

Fortune and Misfortune

A REAL SHORT STORY

By A. Subscriber

Fred Traywick was a happy man at last. Not that he had never felt the thrill of happiness, for his boyhood had been glorious. But with the advent of manhood his lucky star had become eclipsed, and until something like a year ago, the spirit of blessedness had eluded him like a will o' the wisp. Today his heart was filled with consummate joy. Like his father before him, he was serving his fellowmen in the capacity of a skillful physician; a year ago he had married Jenny, the sweetheart of his dreams; and now, Jenny had presented him with a nine pound baby boy. Little wonder that his face glowed with joy—a joy made intensely poignant because happiness had been long denied him.

Although he would never know exactly how, even his misfortunes had conspired to bring him happiness. His ill luck began when he and his brothers, John Junior and Sam, upon the urgent insistence of their father, had joined the A. E. F. and sailed to France to help win the war. This had interrupted and delayed his own medical education. Neither John nor Sam had returned, and Sam's body rested in some unknown spot under the poppies of Flanders Field. One year after his own return his father's financial resources had vanished in an inexplicable market crash and there had been barely enough left to complete his last two years of training. Finally, after he had begun to practice, his failing father had become his first patient.

Fred's father had worshipped a trinity: service to humanity, service to his country, and service to his fellowman. He was one of the few who followed an ideal with the fanatical tenacity and whole-hearted devotion of a pioneer or a martyr, as indeed he was to the cause of other people's happiness. The loss of his two sons and the subsequent financial reverses had been too much for the old gentleman's mind. Fred first noticed it when his father showed a tendency to become psychic. He began to pay regular visits to the parlors of clairvoyants in vain efforts to get in touch with his lost sons. He could not sleep at night and often Fred, upon returning late from a date with Jenny, would find his father missing from his bed and sitting alone in some out of the way spot. Once when Jenny and he were sitting on one side of an old unused well discussing the subject nearest their hearts, they had been surprised to find his father on the other side listening intently to the echo of their voices in the hollow shaft of the old well.

They were both frightened and wondered how much of their conversation he had overheard. Fred remembered that he had said, "You know I love you, Jenny. I love you too much to ask you to share the struggle we should have in caring for my poor father. Perhaps some day—"

And Jenny had replied, "I know you do, Fred, but it has been such a long wait since we promised."

Fred hoped that his father had not heard that part of their discussion. They both had led the bewildered old man home and put him to bed, but he could not sleep and insisted that Jenny read to him. Whereupon Jenny went to the book case, took down a copy of Stevenson's "Master of Ballantrae," opened the book and read at random:

"This was a dream. I beheld you riding, I know not where, yet I think it must have been near Rome, for on one hand was an ancient tomb and on the other a garden of ever-green trees. The road brought you to a desert place among ruins with a door in a hillside, and hard by the door was a small pine. Here you dismounted, tied your horse to a pine tree, and entered resolutely in by the door. Within it was dark; but in my dream I could still see you, and besought you to hold back. You felt your way along a right hand wall, took a branching passage to the right, and came to a little chamber, where was a well with a railing. At this I seemed to have screamed myself hoarse with warnings, crying for you to turn back. To all my outcry you paid not the least attention, leaning the while upon the rail and looking down intently into the water. And then there was made to you a communication, I do not think I even gathered what it was, but the fear of it plucked me out of my slumber, and I awoke shaking and sobbing."

Jenny glanced up to find the old gentleman sound asleep. She laid aside the book, kissed Fred good-night, and tip-toed gently out the door and across the street to her home.

Some days afterward Fred and his father were riding along the hills near his home, for horseback riding was one of the few diversions that his father seemed to enjoy. By accident they came upon an old abandoned mining camp where was disclosed in the side of the hill an opening hole partly hidden by small pines. Fred hardly noticed the spot, but his father's face became sud-

denly very white, and he appeared greatly excited. Fearing that they had ridden too great a distance for his father's health, he turned the horses about, and they rode silently home. That night when Fred returned from Jenny's, his father was again missing. Nor could he be found on any of the premises nearby. The neighborhood was aroused and a thorough search instituted, but no trace was found until next morning when it was discovered that his horse was missing. A hurried race over the previous day's riding route revealed the horse tied to one of the pines outside the open shaft of the old mine.

