The Bree Press' Short Story

THE LURE OF THE WOODS

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roughly. "I drinka water always.

I'm here my orders are to be obeyed."

Two or three other foreigners

the trouble, Pletro?" she caked.

have, you'll understand."

caught himself admiring them.

"Nothing!" was the muffled reply as

"Don't say that. A person doesn't

way a little at first." she answered

rest of my life."

checked himself.

sald gently, smiling.

you. Y must get some air."

Her voice seemed fuint and far away

He felt her arms supporting him. Then

When he woke up an hour later, he

found himself lying on a couch, with

everything went black before him.

gathered, and when Shella unexpectedly

appeared, they were surrounding the

doctor with menacing gestures. "What's

Shella answered in the same jargon. The

-diplome entiting him to prac- brook, the doctor knocked the dipper tice medicine, Gilman Horworth from his hands. "Don't you wer those surveyed his new field with disgust and | signs?" he asked angrily. "You can't amazement. The cluster of small houses drink this 'water." and shacks, the sprawling river, the huge stacks of the smelters, and the great woods encircling them made him sud- not own it. You not docta here.

denly homosick and panicky.-A'bitter feeling possessed him that no had been deceived. Pledmont, that he had supposed was a pretty little village was nothing but a cluster of shacks set down in the woods. The smelter com pany had asked for a young doctor, contracting to pay him enough to live on. with the privilege of building up on outside practice. It was a good opening, the letter had said, for a young doctor who would stay and grow up with the count men seemed satisfied and went away

the inhabitants, I suppose, are like the terly. country, poor, shiftless, and hopelass. I'll turn around to-morrow and go "When you've been here as long as I was no longer an alien among them.

In his anger he spoke aloud, addressing no one in particular, but a girl plied bluntly. standing in the shadow of a blg pine overheard. Smiling, she introduced her- when he grew acquainted with them. "A doctor's time-isn't his own," mur- visited by representatives of the aids

"I'm Shella McCormick. You're the captivated Gilman, and several times he ever go." -new doctor for Pledmont, I suppose." Gilman whirled about and came face beople, however, seemed impossible,---to face with a girl a few years younger than himself.

Gilman flushed to the roots of his thickets, he came upon Shella flung on hair. "I didn't mean to criticize," he the mossy ground sobbing as though her

"Of course, I understand: I felt ex- in amazement. "What's the matter?" actly that way when I first came here." "When was that?" he asked bluntly, the girl sat up and dried her tears. "How long have you been here?" "Pive years," she unswered. "Long ery for nothing."

enough to begin to like the place and

place her. "If you're not going to turn it out." - right around and go back," she added with a smile. "I'll try to make you loved it up here." understand whily I changed."

he was able to get a position with the her brother's sake she had to carry on, and disappointments. smelter company. He's worked his way; but in time she felt she was needed by

describing the acenery and speople." "He's his own discontent. .

You see, we need a doctor in the worst idea I'm here to take your place, and effective a remedy for the relief of their way up here. There's none within a they're jealous." hundred miles. That's why I worded that letter so alluringly." "Well. I swallowed that bait." replied hastily; "but they don't any more."

tance, you intend to go right back?" have, no matter if I stayed here the afternoon double-header on Victoria sea fisheries production, but New Brunsthe girl asked slowly.

The young man hesitated a moment before unswering frankly, "I can't bury myself in these woods. Yes, I'm going back. I have my future to consider." "I see." murmured the girl slowly.

she asked. "But now you're here, won't weeks, a month, and still he could not at top speed. In seasons past the Leafs fishermen of \$268,000. n't hurt you to look at them and pre- smelter, and his hope of leaving soon it rather easy to defeat the Herd. scribe, would it?"

