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A DRAMA IN REAL LIFE

How It Was Unfolded to the Man Who Tells It

By WILLIS BARKER

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<del>\$\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*</del> When the civil war closed the south had for four years been suffering from a depletion of everything needful to human beings. It occurred to me that I might turn an honest penny by loading a wagon with household articles including provisions, drive it through the country and sell to the inhab-

I started from Nashville, Tenn., with a two horse team, proposing to drive down to Shelbyville, then ascending the Cumberland plateau and working toward east Tennessee. Not far from Shelbyville I overtook a man on horse back whose mount had gone lame. He asked me where I was going, and when I told him he said he believed he would leave his horse and proceed on my wagon. To accommodate him and for company I agreed to take him, and at the next farm we came to we stopped to leave his horse.

While he was dickering for the animal's keep we heard the tread of a loping horse up the road, and a girl on its back came hurrying along. The man who was to join me on seeing her looked annoyed and went toward her, evidently with the intention of meeting her where they would not be overheard in what they said. They talked for some time, the man appar ently trying to persuade her to do or refrain from doing something. He was evidently not making much headway with her, and finally they came to

"This is Nancy Parks," he said. "She would like to join us, go over the plateau and take a train at Bridge-port for Knoxville."

"I would be very happy to have her," I replied.

The girl dismounted, and the man led her horse away to the barn, where his own had been put, and left him there. Miss Parks was an excellent specimen of the poor white girl of the south. She wore a sunbonnet, a calico dress and coarse cowhide shoes. Nevertheless there was something of wild beauty about her. Her cheeks were a brown and red, her hair and eyes jet black, the hair being cut square just above her shoulders. She climbed up into the rear of the wagon, mounting by means of the wheel, and settled herself comfortably among some bags of coffee. The man got up

By the time we had reached the foot of the Cumberland plateau he had told me that his name was Barker and that he was a northerner looking for a place in the south on which to settle. This was false, as I afterward learned. He was in quest of something very different from this. As for the girl, he intended to tell me the truth about her, saying that he had spent a day or two on her father's farm. She had taken a sudden fancy to him, and when he parted with her she had made a great ado at the separation. with the result that she had followed him, He said he didn't know what to do with her, but thought when a favorable opportunity occurred he would "shake" her. The story about her taking a train at Bridgeport was

I didn't care what either of them did so long as I was not mixed up in their affairs.

Barker whenever we stopped at farm or in the road to talk with any one asked a good many questions about the country, the soil and the people, bearing, so far as I could judge, upon his own settlement among them He asked different persons with whom we chatted about a man named Elijah Hanks. No one seemed to be in to give any definite information about Mr. Hanks, some saying they had a very slight acquaintance with him. others that they didn't wish to know him at all. Barker seemed to be trying to get a description of Hanks by which he would recognize him. I noticed that when Barker inquired of one person about Hanks the man gave

him a quick, suspicious glance. Meanwhile Nancy Parks sat in the back of the wagon munching some apples she found there and of which I invited her to partake. She seemed to be satisfied in simply being with Barker, and I could not see that she took any interest in what was going on Soon after we got up on to the plateau we met a man whom Barker stopped to ask questions about the country and the people and if he knew of a good farm for sale. The man replied in a deep sonorous voice. I happened to turn as he did so toward the back of the wagon and noticed a marked change in Nancy. The voice of the man Barker was questioning seemed to thrill her. She listened intently to every word he spoke. This time Barker ned himself to inquiries about gen eral matters, not seeking information as to special persons. Elijah Hanks

was not mentioned. We drove on, and I, turning for an other glance at Nancy Parks, saw her eyes fixed intently upon the man we were leaving behind, while his face was turned toward us with an expre sion of wonder. Then she pointed in the direction opposite to the one we were going, indicating that he was to go back. The man stood irresolute for

awhile, then slowly followed us, much to the girl's apparent discomfiture.

