



SYNOPSIS.

At the beginning of great automobile face the mechanician of the Mercury, Stanton's machine, drops dead. Strange youth, Jesse Floyd, volunteers, and is accepted. In the rest during the twenty-four hour race Stanton meets a stranger, Miss Carlisle, who introduces herself. The Mercury wins race. Stanton receives flowers from Miss Carlisle, which he ignores. Stanton meets Miss Carlisle on a train. They alight to take walk, and train leaves. Stanton and Miss Carlisle follow in auto. Accident by which Stanton is hurt is mysterious. Floyd, at lunch with Stanton, tells of his boyhood. Stanton again meets Miss Carlisle and they dine together. Stanton comes to track sick, but makes race. They have accident. Floyd hurt, but not seriously. At dinner Floyd tells Stanton of his twin sister, Jessica. Stanton becomes very link and loses consciousness. On recovery, at his hotel Stanton receives invitation and visits Jessica. They go to theater together, and meet Miss Carlisle. Stanton and Floyd meet again and talk business. They agree to operate automobile factory as partners. Floyd becomes suspicious of Miss Carlisle. as partners. Miss Carlisle.

CHAPTER IX-(Continued).

"Jessica has the right to a chance, "I'm not goin' to meddle with things beyond my understandin' An' I'd rather have her your wife than have anything else in the world. Only -you've seen her just once-you can't tell if you want her, yet.'

Stanton shot him one straight, expressive glance.

"She is like you," slipped from him involuntarily; then, furious at his betrayal of sentiment, he dropped the other's hand. "We had better go, or we'll miss the train," he bruskly reminded.

"Oh, she is like me," confirmed Floyd; he turned to look again at the factory. "We are pretty close chums. Yes, you an' I had better be gettin' to the train.

They walked back to the nearest trolley line, both silent.

The subject was not touched again until the following morning, when they left the train in New York

"When shall I see you?" Stanton questioned, as they exchanged farewells in the noisy depot. "To-mor

"I'm going to be out of town for the next two weeks, Mr. Green tells me," Floyd replied. "They want me at the Mercury factory, and there are some other trips, too, I believe. Jessica is going to be rather deserted: if you happen to look her up, no doubt she would be glad to speak to some one besides her nurse."

"Thank you," accepted Stanton, as carelessly. "Take care of yourself." He had not reached the exit when Floyd overtook him.

"Here are the entries for the Cup race," he panted, thrusting a folded newspaper into Stanton's hand. "There are two Atalanta cars to run against It's you who need to take care of yourself, until afterward."

"Floyd, wait! What do you mean? Do you really think But his mechanician evaded the

question.

"Some people are hoodoos," he ughed. "Keep away from them laughed. please. Good-by.'

He had not spoken Valerie Carlisle's name, yet Stanton knew against whom he warned. And the melodramatic absurdity of the idea did not prevent an odd thrill of discomfort and inse curity, from which he took his usual refuge in roughness.

"I'm not in the habit of hiding from people, hoodoos or not. Good-by."
"Oh, very well," acquiesced Floyd

oddly. "But if you won't take care of yourself, Stanton—" oddly.

"Never mind."

CHAPTER X.

An Interval.

It was on the second day after his arrival in New York that Stanton called upon Jessica Floyd. This time he went more confidently up the stairs of the quiet apartment house, sure of his right.

As before, the little old Irishwoman clad in black silk was waiting to admit him; as before, he could have cried out in the wonder of seeing this cried out in the wonder of seeing this girl who turned Floyd's candid face to him and smiled with Floyd's gray eyes. Only, this afternoon Jessicia did not rise from the plane seat to greet him, but from a chair near a

"Jes is away again," she regretted. giving him her hand. "I came to see you, by his permis-

The rich color flushed under her marvelous skin, that was like no other woman's he had ever seen. Floyd dif-fered there, man from girl, his com-plexion being much darker and less

"It is too early to give you tea and cake," she told him, with a playfulness parky shy. "But if you will talk to pur, it will be after | The girl shivered slightly, her gaze

four o'clock and I can offer you hos

'What shall I talk to you about?" he doubted. "I am better at listening. I think."

"Oh, anything, everything. Suppose were Jes; I like what he likes, racing, factories, motor-cars.'