"No. I'll attend to them. In fact, I dynamite carekeely, and blew up one Mapk Leafs is scheduled for Thursday, -want to rest a few days before return- of the buildings

of a little wirl, who was ill with scarlet and surgical skill was needed. Four afternoon games are staged as part of 30,000 cwts., as against almost 73,000 fever, his second that of a sturdy back- men were zeriously injured, and required the Toronto Club all-Ontario day pro- cwts. in February, 1934. British Columwoodsman who had met with an acci- instant operations to save their lives. gram with the morning game slated to bia landings of grayfish, which are also dent. Shella led him to the humble Shella was there, white and shaken by start at 10.30 o'clock and the afternoon used in making meal and oil, also dropshacks where the patients lived, and for the catastrophe. Gilman examined the affair at 3 o'clock. Ontario barseball ped quite heavily. In New Brunswick a a time the young man forgot his disgust injured, and then turned to the girl. fans are again reminded that starting decrease of \$50,000 in total landed value and loneliness in the practice of his "I must operate quickly," he said. "It's time of the games in Toronto are on was due mainly to lowered smelt prices profession. "Che won't be out of danger ille or death with three of them. Can Daylight Caving Time. There will be and a decrease in herring landings. for a week," he announced, speaking of you help?" the little girl with scarlet fewer.

suppose I'll have to stay until-then." | quick instructions, and in a room in Toronto who plan to make a day of it gain in cod fish. Cod landings in that relief and gratitude in her eyes. Mean- major operations, and two less import- would be well advised to make their cwts., a gain of almost 200 per cent. while there were other cases. Tony ant. Shella was a magnificant assist- reservations early. amelter and another workman was over- but steady of nerve. the after effects of typhold fever. In nausea and weakness swept over him. for their final games of the spring series the woods, and Gilman grew suspicious eyes. Human nature was exhausted game with the other Canadian Club in his guide one day, he traced the water to faint. Trying to get a grip on him- for Priday, May 31st with two games to its source, where it was contaminated self and not expose his weakness to listed for the Baturday date of June by the open sewage from a huddle of Shells, he said, "I'll leave them with lat.

huts on higher ground. shaking his head. "Nobody can drink and would have fallen if a supporting season and they are to be considered

that water hereafter." "We have a lot of ignorant foreigners lie down, Gilman," he heard Shiela say. working in the smelter." Bhella said.

"I'm afraid they won't understand." "They'll have to understand," was the sharp reply. "I'll put up signs forbidding anyone to drink it."

. He might as well have saved his time Shiela anxiously watching by his side. you my wife would have made me wear

"I'm all right," he grumbled, trying

"You fainted. The strain was too

other. That was enough to exhaust pective parents. anybody. It was wonderful, Gilman. and I'm proud of you."

ping back on the couch. She did under- to adopt a child should do is to go or range on serving dish and garnish with afford a ready source of re-infectation tand then. She did not think less of write to the nearest Children's Ald watercress. TTH the ink scarcely dry on his day, seeing a man drinking from the the friends and acquaintances of his subsequent negotiations are treated in putients, would not understand. They the strictest confidence." would despise him more than ever. Well

> The man glared at him and hughed mough to meet them?" she asked.

> > "The workers and their families." car, somebody knocked on the door; home environment." then came cries of "Doctal Doctal"

In broken English Pietro explained. but it's the only way." peacefully. Gliman glared at them. "You seem to have more authority than "The country will never grow up, and the company doctor," he remarked bit shout went up. He heard confused cries of "Doctal Our doctal" Hands grasped "I know them better," was the reply, his. Gilman suddenly realized that he

When he was alone again with Shella, new parents and home will be as mut-"I won't be here that long!" he rev the girl said, "It's a shame to disappoint | mally harmonious as possible." them now they love you. When are you The woods were not so bad, however, going to leave?"

