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FORTUNE'S APPRENTICE

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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

SIR CHARLES STURTON, an enlightened landowner, previously in shipping in which he made money which he now devotes to developing the Manor estates. He takes a great interest in

JOHN MORRIS, son of the local garage proprietor, whose wife was a daughter of a chauffeur once in Sir Charles' employ. John is a clever boy at school and after he wins a scholarship Sir Charles takes care of his education through the throng, Patricia nodded with a view to his becoming agent of the estates. Sturton's own son EDWARD STURTON has no particular interest in country life, preferring to study to become a doctor. The two boys are firm friends and remain so

during their period at Oxford. Also friendly with John is PATRICIA STURTON, though with her there is a hint of patronage. Newcomers to the district are

ADMIRAL SANDLEY, whose views are rather feudal, his son

CONRAD, inclined to look down on Morris while cultivating Edward Sturton His sister

DIANA SANDLEY, dark and a lover of open-air activities, is the opposite in pay you compliments." type to

PHILLIPA, youngest of the Sandley family. She interests Edward, but John your father's . . ." insists that he is not concerned in moving in such society.

"Your father is somewhat of a mar-!

tinet but he means no harm," was a far wrong." -John decided-a youthful favourite expression of hers when the presumption that marked him as not children were younger. As they grew yet having developed strong persona up she detected signs of a certain re- character on his own account. volt, though that never came to mean anything serious. In such surroundings John Morris

was made to feel like a fish out of subdued.

John had decided that life would be a perpetual misery if he allowed himself to become too thin-skinned. By nature he was a sensative young man, resentful of being snubbed and over susceptible to other people's opinions of question of stigmatizing the Admiral himself. He was proud enough of his birth yet inclined to regard himself as one risen from the ranks. As such it behoved him to cultivate a resistance to things likely to rouse his ire.

Not all with whom he came into contact had the kindness and understanding of Sir Charles Sturton. Courtesy was born in him. In whatever company he came to be he remained unaffected. Condescension was alien to his character.

Strangers, meeting him for the first time, were won't to think of him and even describe him afterwards as "a gentleman of the old school," Although have tickled the former shipowner who made no pretence to being of the established aristocracy. He was an outstanding produce of another social stratum inheriting the obligations of those Victorian "gentry" who conceived it their duty to make life more pleasant for mess he had tried to be a good employer of a continuing adventure. and had carried to his later country life those several ideals which previously made him admired and respected. Among them was his ideal of service-not inherited but acquired This led him into local politics and civic affairs.

he would say. "That explains why I were duplicated elsewhere. sit on the Bench and am chairman of the County Council."

Because of this attitude he occassionally fell foul of others who had more selfish reasons for being in public life. Sir Charles was guided by the dictates of his conscience. He had no ulterior motives for entering public life.

"If I follow Sir Charles I shan't go

CHAPTER III I THE COUNTY DANCES

There were times when John Morris water The Admiral, in particular was puzzled by the mentality of Adwent out his way to suggest that he miral Sandley. An older person would was dealing with a menial, so that John | be understood better. The contrast wondered what sort of a sailor this between this aristocratic retired naval man had been. There were occasions officer and Sir Charles Sturton was when a call was necessary on business striking. Sandley intolerant of contraaffecting the two estates. At such dction In a sense that had bee his times Admiral Sandley received him best asset in the Navy. He was comcoldy. Mrs. Sandley was politcly dis- mended for his powers of decision. He tant, and Conrad maintained that in- made up his mind quickly, and when definite air which cannot easily be de- he had so decided, nothing could scribed but had more than a trace of budge him. Luckily for him, his mainsolence. Both girls were friendly but jor decision had all been correct, and though he was obstinately wrong and stupid in minor matters, his men had never disliked him. You knew where you were with Sandley. He never

> As for his tenants, there was no as a bad landlord. He merely thought it possible to bring to the land the ideas that had served well enough at sea. By past standards he was excellent. Only when it came to putting his did the balance reveal itself to be on the wrong side.

