The Gorgeous Hussy

Adapted from the Novel by HELEN ROCHEFORT MAYER, Based on the Life of PEGGY EATON

HALSEY RAINES

Chapter One

It was a Tuesday in the year of grace 1828, and that meant slave market day in Washington. No other form of entertainment in the capital city enjoyed quite so much popular appeal. Admission was free, action continuous, drama and comedy intermingled in equal proportions.

Although attendance was traditionally restricted to men or escorted ladies, Peggy O'Neale tried to betray no self-consciousness as she sped along the streets leading to the market-place. Within her blouse was hidden an envelope containing forty-five dollars, a windfall from a lottery ticket. During the past year her thoughts had been focused on one goal: the purchase of a slave to be her very own.

Her father, Major O'Neale, had many servants to help carry on the daily routine of the Franklin Inn, one of the most popular taverns in the nation's capital. Why should she not have her own private retainer, her man Friday, who would serve both as protector and runner of special errands? It was a splendid idea; the more she thought of it the better she liked it. Only she did feel a little nervous as she took her place, followed by staring male eyes, on a fourth-row bench in Skyrock's Arena.

"Families — singles — when the bell tingles. Come one — come all — and bid — that's all. Thus read the big sign at the end of the market. Some of the slaves were completely carefree, laughing boyishly at the prospect of a change of ownership. Others were silent and morose. The family groups were huddled together, looking about with apprehensive glances; the unattached individuals strayed about on the platform.

John Randolph of Roanoke was a tall, stern, dynamic man who professed to have no interest in the opposite sex. His speeches, while

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sometimes bitter, always enthralled his listeners in the Senate, and his life was wrapped up in his political rights, and unselfishly devoted to the welfare of his native Virginia. Despite his severity of manner, however, there were times when he could unbend a little, and it seemed not altogether likely that the only reason he lodged at Franklin Inn was because of the efficient service it provided.

To Peggy he had been a masculine idol, ever since she was fourteen, and had first seen him. Though she was rather awed by his high position, and his brilliant mind, she was one of the few persons who spoke to him without any artificial deference. Nineteen now, she hardly dared admit to herself just what her feelings were, while she realized that he still considered her a child. He liked her charming, naive ways and her joyous personality, but he could think of her only as a school girl.

When he learned from Cuthbert, a servant at the inn, that Peggy had been bound for the slave exchange, he was indignant. He had a speech to think of, but that could wait until later in the day. Petulantly he cuffed his walking cane against every signboard he passed, as he hurried to the hall of sale.

The matinee performance had begun when he arrived. Lilac, sturdy, buxom young negress with an unflinching expression, was on the block. Glowingly the auctioneer pointed out her commercial attributes.

Senator Randolph paid no attention to his booming sales talk. With keen, piercing gaze he surveyed every corner of the market, until his eyes lighted on the girl he sought. Then he pushed his way through the crowd to her side, heedless of intervening arms and legs. "Margaret!" he cried. "How dare you come to this wretched place — and alone!"

"Sit down," replied Peggy, tugging at his sleeve.

"We're leaving at once," he replied.

"If you don't sit down, I'll make a scene," she replied. "It'd never do for the illustrious Senator from Virginia to cause a rumpus, would it?"

John Randolph complied. Lilac was sold for three hundred dollars to a sallow, sly-faced trader, and Cree, a tall, muscular, broad-shouldered youth, was next in line. He was turned around and the familiar [illegible]

ing that he was a runaway. Peggy felt sorry for him as she stared eagerly. Murmurs came from the crowd. "A runaway! . . . he's no good!"

Peggy, encouraged by these depressing voices, timidly started the bidding at ten dollars. The trader, who had purchased Lilac went to twenty, sensing a bargain. Peggy bid thirty, the trader raised her five, she bounded everything she had, only to be outbid again. In desperation she turned at Randolph's stern. He [illegible] coldly, but was unable to resist her appeal and just before the auctioneer's hammer fell called out, "Sixty dollars!"

A minute later Cree became Peggy's property. Bubbling over with joy and gratitude, she tried to thank Randolph, but he had already fallen back on his dignity, a bit piqued with himself at having come to the rescue of a damsel in distress. He pleaded an engagement, and Peggy marched off with Cree.

On the way home she encountered Roderick ("Rowdy") Dow, an alert young writer who had for some time been ineffectually pressing his attentions upon her. He was on horseback, carrying a rolled newspaper under his arm, and almost tripped over himself as he dismounted and rushed to greet her.

"Rowdy!" she cried. "You must have important news."

"Listen," he replied, pretending to read from the paper. "At four p.m. on the 23rd of April, 1823, it is reliably reported that Miss Margaret O'Neale, beautiful but hitherto heartless daughter of Major William O'Neale, has consented to become the bride of that brilliant journalist of Georgetown and Washington, Mr. Roderick Dow."

"Don't you ever get the truth in your paper?" answered Peggy, laughing.

"This is going to be true," said Rowdy. "Even if I have to carry you off some dark night!"

"I've got someone to protect me now," smiled Peggy, pointing at Cree.

The distant sound of a blare of trumpets was heard and Peggy hastily excused herself, not wishing to miss one of the main events of the week at the Franklin Inn.

When the Philadelphia Coach arrived everyone turned out to greet it. As Cuthbert, the chief welcomer, flung open the door he was surprised to find that one of the new arrivals was his own cousin, LaRoy Sunderland, whom he had not seen in several years. Sunderland, a suave and romantically attractive young man of thirty, dressed in a rather flashy manner, had assumed the title of "Professor" following his study of the disputed science of phrenology.

