# The Free Press' Short Story

## The Sky Pilot Stands By

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"If he can: I guess," replied William strong colors, all right, he red, and you

black. He's a sky pilot." "The boss'll be angry if he knows that the likes of him is around here," declared

the foreman. "You ought to hear him play his accordion. It's good for a meal with me

any day." "You are not here to feed every tramp | them, that became the inspiration of new that .comes along.'

"There are so many in these forsaken woods," retorted the cook, ironically, "To

see a stranger is no hardship up here.'

Thus the mining camp was sharply divided over the new redheaded "aky pilot," John Collins, who had appeared, and who desired to minister to the men who were opening these new mines, deep in the woods. Collins, however, was always welcomed by the cook. If the weather was Tavorable, he had some boards set on logs in front of the dining tent so that the men who came to 'the preaching." might have a place to sit A stump log block that had been brought in to be cut up for firewood, was turned up on end, and made to serve as a pulpit. On this Collins would place his Bible and hymn book. He would play a selection of tunes upon his accordian; then, spite of the open opposition of the fore-

Scripture lesson. of more than medium height, blessed serious enough; but he was bitterly imwith a well-knit frame, a sturdy, inde- patient with-the-men for not binding it pendent spirit, and a ready tongue. The foreman, Harold Armstrong, had noted the newcomer's most striking personal possession, his brilliant red hair. He had not noticed the clear blue eyes, however, nor did he stay with the young missionary long enough to know of his warm

After his services, it was Collins' cussome of them in their tents. In of their private lives and was able to treated them with ready skill, and calling the attention of the cook to the man had shown him how to help the miner and also how to stop the spreading of the infection. This and many other kindly services had made many friends for the young missionary at Moose Mines.

On one of his regular visits to the mines, Collins had a rather unpleasant our sky pilot." experience. The foreman had told the mining engineer of the singing "sky pilot" who had come into their midst. and with him proposed to affect the "sky pilot's" discomfiture. "This is the man who is in the Jonah-Hallalujah business," said Armstrong to the engineer Samuel Folley, by way of an introduction

to the young man. "Happy to meet you," said the engineer with a superior smile.

Collins was quick to notice the manmer of the men before him. He knew that Armstrong had no kindly feelings towards him. He, however, shook hands in a friendly way with the engineer. "And I am happy to meet you, sir," said the young missionary, with a touch of formal courtesy.

"Do you find that the men here respond to this Jonah and the whale stuff?" asked Foley. "I find they respond to kindness and

to a man who believes in them." "Do you believe in the Bible and teach it?" demanded the other.

"As you believe in mines and work them," replied Collins.

"We know what we are doing and get results," said the engineer. "Yours guesswork. Your Bible is a tissue guesswork. The very first sentence is a colossal guess: 'God created the heaven and the earth!"

"I have been over much of this north country, Mr. Folley," said Collins, "and all the work of your best engineers has not brought results as you have said." "But many have found silver, nickel and copper, and this mine is producing

gold," declared Folley, in triumph. "So the Bible has proved itself goldbearing as well. Honest and patient prospectors have been rewarded richly in faith and life."

"That sounds like a pat little place of a sermon," said the engineer, with uplifted eyebrows. "Do you find that sort of thing in these men up here?" "I am finding it, as you are finding mineral ore," said Collins. "It takes work and attention, sympathy and patience, just as your work does. The product is all that counts. Remember. too, your textbook has changed more frequently than mine. He's a poor man, anyway, who thinks a gold mine is richer possession than his own soul. 'For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

this redhead doing away a sense of defeat, which was worse here?" demanded Harold Arm- than an out-and-out defeat. Each strong, the foreman of Moose felt that something in him had been to lead a torchlight shaken, and needed careful re-investiga-

tion before he joined in conflict again. Although the men had drawn away from Collins on the day when he had met Folley, they were glad to welcome into their tents. More and more. brought their troubles to him. was so frank and brave, so full of kindliness and common sense that they told him more of their lives. In this way was not only permitted to treat their sores, anoint their wounds, and sing them, but also to bring truths home to

hope, new faith, and new life. "I don't know what that fellow has done to the men of these mines," said Armstrong to Folley one day, "but they look upon Collins now as their bossom riend. He has made this the quietest and decentest mine I ever worked in."

