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YOU BET

OLD PARDNER

And So Ended a Friends hip of 20 Years' Standing.

GIVE ME

A FOUR-

The Rings Around the Moon

THE DAILY SHORT STORY

THE presence of the "halo," as the ring around the moon is called, always means that great clouds are floating in the air at least 20,000 feet above the surface of the earth, and rain will

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD.

tion. The money is yours to do with

as you desire. When you receive it

I shall be dead and beyond the reach

"Yours belatedly penitent

"Jonathan Benjamin Cowles."

This was the conclusion of the letter which Jimmy Stiles several

days ago had signed with a flourish-

ing signature and then re-read with

grinning satisfaction. Cleverly word-

ed that's what it was. And a darn

bright idea. How tickled Mary

Louise would be! And how unlikely

ever to discover the hoax, if so harsh

a word could be applied to a scheme

Now he sat at his desk and won-

dered whether Mary Louise had yet

cashed the inclosed certificate of de-

posit. Picking up a little snapshot

taken during that unforgetable sum-

mer at Drift Harbor, he regarded it

affectionately, while his thoughts traveled a long, long road back to his first meeting with Mary Louise. She had come to visit her aunt, who was matron of the County Home,

where Jimmy was one of many lone-ly, blue overalled and aproned orph-

ans. Bashful, she had hung back until he, Jimmy, had offered her his end of the see-saw and had stood

The rector of the church near the

home found in Jimmy evidence of an

unusual intellect and left no stone un-

turned until the boy was given an

opportunity for unlimited schooling, with sufficient outside work to keep

Jimmy rose rapidly - graduated

brilliantly from high school-went

him independent.

great-uncle.

of such kindly intent.

of thanks.

The Million Dollar Doll

By C. N. AND A. M. WILLIAMSON. Authors of "The Lightning Conductor.

Nazlo Shows His Hand and Terry At Last Begins To Realize What She Is Up Against

In his amazement Nazlo ceased the hypnotic eye-work which was his specialty. "Never been to New York?" he echoed. "That's a joke, isn't it?"

Terry's, he opened a roadhouse called The Blue Moon, with money advanced to him by

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"No, indeed it isn't," Terry confessed. "Truly, I've never been. I've lived always on Long Island, at home and at the convent.

Thoughts flashed through her head.

Terry, at Silverwood, the latter will never forget, is engaged to Miles Sheridan, a handsome, likable, young chap. His car breaks down at the door of The Blue Moon, and he meets Terry. Delighted with the child's charm and anxious to atone for his flancee's past rudeness, supplies the wherewithal to send Terry to a convent for the turned into a tree."

Change—But not with the that the what I want is to please you, fair Daphne."

Why do you call me "Daphne?" she ventured.

"I thought you were so well up in Greek mythology!"

"Oh! Daphne was a nymph. She turned into a tree." Terry to a convent for the turned into a tree."

Terry is horrified to learn that her Again the magnetic look! Terry father counts on her marrying Nazlo, avoided it. Something within her and for her the pleasure of the ride advised that she'd better think of an is already spoiled.

CHAPTER XII. BEAUTY AND THE BEAST.

limousine, coming toward her. It was too late for Terry to run. Father had said wasn't Mr. Nazlo's dinner?

"You shall have your daughter Nazlo replied. "Why do you want back by 10 or 11 o'clock—good little girls' bedtime," the Shoe King congirls' bedtime," the Shoe King congested to the roadside inn-keeper "In I've beer?" as he motioned the chauffeur away, and tenderly tucked a light dustrug around Terry's knees.

"Just an early dinner somewherethen home. That's the program for a convent-maid, what?"

| Well, III be good. Instead of playing Apollo to your Daphne and beating him at his game—which I nevent-maid, what?"

heating him at his game—which I
"Yes," that's the program," Desbet I could do!—I'll personally con-

chin, then slowly turned and went range every detail on the program into the house, whistling under his for the rest of the evening. Will "Where would you like to have you?"

hints. But she could not meet the the road, and pointed out objects of deepest, yellow-grey eyes, which had a devouring light in them, like a Her surprise at the great bridge, devouring light in them, like a devouring light in them, they amd at the towering skyscrapers of New York which turned streets into the street would hold hers, she feared.

WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY:

Description of late August, I'd suggest somewhere in New York," he said, "but it's hot in the city."

Instantive that forget her treue Instantly the girl forgot her trou-Juliet Divine, the stage name of her half-sister. She rides in a gor-like a child, "would you take me to geous car and talks of a million-New York? I've never been there." In his amazement Nazlo ceased the

advanced to him by

Tom Perrin, a prosperous friend of
Julia's.

Mary Desmond, Terry's mother and
Julia's stepmother, fears "disgrace"
in the latter's career.

Mrs. Peter Parmalee owns the house,
Mrs. Peter Par

in the latter's career.

Irs. Peter Parmalee owns the house,
Silverwood, of which Desmond was
formerly caretaker.

Betty Sheen, her spoiled, young
granddaughter, whose rudeness to
Terry, at Silverwood, the latter will
never forget, is engaged to

"You'd give 'anything,' would you?"
he echoed in a petting tone, as if
she were a little girl. "That's a
generous offer! Might be dangerous with some men"—he saw her face
change—"but not with me.
"O course you shall 'see New York.'
what I want is to please you, fair

"Go up head again! A god tried to While at the convent, Terry remake love to her, so she turned to
tree to protect herself. I believe that's has died.

Eustace Nazio, a wealthy patron of the Blue Moon, is impressed by Terry's resemblance to Juliet Divine, whom he refers to as the Million Dollar Doll.

Terry is horrified to learn that here to protect herself. I believe that's what you'd try to do in her place. You've got—that nymph air. But a wise god would hypnotize you to fall in love with him. It would be a shame for a pretty girl like you to turn into a tree."

excuse and ask to go home; a headache-anything. But the temptation to see New York and Julia's home was too strong. Besides, Mr. Nazlo was only talk-

Even as she stood there, Nazlo Besides, Mr. Nazlo waved a hand and sprang out of the ing about mythology! terested in it because he was Greek There would be too awful a row with she said, blushing, "Would we have time to go up Riverside Drive before "We've got all the time there is."

"I-I've heard about the Grant monument," Terry saved herself.
Nazlo laughed. "What a little
school-child it is' Interested in history! Well, I'll be good. Instead of

The car began to glide smoothly York."

"That is, I will if you'll let me arduct a private tour of "Seeing New

"I-think so," agreed Terry. Nazlo seemed satisfied, and mad-Terry tried not to be self-con- himself charming, or so it seemed to clous; tried to forget her father's the girl. He told her things about

New York which turned streets into Mervously she looked out of the window, and said that she knew nothing about places where people men who behaved like children, but all the children and the c never a girl of seventeen who was Nazlo described two or three on at heart a child. Her beauty, her reLong Island, resorts which might be
suitable. "If it were late Septemance of life made a rare combination



Hambone's Meditations By J. P. Alley.

MEBBE DAT WA'NT NO HA'NT, BUT MAH LAIGS DON' LOW ME T' TAKE NO CHANCES!!!!



lmost too good to be true. Yet it was true. And Nazlo found intoxicating. He'd meant to keep his head through this evening, but as he watched his companion; so shy, yet so trusting, he wasn't quite sure whether he could do it. At Terry's request, the car slowed At Terry's request, the car slowed down along Riverside Drive. She gazed out of the window, bending forward. Every one of the big, hand-some houses fascinated her. Now

and then she asked questions.

The back of the girl's head exquisite; the bright copper-red hair pressed down by the simple toque; the three or four shining, childish ringlets that had twisted themselves out of the mass just at the nape of the white neck. Nazlo resisted temp-tation until after the Grant Monument had been inspected and the car had nearly traversed the length of Riverside Drive, on the return jour-

Then, when the girl bade him look at some house which struck her fancy, and he leaned towards her, the impulse mingled to an electric shock. He belted the girl's waist with an arm, drew her back and kissed her on what—as a student of French—he on what—as a student of French le called the "nuque"—a lingering kiss. Next installment brings a disappoint-ment for Nazlo, (Copyright, 1923, by the Bell Syndicate, lnc.)

Dictation Dave By C. L. Funnell.