Broken hearted, Fred was led from the scene while they raised the bruised body of his father from the bottom of the pit into which he had fallen. The coroner's inquest presided over by Jenny's father was complete but brief. His simple verdict was "death by accident."

Another List of Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Senior extension agriculturist (county agent work), \$4,600; senior extension agriculturist (boys' and girls' 4-H club work), \$4,600; extension agriculturist (extension research), \$3,800; associate extension agriculturist (extension research), \$3,200; senior extension economist, \$4,600 a year, office of cooperative extension work, Department of Agriculture. College graduation and certain experience required. Closing date, October 4, 1934.

Associate chemist (insecticides), \$3,200 a year, bureau of entomology and plant quarantine, Department of Agriculture. College graduation and certain experience, or post graduate work in lieu of experience, required. Closing date, October 4, 1934.

The salaries named are subject to a deduction of not to exceed 5 per cent during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935, as a measure of economy, and also to a deduction of 3 1-2 per cent toward a retirement annuity.

All states except Iowa, Vermont, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia have received less than their quota of appointments in the apportioned departmental service in Washington, D. C.

Full information may be obtained from the secretary of the United States Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office or custom house in any city which has a post office of the first or the second class, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

OPERATIONS RESUMED AT

Z. W. EVANS' WATER MILL
Z. W. Evans' water mill at Bennett's Mill is now in operation and in first class condition, after having been closed down for some time. Repairs and reconditioning were done by Harrison Spruill.

U. S. MAIL SERVICE TO LITTLE AMERICA CLOSES NOVEMBER 1

If perchance there are any stamp collectors in this community, the following information from C. B. Eilenberger, third assistant postmaster general, relative to the closing date of the Little America mail service, may be of interest:

"The attention of postmasters, employees of the Postal Service and others is called to the fact that the mail service to Little America, Antarctica, will close on or about November 1, 1934. This is the last opportunity to secure a second cancellation cover with the United States official postmark placed thereon at the post office at Admiral Byrd's camp.

"Covers will continue to be received by the Byrd Antarctic Expedition, in care of Postmaster, Washington, D. C., until about November 1, which is approximately the latest date mail can be forwarded to Dunedin, New Zealand, in time to reach the relief ship before its departure to Little America to return the expedition from the Antarctic.

"Collectors desiring the Little America second cancellations should send all covers to the 'Byrd Antarctic Expedition, in care of Postmaster, Washington, D. C.', accompanied with postal money order remittance at the rate of 53 cents per cover, payable to Byrd Antarctic Expedition (postage stamps will not be accepted in payment). The outer envelopes or wrappers containing the covers must bear the proper postage.

"The covers should not be stamped, as covers bearing stamps of the regular or other commemorative issues will not be forwarded to Little America. The covers should be addressed in the usual way, either to the collectors themselves or to the persons to whom they are to be returned.

"When the covers are received by the Byrd Antarctic Expedition at Washington, the 3-cent United States Little America stamp will be placed on them, after which they will be forwarded to Admiral Byrd's base camp at the bottom of the world, where they will be appropriately postmarked and returned by June, 1935, after traveling approximately 25,000 miles.

"The Byrd Antarctic Expedition II will place an attractive and unique cachet on the second cancellation covers to distinguish them from the first cancellation. These final covers from the Little America post office will serve as official souvenirs of the ex-

Dr. J. W. Selig

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Question: When should developing pullets be taken off the developing mash and placed on laying mash?

Answer: It is best to let the birds come up to about 25 per cent production before the change is made in the mash. The laying mash stimulates egg production which may cause the immature birds to stop

pedition and in future years will, no doubt, increase in value and interest to stamp cover collectors.