Folley smiled, but he did not show any desire to make any personal investigamay discover the mine that you did." tion, nor did he express any wish to meet the young missionary again. "He has probably hypnotized them," was all he ventured to comment.

About two weeks after this brief conversation with Armstrong, while engineer was overseeing an enlargement of the mine, a premature blast of dynamite tore away his left hand and stunned him. His helpers were ignorant of first aid but hastened to call the com- THE PRODUCTION AND PREPARApany doctor. Some of the men also tried

The dotor was found first, at a mi five or six miles away. Collins was away Collins was a warm-hearted young man quickly dressed the wound, which was up and stopping the flow of blood, "If there were only some clean, healthy

> are so soaked with alcohol that I'd be "There's one good man up here," ae-Collins' hair, but others wondered that them.

Armstrong should speak so of the young

missionary when he arrived, his face ed. Close threshing is liable to injure flushed from his hasty trip, "there's just the germ.

that is by a transfusion. It's a big favor good seed grain consists in the fanning to ask of you, I know, but I feel sure and grading of the grain to remove light that your blood is the purest around kernels, weed seeds and dirt. For this "Then I'm at your service, Doctor. How's Mr. Folley?" asked Collins.

"I've just told you," said the doctor shortly, as he made a grab at Cellins coat to help him to remove his clothes. "He's nearly dead. Be quick, man." the blankets beside the wounded en-

gineer. The men, who were in the tent, watched the proceedings closely. Collins was going on inside.

see the man there that we saw long ago." bins and shoots so that contamination "But Collins will come through all from these sources is reduced to the

right, won't he?" asked the men. "It about-time some of you thought to do up here," retorted the cook hotly. "A peck of help some of you have been tion. to him! Here he is pouring out his life's blood to save one who laughed at him and joked about Jonah; and 'singing him and his work, upholding him in

While the excited cook was defending well-filled shelves in their pumping blood into Folley. With every to satisfy even the children.

drop given, he was renewing the injured The engineer looked into Collins' eyes, women know all about this. and his whole face brightened. He then caught sight of the doctor, and the look to put up marmalades of various kinds. changed quickly to shadow and surprise. Even if last year's preserves are not ex-Collins could not determine whether hausted, a few jars of marmalade will help annoyance, fear, or anger had followed them to stretch longer. Then again, or what shall a man give in exchange for that first look of glad recognition. The marmalade is a particularly delicious poor man closed his eyes again as though morning dish and it tends to balance the

help. He knew that Polley, too, was glad to see that he was "standing by." to see that he was "standing by." "He's coming along all right," declar-

ed the doctor. the patient.

Soon Folley opened his eyes again. He Grandmother knew the whole family was looked sharply about and took in the going to feel better for eating them but whole situation. "What does this mean, there was no coaxing junior or father to

Doctor? What is this man doing here try them. No doubt the famly's fascinbeside me?" asked Folley, looking past ation for spinach was due in part to the Collins and straight at the doctor.

dead by now if this clean-blooded fellow it better because grandmother prized it so had not come along and pumped his own highly and served it as something extra blood into your veins to save you."

Folley turned to look at Collins, for the ister remain quiet for awhile. "It was how one looks at it! Let us take milk, good of you-you, of all men-to do for instance. To the nutritionist, milk is this," said Folley, struggling to express an essential which supplies to the grow-

ly, "It's what I'm here for. I'm up here for building strong straight' bones and to serve as I can, and this is your share." "Do you remember our former conversation?" asked Folley. "I've been diet. We are told that children should thinking it over, and I know that I found have at least a quart of milk and adults my real gold mine when I found you."