Although the season was early, fire burned in the tiny hearth, on either side of which they were seated facing each other. In the ruddy light Stanton contemplated the smiling girl in her pale-blue gown with its lace ruffles foaming around her full young throat and falling low across her

"Your brother has told you of the business partnership that we plan for this winter, Miss Floyd?"

She nodded her bronze-crowned

"Yes: I am very glad." "Did he," a sudden fancy prompted the question, "did he tell you that I coming here to see you, if I

"Did he know of it?" she asked in

ounter-question.
Floyd had kept the confidence given him, then, although no formal re-straint had been made. The expression that crossed Stanton's dark face was warm and very gentle.

"He knew, yes. I wish I could have met your brother years ago; I might have been less hard a man, more fit to know him, and you, now.

"Has he not taught you that I am

In her earnestness she leaned forward, her eyes fearlessly on his.

"Never. Do not imagine he thinks you that, do not so wrong his memory of your kindness. A rough word-what The first gentleness cancels it; what is a friend worth who does not understand?

Stanton bent his head, looking at the fire

"I have not had much gentleness shown me," he said. "My mother died when I was born; when I was thirteen my father married again. My step mother was a good woman, whom I loved as well as my father did. But within the second year after the marriage, the horses they were driving ran away, dragging the carriage over an embankment, and my parents died within a few moments of each other while being taken to the hospital Have I said that my father was wealthy? He was so. He had made his will, a year before, leaving every thing to his wife; well knewing that she in her turn would pass all on to me. She was much younger than he almost certain to outlive him, and entirely to be trusted. But she had never made a will, delayed by chance or forgetfulness, I suppose. When he died five minutes before her, all his fortune passed to his wife; then, upon her death without a will, again legally passed on to her relatives. I was left with no share or claim."

"But it was yours by every right! Surely, surely, your step-mother's rel atives did not take it?"

They took every penny and every inch, Miss Floyd. And I, at fifteen was sent out into the world, a beggar

on his firm profile with its lines of relentless strength.

"You meant to punish them," she faltered.

"Revenge? No; it was not worth taking. I will not deny I thought of that as a boy; as a man I was too practical to waste my time. What I decided to have was money. I found in my aptitude for this automobile racing my best and quickest way to a starting capital. If I killed ecure myself in doing it, very good; that was better than poverty. I was poor for six years; poor for a lifetime I will not

"No, you will not be," she agreed her voice quite low and agitated. "You were born to bend circumstance, for good or ill."

"Circumstance bent me, when it set your brother in my path," he con rected. "I never before had a friend, or cared-" He shook his head imps tiently, turning fully to her. what dead history am I boring you with! Forgive me; I only meant to say there might be some small excuse for my savagery. It is after four o'clock, I was promised tea.'

Jessica rose to cross to the little tea-table, but lingered for an instant. "Jes once told me that he had been guilty of the impertinence of saying his driver had the best disposition and the worst temper he had ever seen.

apologize for the last part. "Perhaps he may yet retract the first," he warned lightly, yet touched When she summoned him to take his cup, Stanton looked at the brown beverage, then in quizzical surprise at

think that if he were here, he would

"Yes," she laughed, coloring. "With three lumps of sugar in it. Jes told me that whenever he was out with you, you drank chocolate syrup and sweet. I thought it was only girls who

liked sweet, syrupy things." "And do you always give people what they like?" he asked, amused

and oddly pleased.
"I would like to," she retorted. "Then I would like very much to have you go to the theater with me, to-night.

"As you like," she conceded, her

heavy lashes sweeping her cheeks. The first step was made. For the next two weeks they saw each other frequently. Twice Stanton brought one of the Mercury cars and took Jessica for sedate afternoon drives. Several rainy days she gave him sweet chocolate and sat opposite him before the bright little hearth, listening or talking with the equable sunniness so like Floyd's. Indeed, Stanton soon came to feel with her the sense of companionship and certainty of being understood that he felt with her brother. But he never was rough to Jes-

During that interval he did not meet Floyd. Jes was busy thirty miles up the Hudson valley, at the Mercury factory, Jessica said, and as Stanton of course knew from his mechanician's own statement. Only it impressed him as rather strange that Floyd could not get away even once or twice to see his sister

Meanwhile the Cup race was aped orphan. They had no interest in proaching. On the last evening before



"Will You Sing It to Me Now?"

race.

you?

me, and I was old enough to support | Stanton went out to the Long Island myself. One of them offered to get me a position as office boy." "Oh! You--"

"I-lived," he grimly answered. "I asked them for nothing. What personal trinkets belonged to me, I sold, for the first needs; then I set to work. My father had wished me to be a mechanical engineer, and I meant to fulfil his plan. Perfect health I did -for six years I regularly worked twenty hours out of each twenty-four until I was graduated from college For six years I was always tired, oc casionally hungry, and took just one recreation: every night I walked through the avenue where my former home stood, and looked at it. I saw the people who had robbed me go handsomely clad and sleek, I saw their carriages and servants pass and repass. I watched, and I concluded that there was just one thing in life worth while."