past. It did not require the words of approval from his patron to reassure nob with and . . ." him. Love of the country was imthers taught him the wonders of na- we hav a nod for all comers." ture hidden behind a facade of cruelty. no mean reputation to possess, it would Rain and storm were not in inflictions, ensured that seed-time and harvest sets. But we do reckon to know each saw that graciouus promise renewed day." Spring filled him with fresh enthusiasm. Summer was a period of increased endeavour, and autumn a per- her. In her company he felt complete- was brought up sharply. The crowd those connected with them. In busi- | iod of preparation for the next stage | ly at ease. Like himself, Joan Barton | was thinning out. Cars were depart-

England he loved-simply, deeply, of them had yet found their feet.

"You've/ never travelled," Patricia who are sincere." sniffed.

"Somehow. I've never felt an urge.

"The trouble with you, John Morri is that you are typically English."

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to the Manor House. Except that he much in demand; our best dancer had grown more serious in his demean- Positively the best dancer." our he remained very much as John had always known him. Starting in worthy of dedication. Invitations to really wears the palm. Have you met elect :; and to some others.

Rarely was the ballroom prepared for a word of warning. He is a breaker a dance. Now was a time to revive of hearts." something of Victorian splendours.

This was John's biggest social func- eligible bachelor." John added. tion up to date. As he made his way approvingly.

"I intended to save you a dance," she murmured.

"Thank you." "As it is I shall spare you three." "Oh! Why?"

"Merely because you are the best looking man in the room, and I happen to be a woman. Now don't say I never

"I am overwhelmed. Even so I am

"Sh- You know that always annoys I've come to face facts nowadays, looking at us."

Diana came forward, a splendid creature looking her best in a misty blue dress. She wore it as though entirely unaware of the fact that it suited her perfectly.

"Good evening, Mr. Morris." "Good evening, Miss Sandley." "We rarely see you on such frivolous

"This is a special event."

"So they say. Even my father "Yes?" he prompted when she hesi-

"He envies Sir Charles his estate agent," she added hurriedy. "That is flattering," He gave a little bow. "But there are plenty of capable

men available." few who have been specially cultivated offer the unlucky female?"

for the purpose." "Quite a number," he said easily. Diana felt she had been somewhat gauche, but Phillipa made a timely appearance to introduce him to a have door bells and telephone disturbsomewhat striking young woman, only ing you, for instance, at every hour of daughter of the new vicar, recently the tweny-four?" appointed from an industrial parish in the Midlands. He was so recently an arrival that John hadn't met him yet. Joan Barton was dark. Dark of hair

and eyes. Slow spoken, and with a voice pleasingly contralto. "Really I'm a trifle scared with all estate alongside those of his neighbour this," she said, "So different from the dops and the city ways with which I

am more familiar." John Morris knew the joy of work! "You'll get used to us. We are all well done as the months sped swiftly more or less alike beneath the surface.' "I'm not yet quite sure who to hob-

"Hobnob with anyone," he broke in. planted deep down in his conscious- "You'll find some receive you one way ness. Tramping the fields in all wea- and some another. In these parts

"More democratic than I anticipated." "H'm! Perhaps that isn't quite the should not fail. In every rainbow he other well enough to pass the time of

" I will remember that."

From their first meeting John liked was a product of the new age. Neither ing and pairing couples were snatching

pleasant, he was sure, did nature re- proudly explaind . "He joined up as changed and he decided to walk home veal herself in such mature bauty. The a private soldier gained a commission alone smell of fresh-turned earth after rain and went of a training college after the intoxicated his senses, and he was im- war. They provided special facilities patient with anyone who contended for young men who felt they had a "I am a representative—a servant," that such sights, scenes, or perfumes 'call' Dady is very much in earnnest. "I'm glad to hear it. I like men

> "What I want to make clear," she said firmly. "is that Daddy hasn't the usual antecedents of a parson. I was warned I should find you all very stiff down here. My father and I wish to be He smiled. "That." he told her "is accepted for what we are-and I hope the one occasion I recollect you paying you are not disappointed with us." "Why on earth should I be?" he countered with a surprised smile.