One day after making his rounds, he to her. "I've begin to like the woods parents are caker to talk, and as bubstrolled along the edge of the, river, and the people, Shella. Perhaps I am bling over with news of their "child's" "I couldn't help overhearing you, zearching for a good fishing place. When needed here more than anywhere else, exploits as any proud mothers and in a secluded nook, he heard the sound In the towns and cities there are plenty fathers." of stiffed sobs. Hurrying through the of doctors, but here-"

'Well, if you want to know, I had a here," Gilman frowned, puzzled just how to fit of homesickness and I had to cry "Yes, I think we are," he added

up rapidly. He's superintendent now."; the people. Without a doctor within a Miller's Worm Powders, being in de- child in your home why not at this "McCormick!" murmured Gilman hundred miles, she had rendered first mand everywhere, can be got at any time at least make some inquiries. Purfrowning. "Why yes, he was the one aid to the sick and nursed the young chemist's or drug shop, at very small ticulars of above gladly given on request who wrote asking for a doctor and and old through illness. It was a story cost. They are a standard remedy for by the Superintendent, G. F.-Thompson, that made the young doctor ashamed of worm troubles and can be fully relied Milton, Children's Aid Societies, Peel "I can see now one reason why Tony, and abate the sufferings that worms ceiving you? Well, he's not. I'm re- and the others don't take kindly to me." cause. There are many mothers that ponsible, for I wrote that letter for Bob, the said, smillig at her. "They have an rejoice that they found available co

> children. Shella flushed. "They did feel that INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE BASE-

Maple Leafs. The Bisons, as in the "If I thought-" he began, and then past, started slowly despite leave patients who actually needed him: have always had to battle in every game | Then came the great explosion in the with the Bisons, while other clubs found was blasted. A workman handled some

When the doctor reached the build- Time). no increase over the regular admission

Milano had a hand crushed in the ant. She stood by him, white of face The Buffalo series in Toronto con- fighermen totalled 24,720 cwts., un includes with a single game on Saturday come by the fumes of the mixer. Two | For six hours Gilman tolled at his May 25th. After a short jump around Prince Edward Island increased landings children were in bed with measles, and terrible Job. When the wounds of the Rochaster, Buffulo and Mondreal, the of smelt were responsible for the gains the mother of one was suffering from last patient were bound up, a terrible Leafs return to the Maple Leaf Stadium made by those provinces. fact there was considerable typhold in Everything seemed to swim before his with the Montreal Royals. The first of the drinking water. With Shells as and he had a feeling that he was going the International League is scheduled.

Montreal Hoyals have one of the best "We must remedy this," said Gilman, . He staggered us he crossed the room, clubs in the International League this arm had not caught, him. "You must real contenders for the play-off honors.

ACCOMMODATING

Pootpad-"And now I'll trouble you to take off that suit of clothes." Jones-"Thanks awfully. Only for

ADOPT A CHILD WEEK

Mounting public interest to alt up. "It was just a litle giddi- "Adopt a Baby Week" inagugurated in connection with the celebration of the "It was sheer exhaustion, doctor," de- first birthday of the Dionne quintuplets has roused widespread curiosity as

ilm because at that last moment he Society. An application form will be and keeled over; but of course the others provided. Both this application and the

"Of course it is the bounden duty of it did not matter. Me would soom be the societies and the department to see caving the woods. He drifted off into that the children are adopted into suit- in a pan and bake in a hot oven until only made in late May or June, but in able homes. This involves certain potatoes are soft. When he awoke from it, he felt friendly and confidential enquires. The financial stability of the prospective ahim a little dublously. "Are you strong doptive parents is of course considered. It is not a matter of wealth, but simply a "Meet provision that the child can be looked after, The other main consideration in keltle of bolling water, and boll or these enguirles, re health and character Mumbling volcas outside caught his of the adoptive parents and a decent

"The other side of this picture is the Shella shoved the young man toward baby. And quite as great pains are the door. "You've got to go through taken to assure prospective parents uwith it, Gilman. I know you dread it. to the qualities of the child. The children are passed upon by competent baby Like a man in a dream, he opened the specialists and psychologists and these door and stepped butside. Instantly a opinions are available to the adonlive parents as well as all records as to background and beredity."