Coming to a little place called Tracy, Barker said he thought he would leave me, giving as a reason that he had heard of a farm for sale in the locality and he would look it up. Since it was evening, I concluded to go no further that day, and, driving my team into s wood, I unharnessed my borses, fed them, made some coffee and prepared to spend the night there. Barker, who by this time seemed to repose in me a confidence that I didn't care to have, told me that the girl was going to sleep in a house in Tracy, and when she awoke in the morning he would be missing.

I made no reply to this. I was not specially prejudiced in his favor, and there was something about the girl that drew me to her, I confess I had come to believe that some game was being played between the two, and I l'ad sufficient curlosity to be interested in it. There are so many possible complications in any affair in which a woman is concerned that I had no faith in any theory I formed with regard to the couple. It appeared, how-ever, that they were deceiving each

About 9 o'clock Barker and I turned n. The night being pleasant I didn't sleep in the wagon, nor did he. I slept a few hours when something awakened me. Barker was standing near with his back to me. He had something in his hands, and, although I could not see what it was, I knew hy a series of clicks that it was a re volver which he was examining, cocking it and lowering the hammer to re volve the chambers. Then he put it in his hip pocket, and, taking anothe pistol from his other hip, he examined that in the same way. He next looked at his watch, trying to make out the time of night, then, stepping stealthily, moved away from the bivousc.

My curiosity in the little play that was going on so near me impelled me to get up and follow the man. He took a road leading southward down to ward a little town at the foot of the plateau called Jasper. I dared not walk near him lest my steps be heard. I therefore kept about a hundred vards in his rear. I was in danger of losing him, but I would rather do so than have him know that I followed him. I finally did lose him, but soon again caught sight of him or what I supposed was he. What was my surpris keeping my eye on the figure before me, upon its passing over a rise in the ground and showing its silhouette against the sky to see the garments of woman instead of a man.

Had Barker taken on a disguise? Had I lost him and fixed my gaze on another? An explanation soon veloped. Against the sky I saw two They locked to be side by side, but one was in rear of the other I could see the legs of one; the other from the waist down was bell shaped like a woman's dress.

As I looked the man turned to the right and entered a wood. Then I saw the woman do the same. I entered the wood at the point as near as I could determine it that they had entered and soon found myself in a ravine. It was dark as pitch in there, and I could not choose my steps. Occasionally l would catch a faint sound as one of the persons I followed dislodged stone or broke a stick under foot. Guided by such indications I pushed on till suddenly. I was halted by a sound of another kind.

It was the crack of a pistol or rifle. All was still for a few minutes Then I heard some one hurry past me up the declivity, but I could not see who it was. I stood listening till I heard a groan coming from below Then I went down as rapidly as I could in the dark and after going some distance stopped and listened Another groan nearer guided me, and moving toward it, I soon came to an opening in the trees admitting enough starlight to show me a body lying on the ground. I bent over it, at the same time asking:

"Who are you?"

"I'm Barker. Is that you?"
"Yes, it's I. What's the trouble?"

"T've been shot."

"I think I'm done for. I must give you same information at once. I'm John Archard, a United States government detective employed to hunt up these till it mountain whisky stills and bring those who run them to justice. I've come here after a man who is running a still. Some one who has

got on to what I was after has fol-lowed and shot me." "Whom do you suspect?" "I'm at a loss to know. It may be that Nancy Parks, suspecting that I was intending to 'shake' her, watched and followed me, not knowing any thing of my mission and thinking my

object to be simply to get rid of her. A very different theory occurred to me. - Judging from what I had seen. surmised that in Nancy Parks he had happened on one who loved the man was after. I reckoned that man to be Elijah Hanks. Likely the govern ment man had led Nancy to size him up for what he really was and to feel assured that he proposed to arrest her lover. She had pretended to be infat uated with Archard and followed him to keep him in view till she could warn her lover. Having failed to make Hanks understand her when she saw him from the wagon, she had stuck to the man who was trying to get him, followed him and shot him just before he was about to raid the

This turned out to be the true vermion of the story. But I kept my knowledge of it a secret, and Nancy Parks was never accused of the shooting. The government man recovered but was never convinced that Nancy was not infatuated with him.