"Well as a country gentleman. "Now comes my turn to confess. My father runs the village garage. Once upon a time my grandfather was a chauffeur to the Sturtons. It surprises into the country set.

you?" "Yes, and relieves my mind as well." "I'd better tell you some more: There are still certain proprieties, Sir Charles sponsored me, helped me with my education through college, purposely to have a special trained agent to to one of the noblest of human mismanage his considerable estates. That sions when he might have decided to

ives me a certain standing." difference?"

"In what respect?" "Not being born in the purple, so to speak."

"N-no!" "You seem uncertain!"

"It is difficult to explain ," he said Sometimes you feel balanced on a see- Morris." saw. One moment you are up, the next

agreed. "Sturton and his son are ing splendid.", '

away. Patricia, too." "They're grand. We grew up to-Probably it was through being so much in close contact that I

got into the habit of-of-", "Go on," he prompted. "What my mother calls harbouring

big ideas." She waited for him to continue the

"But don't get a wrong impression of this place. These aren't quite the days very eloquent. of 'Bless the squire and his relations, "You are the most beautiful girl I and keep us in our proper stations.' At have ever seen," he murmured. "I long least we've outgrown that, thank good- to hold you in my arms, to kiss your

Patricia joined them. "Sorry, but 'I love you!' I----" we can't let you have John all the, But the businesslike young lady cut evening," she told the girl. Joan smiled softly. "I wouldn't . "Well," she suggested, "I suppose it mind," she said bodly.

Occasionally Edward came on a visit most unpopular. He happens to be very

"Spare my blushes." John interposed. "You've forgotten how to blush. In a practice was considered by his father fact you are getting hard-boiled. Had as an occasion or celebration, though you not been listening, I might have the young doctor regarded it as more qualified my praise. Conrad Sandley a ball went out to a long list of the hm yet, Joan? Then you know what

he is like to look at. Let me give you

"To say nothing of being our most Patricia stiffened suddenly. "Come on," she said sharply. They swung into

a waltz, speaking little until the sense of constraint began to wear off. Edward was sitting out with Phillipa. "John Morris stands out in any company," remarked Edward. "As Pat is merely my sister. I have never gone beyond the stage of regarding her as

an ordinary girl." aren't they?"

"Some more-some less."

crises."

"What superb conceit!" "Oh, I am tolerant enough. Afraid of open events. I've been too busy for romance. you know. There's Diana Sandley comes of my job, Children are born, old people die. . ."

> "Some of your patients recover, hope," she interrupted. "Not from being born or from dying But to be serious. I do manage to pull

> "To me that sounds romantic." "You're wrong," he told her. 'One doesn't sentimentalize about doctoring. It is all hum-drum work, and rather hard. After hours at a sick bed, I am physically worn out. When I'm rushin about during an epidemic I posi-

tively perspire." " "That makes it more extraordinary you haven't found someone to look i

me, as he calls it. Suppose I married "Yes. Yes. I suppose there are But what sort of life do you think I could

"Would she be so unlucky?" "Rather! Also she would need to be strong in mind and body to stand the racket for a day. Would you care to

"Are you offering me the position?" "Gracious, no."

"Don't be so horribly emphatic! wasn't flinging myself at your head Someone like Joan Barton might suit. She oozes vitality."

"It's an idea," he said lightly. Afterwards he wondered if she had deliberately led the talk in that

direction. The ball marked a turning point in more than one life. There was the customery influence of bright lights and sweet music, charming women and handsome men, a general air of good humour and that subtle trial of partnership which is so often incidental to a dance.

For the first time John felt he was being accepted in terms of equality. A but part of the perfect process that right view. Mind you, we have our friendly word or a nod went a long way with him. He likel people as people-or disliked them according to inclination-and there had been nothing to marr his enjoyment.

