#### The Bree Press Short Story

#### THE ENEMY IS SAVED

BY LOUISE GAUSS

name of Hugh Carpenter was led at its mosrings. life of two persons from drowning. One was his friend, the other had maligned him and casually speaking, his One life had to be saved at the expense of the other. Now which one did Hugh choose to save? You may wonder at his choice; he wonders at it himself now. The black flood of water, surging ed in turn to a stout tree on either bank. and boiling, demanded a victim, und Hugh chose to give his aid to the man on the raft's upper edge to this rope who had slandered him.

for that of his friend, is at the other end ficulty as the raft was propelled through of the world from his rescuer now, as is the water. This arrangement was the continent of Australia and the treach- prevent the raft pulling down stream erous Condamine river. Hugh and his with the current which in the Condamine friend Dwight Merrill were members, at even in times of low water, is always the time of the accident, of a govern- wift. ment survey party in Australia. They The rope bridge had been hing had obtained the position through Hugh's clear the water by several feet; now on uncle who was a big sheep owner over account of the flood it lay along the there and had acquaintance with govern- surface and swayed up and down with to this man who had saved the life of ment officials. The survey party con- the water's motion. sisted of seven men: the chief engineer, the rod man, two chain men, two ax men, had to right for balance; but gaining it, tear on his cheek was a drop of the and the cook. The two boys were the ax and standing with chest high and feet river water. men; for although they had studied sur- upart, he told Dwight to "Come on, the veying in America and had had a little raft be as steady as an English Man o experience, they decided to take a hum- War. Bring the paddles with you and bler positon among Australian surveyors, don't get in a hurry; the truoble with at least until they understood the differ- you Americans is that you are always

the party, a big Beotehman with twink- where they lay high and dry on the bank think of each other. ling blue eyes; he was friendly, jovial, and followed. and an efficient boas; but for the rod | Bhanks pushed off with ease and 1 man Hugh developed an immediate and scemed that everything would be all -Violent antipathy. The red man went by right, -but presently the boat got to Refreshes and rejuvenates. the name of Shanks. He was tall, thin, rocking so that Dwight could not keep youthful charm to the complexion. Softand unbending of stature, with a long, with Shanks on the stroke of the paddle. ens and beautifics the skin. Makes hands inflexible face, which Ifugh said was like The raft pitched and swayed incessantly. flawlessly white. Indispensable to the that of an Egyptian mummy. The boy's In midstream, where the water was boll- woman who appreciates subtle distincpropensity for joking with his mates woke ing white foam, the oars could make no tion. Delightful to use. Delicately frane response in Shanks. It was his habit more headway. The raft slowed up, grant. Soothes dry and irritated skin about camp, to preserve a grave aloofness, bounced around a bit, then shot suddenly Corrects and preserves. A flawless toilet

claimed Hugh, thrusting thumbs into brought up suddenly at the end of the true aid to beauty. arm pits and strutting about with lifted rope, but it had pulled entirely out from chest. He had just hauled, unaided, into under the bridge, and Shanks was jerked camp the trunk of a huge encalyptus to off into the water. serve as a meas table.

"You mean that all this time you have been carrying an allas?" asked \_\_ Uhmiks.

"I mean," Hugh unswered in con- the raft, taking the motion of the rope very much." scious mimery of the other's solemin tone. "I mean that I am growing such great waves. The up-stream end was a knot of muscle on my bleeps that a labready emerged in a food of water little more and I shall make Jack Dempsey look like a gay little butterfly on a to lift up in the air. The raft was frosty morning."

"Think of that now!" Shanks threw Dwight clutch his paddle and throw race. back his head in mirthless laughter. himself full length along the slippery logs. "What a bloody toff you are! But I He was reaching the paddle out over have my doubts about your becoming a the water. What was he trying to do? world champion."

having come to Australia as a youth. His density in regard to American manner Can't you see it is holding you down?" know de intrust duone et dat up long of speech turned Hugh against him at the Dwight's excited words, half incoherent ago!" start; but the man's open accusation of ever the rush of water, reached Hugh's Hugh as a their left him permanently ears. He called across to his friend to

"Where is my knife!" Bhanks thundered one afternoon as the surveying get clear of that rope bridge. He was party, having been on duty all day, were being pounded up and down in a froth about to make for camp.

