

THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS FLAVOR



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THE PERFECT GUM
SWEETENS THE BREATH

THE QUALITY CHEWING GUM

FIVE CROOKED CHAIRS

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SYNOPSIS

Adam Meriton, a farmer's son, but unsuccessful attempt to thwart three thieves in a bag-snatching raid. The bag was torn from the hands of a girl who explains 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 Perkin.

Adam, in his private hours, experiments with shortwave wireless. Walking homeward, Adam is nearly run down by a large swift car. He calls on Priscilla Norval.

Her father recounts the history of Adam's extremely prized antique chairs. Adam is extremely puzzled over the connection of Corville Perkin and Montada who wants the antique chairs. Then Priscilla is spirited away.

EXIT MONTADA

Against Adam's determination Montada and his weapon were no more than a threat to be swept aside. As they talked he had rested his knee against the edge of the table. It was an old rickety table and he had felt it sway between the opposed pressures of his knees and of Montada's leaning body. When he had suddenly threw his weight forward he was able to drive the opposite edge violently into the little man's chest.

Montada fired as the table caught him. The shot went crisply over Adam's head and the whole place seemed to swell with the explosion. He crashed over even as he fired and almost immediately there was another rendering explosion. This time he had fired from the floor and not at Adam.

He, too, had had an idea in his head, the idea of firing twice, once for Adam and once for himself, and in the shock of the unexpected assault had acted on his idea automatically.

As if in answer to a signal there came a quick scurry of feet. The door burst open. Lights flashed everywhere. The little room seemed crowded with men.

There was no need to speculate on the identity of these new arrivals. The inspector stood with his torch turned towards Montada on the floor, while one of his men expertly turned the little Spaniard over.

"Well, that's one's done for," he said with cool professional certitude. "Is the other fellow hurt?"

Two beams from torches converged to show Adam standing with the hand of a policeman gripping each shoulder. "Good thing you managed to dodge that one. I take it was meant for you," remarked the inspector companionably. "It's all right," he told his men. "You needn't hang on to him. We know all about Mr. Meriton."

It was nice to feel a free man again after even so short a detention. "I'm glad you were on the spot," said Adam, with a momentary clear

vision of the dangers of his position. "Anybody might have thought he was shot by me."

"Not much fear of that, luckily. He's still got his hand on the gun. Anyway, we'd been listening to you for the last half hour. Interesting conversation, too."

"Then you knew he was here all the time?"

"Not till this afternoon we didn't. To tell you the truth the man we've been hoping to catch here for weeks is your Mr. Corville Perkin. We knew he'd a reason for wanting to get here, though we hadn't guessed it was to see Montada."

"Well, he was here less than an hour ago. I reckon so, at least, for I believe it was him I saw getting away."

"The devil you did! How did he manage that? We reckoned to have all the approaches watched. How did you get here yourself, for that matter?"

"I came down the river in a sort of boat. I'm afraid I borrowed that without permission. Do you call that stealing?"

"Sounds like it, but I doubt if it matters much. The point is did Mr. Perkin come by boat too?"

"No, I should imagine he came the same way that he went, and that was across the river by some kind of bridge."

"A bridge?"

"Yes, there seems to be some sort of mechanical bridge. I could not see very well in the darkness, but someone let it down over my head and hoisted it up again when he'd gone over."

"I remember now, sir," interposed one of the constables. "There's an old loading arrangement back of the premises on the other bank. They used to use it in the old days when there were barges starting from Mr. Norval. I should have thought it would have been all rusted up by now."

"Sounds as if that's how he got in and out all right," agreed the inspector. "There we were, watching the street, and the bloke walking in the scene! Doesn't say much for the intelligence of some of you." He cast a withering glance round. "Ah, well," he said after a pause that let his condemnation sink in effectively. "It's no use crying over spilt milk. One of you better go up the street and get them to send a stretcher and a surgeon. Better have him examined just as he lies, even if there isn't anything the doctors can do for him. Poor little chap! A proper toff, he was, when he was driving round in his big car and spending his money. There's worse than him left alive, I shouldn't wonder. Why on earth a fellow like that with lots of money should want to go crooked beats me."