Then, at the very last minute, he the final moments of companionship. almost reverently. Nowhere on this "Daddy was a printer once," she "Good nights," had been freely ex-

> Conra Sandley was seeing his sisters into a limousine as he went down the steps to the main drive. "There is Mr. Morris,"he heard Phil-

> lipa remark. "We can find a seat for him in the car." sharply. "He's used to shanks's pony,"

> The girl appeared to remonstrate but John raised his hat and strede on his way. It was a small and insignificant incident. Yet it impressed itself on his mind. He could imagine the reac-

> tions of the supercilious Mr. Sandley at having to pull up at his parents modest dwelling to set down the son of a blacksmith who had gate-crashed John gritted his teeth. Why should

he worry about what these butterflies thought? They were decorative but by no means useful. Men like Edverd Sturton were worth a dozen drones. Edward had devoted himself live in ease and luxury. Joan Barton, "Does it, or does it not, make any too, was a girl he could admire. He found himself thinking a lot about her as he tramped towards the village.

Police Constable Horner wished him "Good night" at the corner, by the baker's shop. The young man's heart warmed to him because he said "Good ? ngght, John," instead of "Sir." or "Mr.

"Did you have a nice time," his "Possibly it depends on people," he mother asked at breakfast, next morn-

"Very pleasant, thank you. I wish "I met Edward and liked him straight you had been there as well." Mrs. Morris chuckled. "I think your father and me were better off at home,

> John was not quite sure whether he would have done well to have kept them company by the kitchen fire. (To be Continued.)

> > HELPED ALONG

His great love made the young man

lips, your eyes, to whisper in your ear

him short. can be arranged."-Globe and Mail, turned out to miss the animal but the

TEN YEARS AGO IN TIMMINS

From data in the Porcupine Advance Fyles

the special trophies was a beautiful sil- Schumacher." grand parade, Firemen's events, town

rane ten years ago were as follows:-Rowlandson -3183; Kenning-5122; quette-210; Ogilvie-156.

of the hospital.

mately 5500 kiddles who had a great South Porcupine—a son." afternoon on the rides and in the shows. The monkey circus was the big attraction for the children Through the kindly co-operation of Mr Conklin and the Timmins branch of the Canadian Legion, the merry-go-round was taken to the Dome Mines for Children's Day, the local newsboys and newsgirls were entertained and also a special afternoon for the child-

ren's Aid Shelter had been arranged Ten years ago the sixth annual commericoment exercises of St. Mary's hospital were held in St. Anthony's parish hall. There were ten in the 1934 graduating class:-Mrs. R. Vachon (nee Kelly) Montreal, Que.; Miss Marie Sullivan, Barry's Bay; Miss Martha Andrechek; Copalt; Miss Agnes Anthony. Ottawa; Miss Marion Kempthorne, Timmins; Miss Elsie Tilley Timmins; Miss Sally Coghlan, Feronia; Miss Dorothy Malouin, Windsor; Miss Lou Regan, Kearney; Miss Annette Millette, Timmins. Rev. Fr. Theriault presided at the graduation, and the programme for the evening was of outstanding excellence. Speakers included Mayor Richardson, A. F. Kenning, R. J. Ennis, Rev. Bruce Millar Dr. H. H. Moore, Rev. Fr. F. B. Biernaski, and Rev. Fr. O'Gorman. At the conclusion flashlight pictures were taken of the graduates, flower girls, speakers and others on the platform by

A. Tomkinon. It was noted in The Advance ten years ago that from Jan. 23rd, 1934, to June 18th, 1934, there were 168 building permits issued in Timmins, the amount of the value of new building and additions, etc., being placed

at \$90,135.00 The McIntyre baseball team maintained its position at the top of the Northern division of the Temiskaming Baseball League Wednesday, June 27th, 1934, by decisively beating the "Oh, he's all right," Conrad retorted Quebec entry, Noranda. The Twin Cities team could get nowhere against

the Champion Macs. A wedding of interest took place in Grace Chapel here ten years ago when Isabel Joan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Drew, became the bride of Sidney Burt, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Burt of Bristol England.