"Did it drop out of your coat pocket? Hugh asked casually.

"It was a Sheffield make, a very fine knife, it had a silver plate with my under.

name engraved." "That's why you lost it-too good to keep. It's only bad pennies that atick around." Hugh joined in the search.

"You were poking over there in that bunch of bush; take a look beneath, as it line if one was needed. Hugh reached for may have alld out of your pocket." "You have a way of watching my move-

ments rather close, Boy. What's that sticking out of your hip pocket? There! Pull it out: I want to have a look." Hugh flushed angrily, but produced the article in question, the broken end of

n handsome one." He haughed. a bush where Shanks had hung his coat man needing aid, and in Hugh's reach

while working, and he apologized for having auspected Hugh of having taken it. "I didn't know you suspected me. Hugh answered sharply; then changed rope. He sawed, and sawed. The rope the subject abruptly. In Australia there is but one river was rusty and dull.

throughout its extent that is important enough to be played up in school geog- strangled noise like a man gives as he is raphies, but there are many short streams going down for the second time. Still that during the rainy season rise to tor- Hugh sawed on throwing into the work rential perpertions. The Condamine in all his energy. The rope lacked but one Western Queensland is one of these. Its thin strand of snapping. This strand bed is narrow and cuts deep between refused to yield. Taking the rope in his tanks that rise in some places to a height bands he jerked at it, then attached the of sixty feet. The survey party were place with his teeth. At last the strand camped along the Condamine river just gave way, the rope lay loose. He flung far enough back into the bush to insure it out upon the stream; at the same safety against high water. They worked instant he kicked off his shoes, which, on both sides of the stream, crossing by in anticipation of trouble when the meameans of a raft rudely constructed of were pulling off from the far shore, he logs, lashed together with ropes. The had loosened, and jumped in to rescue raft was pushed off from shore with a Dwight.

with an improvised paddle.

NCE upon a time a boy by the | homemade raft rocked perilously and pul-

camp side of the stream, called to wait about crossing until the river gone down a bit. "It looks but to me: I shouldn't try it for a while."

Dwight would not walt, for he though there was little danger. The raft was secured to a rope bridge that was fasten-A short section of rope went from a hook bridge, and being furnished with a loop, This man, whose life Hugh exchanged allpped along the bridge without dif-

Shanks stopped out on the raft. He in a bit too much of a hurry."

The boys liked the chief engineer of Dwight secured the paddles from

"Meet the second Jack Dempsey," ex- down stream with the current. It regulate for every discerning woman.

Hugh, running along the bank, saw not the peril that Shanks was in so much as the inevitable fate of the raft and with it his friend Dwight. Brought to a halt at the end of the short rope bridge, was pounding the water into while the down-stream end threatened trying to rear. Hugh saw his friend a bank operated by members of his own Hugh real wed that the paddle was a

Shanks was a Londoner by birth, helping hand extended to Shanks. "Get hold of this, and drop that rope! pityingly. "Laws, culled man, don't you

shut up and row his own boat. Shanks was drowning. He could not and legs to swim free. Probably debris caught on the rope, was tangled in his feet. A little bit and the man would have to give up and let himself be sucked

Hugh decided that the thing to do was to cut the rope bridge. It would float out along the current, then over to the opposite bank, freeing Shanks from the tangle and at the same time acting as a life the bit of a tree hook which still reposed Shank's eyes narrowed suspiciously. In his hip pocket, but just as his fingers closed on it the raft tipped on end and went over. Dwight was in the water now and under the raft. It was the life of his friend or his enemy. Which did

Hugh did not reason about the matter . an old tree hook he carried to peel bark | There was not time. He acted in refrom trees. "That your knife? It's sure sponse to a force apparently foreign to hir nature. Shanks did not appear just The two found the missing knife under then as an enemy, but he was just a was the tool through which aid could be rendered. . Oripping the piece of the tree hook in his hand. Hugh began to saw the was very tough, being wet; the tree hook

