peppers, raw vegetables, leafy vegetables, paprika, ascorbic acid.

Without sufficient C this happens: Lowered resistance to certain infections, delayed growth, weakened tooth structure and weakened blood vessels.

Vitamin C does this: Helps maintain normal gums and teeth, strengthens blood vessels, builds infections against infections.

Vitamin D
Sources: Cod-liver oil and other fish-liver oils, irradiated milk, sunshine, ultraviolet light, cod-liver oil concentrates, irradiated ergosterol, irradiated yeast.

Without sufficient D this happens: Retarded growth, soft bones, poor teeth, abnormal bone structures.

Vitamin D does this: Helps body use calcium and phosphorus, helps build normal bone structure, helps prevent tooth decay.

Vitamin G
Sources: Whole-grain bread, potatoes, liver, meat, wheat germ, leafy vegetables, green vegetables.

Without sufficient G this happens: Nerve disorders, digestive disturbances, weakness.

Vitamin G does this: Promotes growth, helps to maintain normal nervous system.

Miss Chambers welcomes personal letters from interested readers. She is pleased to receive suggestions on topics for her column, and is always ready to listen to your "pet peeves." Requests for recipes or special menus are in order. Address your letters to "Miss Sadie B. Chambers, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto." Send stamped self-addressed envelope if you wish a reply.

No Ammunition For Casual Hunters

Casual hunters are out of luck for ammunition unless they can show special circumstances placing them in the class of essential users. Prices Board rationing officials said last week in classification of a board order.

The order rations small arms ammunition and restricts its use to those who can show "essential needs"—such classes as police, hunters and trappers who depend on game for their livelihood and those who need guns and ammunition for protecting livestock.

Persons who rely on hunting for their food are authorized purchasers.

"Of course," they added, "all hunters shoot for food but a large percentage of them don't rely on game for their food. They are so located that food may normally be acquired otherwise than by the shooting of game. They, accordingly, will not be considered authorized purchasers."

Why Is Easter Late This Year?

Some citizens are looking at their calendars and wondering what is keeping Easter so late this year. Easter Sunday falls on April 25, the latest possible. The rule for determining the festival is that it is the Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox, March 21.

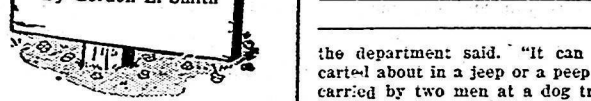
The calendar shows that this year March 21 is a Sunday and a full moon falls on it as well. By the rule then the Easter bunny should put in an appearance on March 28 the following Sunday instead of dawdling along until April 25.

The explanation lies in the fact that the full moon referred to in the rule for determining Easter is not the true or astronomical full moon, but one computed after an ecclesiastical formula—the fourteenth day of the lunar month. This year the fourteenth day of the lunar month after March 21 falls on April 18 and as a result Easter Sunday is April 25—if you know what I mean.

HOW YOUNG CANADIANS CAN HELP TO WIN THE WAR



Christie's Biscuits



Avoid These Mistakes
The three commonest mistakes of the new gardener are planting too early, too deep and too thick. All of these things lead to trouble, to unnecessary work or disappointment.

Seed planted too deep will not germinate well. The general rule is three times the diameter, which means mere pressing into the soil for fine seed like that of radish, poppy, carrot, etc., and about one or two inches deep for beans and peas. With bulbs and tubers like gladiolus and potatoes, from six to ten inches deep is recommended, the heavier the soil the shallower the planting.

Too early planting, of course, with tender things that will not stand frost is fatal. Many gardeners, too, rush all vegetable seeds in at the same time and usually a day to a week ahead of the regular season. This is all right, professionals point out, for a portion of the seed in each packet. With luck one gets very early vegetables, but most of the seed should be saved for regular planting and some of it for later on. This ensures safety against early losses through weather and, what is more important, it spreads the harvesting season over several weeks, with really garden fresh vegetables coming along steadily for the table instead of a feast and a famine succession.

Precautions against planting seed too close together are based on a genuine desire to save the amateur a lot of work. If seed is properly spaced in the first place, there will be little thinning, which in most cases is a bit of a chore. With things like beans, peas, etc., the seed should be planted from three to four inches apart. With smaller seed like that of carrots, beets, lettuce, etc., it is difficult to space to the two inches the first plants should be apart, but with a little care it can be sown thinly. Sowing of very small seed can be aided by mixing the same with a little dry sand, then sowing the whole mixture.

Nursery Stock Care
Nursery stock is the general name given to hardy perennial shrubs, flowers, vines, trees and roses that are grown for one to three years from seed in a nursery before being sold to gardeners and fruit growers.

Like seed, it is important to secure such stock from a reputable source and one that is familiar and caters to Canadian conditions.

Good stock is pliable, green and shows plenty of live buds. Roots are moist and well wrapped to exclude the air. Such will grow readily when planted. Brittle wood, wrinkled buds or none at all and exposed roots are an indication of inferior, usually cheap stock. If it grows at all it will take years to make a real showing.

**"Bazooka" Shells
Knock Out Tanks**

Development of a new type of portable and deadly gun—the soldiers have named it the "bazooka"—which can knock out tanks, pill boxes, or light mechanized defences, was reported by the United States War Department recently without details.

"It is revolutionary in design,"



the department said. "It can be carried about in a jeep or a peep or carried by two men at a dog trot. It hurls a high explosive projectile. The weapon is understood to have proven itself in North Africa and has been reported, unofficially, to have been seen on the Russian front.

The army said: "In addition to penetrating steel armor, the projectile will drive through brick walls and rock masonry with a blast effect. It will shatter cast steel and such material as bridge girders and railroad rails, and perform other seeming miracles. Before long the 'bazooka' will be heard from on all fronts."

Hitler's Children

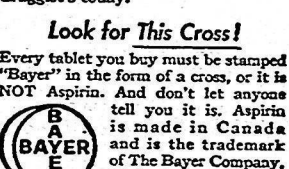
The Berlin radio said recently that more than 1,000,000 German boys and girls who had reached the age of 14 were sworn into the Hitler Youth Organization by Arthur Axman, chief of the National Socialist Party. The principal ceremony was held in the Berlin Opera House, with Axman broadcasting to other youth groups gathered throughout the country, the announcement said.



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