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The Michigan Kid

by Rex Beach

CHAPTER VIII

He was interrupted in his task by the girl herself. She came to his door and with her she brought Hayward.

"Jim," she began, "Mr. Hayward has been trying to tell me something —"

"What? Already?" A flame leaped into Rowan's eyes as he turned them upon the Bonanza foreman.

"Yes, already! It's best to have it out and over with," the latter declared, doggedly.

"I asked him to say it before you, Jim if — if he insists upon saying it at all."

"I merely started to tell her why she could not afford to have anything further to do with you," the visitor announced. "I tried to tell her that I love her and want to marry her; that I'll give her a home and end all of her troubles."

"What was it you said about Jim?" the girl insisted quietly.

Hayward told her; frankly, brutally he repeated what he had previously said. Jim listened in silence.

"Is it true?" Rose turned a strained, white face upon the Michigan Kid.

"Most of it is. Not that about the killing of Thompson, of course. He shot himself because he had lost the company money."

Killed No Women

"Rose, will you let me take you to town?" Hayward asked, earnestly.

Slowly the girl shook her head. "Jim has arranged to drive me in. I'm sorry you didn't wait a while before — I've had a good deal to bear." When the young man scowled at Rowan and opened his lips to protest, she smiled faintly. "I'll be perfectly safe with him. The Michigan Kid hasn't been accused of killing women, has he?"

"Very well. I'm sorry too, that it had to come at a time like this. But I thought it best. I'll see you tomorrow, Rose. Forgive me if I've been too rough. It's only because —" The speaker stammered, choked then he turned and went out into the chill twilight.

When the crunch of his footsteps had died out, Rose inquired, simply: "Why did you do it, Jim?"

Rowan answered carelessly: "Oh, I am just naturally a bad sort, I guess! No great amount of character. I did want money, and gambling was the easiest way to get it."

"I don't mean that. Why did you come out here with father, the way you did?"

"Well now, I'm not sure that I can explain unless it was because of that hunch I told you about," Jim managed a splendid assumption of sincerity. "We gamblers play hunches, you know. And say, it just proves there is something in them."

"A mighty queer thing happened today, Rose. I didn't mean to tell you yet, but your father was right. There is pay on this claim!" said Rowan.

"Please don't let us talk about it. It's All Yours"

"But Rose, listen! While I was digging up there on the rim the gravel looked good. I took some of it down to the creek and tested it. I can't be —"

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Household Hints

Paint stains that have been allowed to dry on wood surfaces may be removed by rubbing with a clean cloth dampened with turpentine. Repeat until the spot is absorbed.

If you are using the whites of several eggs and have no immediate use for the unbroken yolks, put them in a cup or a bowl and carefully pour over enough water to cover. This will keep them from getting dry or crusty on the top.

Halves of canned peaches or apricots, dotted with butter and slightly salted, broiled in a shallow dish until a delicate brown, are delicious meat accompaniments.

Never wash the grid of your electric waffle iron. Wipe with a clean dry cloth. If particles of batter adhere stubbornly to the grids, use a wire brush to remove them, then brush again with a soft-bristled brush. Housewares departments sell brushes especially designed for cleaning waffle irons.

Eggs are usually plentiful and less expensive in the early spring and may be a welcome change for an occasional main course from heavier winter menus. Souffles are an attractive and highly nutritious main dish and may be varied in almost countless ways by adding different ingredients—flaked fish, mashed vegetables, cheese—to the basic egg recipe.

Tears Cost Money

Tears cost a lot of money in Hollywood. In the first place, it takes quite a time to induce a satisfactory flow, and time is worth dollars in the film studios.

In the second place, complete "re-make-up" of an actress is necessary after every "cry". And, thirdly, the emotional strain, actresses claim, leaves them with such a "hang over" that they are unable to work the following day. The film is held up—but wages are paid just the same.

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A record season for the maple syrup industry was expected when the sap first started to run, but the warm weather in the latter part of March proved a set-back. However, the recent change in weather has started the production again, and the general outlook is much better. Don't count on too liberal supplies, however, get your supply of maple syrup as soon as you can.

Canada, of course, leads in the production of this exclusively North American treat, so it's almost a tradition in many homes in this country to serve it when it first arrives on the market. Pancakes and maple syrup are an old story so we are suggesting some additional ways in which to utilize this delicious "native" product.