From midstream came a shrick, a

long pole, and propelled across stream | Swimming like a dog, hand over hand, he made for the place where the raft On the evening of the accident which had turned turtle and from which had - imperilled the lives of two men, the Lounded Dwight's cry for help. The river rose five feet in less than a half raft, set adrift by the cutting of the rope, hour of time. Shanks and Dwight had was starting in towards shore. Dwight's gone across the river to pick up a case of head was not bobbing on the wave. Had instruments that had been left there the boy gone down for the third time? when the storm came up and caught A long arm drew out of the water beside thom. Between them and suppor lay a the near bank. That was Shanks! Hugh surging torrent of water on which the took time to be glad his enemy had pulled | --

#### MUFFIN MAGIC

out alive. Grabbing hold of the drifting

raft. Hugh steaded it with his hand,

up presently out of the water, his face

set grim. Climbing on the raft again.

down, and Hugh saw that it was Dwight.

"It was a close call," Itugh answered.

Shanks was very much moved, his

large Adam's apple worked convulsively

slong his thin neck. He had to sit down

polse came the old inflexible counten-

ance. Hugh hat down beside Shanks and

rubbed shoulders. He had forgotten that

he called Chanks his enemy; he had for-

gotten those hasty words a few days

back. He felt himself drawn irresistibly

his friend and was so moved over the

affair that he had to pretend that a

suspected Hugh of taking his knife. Ho

Shanks is in Australia now, and Hugh

has come back to America, but the two

men often look across the water and

FINDERS KEEPERS

twenty-dollar bill on the bureau when

Maid: "I surely did, sir. Thank you

BANKING FOR THE BANK

"Man," said the teller, "you ain't got

"Yes Ah is." insisted the other. "Al

"Six months ago!" echoed the teller

put ten dollars in yere six months ago."

no money in this yer chank."

you made up my room?"

he dived a second time.

breathed a thankful sigh.

hair was still dripping.

Morning hardly seems to be the proper scrambled up, then dived off. He came ime to perform magic, does it? Usually wonders of the mystic art are accom-As Hugh came out of the water this dim light of the firefles, the moon and time, he noticed that Shanks had pulled up on to the shore and that he was carry- better when inquisitive morning-glories ing something in his arms. He stimbled force in at your kitchen window to see with the burden and fell, showing that what you are making for breakfast. Muffin magio is very easy! The batter

he was much exhausted. Picking himself! up with difficulty he laid his burden is taken from the refrigerator where the cool temperatures have retarded the When Hugh, by terrine effort, reached action of the leavenings during the night. the spot he found that Bhanks had laid With a few deft turns of the hand, the the unconscious boy on his stomach and batter is placed in buttered muffin pans. was endeavoring to give first aid. Hugh Then into the even they go. The best Hugh, who had been watching on the pushed Bhanks aside and himself took part of magic, however, is not the precontrol. He shook the water from the liminary performance of the artist, but boy's lungs, then pumped at his arms what comes "out of the hat." Bometimes until his breath returned. It was a it is a fluffy white bunny; sometimes it is glorious moment when Dwight came to, a squealing pig. In this case, when the squeaking out that his lungs were punc- oven door is opened, a pan of golden tured, and that they might as well go brown mutting groots the hungry audi-

> away and let him die in peace. Hugh once. The art is very simple when you have Shanks, wiping a trickle of something a refrigerator and the results will make mobil from his check, remarked that his you famous as the perfect breakfast hostess. A plate of hot, crusty muttins will complete any breakfast which you are planning, whether it be one in the min outside of your cottage by the lake or breakfast-luncheon for your late-rising for a bit to recover his polse, but with guests or just a breakfast for the family.

> > MUPPING 112 cup magar 12 cup shortening

> > > 2 curs flour

14 temmoon salt 4 tempoons baking powder

1 cup milk Cream the sugar and the shortening and add the well-beaten egg. Bift the dry ingredients together and add to the Shanks liked Hugh from that day on. first mixture alternately with the milk. He apologized all over again for having Bake in well-greated muffin pans in a hot oven (425 degrees P.) for fifteen to even tried to laugh at Hugh's lokes, twenty minutes.