Among the local and personal items appearing in The Advance ten years ago were the following:-"Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt, of San Francisco, Cal., are visiting the latter's sister ,Mrs. Leamen and Rev. Mr. Leamen." Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Franklin and daughter, Toronto, are visiting friends in town." "Dr G. Mitchell and Mrs. Mitchell returned last week from a holiday in the south"

to Toronto, Rev. Mr. Parks taking over acted business at the market as if no-With the addition to the operating his new duties as minister of one of the thing untoward had occurred. Perhaps room made to St. Mary's hospital ten large city churches." "His wide circles the provincial police are looking for years ago work was then under way of friends in town and district will be that Moose for it certainly "Left the in the building of a laundry. The pleased to know that J. W. Faithful is scene of an accident" without leaving small wing added, extended the operat- making excellent progress to recovery name or number, or reporting the mising room on the Fifth avenue side of from the electrical burns received on hap. the building. The laundry building June 17th, at the Ankerite while on an was being put up at the Cedar St. side inspection trip. The injuries resulted OFFICE UNDER VETS' LAND from the blowing up of a transformer Tuesday, June 26th, 1934, was child- and Mr. Faithfu had a narrow escape ren's day at the Conklin's Shows play- from more serious injuries. His right ing at the athletic grounds on Pine hand was rather badly burned but he is Act has been opened in New Liskeard street, under the auspices of the Tim- making the best of recovery at St. in the post office building. C. L. Raw-"I have Mrs. Jobling. She does for mins branch of the Canadian Legion Mary's hospital." "Born-To Mr. and son is field supervisor, Horace Smith The grounds were open to approxi- Mrs James Burns, on June 24th, at

Moose and Auto Crash Near Dane and Both Get Worst of It

Windshield and Window of Car Suffer, While Moose has to Travel on Three Legs

From Kirkland Lake recently came the story of a crash between a moose and a motor car. According to the story told about it, "both got the worst of it." Ed. Breault and Clifford Krick, farmers were on their way to market around four o'clock in the morning when they noted a big moose standing in the road in the direct line of the

moose after looking at the approaching car decided to turn out also. The car was some five feet away when the moose leaped into the air, all but clearing the hood of the truck. The hood was slightly dinged by the impact but the body of the moose came in contact with the cab of the vehicle, his head and shoulders striking opposite sides of the windshield and his hip being swung around to collide with the win-The second annual tournament of "Mrs. Ann Roach, and daughter, Irene, dow of the door on the right side of the District of Cochrane Firemen's returned home to South Porcupine the car. The shatterproof glass showed Association took place on Dominion after spending a two weeks 'holiday that it was not completely shatter-Day, Monday, July 2nd, 1934, at the in Cobalt." "Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Van proof, for it was considerably cracked. athletic grounds, Pine street. The fire Rattel were Cochrane visitors last. The window in the door was so badly brigades taking part in the event were week." "F. H. Ball returned last broken that Mr. Krick was fairly show-Schumacher, Iroquois Falls, Ansonville, night after a visit to Barrie and Tor- ered with fragments of glass. The Montrock, Cochrane, Kapuskasing and onto." "Mr. Franklin, architect, moose rolled onto the ground but was Timmins. The prizes and trophies Toronto, came to the camp Wednesday up again in a moment or two, but as for the tournament were on display evening in connection with the pre- it stood on the road it appeared to be and attracted much attention. Among liminaries for the new high school at dazed. The moose finally slowly "Nelson Pinder, who moved off the road and into the bush ver cup donated by the Northern Ele- was one of the early residents of Por- the occupants of the car noticing that "All girls are just 'ordinary' to you, tric Co. The programme included cupine camp, is doing notable work in the animal travelled on three legs. The children's races, girls' softball match, the pioneering of Rouyn. One of his car had been stopped as soon as it was latest additions to that town is the possible and the two men could hear league baseball match, and a number, building of a modern service station the injured animal making its way to be conducted by his son, Kenneth slowly through the bush. Neither of The official figures for the provincial Pindar." "Friends in town will be the occupants of the car were injured election in this riding of South Coch- | pleased to know that Rev. J. D. Parks, the damage being confined to the car who has been ill recently is now re- and the moose. After the accident or covered. Rev. Mr. Parks and family incident, the car resumed its way to Stewart-2975: Lehtinen-759; Pa- are moving this week from Brampton Kirkland Lake and its occupants trans-

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