"You've just tapped a branch vein," declared Collins, cheerily. 'Prospect a little farther, and you'll find the real nine as I did, when I found Christ for

"You assay so high," said Folley. "that

may follow your vein. Pray that

Always keep Douglas' Egyptian Lini- of the season ment at hand, ready to bring immediate elief to burns, sores and felons. Stops bleeding at once. "Prevents blood poisoning. Splendid for sore throat and quinsy.

obtained from strong, healthy, plants belonging to a pure or relatively pure var-Where one is obliged to purchase seed, "Registered Seed," since it is officially tions of good seed, as above defined. This guarantee has behind it the Canadian Seed Growers' Association and the Dominion Seed Branch aided by the Experimental Farms Branch of the Federal

Department of Agriculture. to the district where they are to be grown Some of the men grinned at the fore- should note carefully the results obtained man's stock joke about the color of at these institutions and be guided by

man after slighting way he had always should be taken to see that the crop is might miss you, and sent for him. He is should not be set so close that the grain will be damaged. At present a great deal "I know him," snapped the doctor, of really good barley is badly damaged 'There's no better man in this country from a seed standpoint, during the threshing operations, by having the ends "Collins," said the doctor to the young of the kernels broken or otherwise injur-

one chance to save this man's life, and The next step in the preparation of undertaking the screens to be used must carefully selected to insure-that the openings are of the proper size and shape to perform the work required. Many good fanning mills have been discarded simply on account of the absence of suitable screens, whereas material for the con-The doctor soon had Collins down on struction of such screens can be had from, or through the manufacturer of

During the past seven or eight years, was quiet but cheerful. The cook, how- the difficulty in connection with the ever, was very much excited and kept proper cleaning and grading of seed grain moving in and out of the tent. When has been reduced considerably by the he went out, he told the men all that opening up of custom cleaning plants which are equipped with power fanning "Yes, that big block of a foreman is mills and graders, and well supplied with looking on, beaming on the sky pilot sieves to clean and grade the different as though he were his grand-uncle and kinds of grain that may be brought to that he had backed the boy up from them. These cleaning plants are often childhood. It took all this to make him provided with blowers for cleaning floors.

> Cleaned grain should always be placed immediately in clean containers and

Each fall several million women look at every way that he could, hiding a soul closets and nod with satisfaction. They that was in agony for the self-sacrificing feel sure that this time they have stored missionary. Collins' noble heart was enough preserves, jellies, jams and pickles

But anywhere from the first of the year to the first of April one may hear a call The doctor kept his grip on Folley's for help from some quarter. A well-filled pulse, but Coffins' eyes searched the sick preserve closet has become empty surman's face. In about fifteen minutes prisingly soon. Somehow or other the Folley's eyelids fluttered, then opened, supply did not equal the demand, Most

"I never saw a soul," declared Folley. in weakness, without having moved his spring breakfast as well. The breakfast lips. That first bright look, however, of drange juice, cereal, marmalade, toast After that clash, Collins, and Folley had pleased Collins. He had seen it in and coffee is about as well balanced a avoided each other. Each one carried other men's faces in times of rescue and meal as one could hope to find.

MILK AS YOU LIKE IT By Barbara B. Brooks

Even the best of us tire of eating just "I believe he is," replied Collins, very the things that are good for us. We are quietly, as though he feared to disturb told that spinach was a real treat way back when our grandmothers, sniffing "This will do," said the doctor, well the first warm breezes from the south, pleased with the results, as he slipped eagerly watched for the brave sprouts of the tube away and bound up the arms spring and longed for the day when they

could go out to gather a "mess o' greens." fact that there were many months when "It means that you collapsed because spinach was not to be had at any price. of loss of blood and would have been Still, isn't it possible that everyone liked