"As stated in the original notice of September 22, 1933, concerning the issuance of the Little America postage stamp, the foregoing procedure for having covers postmarked at the Little America post office is necessary because the department has no means of transporting this philatelic mail to the Little America post office other than through the facilities of the Byrd Antarctic Expedition."

growing and it is better to have a flock with high vitality than to have a high egg production at the expense of body vigor. Be sure the birds are fully developed and producing about 25 per cent before making the change.

Question: How may cow peas be stored to protect them from weevils?

Answer: Thresh the peas as soon as harvested and then mix them thoroughly with air-slacked lime at the rate of one pound of lime to one bushel of peas. After the peas are mixed they should be stored in closely woven sacks to prevent other weevils from getting in from the outside. If the peas are stored in a bin a layer of lime about one inch thick should be spread evenly over the top. Where large quantities of peas are stored the peas and lime may be mixed with a shovel but at least ten pounds of lime should be used to the bushel of peas.

PASTOR'S ISLAND MYSTERY

When the Rev. Dr. Lauchlan MacLean Watt announced recently in Glasgow, Scotland, that he had purchased Eilean a Chait, a Rosshire

island, he created a mystery because no such name appears on the Ordnance survey maps of Scotland. Followers of the clergyman and others sought in vain to find its location. Then the pastor revealed that it is one of the two Cat Islands, and lies off the southern shore of Loch Carron, near the rocky peninsula known as Dudha Mohr. The islands are connected by a sandspit at low water, and the one he acquired has a lighthouse 35 feet tall, which once was a very familiar beacon in these waters, but has been out of use for many years. Dr. Watt's home is surrounded with some of the most enchanting scenery Scotland has to offer.

REVIVAL SERVICES CLOSED AT WARWICK SWAMP CHURCH

Revival services closed at Warwick Swamp Baptist church Saturday evening. The preacher, Rev. Frank Cale, was assisted in the meeting by the Rev. Mr. Cole of Florida.

Baptismal services were held Sunday morning at Cannon's Ferry with immersion in Chowan River. Six persons were baptized.

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	27.72		7.80		61.56
100 at	40	40 at	42	36 at	40
	40.00		16.80		14.40
38 at	42	44 at	39	64 at	45
	15.96		17.16		28.80
74 at	44	96 at	48	64 at	48
	32.56		46.06		30.72
92 at	44	178 at	49	168 at	48
	40.48		87.22		80.64
44 at	50			100 at	70
	22.00				70.00
		416	\$183.36		
492	\$202.12			614	\$293.72

Average \$41.07

Average \$44.08

Average \$47.67

Mrs. O. S. Coltrain & Daniel		A. L. Oakley		Mrs. Isadella Hardison	
130 at	29	136 at	29	104 at	32
	\$ 37.70		\$ 39.44		\$ 33.28
46 at	31	128 at	47	174 at	34
	14.26		60.16		59.16
114 at	40	60 at	45	158 at	39
	45.60		27.00		61.62
70 at	45	104 at	45	110 at	45
	31.50		46.80		49.50
88 at	50	102 at	45	136 at	50
	44.00		45.90		68.00
126 at	51	152 at	42		
	64.26		63.84		
		114 at	40		
			45.60		
		32 at	37		
			11.84		
		574	\$237.32	682	\$271.56

Average \$41.34

Average \$41.13

Average \$39.81

C. T. Lawrence—300 lbs. \$115.48	Ave. \$38.49	E. M. Todd—472 lbs. \$174.13	Ave. \$36.89
P. D. Manning—654 lbs. \$245.10	Ave. \$37.47	J. W. Cowan—320 lbs. \$115.08	Ave. \$35.96
John Edmonds—690 lbs. \$281.20	Ave. \$40.75	Roy Cullipher—558 lbs. \$228.09	Ave. \$40.87
A. L. Owens & Harris—536 lbs. \$192.20	Ave. \$35.86	T. C. Wynne—584 lbs. \$232.28	Ave. \$39.77
Holliday & Cowan—346 lbs. \$128.72	Ave. \$37.20	Roebuck & Beach—490 lbs. \$181.59	Ave. \$37.05
Herman Moore—708 lbs. \$273.28	Ave. \$38.60	Bell & Baker—302 lbs. \$107.34	Ave. \$35.54
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