## A Disastrous Deal in Jumbo Iron

By R. RAY BAKER.

1921, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) The ticker tape had overflown the waste basket in Claude Winters' office

and a liberal supply lay curled on the floor, while short bits reposed here and there about the room. One piece was held taut in Claude's fingers, as he sat at a desk by a win-

dow. Seven stories down the city roared and clattered, but the young stock broker heard none of the tumult. He bent over the desk, his elbows resting on it, his gaze transfixed on the tape before him.

"Lost," he muttered. It was not groan, for Claude was not the groaning kind. He had stamina, although the supply was being overtaxed at present. "Lost-a clean sweep. Only one possible way to retrieve, and that's to throw at least \$200,000 into the whirlpool that sucked down my half-million. But where's it to come from? I haven't more than \$5,000 left, and that wouldn't affect lumbo iron one jot. No, what I need is a whole lot of money in quick time. I'll not give up. Two hundred thousand will bring back the five hundred thousand; there's no doubt of it. But where'll I get it?"

He rose, dropped the piece of tape, and ground it between a heel and the office rug. Crossing to the telephone he called up various bank officials, one after the other. No satisfaction. Money was "tight," and besides, it was the big banking interests largely that had brought about his downfall, He was disappointed but not sur-

Claude returned to his desk, But not to his attitude of dejection. His mind was busy seeking the signpost of a highway that would lead him out of the forest of "frenzied finance."

Six years ago Claude had come to the city with a comparatively few dollars, and acceptance of a lowly position in a brokerage office had proved a lucky step. He made a favorable impression with the broker and was educated in the finesse of playing stocks. / Finally he was made a partner; shortly after that the broker died and Claude became sole owner of the business. Fortune leaned on his side and money rolled in. Everything he touched responded as objects responded to the golden touch of Midas, as his mission were forgotten. His finantold in mythology-until he tried Jumbo iron. Then came the crash.

daughter of a farmer, and with her a stop he had made up his mind. Claude experienced his first affair of the heart. He had loved her desperately-he had thought.

Then his parents had died, one but after writing once or twice be had you have me?" fergotten her. A member of his office force had attended to the payments of taxes on the old farm, but that was | finally. "I took you at your word and his only remaining connection with I've been waiting." the environment of his boyhood.

Now as he sat at his desk seeking a way out of his dilemna the picture of a girl arose in his mind-a beauti- patented by Alexander McMillan of ful girl. But it was not Alice. Her Princeton, N. J. It is an artificial name was Hortense Molton, and she bird, meant to be discharged like a was the daughter of Ruthford Molton, | clay pigeon from a machine. a power in the financial world. She A clay pigeon, when hit, is smashed. had a million in her own right, and. The target here described simply flies she was fond of Claude. He had met to pieces, which can be readily put her at a social function and they had together again, making it as good as liked each other. Somehow he had felt she would marry him if he asked her, but he had never really courted her, although he had taken her around

se harassed his brain for a means of the ordinary clay target. raising money. "I'll ask Hortense to marry me. Let's see, she's spending structed, with resilient gripping en the month at Troy. I'll just run up gagements, that, while readily detachthere in my car, get her consent quick- able one from another, they are easily ly-if I can-and then put my hands assembled again after the target has on some money. This situation ought been hit by a shot. to keep a week at least. I'll appeal to her romantic nature, and she ought to dispense with an elaborate cereony. The trip will de me good, and cast my eye over the old farm."

That very afternoon he started on the trip, his hopes once more arisen. day spirit, and spoke amiably to every | mer has a fine line of bronze, marcon one he met on the road.

ne oring his glance. They were and a delicate rose pink. All these in pite of the fact that the road led soms should be cut when balf open.

"thu't stop for more than a minute," in unitered as he noticed a landmar set leh he realized was not more than five miles from the old farm. I'll just stop and look it over; won't even stop

side of the road, the hood was up and a girl was prowling in the banism with a wrench.

Being in a holiday mood and likewise being a gallant young man, Claude stopped his readster and in-

"Need some help?"

tractor, which for fifty years has been built up eround bases of wood removing corns and warts without steel, are a European invention. pain. No failure if you use "Put- Yes, Mabel, it is true that when a

grossed in her work to take heed of his pleasantly voiced inquiry.

He repeated the question, and she turned toward him, wiping a hand across her face that left a black streak

"Well," she said slowly, "It looks as if I might-' She stopped talking and gased at him in a daze.