#### THE MAGNETIC NEEDLE.

It Is Quite Often Very Far From Being

True to the Pole.
"True as the needle to the pole," like many another popular saying, conveys a distinctly erroneous impression. In order to keep itself duly informed as to the unfaithfulness of the needle to the pole, or, technically, the "variation of the compass" from the true north. our government maintains a division of terrestrial magnetism.

Not only does the magnetic needle vary at different places, but the variation changes from year to year and even at different times in the day. On magnetic survey charts those places which at a particular time have the same amount of variation are connected by what is known as an isogonic, or equal variation line. Through these points on the map in which there is no variation of the needle from the true north a line known as the agonic

Iron deposits and mountain ranges modify the action of the unknown causes of the periodical variation and cause these lines to become even more crooked than those which mark equal temperatures. known as isothermal

Isogonic charts may be accurate to day and full of small errors in a few years. The famous Mason and Dixon's line between Pennsylvania and Mary land, which was surveyed in the years 1703 to 1767. was run by the stars and not by the needle, a great ple foresight in that day. If it had been surveyed by the compass in 1800 it would have shown a deviation in some places of two miles, and had the line been run by uncorrected compass s hundred years later, in 1900, the variation would have reached nearly nine illes to the south and the rich coal fields of two Maryland counties would have been thrown into Pennsyl vania.

discovery of the magnetic needle's shortcomings is believed to have been made during the veyage of Columbus. The disclosure constitutes high tribute to the scientific perceptions of that day, even though it spread consternation among the ships' crews -Harper's.

#### PAGANINI HELPED HER.

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Paganini resolved to aid the girl and took a unique way to do it. He procured a wooden shoe and so fashioned it that it could be strung up and played like a fiddle. Then he adver-tised that he would give a concert and play five pieces on the violin and five on a wooden shoe. Of course this strange announcement drew a good house. The violinist had given the girl tickets to the concert, and after it was over he went to her, and, pouring 20,000 francs into her lap, he told her that she could now purchase a substitute her sweetheart and with the remainder set up housekeeping. He also gave her the wooden shoe that had brought her such good fortune and told her to sell it. Of course this curious instrument brought her a goodly sum, which she added to the amount which was to bring her domestic happiness.-W. Francis Gates in "Anec dotes of Great Musicians.

. Wanted Regular Work. A farm hand had worked in the field from dawn till darkness, doing the quit," he said to the farmer at the end of the month. "You promised me a stendy job."

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"No." said the man: "there are thre

or four hours every night that I don't have anything to do and fool my time Eway sleeping."-Success Magazine.

A Gentle Hint.

"But look here, Snip," said Slowpay,
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-Boston Transcript.

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D. C. PEABCE, Chairman,
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Sale of Valuable Timber.

Under the authority contained in an order of the Superior Court of Franklin County in the special proceeding, entitled, Martha A. Moses, Victoria Moses, et als vs. Roger C. Moses, Jas. C. Moses, et als ys. Roger C. Moses, Jas. C. Moses, et als, I will on Monday, the 4th day of September, 1911, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash all the timber 8 inches in diameter at the stump when cut 12 inches from the ground on that certain tract of land situate in Franklin County, State of North Carolina, and in Cypress Creek Township, bounded on the North by the lands of Willie Bowden, The Greenlief-Johnson Lumber Co., and Willis Bowden; on the East by the lands of Mrs. Laura Coppedge and Mrs. Laura Coppedge and Mrs. Spivey; on the West by the lands of Jnc. Wood and Mrs Sallie Hollingsworth the entire tract containing about two hundred and sixty-five (265) acres, and being known as The Luther Moses Honge Place.

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Louisburg, N. C., No. 4. Executrix's Notice.

Having qualified as the executrix of the will of Henry Long/deceased, hate of Franklin county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 22nd, day of September, 1911, or this notice will be blead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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