Maple Butterscotch Pie

- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup maple syrup
- 1 1/2 cups milk, scalded
- 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 egg whites
- 4 tablespoons sugar
- 1 baked 9-inch pie shell

Mix together sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Add syrup gradually, stirring to a smooth paste. Add to scalded milk in top of double boiler, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Then cook 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Pour a small amount over egg yolks, stirring vigorously. Return to remaining mixture in double boiler and cook 3 minutes longer. Remove from fire, add butter and vanilla, and cool.

For meringue, beat egg whites until foamy throughout. Add sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating after each addition, continue beating until mixture will stand in peaks; turn cooled pie filling into pie shell. Pipe meringue lightly on top. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 15 minutes, or until delicately browned.

Log Cabin Rice Pudding

- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 1 cup rice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup maple syrup

Scald 2 cups milk in double boiler. Add rice and salt and steam 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Heat remaining milk; add to rice and continue steaming 30 minutes, or until rice is tender, stirring occasionally. Remove from boiler heater, add butter and syrup. Serve hot with additional Maple Syrup. Serves 8.

Maple Syrup Sweet Potatoes

- 6 cooked sweet potatoes
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup maple syrup

Cut sweet potatoes in halves lengthwise and place in greased baking dish. Dot with butter and pour syrup over them. Bake in hot oven (400 deg. F.) 1 hour, basting frequently until potatoes are done. Serves 6.

Maple Syrup Fried Mush

- 1 1/2 cups yellow corn meal
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 5 1/2 cups water
- 1/2 cup maple syrup

Combine corn meal, salt, and 1 cup water in upper part of double boiler, and mix well. Add remaining water and syrup, and cook over direct heat until mixture thickens, stirring constantly. Place over hot water, cover closely, and cook 2 hours longer. Turn into leaf pan which has been wet with cold water. Let stand overnight or until thoroughly cold and firm; turn from pan, slice in 1/2 inch slices, dip in flour, and saute in well-greased skillet, turning to brown both sides. Serve with butter and additional maple syrup. Serves 6.

Coiffure For 1938 Is Custom-Built

See End of Platinum and Popularity of Brass Blondes

Milady's coiffure will be "custom-built" for 1938, style leaders convening at St. Louis last week announced.

At the same time, they predicted the end of "platinum" blondes and a preponderance of "brass" hued tresses for the year.

Stani Mars, New York, president of the coiffure division of the National Hairdressers' and Cosmetologists' Association, led those who foresaw the new "brass" hair style.

"The upward trend of hairdress is apparent," he added. "As for length, women will prefer about four or five inches for the back."

Individualized Styles

Marc Gartman, of Chicago, president of that city's association, explained the "custom-built" coiffure.

"By custom hairdressing, we mean individualized hairdressing," he said. "Beauty operators will spend more time studying their clients' hair before they begin, examining texture, natural lines of growth the determining what style best fits the face."

Gartman warned that "such care costs more than less thorough methods," but claimed much better results would be obtained and home care would be easier.

"Then, too, the customer has the satisfying feeling that her hair is done in a manner best suited to her as an individual."

Rubber "Gas Bags" For British Babies

Further Step In Protecting Populace Against Air Raids

A rubber "gas bag" for babies is the Home Office's latest device to make Great Britain's 40,000,000 inhabitants "gas-tight" in the event of war.

A spokesman said last week that babies two years old and under would be provided with a rubber fabric bag capable of enclosing their bodies entirely.

The bag has a pump for injecting air through a filter. The pump must be used every 15 minutes.

The bag has a pump for injecting air 30,000,000 gas masks which are being manufactured at a rate of 500,000 a week. They are to be delivered in quantities of 30,000 to municipalities throughout the country.

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Past Decade Sees Orchid Less Rare

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Orchids were a novelty even to the best flower growers at the time of the Great War, rarely seen by the public. Today they are as familiar as roses to almost any assembly.

Their period of popularity began in Boston with the election of the late Albert C. Burrage to the presidency of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. He sponsored the debut of the orchid and for ten years watched its upward career under his own guidance until the orchid became one of the best-loved flowers in any large flower show. Even the American Orchid Society came to Boston to give a show.

Process of Cross-Pollination

Side by side with the great pink and white heads of the Cattleya, large as dinner plates, will be orchids whose blooms are not much larger than the head of a pin. More delicate hues of purer colors are never found than these flowers present. In this work of developing the science of orchid culture, Robert Doig, of the Burrage Shows, has had the aid of his sister, who has become a specialist in her particular field, that of taking the pollen from one orchid flower and placing it in the fruiting body of another, a process of cross-pollination which is a means of hybridization that promises much for the future of American orchids.

Parliamentary action to control football pools is urged in England.

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