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***** Cousin Danny

He Had the Klondike Fever

By CLARISSA MACKIE

his fortune in the Klondike he carried with him the prayers and loving thoughts of his aunt and cousins with whom he had made his home since an early orphaned boyhood.

"We'll all ride in automobiles when I come back!" shouted Danny over his shoulder to the little group on the station platform. Four long years passed after Danny

went away to the gold country, and (now the Rolands had news of his homecoming. They had heard from him as often as the postal facilities would admit, for sometimes he was far from any station. At first he had written of the country, the people, the strange, new life and of his hopes for success. When he returned with the gold that must surely be his for the taking they would leave the little Californian home among the roses and fare forth to some large city of the eastern states where the greatest enjoyment is supposed to be extracted from the possession of money. That was during the first two years. Since then Danny's letters had been less confident, and there was between the lines a vague, homesick longing that impelled Mrs. Roland to urge her nephew to return home whether he had attained his coveted object or not.

"Poor Danny," murmured Rose Ro land as her mother finished reading the last letter. "How eager he was when he went away from us and how



THREE WOMEN WERE GATHERED INTO HIS ARMS

hopeful his letters have been! Just think of the hardships he must have suffered in that cold, strange country!" Beth smiled softly. She was the youngest, and she had missed Danny more than anybody else. To her the tall, handsome cousin was a gallant knight gone forth to seek fortune for his lady, who was imprisoned in a rose

embowered castle.

"He should be home by the 1st of May. Don't you think so, mother?" ask-ed Rose from her low seat near the en window.

"At the very latest. Now, daughters, remember that he must have a royal welcome, for think of his bitter disappointment at his failure to succeed in his undertaking."

"I always feel that those who make the failures of life should receive the warmest sympathy and tenderest welcome," said Rose quietly. "It is easy to bear success, but failure borne amid the silence of friends is twice bitter."

All the way down in the train to the little bungalow on the outskirts of Los Angeles Danny Roland talked to his traveling companion of the aunt and cousins whom he had left behind on his trip to the Klondike. They were both tall, stalwart, brown young men,

"You will be glad to see your folks again, Dan," said the other rather wistfully. "I wish there was a welcome waiting for me somewhere; but, you know, all my people died before I left home. I must peg out a new place for Myself in Los Angeles."

"Not at all," explained Arthur Clifford, "only I was just meaning a little mean because I didn't have a loving aunt and two pretty cousins to greet me. It's fine of you, Dan, to ask me to go with you. I wish you wouldn't insist on my accompanying you to the house tonight. Surely they will want to see you alone the first"-

"Shut up!" commanded Dan crisply.
"They will be delighted to see any man who saved my life. I hope you don't think I have forgotten about that ice gorge and how you"-

"It's your turn to shut up," grinned as companion. "If how not mistaken

this is Los Angeles, ch?"
"Come on, then," and Danny wormed himself down the aisle as the train drew to a creaking, wheezing standstill.

After they had claimed their baggage and given orders for its delivery— Danny's to his suburban home and Arthur Clifford's to a couvenient hotel-they boarded a trolley car which would take them within a mile of their des-

tination. As the car whizzed out Danuy's hears beat faster and a slow red burned into his cheeks. His homecoming was a very different one from that he had planned four years ago, when the spirit of adventure laid a strong hold upon him and led him far away from the vineyard and the little bungalow.

Now he could see that he had per-haps neglected a son's duty in leaving the three women of his family to manage the vineyard as best they could with hired help while he went rainbow chasing to the cold regions of the north. That was what he called it, "rainbow chasing," "and it is just as profitable," he muttered to himself as the car reached its terminus and they, tumbled out.

Their way lay through hedges of wild roses and eucalyptus. In the background were groves of orange and sunny slopes gray-green with young olive trees. There were the smell of honeysuckle and geranium and the song of many birds. The two young men swung along

the beautiful highway, one with a rap-idly beating heart at the coming reunion, the other with a pleasant sense of expectation in the new friends he was about to make. Surely if they were Dan Roland's people they would

During the long nights when the comrades had slept together in the northern cold each had confided to the other all his history, and Dan Roland's had chiefly to do with his aunt and cousins, and he had talked so much about them that Arthur Clifford began to feel that he, too, was acquainted with them. He had almost fallen in love with sweet Rose, whose quainted with them. He had almost fallen in love with sweet Rose, whose picture was included in the three which Dan treasured.

"Here we are!" shouted Danny excitedly, and he ran forward the last few steps that separated them from a rustic gate set in a privet hedge, which be enforced against the warden of the enforced against the warden of the in its turn was half smothered in Cherokee roses. Clifford hung back that his friend might have his meet- watermelon in the cell of a colored prising uninterrupted, and he bore no oner who was on a hunger strike. grudge that Danny forgot him for the

and tears mingled with their joyous reception of the cousin who was more like a son and brother than a more distant relation. Clifford turned his back on the happy scene and look- ern counties. ed away over the flower decked fields.

