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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

dared to remonstrate. Must a person JOHN MORRIS, son of the local garage proprietor, whose wife was a daughter be kept at a distance for all time beof 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 cause of silly social standards Only a minority subscribed to them nowadays. with a view to his becoming agent of the estates. Sturton's own son EDWARD STURTON has no particular interest in country life, preferring Once upon a time her own ancestors to study to become a doctor. The two boys are firm friends and remain so had tilled the oil. Some of them were

during their period at Oxford. Also friendly with John is PATRICIA STURTON, though with her there is a hint of patronage. New- fortuitously produce an aristocrat. They comers 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 line of landowners. If she married him

type to PHILLIPA, youngest of the Sandley family. She interests Edward, but John ning a family which future generations

insists that he is not concerned in moving in such society

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time when the men were out of the disikes. way, to pay her next call at John's So the second meeting passed more business man.

which is no bad thing to my way of sion. thinking."

"John takes after his father," Diana prompted.

"Almost as wilful miss. Almost. Oftentimes I think we made a mistake likes of you, though." letting him get such a schooling. It's all right so far, but he'll find it hard more frequently at the cottage, and when it comes to taking a wife.'

"Why do you say that?" "Where's he to go for her, I asks was flattered, then perplexed must needs come down to us."

"I am sure your son does not feel lad. She not made. . ." that way.'

"Tis a tragedy, too, that the garage will pass into other hands. A father likes to hand down. Not that it will go out of the family, exactly. There's a cousin we have in mind. Now if only John had done his schooling here and then settled down with Jane Fellows. . ."

"Isn't that making things too simple? Probaly the two would never have fallen in love, anyway."



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authorities consider it better to be late

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than never.

"Well, love comes of people being Deliberately Diana Sadley, chose a together and having the same likes and

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in the village.

Morris whenever possible:

many other things.

could regard with pride.

Enjoy his company she certainly did

"I used to be all in favour of the

subdivision of the human species," he

education does not provide equality of

She had looked at him quite a lot

"We have met several times," she

dear," he said kindly, "when two nice

"For all that it is made to matter;"

"So that is the way of it, eh!"

"That is the way it goes."

"You had better not try!"

sort things out for yourself."

"Not in my home."

as well" Diana said.

Morris will go far."

become more aloof of late.

his presence."

goest will I go."

but not time." he remarked.

himself a bit too seriously at it is."

cropped up to remind him of his posi-

origin. If he had any regrets they

derived from a vague dissatisfaction at

having clambered out of the rut in

which he might have been fixed had

not Sir Charles leaned down to pull

Mrs. Morris was perplexed. Her

mother's instinct told her what the

position was. To Tom Morris she said: "No good will come of letting our

John get mixed up with those folk,

"It is too great a tangle."

"There's no problem incapable of

solution. My own experience is that

of cave they were born in.'

"Naturally you know him well?"

she told herself.

said cautiously

"Has he?"

she retorted.

century."

about you."

home. The atmosphere was better, but comfortably than the first, but it was Mrs. Morris remained acutely aware obvious that whatever hopes Mrs that her visitor came from The Grange. Morris had had when she agreed to Sir and that she was the wife of a small Charles's suggestions about John's education, she was now uneasy about "I've never regretted taking up with her son, if not disappointed. Diana Tom Morris," she confided, when a interest in him did not please her

estabished. "Being in his own busi- . "What's between you and Mis ness makes him independent like, Diana?" she asked John on one occa-

> "We are friends," he answered. "That doesn't take much saving son.

"Are you suggesting anything else?" "No. Oh, no. She's not for the Presently Diana Sandley was calling

making the occasions coincide with the young man's home coming. At first he

"If you're not getting sweet on her, don't talk the same language as he she is on you," pronounced his mother John one evening, as they sat beside crackling fire. "I've eyes in my head,

"Don't keep reminding me," he said a little testily.

"Oil and water never did mix Johnny, and nothing is going to make them do so." "Scientists have got pretty close to

"I'm not talking about science, which

I don't know much about. I'm talking about folk. That's something I under-

For all that, he was tramping the field with the Admiral's daughter the following Sunday. They went further than they intended so that as they returned, the faint cresent of a young moon gleamed in a turquoise velvet sky, gem-set with glittering stars. They lingered by a style, listening to the things have a way of righting themaeolian music of the night-breeze in the trees, looking up into the glorified selves. Don't forget this is the twentieth

A meteor flashed across the domeflamed and faded as they watched. Diana shivered. "I wish I had not

seen that," she murmured. "Why? Shooting stars are mere traces of cosmic dust made incandescent in their passage through the

arth's atmospheric envelope. "Let us go home. You speak like an encyclopaedia."