"You're-you're Claude Winters!" she managed to stammer. It was so like an accusation that

he felt guilty, without having the slightest idea why. He peered at her intently. The black mark disfigured her countenance, but suddenly her identity dawned on him.

"And you're Alice Hall?" he exclaimed, and forthwith switched off the ignition of his motor and left his

They shook hands with a good deal of restraint. "You're-you're still here, I take it," he observed inanely.

"As you see," she retorted somewhat pointedly. "I-I just thought I'd drop in at the old place and see how it looks," he went on. "I happened to be coming

this way, you see." "About time," she sighed. "And you won't see much to please your eye. The old home is buried under a growth of weeds. It's been sadly neglectedjust like some other things." She emphasized the word "some."

Claude was feeling contrite. In addition, he had a strange sensation about the heart. This country girl had grown more beautiful since he went away. He had loved her once, and the city had made him forget. Now he was away from the city, and the old feeling appeared to be creeping over him. And it was not an unpleasant sensation, either. "Your father," he asked. "He is

"He died a year ago," she replied simply, dangling the wrench in a smudgy hand. "I'm farmeretting." "You're what?" Claude inquired.

"Farmeretting. I'm a farmerette. I'm working our old farm and getting along pretty well, too; but it's terribly hard work, I can tell you."

"Let's see what's the trouble," he suggested, and looked into the hood. "Timer wire is loose," he said presently. "Have you some pliers? Thanks; now it's all right, I think. Where are

"Home," said Alice. "Good. Till straggle along behind." "Afraid you wouldn't know the way, I suppose," she said pointedly.

During the four-mile ramble Claude did a deal of thinking. Hortense and cial worries had faded. Things seemed good in the country. He had never All this time he had neglected the liked farming, but he believed he old home on the farm. On this farm | would enjoy it now. Hard manual lahe had been born and raised to young bor was what he needed. Let the half manhood. On the adjoining eighty million go; he could get along without acres had lived Alice Hall, pretty it. When the flivver ahead came to

He and the girl stood and looked at two farms, one of them flourishing. the other gone to ruins. "Let's make these two farms into shortly after the other, and having a one," he suggested. "Do you remem-

natural-born dislike for farming, he ber once I said I'd come back for you? had gone to the city. "I'll come back I've neglected you, I know, but I've for you some day," he had told Alice, returned. What do you say? Wull

> She hung her head. "I'm still here, you see," she replied

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"Pop?" "Got a silver dollar in your pocket? "Yes, but--"

"What for?" dollar go a long way."

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1.—That Manufacturers should be asked to take a price for goods on hand equal to the cost of replacement having regard to decreased cost of raw material and of labor used in manufacture.

2.—That Wholesalers should be asked goods on hand at replacement prices. 3-That Retailers should be asked to sell at

4.—Knowing that the costs of building at the present time have been considerably reduced, those desiring to build should be encouraged to ask for new tenders on their proposed work; and that building contractors and builders' supply people should make a special effort to reduce prices to a minimum in order to restore this portant key industry.

5 .- That Banks and financial institutions should be propared to co-operate to the utmost with all productive enterprise by allowing all reasonable credits and by decreasing rates as mailly as conditions may allow.

6.—That Farmers should be asked to maintain reasonable production, and in the event of a proportionate reduction being reached in other lines, should be prepared to make seeded improvements and betterments.

7.-That Labor shall be asked to take willingly a reduction in wages proportionate to progressive decrease in cost of living, in so far as such a reduction has not already taken place. The above statement has been submitted to and endorsed by the following interests manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, building industries; agriculture, financial interests and the veterane

Government on the advice of the Provincial

Advisory Committee on Unemployment.

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Recent Wind Storm Caused Much Damage Around this District Wellington, Dec, 27 .- The recent wind storm did considerable damage in this district. A number of buildings suffered, trees were blown down also some smoke stacks and church spires. One resident had every tree in his oreherd uprocted.

S. B. McGowan and wife left on a trip to California, Mr. and Mrs. William Atkins will spend their Christmas in Toronto. Mrs. Cora Miles, who fell recently, injuring her back, is able to be around again. Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hubbs, who have been ill, are recovering. Mrs. Hollingsworth and two daughters, have left for California, to spend the winter. Miss Agnes Maudeville returned to Hamilton hospital on Tuesday, after spending a few days at her home nere. Reuben Way, Toronto, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Avery, for a few days, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brickman, of Victoria, were the ruests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Vande-

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