Woman Bootblack London is to have its first woman bootblack. A woman has just completed arrangements to set up a bootblacking stand at one of the busies corners in the West End. She believes herself to be the pioneer woman bootblack in England and declares that the men in the business need not fear her competition, since she intends to devote herself exclusively to polishing the footwear of women and

ourse, he called on Jessica.

York, of course," he said to her.

"It is possible to come into New

After that, after Floyd and I

back, shall I see as much of

Or won't you want me around

I shall stay out there until after the

Startled, she met his eyes, then

turned away hurriedly to the piano.

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GOVERNOR CALLS SPECIAL SESSION

MR. CRAIG ISSUES PROCLAMA TION SETTING THE DATE AS SEPTEMBER 24.

HAS A TWO-FOLD PURPOSE

The Extra Session of the General As sembly Will Consider the Rate Problem as Well As Proposed Constitutional Amendments.

Raleigh-A proclamation was issued by Governor Craig for the general assembly to convene in extraordinary ession September 24, the session having a constitutional limitation of 20 days. The proclamation de clares the special session to be for the following specific purposes:

"Frist, to provide for the people of North Carolina just transportation rates and adjust the relations and between the state of obligations North Carolina and the railroads operating within the territory of the

"Second, to receive the report of the constitutional commission and to consider the submission to the people of amendments to the constitution.' Speaking of the call for the legisla

ture. Governor Craig said: "The last legislature passed a reso lution proving for an extra session of the general assembly in order that amendments to the constitution might be submitted to the people. The general assembly created a commission to prepare such amendments and re port them to the governor. This

commission has completed its work An extra session of the legislature is therefore necessary. "The negotiations between the rep-

esentatives of the railroads and corporation commission have not, in any opinion, resulted in any understanding | Buncombe Delegation Named. sufficiently definite to delay the call for the extra session. These negotiations will not be interfered with by this call, and before the meeting of the general assembly September 24 there is ample time in which to arrive at an agreement. I earnestly hope that there will be an amicable adjustment of our differences-with the railroads

"I cannot do otherwise than submit these questions so vitally affecting the people of North Carolina to their chosen representatives."

Franklin County Good Roads. The good roads of Franklin county

are fast coming to be recognized as the best in the state. People from various sections of the country come to inspect them and study at first hand their plan of construction. A large party from Goldsboro, consisting of George C. Royall, Capt. N. O'Berry, F. K. Barden, John M. Grantham, G. A. Norwood and John Borden, who compose the board of trustees appointed to build 25 miles of good roads in the Goldsboro township of Wayne county spent a day in going over the roads.

Governor Grants Three Pardons Governor Craig granted three pardons. John Whitaker of Wilson county, who has served since 1897 on a 30 year sentence for second degree mur-

der and is now 60 years old, is pardonon recommendation of Judge S. O'B. Robinson, who tried the case. "Babe" Robinson of New Hanover county is pardoned for the remainder of a one-year sentence for highway robbery, the judge and other court officers recommending the pardon. "Bud" Davis of Durham county is par doned from the remainder of an 18 months' sentence for retailing.

Test Efficiency of Sand Clay Roads. The county commissioners are about to test the efficiency of the sand clay roads in Mecklenburg for they have blocked off the stretch of road between the Mount Helly road and the Rozzell's Ferry road and this is now in the hands of the road-builders The cost of building is about \$1,200 a mile cheaper for the sand-clay road

Road Work in Rowan County.

An order has been passed by the Rowan county commissioners to have the public road leading from Salisbury to the Piedmont toll bridge thor oughly repaired. A force of men will be set to work at once and the thoroughfare will be placed in tip-top condition. The old road-bed is to be removed, a new dressing given the macadam and sand-ciay used where advisable. This stretch of road is perhaps used by more men who pay more taxes than any road of the same length in North Carolina.