Danny's voice brought him up the

Danny's voice brought him up the graveled path to the foot of the steps, where he stood with bared head while he was introduced to Mrs. Roland and her two lovely daughters.

Mr. Peter McArthur, the well-known jumels and writer, of Ekfrid Township, is endeavoring to make arrangements with the C. P. R. for a special train of 25 cars to transport Middlesex County apples to Alberta this fall.

"I am so glad that our little house is roomier than it looks," said Mrs. Roland cordially. "Danny's friend must not think of going to a hotel, Mr.

and was only too glad to accept the warm invitation to remain a little while. He had scarcely taken his eyes from Rose's face, except when he saw that his glance embarrassed her, and then he stole a look now and then to satisfy himself that she was flesh and blood and not some beautiful creation. blood and not some beautiful creation of his imagination which might vanish

at any moment.

Danny was relating to his cousins the story of how Arthur Clifford had saved his life two years before and how ever since that thrilling rescue they had been chums and inseparable friends. Beth sat entranced under the spell of his graphic recital. This cousin was far handsomer than her knight of the air castle, and her maiden

with clear eyes and good, clean cut features. They did not look like two disappointed gold seekers, yet that is on the back of tis chair. "Aunt Ce-

"Then you're going back on your promise to go home with me?" demand-ed Danny fiercely.

Thot a penny richer by my gold digging, bringing a fellow prospector home with me, one whose fortune has been bringing a fellow prospector home with me, one whose fortune has been the same as my own, and yet you welcome us as if we were returning home laden with Klondike spoils." He looked around at the three loving faces

with tear dimmed eyes. "But, Danny, dear," protested gentle Mrs. Roland, "you know we never cared about the money. We would rather have had you with us than all the gold in the world. Money isn't everything, my dears." She smiled on them as they gathered around the table, and she poured the tea while her eyes glistened with happiness.

The rose covered bungalow still stands behind the privet hedge. Mrs. Roland and her youngest daughter and her daughter's husband live there, for Beth is married to Danny.

Not far away is another little home, where Arthur Clifford and his wife, Rose, live an ideal existence among the roses. All about them spread the profitable vineyards and the sunny olive slopes. In their hearts is a great contentment that money cannot

"We came back practically poor men, yet we would not change places with the richest Klondike millionaire." Danny Roland said once, and Arthur Clifford emphasized his concurrence in this statement with a look at his beautiful wife.

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tentive memories to recall just where they left their umbrellas. It is not stated whether a steam crane

or a freight engine was used in kidnap-ping of a 327-pound Illinois girl. The old-fashioned butcher who used t

throw in a slab of liver and other tit bits with a meat order as an incentive to trade is now only a pleasant memory. An eastern censor of girls' bathing

dress can rarely find enough to expose his thanks.

There is a clause in the constitution of

grudge that Danny forgot him for the moment.

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Arthur Clifford expressed his thanks a speech at the meeting to-morrow night?" "Yes." "Are you going?" "Not much. I am going to stay at home and congratulate myself on the fact that at last she is making one speech that I don't have to listen to."

three regular sessions will be held.

A gentleman who had been in town only two or three days, but who had been paying attention to a prominent young belle, wanted to propose, but was afraid he would be thought too hasty. He delicately broached the subject as follows: "If I were to speak of marriage to you, after having only made your acquaintance three days ago, what would you say to it?" "Well, you should never put off till to-morrow what you should have done the day before yesterday."

knight of the air castle, and her malden heart was stirred strangely.

When they went in to the luncheon that Mrs. Roland had prepared Danny paused for a moment with one hand on the back of lis chair. "Aunt Cella," he said sobarly, "this is a very different homecording from the one I had planned whee. I went away. Do you remember n \(\tau\) airy promises of automobiles and Parls gowns and a palace in New York, to say nothing of gream yachts and horses? Here I am, it is a very the potato bug destroyers and if you will take the time to watch them you will see them proceed in the same fashion that a mosquito tackles a big fat woman at a picnic. This new bug, which is known a potato growers in this section have noticed a new specimen of bug on their potato vines this season. They are potato bug destroyers and if you will take the time to watch them you will see them proceed in the same fashion that a mosquito tackles a big fat woman at a picnic. This new bug, which is known a potato bug on their potato bug on their potato bug on their potato bug destroyers and if you will take the time to watch them you will see the proceed in the same fashion that a mosquito tackles a big fat woman at a picnic. This new bug, which is known a potato bug on their pota



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