He held her hand to assist her across the stile. She leaned towards him, closer and closer. A hint of perfume reached his nostrils as a tendril of soft hair brushed across his cheek.

"John," she said softly. "John!"

The barriers almost went down. But John Morris kept them up deliberately "Come on," he said briskly. "It getting late. Your people will

#### wondering what has happened to you Twenty Years Ago "All right," she answered meekly. For all that she was disappointed. From the Porcupine Advance Fyles "You see to much of that bounder,

grumbled Conrad Sandley, having A murger, a suicide, a drowning noticed Diana talking to John one day fatality a nine-year-old boy injured by a dynamte cap, were among the inci-Diana was furious. His opposition, dents and accidents noted in The Adeven when joined with that of her vance twenty years ago, but as The father and mother, made her more de-Advance was always in the habit of termined to enjoy the company of John keeping headings within reason and reporting news as a matter of business and duty, the issue came out as usual and was ready to defy anyone who without hysteria.

The drowning fatality twenty years

ago created much sorrow as the victim of the accident was a young man who was very popular and highly esteemed By the overturning of a cance on Miller Lake on Sunday afternoon, July 5th. probably horse-thieves. Nature did not 1924, Chas. T. Gray, well-known and well-liked by all who knew him, lost his evolved from simpler beginnings, like life. He was in the cance with two friends, P. M. Dolan and Stewart At-Perhaps John Morris was not yet kinson, and had been dipping his handable to trace his descent from a long kerchief in the water. It was thought that leaning over to wet the handkerthere was nothing to stop them beginchief he overbalanced the frail craft. In any event the canoe overturned suddenly and all three were thrown In this she was at one with Sir into the water. Both Gray and Atkin-Charles Sturton, woh foresaw a brand son were good swimmers but Dolan new aristocracy of intelligents. On one was not able to swim. As a conseoccasion she discussed the matter with quence, Dolan had a narrow escape him, trying not to let it appear that from drowning but was able to hold there was any special reason for her onto the caoe until help reached him. Mr. Atkinson made for shore and was able to make it without particular difficulty. It was thought that Gray admitted. "As I grew older I changed would have no difficulty but apparently my opinions. Life has taught me many he must have been seized with cramps important lessons. I've met labourers or else must have had his clothing who read better books than I had been caught in the canoe when it overreading a craftsman who revelled in turned. In any event he disappeared Virgil in the original Greek, a gardenerfrom sight and those on the banks of bers but that fact did not detract from who wrote poetry, and a trade union the lake who went to the assistance official who coached me in political of the men in the water were unable to economy. These facts gave me food find him. All who knew him felt his for thought, especially when I found death as a sad and personal loss. others—supposedly superior—who were was on the mechanical staff of the Holonly semi-literate. Even equality of

The murder and suicide twenty years intellect. Look at John Morris, for ago was in Moneta. A young man who had noticed a woman acting parcularly at the river and later saw the woman's hat on the bridge but could not find any trace of the woman, notified the police of the matter, and Deputy Chief Salley made prompt investigation, ga-"I know you have He has spoken thering information that clearly pointed to the probability of the tragedy. The search for the body thought to be Sir Charles smiled. "You know, my in the river near the bridge had to be deferred owing to darkness. Before young people discover they are kindred

spirits it ought not to matter what type bridge most evenings." "You will miss the country."

"I shall," she agreed wistully. "On the other hand there are more eligible males in the Metroplis." This was wilfully leading; but he did not accept "H'm! Pity I can't do anything to the opening.

> "All the luck in the world," he remarked.

"You're right Diana. I know the "Occasionally you take a trip to foolishness of poking one's nose into Town," Diana continued disappointed such situations. You two will have to at his reactions.

"Once in a blue moon."

"Well, if one happens to be shining during the next few weeks make point of calling at Warlingham Square.' It was an invitation idly extended and as casually accepted. Neither of them expected anything would come of

Sir Charles patted her on the shoul-After Diana left, John became a prey der. "Space is something confined, to gloomy forebodings. On the other hand, it would solve many of his diffi-"John Morris has his own little cage culties did she marry a man of her own world.

