

# FIVECROOKED CHAIRS

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**SYNOPSIS**  
Adam Meriston, a farmer's son, articulated to a solicitor, makes a brave but unsuccessful attempt to thwart three thieves in a bag-snatching raid. The bag was torn from the hands of a girl who afterwards explains to Adam that it contains the day's takings of her father's shop.

He attempts to track the thieves and reaches an old warehouse. Adam enters the building while the girl watches the door. Suddenly he hears footsteps.

The man turns out to be Adam's employer—Corville Perkins.

Adam, in his private hours experiments with short-wave wireless.

Walking homeward, Adam is nearly run down by a large swift car.

Corville Perkins was engaged almost continuously with case after case, until the court adjourned. Then he briskly handed his papers into Adam's keeping, nodded rather distantly to one or two people and received what seemed to be almost more distant nods in return, recovered gloves and umbrella and, with a sharp almost military stride, left the building. Adam following, felt like a dinghy being towed behind a destroyer. The Court had adjourned late. It was past the office closing hour and Adam had already missed the train that he was accustomed to catch on Saturday mornings.

Outside the building in which the firm's offices were accommodated stood a big car. Adam noticed it idly, and casually assumed that some one of importance from one of the adjacent offices must have been spending an unusually late Saturday morning. It was his experience that people with cars like that generally rolled off gloriously to play a round of golf about ten o'clock on Saturdays. The lift had ceased working so they climbed the stairs to an office from which Mr. Brewster had disappeared except Mr. Brewster, who, as Managing Clerk, waited dutifully for the return of his chief. Adam overheard his discreet official whisper: "Mr. Montada in the waiting room, sir."

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## Rudy Vallee Gets Kissed—And How!

AFFECTIONATE DOG DOES A BETTER JOB THAN YOUNG WOMAN

New York—Rudy Vallee got kissed recently, thoroughly stickily and frequently kissed.

The merry round of osculation began when the orchestra leader arrived from Hollywood on the Twentieth Century Limited.

Himmel von Reynolds kissed him first, and no dog has ever done a better job of lathering its master's face. Himmel von Reynolds is a six-month-old Doberman pinscher, given to unrepressed display of affection, and with an extremely agile tongue.

Photographer thought it would be fine if Vallee and Himmel were snapped in the conventional man-and-his-best friend pose. Vallee, a study in gray with an opalescent tie, also thought it would be nice, too.

The trouble began, however, when Himmel von Reynolds' tongue, scoring a direct hit on his master's face with every thrust.

Soon both kisser and kissee became surfeited with this business and the pictures were taken.

An unidentified girl followed Himmel. As Vallee was escorted through the crowded depot to a chorus of merrymongers, from feminine admirers, this girl ran out and pounced upon the singer.

Before she was yanked away, she threw her arms about Vallee and gesticulated a single loud kiss most of which was on this air and consequently sounded like pulling a plug from the washbowl.

Himmel von Reynolds had done a great deal better, ringleaders agreed. Vallee, who recently completed the motion picture "Sweet Music" in New York for a long engagement in a local night club. Did he think as some folks have suggested that the public was reacting slightly against the so-called "crooning" type of singing? Vallee, explaining that "crooning" is a less "robusto" kind of singing, said he saw no evidence of such a trend.

He declined to talk about the complex relationship between him and his estranged wife, Fay Webb Vallee, who he did not see while he was in California, he said.

The Vallee marital entanglement is scheduled for unearthing—or the addition of another knot or two—in a New York court next January.

## The "Sheep of the Desert"

A schoolboy of tender years is said to have produced the following essay on the camel. The camel is a sheep of the desert. It is called a bacteria because it has a hump on its back.

The cannibal is very patient, and will lie down and die without a groan, but when it is angry it gets back up, which is called taking the hump.

The shepherds of cannibals is called Arabs. When they live in towns they are called street Arabs. When the cannibal goes in a journey it drinks as much as it can last for many days.

Such animals are acquidets. Those that cannot carry enough are called inebriates!

It is hot enough in the centre of the earth and has been hot for millions of years.