Miss Hopper take an inter office to mister Hardley Haster paragraph. Subject colon trimming period. When you came back from that trip to the city you told me the Supremacy Emporium was fifteen years behind the times the way we do things and you had a good mind to go back to the city and get yourself a job with a modern house so now I got something to tell you I am giving you an office memo dictated and everything not only to be modern tut to have something to show you to prove I told you when you come back next week and say you never heard anything about it period.

I am as anxious as you are to keep I am as anxious as you are to keep this organization on its toes and if you want to snap things up around here you better start on yourself because yesterday I told you to take out our gardening display in our front window and put in a display of our electric clothes washer and when I want out to look at it washer. went out to look at it when you had finished there was a clothes washer in the muddle with the lady dummy putting clothes in it all right but you had left in the sign from the gardening window that was on the insecticide sprayer reading in great big letters square over the clothes MAKES ALL THE BUGS TURN UP THEIR TOES. paragraph
Sign that SUPREMACY EMPO-

"You Said It, Marceline!" By MARCELINE d'ALROY

On She Who Looks Simple

A young girl should LOOK simple

And be SMART. Not LOOK smart

And be SIMPLE. Many YOUNG women

Are infinitely WISER Than OLD men. And a SIMPLE girl

THINGS

is more deep Than a CLEVER man, because, Although he knows MANY

SHE knows ONE THING well,

And that is "WOMAN." But all HE can do to TRY to learn,

And even then. SHE races him again.

ecause SHE READS MEN DETWEEN the LINES

While he is TRYING to make out The written page.

And THAT is why

MEN are so OBVIOUS.

WOMEN LAUGH up their sleeve, ket, carefully padded and lined, with

HAVE MADE

THAT LONG



One Mother says: In making trips with my baby I keep him in an ordinary market bas-ket, carefully padded and lined, with a pillow for a mattress. On a recent had implanted in Mary Louise the land implanted in Mary Louise the utomobile trip I found this worked | year very well. (Copyright, 1923, Associated Editors.) These changes had meant separa-

the playground squabbles, nor did the marvelous piece of luck which befell him when he was fifteen make him Mothers and Their Children





ontinued study at evening school. Ultimately he entered the bar and came an attorney with a reputation before he was 30.

Meanwhile Mary Louise had been bound out" to a lonely farmer's wife. Growing attached to her, the woman had done more than the stipulated clothing and feeding of the child had taught her what she could of grammar, geography and similar

A summer boarder had taken an interest and lent her books, not only during her stay, but for many months are few greater gifts.

GREAT-UNCLE TO MARY LOUISE tion for the boy and girl, during which the memory of each grew dim to the other, but did not utterly fade. "And so, after all these years, I And at Drift Harbor, that wonder spot of ocean beach and vivid sun-set and riotous surf, their paths conam trying to make up for my indifference by this method of repara-

bered soft blue eyes.

verged once more. Signing his name in the Drift Ha .-bor House register, Jimmy looked up from the final flourish of his signature-James W. Stiles, straight into a pair of well-remeia-

"You! Mary Louise!"
Yes, it was Mary Louise, who some times filled in at the hotel, which stood a mile or two from her adopted home, in various capacities from that of clerk to waitress. And it was a Mary Louise who had grown so be witchingly pretty with the years that Jimmy was hardly to be biamed for passing up the feminine guests at the hotel and spending whatever of his leisure moments coincided with hers in the company of Mary Louise "Are you happy, Mary Louise?" he

asked one day. Mary Louise threw him a questioning glance from beneath her curly lashes. "Just now," she said ingenuously. "But winters—oh, Jimmy, it is now, look and and less." it is very lonely. And—and I se If only I could afford to go to the city and have a couple of years at a normal school. Then oh, just think, I might be able to

She sighed blissfully, as though teaching were an achievement too heavenly to contemplate. "I dream nights of what I would do with a thousand dollars. That's my favorite

air castle in Spain.

That winter Jimmy unexpectedly won a case which netted him an even thousand dollars and the sight of the check brought back to him the words

by to see that no one played the mean trick of jumping off and letting her to the ground with a thud. of Mary Louise.