"Any objection to telling me what brought you into the building just at that moment?" asked Adam.

"We got information," the inspector told him. "Information from someone who professed that he'd put you on to Montada. He seems to have been uneasy about you, as he reckoned the little man'd have a gun and be desperate, and that you were half off your head and not properly capable of looking after yourself. We'd seen you come down the street and try to get in, but we thought that you'd given it up. We knew too that Perkin was on the prowl, but he seemed to be safely employed in that business of his across the river. We never realized that that was the back door to this place, though it seems obvious enough now. Anyway, in case something unpleasant did happen, we thought it would be as well to locate Mr. Montada, so we worked our way in quietly and the two of you were talking so loud we could have heard every word on the next floor. That's about all there is to it."

"I'm very grateful to you. Is there any reason why I should not go home now?"

"Better come along with me to the station first. We shan't keep you long this time, but we've got to have everything cleared up ready for the inquest. He didn't seem to know much about your girl, did he?"

"Not a word. I don't think he even knew she'd been kidnapped until I told him."

"You seem pretty confident that she has been kidnapped," commented the inspector. "Ever occur to you that she might have gone off on her own account?"

"She'd never do that," answered Adam confidently.

"Well you never know with young females. That's what it looks likely to turn out as so far."

Adam had no patience with that suggestion. He shook his head angrily, at which the inspector smiled. "You come along with me," he said. "I want you to tell me what all that he was saying about some chairs was meant to be."

Adam told him as they sought the police station, but the information only seemed to puzzle him. It bore out what Norval had told the police about the operations of what he called his enemies, but he could not imagine anyone going to such lengths to secure a few mouldy old chairs.

Neither could Adam for that matter.

(To Be Continued)

Rapid Growth of Canada Predicted by Statisticians

Montreal—The United States is fast approaching a stationary population, George W. Hodges, executive of the Standard Statistics Company of New York and former president of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, told a service club here recently.

Immigration is restricted and births are only exceeding deaths by a narrow margin, he said. On the other hand, he declared, possibilities of population and industrial progress of Canada cannot be charted. "The Dominion's growth during the next few decades will be comparable with that of the United States during its greatest expansion period," he prophesied.

SAYS WOMEN TODAY EAT TOO LITTLE

And Smoke Too Much; Still Superior To Her Ancestors

New York.—Women are eating too little and smoking too much, in the opinion of Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, 70-year-old associate editor of a woman's magazine.

But despite the modern young woman's over-fondness of cigarettes, said Mrs. Richardson, "she is superior in almost every way to the girl in my own day."

"She is healthier, she dresses more sanely, she is a more intelligent reader. Above all, she has social consciousness. She thinks of something besides, dress, dancing and marriage."

"When I was a girl, that was all we had to think about. One's whole duty was to get the right man and marry him."

Mrs. Richardson returned recently from a 13,000-mile tour of the country—its purpose to find out what women are doing and thinking. She said she noted a decline in religious faith.

"Young people want it but can't find it," she said. "I think the church leadership is at fault. Young people don't want to hear politics in the pulpit, and they get their science in school—they don't want it in church."

Girls, she said, "don't seem to realize that there's a time and a place for smoking—men would be afraid to smoke as much as some women do."

"And girls often do things when they smoke that men don't like. For example, some have a cigarette after each course when dining. A man would call that economic waste."

Working for a living has improved girls' health, said Mrs. Richardson. "They know they must keep well to keep their jobs."

In Oklahoma there is a bill to tax bachelors over 28 years of age. That is the nearest to an official ruling we have yet seen regarding when a man becomes a bachelor.

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The physician, who gained prominence through his discovery of an infantile paralysis vaccine, said the new serum was the result of three years' investigation at the Research Institute for Cutaneous Medicine.