Food can be considered from many doctor had insisted that the young min- angles and what a difference it makes ing child calcium and phosphorus in just "That's all right," said Collins, bright- the fight proportions and combination anywhere from a pint to a quart each

> Because milk is so important for good health, we often overlook the fact that it ! not choose to drink milk, the wise mother will not say too much about it. Instead she will set before them the best milk carrying foods and recipes with an air of eager expectancy just as did grandmother with the first "mess o' greens

At breakfast, one to two cups of each person's quota may be taken care of with no trouble at all. There is no better milk carrier than crisp ready-to-eat cereals. With a wide choice of these made of whole wheat, bran, corn or rice, shredded, in flakes, crackling grains or toasted biscuits, every individual taste can be satisfied and breakfast need neve

plan and to eat. Either in soup, main care of at least another cup of the

A few basic recipes for milk dishes may be varied and enlarged upon to give endless variety. Milk toast, cream soups. creamed vegetables, creamed fish, and scalloped dishes are all good ways of

### THIN WHITE SAUCE

	<del></del>		blespoon
Flour .	 	. 1 - te	blespoon
Milk	 		1 cup
Salt	 	1/2	teaspoon
	WHITE		4
Flour	 	. 2 tal	blespoons

# THICK WHITE SAUCE

milk gradually. Cook until thickened stirring constantly unless a double boiler

# CREAMED CABBAGE AND HAM

- 1 small head cabbage 1/2 pound cooked ham
- 2 cups white sauce 1/2 cup corn flakes

1 teaspoon salt Shred cabbage. Cook uncovered in boiling salted water until tender. Drain. Mix thoroughly with white sauce to which diced cooked ham has been added. Put in buttered casserole. Cover with corn flakes and bake about fifteen minutes at 400 degrees F. Note: Any left-over meat or 14 cup grated cheese

### may be used instead of the ham. CORN FLAKE CREAM DESSERT

- 2 tablespoons flour 14 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 egg yolks, well beaten 2 cups scalded milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract . Mix flour, sugar and salt. Add egg volks and mix until smooth. Add scald-
- ed milk slowly being careful not to cook egg yolks. Cook in double boiler until thickened. Add vanilla. Cool and pour into pan lined with the following crust
  - 4 cups corn flakes 14 cup sugar
  - ¼ cup butter
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Put corn flakes through a food grinder using finest outter. Mix thoroughly with sugar, butter and cinnamon. Line bottom of a cake tin (about 8 inch square) or large pie tin with the mixture, reserving cup for the top. Fill with the abov custard mixture which has cooled and top with the following merngue:

- 3 egg whites
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- / Few grains salt Vi teaspon vanilla extract

Beat egg whites until they hold their shape, but not until they lose their shiny appearance and add sugar gradually. Beat until stiff. Add vanilla and spread on top of custard. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees F.) for 40 minutes. Cool and

Yield: 10 servings.

# Did You Ever Stop to Think?

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Many people by deep reasoning, and others more or less by instinct, feel that now is the time to pay more attention to business and less to politics.

If the business men of neighboring cities get into your trade territory and get the business you should get, it is because they are awake and you are asleep. When this happens, don't send for an undertaker --- send for the advertising man of this newspaper. He can help you!

There are many bright spots in the black cloud of depression and now is the time to seize those bright spots and enlarge them, rather than dwell upon the blackness. So let us get ready to receive the advantages that are before us.

I never could see what benefit daylight saving is to the farmer. The farmer is up before sunrise, works by the sun and ceases work by the sun. Of course, those who work in the city are in a different position. They work by the clock.

The way to keep a business before the public is by continuous advertising. People are forgetful. When a business concern takes its name from public view it means an immediate loss to them.

There seems to be no reason for the wave of economy hysteria that is sweeping the country. It floats about like a specter in the night and the timid buying power of the people is being bitten day by day by the dragon of Economy propaganda. Instead of helping business, it is putting thousands out of business.

Good merchandise, good prices and good advertising make a growing business.