

"Broken Threads"

and kissed her. "Mollie, dear," she breathed, "mother!"

Then, standing erect, her head flung proudly back, she delivered herself of an ultimatum to the effect that unless Mollie and Prof accompanied them to Indianapolis they would not go at all. And the whole fortune could go by the boards.

Rusty said, "That goes for me, too," and Mr. Markham, in the face of such proud independence, began to look a bit worried.

"Mollie," Prof ventured, putting his arms around her, "I think that Mr. Clayton is a wise man and a good man. And I think he's trying to do a very sensible thing. Don't you think we could accompany the twins to Indianapolis? We don't want to see them throw four million dollars overboard, you know." He smiled quaintly and Mollie, recovering from the first real surrender to grief since Jim had gone away, smiled in answer and agreed. They would go, she said. They must forgive her for being such a foolish old woman, but it was a bit hard, losing her boy and then losing the girls.

John H. Clayton bachelor and scholar and now nearing sixty, had been born and bred in an atmosphere of wealth and culture. Not only that but he prided himself that he was a student of men and women, and when he saw Mollie and Edwin Elwell, he told himself that he had found two personalities untouched by the hurry-up, step-on-the-gas order of the day, and congratulated himself that he had not humiliated himself and them by the offer of money.

In the two girls, daughters of his sister, he saw the reflection of those two loving personalities, and he allowed himself a moment of heartfelt thanksgiving that the fates had entrusted the two girls to the care of the little family in Camdenville.

As for Mollie and Prof, they were at once charmed and warmed by the manner of this gray-haired, distinguished-looking man who thanked them so sincerely for their kindness.

They must, John Clayton said, feel perfectly at home here with him in Indianapolis. "I feel," he told them, "and freely acknowledge that your claim on these girls is greater than mine. They are your daughters. You have been mother and father to them from birth, have fed them, clothed them, schooled them, brought them up as girls should be brought up and made of them two fine and noble young women. I am merely related by blood. I am their uncle and they are my heirs. What I have is theirs on my death, but while I am living I want them to share what I have—and while I realize that it would be the cruelest of mistakes to try to repay you in any way for what you have done, still can't I ask you two to consider yourselves part of the family?"

He would, he said, not think of taking the twins all to himself. "They shall spend part of their time with you in Camdenville of course. Meanwhile, if the thought of leaving Camdenville is not too unbearable, I should be proud to have you live with me."

To this Mollie and Prof at once objected. They were, as Prof explained, "a little too sot to change now," but they warmed at once to the kindly touch of the man's consideration and from the very start found themselves feeling perfectly at home.

Out Our Way



WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY

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And yet the sorrow in the heart of Mollie Elwell seemed to take on an added poignancy as the thought kept recurring to her in the warmth and glow of this luxurious home—if it only might have been, if only Jim could have been there, too.

And then she would ask herself what was the use of vain regrets? Jim was dead. He had died for his country. Her burden of sorrow was neither greater nor less than that of thousands of other mothers. She must learn to bear it bravely.

(To be continued)
The twins in the next chapter get their first taste of Hoosier society.

OWL TRAPS SUGGESTED TO END CHICKEN THEFTS
By United Press.

WASHINGTON.—Trap chicken stealing owls to prevent them from preying on poultry at night, the agriculture department advises farmers. The government points out that a good way to trap owls is to make a small platform about two-feet square, nail it to the roof of a low building and bait it with a dead chicken. Gopher traps are placed around the chicken and when the owl steps up to obtain his feast it is caught. The department advises the removal of the traps as soon as the offender is caught so that innocent birds will not suffer.

BANK LIQUIDATOR IS TRANSFERRED

T. H. Arnold, who has been connected with the Peoples State bank liquidating agency, Ranger, for several months, has been transferred to Wimsboro.

Mr. Arnold left this morning, making the trip via automobile.

RANGER COMPLIMENTED BY WEST TEXAS BODY

Homer T. Wade, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has written C. C. Patterson, commercial secretary, Ranger, congratulating him on the agricultural activities of the local Chamber of Commerce for securing the two-day short course for farmers to be held here in February.

Seattle police are giving good conduct emblems to drivers who didn't violate the traffic laws in 1926. They haven't found their man yet.

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INDEPENDENT TULSA OPERATOR IN RANGER

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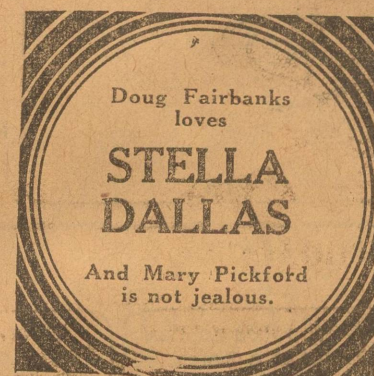
San Antonio.—Extension of gas service by the San Antonio Public Service Company this year will involve an investment of about \$345,000 for mains and meters to supply new customers.

San Antonio.—Two new substations and a great deal of service extension lines are on the program of the San Antonio Public Service Company here for their electrical department this year.

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