We know it is hot because the deeper we go the hotter the earth is found to be, the heat increasing until it reaches a heat impossible for the mind to grasp.

he must in some way be nervously afflicted, that perhaps his brain was no longer sound, sickened him. He stamped his feet and threw his arms wide in a despairing gesture.

(To Be Continued.)

# "SALADA"

## JAPAN GREEN TEA

Delicious Quality Fresh from the Gardens

## Wedded Life Is Career in Itself

CLAIMS JEANETTE MCDONALD—ACTRESS ENGAGED FIVE YEARS, DELAYS MARRIAGE

Hollywood—A woman never has to face the problem of choosing between marriage and a career because marriage is a career in itself, says Jeanette McDonald, film star.

Marriage takes as much time, energy, application and downright talent as any other form of endeavor the actress believes.

And so she herself has remained unmarried. For five years the blonde blue eyed singing star has been engaged to Robert Ritchie her business manager.

Wherever her professional engagements take her, Ritchie must go. Whatever her professional worries may be he must share them.

"Our interests are interwoven," she says. "And we have a great many things in common. Yet I feel that a woman who is married and at the same time attempts to follow a professional career must be unfair either to her husband or to her work. There are other reasons why I hold to this principle."

At the risk of clashing with the numerous other Hollywood actresses who have children Miss McDonald says she doesn't see how a film player can give a child a square deal in time, attention and affection.

"I don't understand how an actress can help neglecting her children in fundamental ways. And she cannot possibly be able to even see much of them."

Among the successful actresses who are mothers are Norma Shearer, Joan Bennett, Marlene Dietrich, Ethel Barrymore and Ann Harding.

"So far as I am concerned however if I were married I'd want a family. A marriage isn't much of a success without children. But to be married and be successful in professional work, too, is too much to expect, I think."

## All in a Split Second

"If you had to choose between falling into a pot of molten metal or grabbing a live electric cable which would you do?" asked my morning newspaper calmly a breakfast or two ago.

"A young man from Yorkshire, I learned was hardening files in a Sheffield workshop, when he slipped. A pot of molten metal hissed behind him. The live wire dangled in front of him. Always a youth of quick decisions he seized the wire and hung unconscious from it the 200 volt charge locking his clenched hands around it.

"The current was switched off, the young man was caught as he fell, and oxygen was administered to him, and he survives to go on hardening files for many a long day I trust.

"Now the young man was not aware apparently that the cable was alive. If he had been, would he have had the amazing courage to snatch at it—or would he have dithered for just that split second which would have meant his hideous and instant annihilation in the pot of molten metal?"

"I don't know. He doesn't know."

## "Flatels" New Name for Serviced Apartments

Furnished flats with complete hotel service—they have been described as "flatels"—are the latest development in luxury housing. 650 of them have just been installed in Mount Royal, near the Marble Arch, London, Eng.

Each flatel, with accommodation for one or two people, has its own bathroom, kitchen, refrigerator and telephone. Cooks and waiters are provided at a charge of a shilling an hour. Meals may also be obtained at the restaurant. A promenade runs right round the seventh floor from which on a clear day the distant Surrey hills and woods may be seen.

## The Plugger

He isn't very brilliant, and his pace is often slow. There's nothing very flashy in his style. He has to dig and labor for the things he wants to know. And he's busy learning something all the while.

The clever men go by him in a hurry day by day. And the "stars" get all the mention and the fame. But the steady patient plugger—in a thorough sort of way—keeps on going and he gets there just the same.

He's a quiet sort of fellow, and he's backward in his speech; You'll never find him clamouring for applause. He will listen to another who has anything to teach, And he never wears working for a cause.

He may take a little longer with the task he has to do. Than the genius—whose talents seem to run, But you'll find the patient plugger at the finish coming through, And there's merit in his labor when it's done.

He is slow in getting started, he must know the reasons why. Certain things occur and in a certain way; There is nothing in his method to attract the passerby, And at times you'd think he's wasted many a day.

But when brilliant men have faded, and the "stars" have lost their light; When the clever men have stumbled in despair— When the great have come to failure with the goal they sought in sight, You'll find the patient plugger getting there.