"He will escape from it eventually." "But what should I do then?" he One thing I will say, and that is that asked himself. There could never be any other woman. Never. Never Sir Charles decided, against his for-"Sometimes I feel quite humble in mer judgment, to take a hand "Never let him know that. He takes

"You've been off colour of late, my boy," he opened.

 The conversation did not cheer Diana. "It has been a busy season, sir!" She felt that John was as far away as "What you need is an entire change ever. His very manner seemed to have of scene. How would you like to combine business with pleasure?"

At this stage both of them thought "Very much if it can be arranged." they knew where they stood. The girl "Very well. There are some jobs that the lawyers ought to go into, and I was ready to fortake everything and cleave to John if only he would let her. propose taking you up to London with She wanted to tell him, in the words of me. Give you a fuller insight into how Ruth. "Your people shall be my people! things are worked. There will be a! and your God my God. Whither thou fair amount of time for you to enjoy yourself as well. Do you think you The young man, rightly or wrongly, will know what to do with your concluded that he could not take the leisure?'

John beamed. 'I do indeed, sir,' ha At frequent intervals something replied, his thoughts flying at once to the chance presented of making an tion. Not that he was ashamed of his early call in Warlingham Square. (To be continued.)

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on the floor with ten or more cuts and Omaha the past two months, were bruises on his head. His legs were tied called home owing to the illness of Private K. A. P. Heinonen together and a candle was between the Mrs. Leach's mother, Mrs. John Archer, dead man's limbs. Floor and clothing Maple street." "Mrs. A. R. Harkness were soaked in coal oil. The woman of and children left last week to spend the house had disappeared and later the summer at Crystal Beach, Ont." her body was recovered in the river. "Miss Loretta Boivin is home from The facts that were gathered in regard Sturgeon Falls convent for the summer to the case seemed to suggest that the | holidays." "Frank Francis is spendwoman had been concerned in the death | ing a few days at his home in Huntsof the man and that later she had ville. His mother, who is over seventy

neighbours and others seemed to sug- South." "Miss Everett left in Tuesday gest that the murder had been followed to spend the summer vacation at her boy. Ernest Lepine, son of Mr. F. Le- the presiding examiner at the High pine, was injured through the explosion School entrance examinations held last of a dynamite cap which he found, week at Matheson." "Miss Mary The exploding cap tore off part of the Mascioli, Master Dan Mascioli and Miss fingers of one hand and also injured Loretta Mascioli are home from Sacred the side of the lad's face, though the Heart Convent, Montreal, for the sumlatter injury was fortunately not ser- mer vacation." "Mr. and Mrs. W ious. After a day in the hospital the Monaghan and son, Kenneth, of Torboy was able to go to his home again, onto, are visiting the former's parents

Timming and Haileybury golfers on Friday, July 4th, 1924, to Mr and spent a week-end at North Bay twenty Mrs. Jas. Hood (nee Kitty Boyle)-a years ago and were impressed by the son. golf course there and much pleased with the pleasant hospitality Schumacher Man North Bay players proved too exper for the Haileybury and Timmins mem the pleasure of the trip.

Timmins police department secured its first motor car twenty years ago. The addition of a car to the police department equipment had been advocated for years and the purchase of the car was agreed by all to have been The Advance. a good investment.

Old Boys' Re-union at Cobalt. The won the Military Medal for bravery in Advance gave considerable space to a Italy was well received by all his report of the event which was of great interest to practically all in this part of the North. Large numbers from Cobalt had come to the Porcupine camp. Many of these went back to Cobalt for the re-union. It was cer- joined her mother, Mrs. E. Watson, in The Advance's report, and there were remarkabe crowds, numbers coming from far places to re-live again the old Cobalt days of friendship and hap-

At a special meeting of the town council twenty years ago the tender of Warren Paving Co. was accepted for the the street paving to be done during the summer of 1924.

An editorial in The Advance twenty years ago emphasized the necessity for the greatest care in regard to canoes so as to avoid danger of fatali-

Arlie Marks and her stock company played at Timmins twenty years ago. Timmins Orange Lodge attended service at the Salvation Army hall in the morning and at the Byrnes Presbyterian church in the evening on Sun-

day, July 6th, 1924. Considerable space was given in The Advance twenty years ago to the exciting game between Timmins and Iroquois Falls at the latter town, the win 5 to 3, placing Timmins in the leadership of the N. O. B. A. The big feature of the day was the sensational fielding of Scully and Murphy. McConnell, Tate and McGrath were each in turn in the pitchers' box for Timmins.

morning the police were asked to clear | McIntyre was catener. Hurlburt and up'a mystery house in Moneta. Neigh- Graham were the battery for the Falls.