> Yield: 9 muffins. BANANA MUFFINS

2 tablespoons shortening 1's cup sugar

1 egg (well beaten) 1 cup milk 112 cups bran flakes

11 cups flour 2 tempoons baking powder

to tenspoon salt 4 cup chopped banana

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Cream shortening and silgar; add egg. nilk and bran flakes. Bift flour with baking powder and salt and add banant. Add to first mixture and stir/only until flour disappears. Bake in greased muffin tins in a moderate oven (400 degrees P.)

Yield: 16 amall muffins or 8 large

BRAN MUFFING

2 tablespoons shortening " cup sugar

1 egg (well beaten) 1 cup sour milk

1 cup all-bran ' 1 cup flour I tenspoon baking powder 15 tenspoon soda

14 tempoon sult Cream the shortening and sugar, add egg and sour milk. Add all-bran and let ank until most of the moisture is taken Bift flour with baking powder, sods and salt and add to first misture, stirring only until flour disappears. Fill greased muffin this two-thirds full and

for 20 to 25 minutes. Yield: 8 large or 12 small muffins. Note: Y sweet milk is used instead of our milk, omit the 15 tempoon of soda and use 3 teitmoons baking powder. Raisins or dates may be added if desired A small slice of apple, sprinkled with cinnamon and shigar, placed on top the muffin batter before baking, makes ve delicious variation of the recipe.

nake in a moderate oven (400 degrees P.)

Harbara H. Brooks

SIDERODROMOPHILIE ATTACKS CANADIANS

Although the victims do not know i by that name and would be terrified if they did, it is true, nevertheless, that an epidemic of alderodromophilie has broken out simultaneously in all parts of Canada. But it is not so bad as it sounds. Elderodromoubille is a newly coined French word which means an excessive love of railroad riding. Canadian National Railways passenger traffic officials report that in spite of slack times and motor cars, there is a serious outbreak of siderodromophilie in Canada, although they say that "excessive" is perhaps putting it too strongly. The depression has much to do with Canadians refraining from European trips and staying at home to see their own country. The result is travel to the Pacific Coast and the seaboard in the Maritimes and visits to Juster, Algonquin and other national parks and to such summer resorts as

"Automotrice" is another rallway word the French has coined lately. An automotrice, which sounds like a lady automobile, is one of those motor cars which run on the rails.

TIT FOR TAT

Scotland which during certain seasons is largely attended by sportsmen-sometimes accompanied by their collies.

One Sunday the usual minister was on hollday, and his substitute was discovered to possess a droning, monotonous volce This caused one of the collies to begin

whining uneasily. The clergyman finally said: "Kindly take that dog away at once!"

The owner of the dog, a brawny, independent Highlander, rose, and, glowering at the minister, muttered: "It was you that began it!"

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> FIRST INSTALMENT - SEPTEMBER 15 SECOND INSTALMENT—NOVEMBER 16

Any ratepayer may pay the whole of his taxes on or before September

to comply with this arrangement entails extra expense and trouble. An addition of five per cent, will be made to every tax rate or assessment remaining impaid fourteen days after the said 15th day of Reptember, for the first instalment, and the 16th day of November for the second instalment; and it will be the duty of the Collector immediately after the said several days appointed for payment, to collect at once, by distress or

otherwise, under the provisions of the Statute in that behalf, all such

15, but one-half the amount must be paid on or before that date. Fallure

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Station-to-station ("anyone") calls between 7.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. local time are on the low evenlng rate. Between 8.90 p.m. and 4.90 a.m. they are on the "night vale" basis and still

Nita was worried . . . she could not imagine where she had lost her bracelet-in the hotel or on the journey home.

"I can't think what I could have done with it," she kept telling her möther. "Why not telephone to the hotel," mother suggested. "It's after eight-thirty now and a call will only cost a few

Imagine Nita's joy when the hotel clerk told her that the bracelet had been found in her room and would be mailed

to her right away. Thanks to her mother's suggestion, Nita's anxiety was re-

fleved at once . . . and the cost of the call was considerably less than her taxi fare from the station.

lower.