—Anon.

## Gems from Life's Scrap Book

PROSPERITY  
"Orderly prosperity is attained only as mankind emerges from the mist of fear, selfishness, greed, self-seeking, racial hatred, narrow nationalism, and international suspicion."—The Christian Science Journal.

The grim door in London is to be sold. It is the execution door of old Newgate Prison, through which passed all prisoners condemned to death.

And thus they fool the fairies. After reaching the age of twelve the boys are thought to be strong enough to whip the mysterious beings and then the lads are dressed as lads are ordinarily dressed in that country.

What is the psychology behind the tease?" asks a lady. It seems that her son is a tease and she is very much worried.

No one loves a joker and everyone detects a tease. The tease graduates into the joker. It is all one and the same thing.

We believe the psychology behind it is cruelty. Cruelty is "delight in suffering" and the only kick the tease can possibly get out of his performances is to see others made uncomfortable.

Before we go into it too seriously let me mention the fact that most of us aren't a bit above laughing at some one who slips on an icy path, loses his hat or misses his train. It is quite legitimate to chuckle at odd mishaps and nobody thinks us cruel when we do.

Won't Trust to Chance  
Thus the same spirit probably motivates mischievous youngsters. Only they don't trust to chance to create these episodes. They plan the traps themselves. If they do it with gibes or words, instead of tricks in hats, it is all the same thing. They like to see people squirm so they themselves can get a laugh.

A bit of teasing is usually regarded as normal and need not be taken too seriously. When it becomes a habit, however, and increases in quality then it earns the title of real cruelty.

Why? Well—there is the bully in stinct, "inferiority" covering up its own shame by pretending to be a heck of a fellow.

Another answer is jealousy. This is most likely the case where the same person is always chosen for a target.

Bid For Attention  
Again teasing is merely a bid for attention. Children and even adults who feel they are too little noticed often use unpleasant methods to gain attention.

A parent may regard the tease casually and without alarm if his antics are sporadic and only in fun. But a chronic and vicious tease is different. The causes must be looked into.

Strange as it may seem kindness and more love and sympathy are likely to give a charm.

To give the offender an occasional dose of his own medicine may help. But usually he is a short sport and "can't take it." If this has been tried and failed, there is no harm in trying the milder method. It may supply the very craving for attention the child is after.

## Co-eds Spend \$3.25 A Month on Cosmetics

Vancouver—University of British Columbia Co-eds spend an average of \$3.25 monthly to keep their faces in repair, a questionnaire reveals. And one of the 720 students eats kippered herring for breakfast, but what that has to do with cosmetic prices has not been ascertained.

## Woman of 102 Is Healthy, Happy and Extremely Active

Windsor, Ont. — When she celebrates her 102nd birthday, one of the first things Mrs. Felice Meloche will do after she has had her breakfast will be to make her bed. Still active despite her advanced years, Mrs. Meloche takes great pride in this accomplishment of bed making and objects strongly if any member of her family tries to assist her.

This hardy French-Canadian woman eats her three meals daily, meals which her grandson, Emile R. Chappus says are "hearty ones."

Born January 13th, 1833 in River Canada Mrs. Meloche was one of 8 children. Her brother, Denis Brouillard is the only other survivor of the family. He is in his 97th year and still active. Their father and mother both died in their 90's.

Mrs. Meloche herself had eight children seven of whom are still alive. Her eldest is a son, Joseph, who at the age of 77 is still active at his forge in his blacksmithshop in Windsor.

Mrs. Meloche who speaks only the French language, claims she had a meagre education and regrets she did not have the opportunities and facilities available to the present generation. She keeps up with the trend of events however, by having members of the household read the latest news to her daily.

Mrs. Meloche worked on the farm until she was 83, doing her share in the fields and around the house. Hard work, she says is one of the chief reasons for her longevity.

In recent years her eyesight had failed her occasionally and her hearing is slightly impaired. "Otherwise," she said, "I am feeling pretty well."

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CHILDREN AND ADULTS TOO OFTEN USE UNPLEASANT METHODS TO GET ATTENTION

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