Only Two Towns Hreard From. The trustees for the erection of the North Carolina Home for Wives and Widows of Confederate Veterans, Col. Ashley Horne, chairman, opened bids from towns for the location of the institution and find that only Durham and Fayetteville have made proposals. The Durham and the Fayetteville sites are to be inspected soon, Fayette ville offers the choice of two sites and \$3,000 in money to be added to the \$10,000 appropriated by the state. Durham offers one site and \$1,750 in

STATE OPTICIANS ADJOURN

Will Hold Their Next Meeting in New Bern.-Officers Elected For Ensuing Year.

Durham .- The State Optical Society spent another interesting day in Durham and passed a number of important resolutions before adjourning. One of the most important of these resolutions was one condemning the general practice of seiling glasses by mail. The United States postoffice department has recently prosecuted two St. Louis men for using the mails in this way, especially prosecuting those who advertise gold-filled glasses at a dollar a pair. The North Carolina society's resolutions approved and commended the action of the department.

The following new officers were elected at this meeting:

President, C. H. Hanessee, of Ashe-Frank M. Jolley, of Raleigh, sec-

retary-treasurer. Nathan Rosnstein, Durham, first vice resident.

R. W. Walker, of Winston-Salem second vice president.

After the transaction of the regu lar business the members of the society were the guests of the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company, and made a tour of their plant in Durham. It took something like an hour for the visitors to go over the plant, and they found it most interesting. They were shown the various processes through which the tobacco is carried from the warehouse floor till it is packed into the tobacco sacks as smoking tobacco or rolled into the tinfoil packages as cigarettes.

The last work of the society was the selection of a place for next year's meeting. There was some suggestions that the society meet in the western part of the state, but this was overruled on account of the meeting of the State Jewelers' Association there next year. A number of the members are also jewelers and for this reason an eastern town was selected. The association will meet at New Bern next year.

President E. C. Chambers of the Good Roads Association of Ashevifie and Buncombe county, has named the following delegates to represent the local organization at the approaching meeting of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, which is to be held July 30 and 31 and August 1, at Morehead City: Gov. Locke Craig; Dr. Chas. P. Ambler, Mayor J. E. Rankin, Frank R. Hewitt, Fergus Stikeleather, Fred L. Seely, Dr. S. Westray Battle, Dr. M. H. Fletcher, Ben M. Jones, Charles A. Webb, Dr. E. B. Glenn, Frank M. Weaver, W. F. Randolph, Harry W. Plummer, Dr. Reynolds, E. C. Sawyer and Mark Brown.

Two Women Killed by Train.

Two women, about 30 and 35 years old, whose bodies now await identification at a local undertaking establishment at Asheville were instantly killed by Southern railway passenger train No. 102 due in Asheville from Morristown, Tenn., at 10:55. Reports state that the women, who were mangled almost beyond recognition, were walking on the western track near Riverside Park, this city, when they crossed to the opposite track to avoid a freight train coming behind them. They were caught by the eastbound passenger train which passed over

Officers Capture Another Still, Chief of Police Harden and Deputy Justice, receiving inform blockade still was at work in the vi-

cinity of Rutherford, made a raid, capturing a 50-gallon liquor-making outfit, which did not seem to have been in operation for some time. However it is thought that no small part or the ardent which has been coming into Rutherford at intervals was produced by this plant.

North Carolina Postmasters.

North Carolina postmasters recent ly commissioned are Joseph H. Lane, Leaksville; Ples J. Caudell, St. Paul; Otho K. Holding, Wake Forest; Jos. H Bowen, West Durham, and Lizzie Galloway, Supply. William C. Tucker has been made carrier for Route No. 1 out of Thomasville.

State Builders' Exchange.

The Builders' Exchange of North Carolina will meet in semi-annual session in Charlotte next May. An invi tation was recently extended by C. C. Hook, president of the Greater Charlotte Club and by Mr. J. A. Jones, a leading contractor here. The decision to accept the invitation was unanimous. This will bring to Charlotte next summer the leading contractors and builders of the state. The recent meeting was held at Wrightsville. Mr. J. A. Jones is president of the organization.