Among the local and personal items police eventually in The Advance twenty years ago were man named Mike Lasuck dead children who have been visiting in jumped from the bridge into the river. | years of age, is leaving with his two In both cases the coroner's jury sisters on a trip to the Old Land." "Sol brought in a verdict that did not Shankman has resigned from the T. & directly place responsibility for the N.O. Railway service." "W. Rinn left deaths, but all the evidence from to-day for a few weeks' holidays in the home in Lakefield." "Gordon Black, Twenty years ago a nine-year-old of the Timmins public school staff, was He had a lucky escape from more ser- Mr. and Mrs. James Monaghan, Schu-"Born-At Kenaston, Sask. macher."

Grandmother, Aged 83, Very Proud of 'Her Boys.'

Schumacher, July 12th. Special to

The news that Bombardier Walter It is twenty years since the famous Watson McCrae, of Schumacher, had friends. A native of Carluke, Lanarkshire, Scotland, his mother, Mrs. Mc-Crae, after the death of her husband, came to Canada with her two small sons, Jack and Walter, where they tainly a great success, to judge from Schumacher. After only a few years here, Mrs. McCrae passed away in the South Porcupine Hospital, March, 1927, leaving the two small boys to the care of their grandmother.

Graduating from Schumacher High School, Jack was employed at the Mc-Intyre Mine prior to his enlistment as gunner in the Royal Canadian Artillery, went over with the invasion troops, and is now serving in France.

Walter, who was attending Queen's University prior to enlistment almost four years ago, is serving with a Survey Regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery in Italy, Jack and Walter are two fine boys and are a great credit and comfort to their grandmother in her old age. Mrs. Watson, who resides at 40 Railroad St., Schumacher, will be 83 years of age come her birthday in August, does all her own housekeeping, knits socks, and keeps the boys well supplied with mail. Her earnest wish is

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Private Kauko A. P. Heinonen, who is now on a two week furlough at home 53 Rea street South, was the guest of honour at a surprise party given by Ruben Peterson and his mother, Mrs. Annie Peterson, at their home, 144 Commercial Ave. Tuesday evening of

During the evening games were played. A delicious lunch and refreshments were served by Mrs. Peterson assisted by her niece, Mrs. G. Smith. of Sault Ste. Marie, and Misses Ellie and Vera Heinonen.

On behalf of the young people present on the occasion, Mr. Peterson, in a few appropriate sentences, expressed the best wishes of good luck and happiness to Pte. Heinonen and presented him with a military identification bracelet of sterling silver, with the name engraved and the crest of the R. C. O. C. attached, as a gift from the young people present. Pte. Heinonen, taken completely by surprise thanked in a few words the young people for the beautiful present

Those present during the evening were: Mrs. L. P. Punkari, Mrs. A. I Heinonen, Mrs G. Smith, Miss Hilja Ryhanen, Mirs Onerva Lehtinen, Miss Hellen Lehto; Misses Ellie, Leah and Vera Heinonen, Messrs. Elis Jokela, Wins Military Medal Vera Heinonen, Messrs. Elis Jokela, Henry Ryhanen, Leivo P. Punkari, Mer-For Bravery in Italy vyn L. Punkari, Saul Leivo, Armas Joki, Kauko Vastila, Veikko Lehtinen and Reverend A. I. Heinonen.



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mark my words." Timmins, Out. Her husband chuckled. 'I've heard' you say it often enough, and it comes to

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nought. John's not doing amiss." Although the situation was such that it was bound to become intolerable sooner or later. Diana tried to solve it Registered Architect by going away, a decision which had the hearty approval of the famly with

"Maybe I am."

kind would happen.

the exception of Phillipa of the ro-"You're running away, Diana," she

"Any man with guts would come run-"Leave me alone," Diana pleaded, but privately she hoped something of the

John was aghast. Without Diana to look at, even from a distance, to speak with, and occasionally to come close at a dance, the outlook was intolerable. 'Why are you going?' he asked.

"London will do me good." "Somehow I cannot picture you dashing from one night club to another, and that sort of thing."

hectic experience. We shall play

"Staying with Lady Eldrick is hardly