An intense longing surged within him to help her out, even as years ago he had been helped by the kindly rector. Mary Louise's mother, because of whose illness she had been sent away, died during her absence and she stayed on with her aunt. And when matrimoney with a widower of

But handing over a sum of that amount to an unrelated young lady presented small means and considerable family Suddenly the idea of creating a ficclaimed the estimable matron, Mary Louise still lingered, merging with titious great-uncle occurred to him-a great-uncle who would exist but for a the rest of the orphans until her origin became as blurred as theirs.

Jimmy became her champion in

noment on a sheet of paper, but long enough to bequeath .o Mary Louise a thousand-dollar legacy. The letter had been written and sent, and now Jimmy sat and dreamed in his office of its reception by a blue-

eyed girl in a lonely farmhouse near Drift Harbor. And as he dreamed, the door of his office opened. At sight of a slim figure

Jimmy sprang to his feet.
"You fraud!" cried a sweet voice "My Great-Uncle Jimmy! Jimmy swallowed. "How-er. Why into a lawyer's office daytimes and

papers of your thousand-dollar fee in the Hitchcock case, but mostly because only one person in the world makes the funny 'j's' that you do. I had only to compare the 'j' of Jonathan with the "j" on the hotel register to have my suspicions confirmed. Of course I

couldn't---"Mary Louise," interrupted Jimmy firmly, "hand over that certificate!" And, when she did so he folded it evenly and slipped it into his pocketbook "What an idiot I was to give you a chance to go out of my sight again!" And his face were the expression of one upon whom a great light has broken suddenly. "Come straight into my

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Danny Meadow Mouse Finds a Wonderful Tin Can Which Will Just Do For Their Home

By THORNTON, W. BURGESS.

Peter Rabbit was no longer about to interfere, Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse resumed their journey to look for a place for a new home. don't know where we're going, but we's on our way," said Danny,

"It's a good thing we haven't a family," replied Nanny. "We have only our two selves to worry about, and that is something to be thankful again find such a good home as the one we have just left."

They didn't find a place to suit

them that day, so the next day they continued their journey. Nanny was very hard to please. Danny found several places that he thought would very nice. But each time Nanny



"Hurry up, Nanry! Hurry up!" he cried. "I've made a wonder-ful find."

ound fault. If it wasn't one thing it was another that was wrong. Each time Danny cheerfully said, "All right, my dear, we will look some-where else."

So at last they came to the edge of while they followed along the fence. Nanny became tired and stopped to rest and to eat a big grasshopper which she had caught. Danny kept on. He had gone only a short dison. He had gone only a short distance when just at the foot of a post he found something that was new and strange to him. It was an empty square can lying on one side. In one end was a smooth, round hole. That hole was just about big enough for Danny to slip through easily. The can was old and rusty. Of course, Danny didn't know it was a can. He Danny didn't know it was a can. He didn't know anything about cans. He tried his teeth on it and found he couldn't gnaw it at all. At first he was afraid to go inside, but after a while he gained courage. The can

As soon as they were sure that along the fence. Danny's little black eyes snapped joyously. He felt that he had made a great find. This thing would make a wonderful home. They could fill it with soft grass and it would be snug and cosy and safe. Even if Reddy Fox should find it he wouldn't be able to get at them in here. No one but Mr. Blacksnake could possibly get at them in there and Mr. Blacksnake could get at them wherever they might be.

Back scampered Danny as fast as his short legs could take him. He was so excited that he could hardly talk straight. "Hurry up, Nanny! Hurry up!" he cried. "I've made a wonderful find. It will be the safest home we have ever had. You've never seen anything like it. Hurry up, Nanny!"

But Nanny refused to be excited. She had had too many disappoint ments to get excited over a thing like this. So she took her time about following Danny. But when she reached that old rusty can her face brightened. It really was all that Danny had said of it. She went in and out of said of it. She went in and out of it a dozen times. Danny watched her anxiously. "What do you think of it, my dear?" he ventured at last.

"I think it will do if we can't find anything better." replied Nanny. "We'll stay here a while, anyway, and look around." And with this Danny had to (Copyright, 1923, by T. W. Burgess.)

The next story: "Nanny Makes





"A woman is like a piano ... it all depends on how you strike her whether she will be sharp, be flat or natural."

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