"The whole idea is to reach an adjustment whereby the adopted child and the

"To insure that this new relationship Is at least approximated the home i They had a wild beauty that sometimes mured Gilman. "I'm not sure that I can and the department from time to time over a period. But this is not in any Shella held her breath and gazed anx- | sense an officious investigation. On the -jourly at him -I'be young man turned contrary experience how shown adoptive

In the Countles of Peel and Halton He waved a hand expressively, and during the year 1034 there were eleven then turned to her again, his eyes children legally adopted into splendid heart would break. "Sheila!" he cried twinkling. "A doctor needs a good homes, and this year we are hoping that nurse. Shella, and if you'll promise to many more will be removed from the remain as long as I do and help. I may care of societies and given the much needed love and care of homes. At Shella Interrupted, her eyes bright, the present time in the Home at Milton her whole face aglow with happiness, there are a number of very attractive She looked a little defiantly at him. "I'll stay, Gilman! We are both needed children waiting for someone to take

them into their hearts and homes. One attractive baby girl a year old. colemnly, glancing from her lovely face fair hair and brown eyes; another "You homesick. Why, I thought you to the towering woods that inclosed the lovely fuir-haired, blue-eyed girl two tiny cettlement; but he caw a vision and one-half years of age, Roman Cath-"I do." was the slow reply. "but for now that was quite different from the olic; two baby boys of fair complexion, . The young doctor waited for her to all that I get homesick for the old life." one which had angered and disgusted one eight months and the other eigh-Gilman learned in the next few min- him on that first day. There was work teen months old; and two lovely boys brother. His lungs weren't guite all lites something of her sacrifice. Dis- lahead, hard work, and privations, but with dark hair and eyes, one two years right, and the doctors told him he had liking the woods as much as he had at Sheila would always be by his side, and and the other four years old. A number a good chance if he'd live here in the first, Shella had tried to stifle her home- their opportunities for service together of older boys and girls of school age who pine woods for a few years. Fortunately sickness and loneliness with work. For would compensate for many hardships are worthy of some opportunity in life, not necessarily adoption.

If you have 'ever felt the need of a

SEA FISH LANDINGS DOWN

Although three of Canada's wa fisheries provinces reported increased catches in February, returns from the Dominion's sea fisheries on the whole were smaller than in February, 1034 Gilman shook his head. "I'd never Of special interest of baseball fans Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Prince Ed "And now you've come all this dis- win their love and confidence as you throughout Ontario is the morning and ward Island all showed some gain in Day at the Maple Leaf Stadium, with wick and British Columbia both reported "I wish you'd try it-Gilman," she the Buffalo Bisons meeting Toronto decreases, with the net result that there for the month of about-28,500 cwts, and strengthened pitching staff and, by the landed value fell off by \$28,500. The Doctor Horworth stayed on beyond the time they play Toronto on May 23, 24 total catch amounted to approximately Looking up appealingly after a pause, time limit he had set, two weeks, three and 25 in Toronto, should be going along 166,700 swts, with a landed value to

The net decrease in catch was due mainly to the fact that the manufacture of herring meal and oil in British Buffalo's first game with the Toronto Columbia was on a much smaller scale than a year ago. With the outlet for May 23rd, at 3 o'clock (Daylight Saving the herring catch thus reduced there was naturally lessened fishing effort and Doctor Horworth's first case was that ing he saw instantly that all his medical | The special Victoria Day morning and the quantity of the fish taken was only Nova Scotla provided a bright spot in Shella nodded silently. He gave her charges and baseball fans outside of the Pebruary fishing results with a big Shella nodded soberly, but there was the smelter he operated. Two were at the Fleet Street Stadium on May 34 province were slightly more than 26,700 Lundings of haddock by Nova Scotta crease of 4.000 cwts. In Quebec and

MODERN

day, Tommy?' "Oh, a telephone, Dad. Then I can answer teacher's quations without going