Given Sixty Years at Hard Labor. Pleading guilty to two charges of murder in the second degree, Jack Burton, alias Jack Berry, colored, charged with killing two women of his race in a dance hall on South French Broad avenue, Asheville, was sentenced to serve a term of sixty years at hard labor in the state penitentiary, by Judge Frank Carter. There were two sentences of thirty years each imposed by the court. In passing upon the case, the court held that the trial docket of the superior court is quite congested with criminal cases.

THE STATE GROCERS

END THEIR ANNUAL CONVEN TION. - ADMINISTRATION WARMLY COMMENDED.

MEET IN CHARLESTON NEXT

Charlotte is Highly Praised.-The Next Annual Convention To Be Held at the Isle of Paims When Big At tendance is Expected.

Charlotte,-"I unhesitatingly affirm and I am confident that every wholesale grocer, manufacturer and manufacturers' salesman will bear me out in the statement, that the twenty-second annual convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association held in Charlotte has been the best. in unity of effort, and co-operative spirit manifested, that the organization has ever known, certainly in my experience"-President J. H. McLaurin, of Jacksonville, Fla., head of the rganization.

"Charleston and the Charleston grocers, jobbers and salesmen are going to do all in their power to give the twenty-third annual convention a royal reception and entertainment. I can say no more than this: We will give you as nearly as we are able as good a time as Charlotte has done"-Mr. J. Koster of Charleston, the man who induced the association to hold its next annual meeting at the Isle of Palms, Charleston.

These two expressions will give ome idea of the manner in which Charlotte has entertained the several hundred delegates and visitors here for the annual convention Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, which adjourned recently after electing officers for the ensuing year and selecting the Isle of Palms, Charleston, S. C., for the next place of meeting. Those elected were Mr. J. H. McLaurin of Jacksonville, president; Mr. J. D. Faucette, of Bristol, Tenn., first vice president; Mr. W. T. Reeves, of Tupelo, Miss., second vice president, and Mr. C. W. Bartleson of Jacksonville, Fla., treasurer. The office of secretary is filled by the directors, the present secretary, who will doubtless be re-elected, being Mr. Robert Moore of Jacksonville. The re-election of Mr. McLaurin was the occasion of a vast outpouring of commendation.

Home Coming Day in Bertie County. Windsor.-The first Thursday in August for the past twenty years has been a great day in the life of the people of Bertie county. That is "Old Soldiers' Day" and on it in Windsor is held a reunion of the Confederate veterans. An immense crowd always attends. This year unusual efforts have been made to have a larger celebration and gathering than usual. A 'home coming" day has been added and much interest has been aroused by the large number of letters received from absent Bertie people who say they are going to pay the old

Old Lady Killed by Train.

home a visit.

Lumberton.-While crossing the track at the National Cotton Mills, two miles above here, Mrs. Della Blackburn, 65 years old, was struck by the first section of Seaboard train No. 14, being injured so badly that she died an hour later. The train was composed of Pullmans carrying people from Birmingham and Atlanta to Wrightsville, and, atthough running confirmed their suspicions that a at high speed, was stopped by the time it ran half its length. The aged lady was wearing a sun-bonnet and started to cross the track without looking up.

North Carolina New Enterprises.

Raleigh.-Charters were issued for the Graham Water Company, capital \$10,000 subscribed by E. L. Henderson and others for supplying water to the town of Graham; the Park View Hospital, incorporated, Rocky Mount, capital \$50,000 authorized, and \$25,000 subscribed by R. H. Speight and others, and the Matt Slaughter Company, Kinston, capital \$100,000, subscribed by Matt Slaughter and others for musical instrument and mercantile business.

Good Roads in Durham.

Durham-The county road force has completed that part of the central highway in Durham county and when Orange county connects with this road leading out of West Durham there will be a good road from this city to Greensboro. One gang of the convict force is now working on the Durham end of the Quebec and Miami road. which is known as the Oxford road. It will take something like three months to get a four-mile gap in this road put into the proper condition for travel.

Held On Serious Charge.

Greensboro-W. C. Tise, a Winston-Salem business man, and his stenographer, Miss Lillie Tess, are under bonds of \$400 to appear in police court and answer to charges of immorality. Some time ago the woman came to Greensboro and took apartments and to her a child was born. After the birth, man, woman and child left in an automobile. The child was left with a woman in the suburbs of Winston-Salem, where it died. Investigation when a burial certificate was requested furnished the clue,