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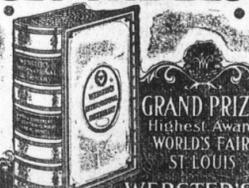
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## FINDING MISS FILSON

By NORA BAYNE.

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"Find Miss Filson," directed the "old man," and Andy Brant, with a prompt and respectful "Yes, sir," tucked the letter into his pocket and finished adding the column of figures upon which he had been working.

Had Lowell & Lowell told him to go out and find the north pole Andy would have replied in precisely the same tone and would have started on the trip in precisely the same spirit. Nominally the assistant bookkeeper, Andy Brant was the general utility man. It was he who had given first aid to the injured water pipe with a piece of rubber overshoe and some adhesive tape from his bicycle kit and who had treated the office cat when it had fits.

But the present quest was not so promising. A correspondent had asked that his daughter be located. "We know that she was to have gone to the Y. W. C. A.," wrote the westerner. "No doubt it will be easy to locate her."

Andy grinned as he replaced the letter in his pocket and started for the association office.

The elderly woman in charge was willing to tell what little she knew



"I'M FRANCES ELIZABETH FILSON," SHE EXPLAINED.

when Andy showed his letter as authority. Miss Filson had come to them three months before, but had soon moved to an address far uptown. She smiled approvingly upon Andy as he thanked her. She liked this clean skinned, honest eyed young fellow, and she even unbent so far as to venture the hope that he would meet with success.

Andy's answer was a grimace. Young women had a trick of losing themselves in New York. Miss Filson had left the association three months before. It was not likely that she could endure life in one cheap boarding house for that length of time. Most places were endurable for less than a month.

His suspicions were verified when he reached the uptown address. Miss Filson was dimly remembered by the rosy cheeked servant girl who answered the door. She stayed only two weeks and departed on an express wagon, explaining that she could not trust the driver with the trunk. It was this incident and the fact that she did not leave her new address that fixed her more clearly in the girl's mind than most of those who came and went.

Andy interviewed express wagon drivers in an increasing circle for the remainder of the morning and wound up so conveniently near his own boarding place that he stopped in for lunch.

Mrs. Lennon's establishment was different from the average New York boarding house. Andy had lived there for a year and still liked it. Now that golden haired Bess Saunders had taken up her residence there he was willing to remain indefinitely. Andy was not susceptible, but the first time Bess had come into the stuffy dining room he had fallen in love, so deeply in love that when she had lost her position as stenographer and could not pay her board bills, unknown to Bess, he had arranged with Mrs. Lennon that he would be responsible for the bills until Bess found a new place, when the landlady should reimburse him.

"Any luck?" he asked as she slipped into his seat opposite the girl. She shook her head.

"Well, I have some good news for you," he went on. "Our typewriter is to be married week after next. She's going to quit the job, and the 'old man' says you may have it."

Bess clapped her hands delightedly, and Andy beamed upon her.

"Let's celebrate," he suggested. "I've got an order that I can't fill. Let's go to the matinee, will you? Might as well do that as tramp around town for nothing."

Bess nodded, and Andy sat on the front steps smoking a cigarette and building air castles while the girl dressed. They had only cheap seats in the rear of the balcony, but it was a treat, and occasionally Andy could feel the slight pressure of the girl's arm against his own, emphasizing her nearness. He did not think much of the vaudeville performance. What mattered the accomplishments of the trained seals and the toe dancer when he could lean back with closed eyes and conjure up visions of light house-

keeping with Bess as the housekeeper? He was earning enough salary for two. After all, she need not take that place with Lowell & Lowell.

"Isn't that great?" asked Bess. Andy roused himself with a start to observe the accomplishments of a pair of acrobats.

"Sure thing," he assented. "I was thinking of something bigger and greater."

"What's that?" she demanded.

"I was thinking," he explained, "that perhaps you wouldn't need Miss Austin's place in the office. What's the matter with our getting married? We could get a bit of a flat and live—not board."

Andy's voice made the distinction eloquent, and the girl's gray eyes grew. "But you don't know anything about me," she protested wistfully.

"I know you're the girl I want to marry," he insisted stoutly. "Mrs. Lennon's known me for a year, and the 'old man's' had me working for him for three years. You can write to Brewster's and find out the rest about me if you want to. I'm not from Missouri where you're concerned."

There was a sudden darkness as the lights went out for the motion pictures, and in the gloom a tiny hand sought his and was quickly captured.

"Is it yes?" he asked, his breath coming in sharp aspirations.

"I can't write back home," she said softly. "But if you will take me as I am, Andy, it's—yes."

"There's nothing wrong," he declared stoutly, "but if you were a shoplifter I'd marry you just the same." The audience was filing out before the last pictures were thrown on the screen, but he leaned over and kissed her.

"We're engaged," he declared, "but you'll have to wait until Saturday for the ring."

The lights flashed on again, and unwillingly enough Andy gathered up their belongings and prepared to join the departing crowd. The boarding place was but a short distance away, and they decided upon walking. Andy's feet touched the sidewalk, but he felt as though he were in the clouds that dotted the evening sky.

"I don't want you to think I've done anything wrong," whispered Bess. "It isn't that, dear. It's just that I have no family and don't want ever to be reminded of them. My father married a second time, my stepmother and I did not get along well, and I—"

"Lit out," he said. "I don't blame you. Lots of girls won't put up with a secondhand mother. I'm looking for one this very minute—that is, I'm supposed to be," he added.

"That was what took you out of the office this afternoon?"

"Yes. You see, her father buys goods from us, and he wrote Lowell & Lowell to look the girl up and tell her that her near mother had decided to be good and begged the girl to come home. It's too far for him to come and look for her in the busy season, but we're to find her and ship her back to Elton, O."

"Elton?" she echoed. "Andy, is his name Filson?"

"Sure thing. Do you know her?"

"I'm Frances Elizabeth Filson," she explained. "Saunders was my own mother's name."

"That let's me out," sighed Andy. "Why, your father has seven different kinds of money."

"But I am richer, for I have you," she whispered.

"Do you mean it? You still want to marry me now you've won your father back?"

"You know I do," she said reproachfully.

"And to think," mused Andy, "that I was cussing the old man for chasing me out on such a fool job."

Bess laughed. She knew what Andy meant.

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Galt banks contain \$4,000,000 in deposits, principally from workmen's earnings.

Scott township is the birthplace of 105 Cotswold sheep just exported to Ogden Utah.

James Curry, Toronto, has contributed \$100 towards the Orangeville Hospital fund.

Paisley found it impossible to get a graduate to fill the place of principal of its public school.

Weak gas pressure in Port Rowan, many claim the supply is not fit for illuminating purposes.

Bruce county council has appointed G. J. Geetz stenographer for the local courts at \$100 per annum.

Warton merchants, some of them at least, dropped the credit system, and will hereafter sell for cash.

An early resident of Shelburne and a pioneer of Amaranth Township, Andrew Jelly, aged 77, is dead.

Joseph Fletcher, aged 69, formerly of Alliston, was killed in a runaway accident at Saskatoon, Sask.

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Goderich friends tendered A. D. Shortt Bank of Montreal, a farewell supper on the eve of his transfer to St. John, N. B.

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