"What would you like for your birth-

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POTATO RECIPES

POTATOES A LA SUISSE lengthwise from each. Scoop out most causes numerous cankers in many inof the inside and force through a potato stances upon tender varieties of the trees formed four operations, one after on- to the initial steps to be taken by pros- pepper and add a small quantity of milk. ficult. For heavy infestations on twigs Slip an egg into each potato case and and water sprouts early in the season "It's simplicity itself" said Hon. force polato mixture through a pastry the use of summer sprays will give con-

DEERPOOT POTATOES

Wash and pare potatoes of uniform

SARATOGA CHITS

Wash and pare potatoes. Blice thinly tuding vegetable alicer) into a bowl of cold water. Let stand two hours, changing water twice. Drain, plunge in minute. Drain again, and cover with cold water. Take from water and dry between towers. Fry in deep fat until light brown, keeping in motion with skimmer. Drain on brown paper, and sprinkle with unit.

· POTATO PRITTERS 3 cups hot riced potators

2 tablespoons cream I teaspoon salt

· Few gratings nutmeg Few grains cayenne 3 eggs Yolks 3 eggs

44 cup flour Add cream, wine and seasonings to polatoes: then add eggs well beaton having bowl containing mixture in pan of ice-water, and beat until cold. Add tiour, and when well mixed, drop by spoonfuls in deep fat, fry until delicately browned and drain on brown paper.

WHEN LIFE BEGINS AND ENDS

The majority of bables enter this turpulent world at its quietest time, between two and five o'clock in the morning. Strangley enough, most people depart life at the very hour when Napoleon insisted man needed the greatest counge -four o'clock in the morning. These conclusions are reached by a famous physician, Dr. Edward Jenny, after prolonged study. Dr. Jenny discovered that loke about it." the number of births increases rapidly towards midnight, reaches a maximum between two and five in the morning and fulls off to a minimum late in the afternoon. There is a difference of 40 per cent, between the number born around 5 p. m. (12.257) and 5 g. m (17,254). A similar rhythm is found in the pulse rate, blood pressure, rate of breathing and other organic activities during the course of twenty-four hours The death rate, too, follows a cycle. Although most deaths occur at the hour mentioned. Dr. Jenny deducted that invalids should fear the hours when night is changing into day. Dawn and dusk The hours of death, however, are not so marked us the hours of birth.

A REASON

Sunday School Teacher: "Why was ! that David said he would rather be doorkeeper in the House of the Lord?' Bright Boy: "So that he could go outside if he didn't like the cermon."

CANKER PAINT FOR APPLE TREES

Owing to the fact that the feeding o bag and tube around edge. Return to trol, but cankers themselves into which "Proud of met" he murmured, drop- day, "The first thing anyone wishing oven and bake until eggs are set. Ar- the sprays cannot reach continue to By the use of a suitable canker and wound paint, says the pamphlet on the woolly apple of the apple, issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, it has proven possible to control completely the aphids in pruning wounds and cankers with one painting any event not later than mid-July. The canker paint is made up as fol-

> Castor machine oll (heavy grade). quart; Water, 3 quarts; Nicotine sulphate (40 per cent.), 8 tublespoons or 4 fuld ounces: Wheat flour (emulsifier) y pound.

Mix the flour with bolling water and tir well for a few minutes to form smooth paste. Four in the nicotine sulphate and again stir, and add the oil and shake the mixture thoroughly until a creamy emulsion is formed. The flour may be used raw but the resultant emulsion is not so stable. This canker paint should be used within a week or so after preparation.

Cankered trees should have all dead and rough bark scraped off in the spring and all root suckers cut at the same time. Thus, careful painting of all the canker and pruning wounds that can be reached from the ground and by climbing into the tree is sufficient to give good control for the whole mason.

NOTHING AT ALL

Brown (boasting to his friend): "Yes, have worked under the same boes for nearly 20 years." Smith: 'I can beat that. It's my allver wedding next week."

REASON ENOUGH

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