"So far we have had a very large degree of success in the treatment of dogs, monkeys and other animals," he said. "We feel that the time has now come when the vaccine can be used successfully on human beings, particularly those who are exposed to pneumonia because of their occupations."

He said the group included such outdoor workers as policemen, firemen and others.

"The vaccine is purely a preventive one," he said.

Dr. Kolmer said the vaccine was made from five types of germs which cause the disease. He added that it had been successful in from 80 to 85 per cent of the cases in which it was used.

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THE CLERGY WOODS AT CARLETON PLACE

(By the Forestry Branch, Department of Lands and Forests for Ontario.)

The Clergy woods at Carleton Place is a demonstration of improvement cuttings, protection and reforestation. Prolific natural reproduction has been secured since the stock were shut out in 1931.

The Clergy woods of approximately 100 acres is about one-half mile north of Carleton Place. It has been designated a demonstration woodlot by the Ontario Forestry Branch. The woodlot is visited annually by an officer of the Forestry Branch, and he marks trees to be removed for fuelwood.

Rev. G. G. Wright, a former rector, was instrumental in securing the assistance of Forestry Branch officials and he supervised the cutting, planting of trees and the erection of a fence in 1931. Rev. Mr. Bruce, his successor, is very much interested in the development of the woodlot.

Previous to 1931 the stock had the run of the woods, as well as the adjoining pasture. A large percentage of the woodland was quite open and there were a number of open places where the tree seedlings that started and there were few trees under 25 years.

There was a heavy crop of sugar maple seed in the fall of 1930 and in the following spring this seed germinated. These seedlings have grown well and they show the fine stand of valuable trees that may be secured by protecting woodland from stock and fire.

6,000 EVERGREENS

Six thousand small evergreen trees were planted in the spring of 1931, and in 1932 an additional 4,000 were planted. They were planted in the open places, as it would be some time before these would seed up naturally on account of the sod and the absence of seed trees. They are making a fine showing and the survival percentage is very gratifying, especially when the dry seasons and the shallow soil on some of the sites is considered. It is planned to plant 2,500 more next spring.

The resident rector has secured about 35 cords of four-foot annuals from the woodlot for over 50 years. A few logs have been taken out as the trees died or lumber was needed. In addition, sufficient fuelwood to supply the parish hall has been cut by a bee of the members the past two years. Since 1931 the fuelwood cutting has been done with the purpose of improving the growing conditions.

DEFECTIVE TREES

The following types of trees are being removed for fuelwood:

1. Defective trees. This includes decayed trees and those with badly broken crowns. These trees are deteriorating in value and are often interfering and holding back younger trees that would grow into large valuable timber if given encouragement.
2. Dead trees.
3. Trees with short trunks and wide spreading crowns. This type of tree is known as a wolf tree. The large crown does great damage to young growth that has started beneath them and they are occupying space that should grow 2-4 fine timber trees.
4. Weed trees. There is a great difference in the value of different species of trees and those of lesser value are known as weeds. Ironwood is the principal weed tree in this woodlot, and it is considered a weed because it seldom reaches a diameter larger than 6 to 8 inches.
5. Trees that are interfering with valuable young growth. A crooked tree or one of a less valuable species often holds back and partly ruins valuable growing trees. A sound mature tree may be shading valuable young trees that will be spoiled if not given a better chance. When the future of the woods 10, 25 and 50 years hence is considered it is important that young trees are given preference over the old mature ones, as they will largely make up the stand, while many of the mature trees of today will have died.
6. Thinning. Trees need to be closely spaced when small in order that they will be forced to grow tall. The close spacing also causes natural pruning, as the lower branches die when they are shaded from the sun. Later they are broken off and all the wood that is grown on the bole after the branches are removed is clean lumber. The close spacing of trees is needed to produce fine lumber, as trees are grown with long boles with little taper and the lumber is free of knots if the branches are pruned. A tree requires more crown space and a greater area of ground as it increases in size and it secures this space by crowding out neighboring trees. The ones that have dropped behind should be removed for fuel wood, or lumber, if large enough, as they will eventually die.

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