"Major O'Neale," said Cuthbert excitedly, turning to his employer, "shake 'ands with none other than Professor La Roy Sunderland, master of phrse-nol-ogy and all matters pertaining to the 'uman 'ead — and me own blood cousin!"

"I am delighted, sir," said Sutherland, taking the Major's hand "to find welcome in such a charming haven of tranquillity."

The other arrival was a handsome young naval officer, with an erect bearing and a humorous twist to his mouth. He introduced himself as Lieutenant John Bowie Timberlake, and invited everyone in to have a drink at the bar. The Professor had taken no great liking to his fellow-traveler and responded with ill grace, but Timberlake slapped him good-humoredly on the back.

When Peggy arrived on the scene Cuthbert was laboring with the baggage. Conscious of Cree's brawny figure towering beside him, he looked up in amazement.

"You bought all that for forty-five dollars?" he demanded of Peggy.

"I had a little help from the Senator from Virginia," she answered with a smile. "Who's come?"

"The Professor — me own blood cousin!" replied Cuthbert enthusiastically. "Blowed if 'e don't look the royal duke!"

"A new man!" echoed Peggy eagerly.

"There's another young bloke with 'im, a sailor lad," confided Cuthbert.

"Two new men!" cried Peggy, her face lighting up. Without further delay she strode toward the inn, as Cuthbert, knowing her coquettish disposition, shook his head dubiously.

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(Tomorrow: Peggy involves herself in unexpected developments when she meets the two newcomers.)

TWO CAROLINA'S HOME GAMES START AT 2:30; OTHERS AT 2

None of the University of North Carolina's home games this year will start later than [illegible] o'clock, and two of them will start at 2. The opening game with Wake Forest at Charlotte, September [illegible], will start at [illegible]

Carolina's next two home games, with Tennessee October 3 and Maryland October 10, will start at 2:30, and the last two home events, with N. C. State October 31 and Duke November 14 will start at 2 o'clock.

Miss Josephine Jones, of Lincolnton, was the guest of Miss Gladys

MODERN OCULISTS USE ARAB REMEDIES

Book Tells of Eye Treatment 1,000 Years Ago.

Chicago.—Arab oculists, practicing in Bagdad 1,000 years ago, prescribed remedies for diseases of the eye, many of which are still in use today.

Operations for cataracts, treatment for trachoma of the eyelids, remedies for headache and treatment for squint eye were daily procedures of these ancient eye doctors who practiced in the bazaars of Bagdad.

The wide extent to which ophthalmology was known a century before the Dark ages is revealed through the first English translation of the Tadhkirat (The Oculist's Memorandum book) of Ali ibn Isa by Dr. Casey Wood, former head of the department opthalmology of the Northwestern university medical school.

Regarded Most Original.

The book is regarded as the most original and complete of all the early treatises on the diseases of the eye. The translation was done by Doctor Wood in Rome where he had access to the vast store of material in the Vatican library.

The completed manuscript was returned to America, where it was prepared for publication by Dean Irving Cutter and Dr. Harold Gifford, present head of the department of ophthalmology of Northwestern university medical school.

Not until the Eighteenth century, when Kepler published his work on dioptries, when the prescription of glasses became common, did any better treatise on ophthalmology appear, according to Doctor Wood.

The Tadhkirat is divided into three books. The first is devoted to the anatomy of the eye. The second treats of external diseases of the eye, of which 70 are included, ranging from diseases of the lid and the falling out of eyelashes to cancer of the cornea. Twenty-five internal diseases of the eye are listed in the third book, among them being diseases of the retina, the optic nerve; atrophy of the eyeball and treatment of squint.

Gives 143 Remedies.

The work includes 143 ophthalmic remedies and their specific action on the eye. Many of these, Doctor Wood states, are effective today and well known to modern oculists.

They include white lead, zinc, ash, vitrol and opium. He also mentions and recommends camphor, musk and amber.

The use of anesthesia as an adjunct in operations on the eye appears for the first time in any written account in the Tadhkirat. The idea of general anesthesia to relieve pain must have been original with Ali, according to Doctor Wood, although the Arabian oculist nowhere mentions that it was his own discovery.

"It is remarkable," Doctor Wood states, "that general anesthesia, evidently well understood by early Arabian surgeons, is either ignored or its practice denied by medical historians. Its first use in ophthalmic operations is ascribed to Junken in 1850, over 800 years after Ali lived and practiced."

Woman's Rib Is Grafted Into Head of Another

Battle Creek, Mich.—With an inch and a quarter of rib grafted into the frontal bone of her forehead, Mrs. Martha Earl, of Bellevue, was reported recovering at Nichols hospital from the effects of an automobile accident which occurred last fall.

The injury and subsequent infection had left a portion of the patient's brain unprotected. Dr. Robert H. Fraser performed a delicate double operation recently, removing a rib from Miss Bertha Wellington, of Lansing, former state health department nurse, and transplanting it to the injured forehead of Mrs. Earl. Miss Wellington herself was injured recently in an automobile accident, and removal of the rib was deemed advisable.

Latest in Traffic Tags

Palo Alto, Calif.—Traffic policemen under a "live and let live" campaign hereafter will tag both the good and the bad. The bad drivers will get the usual police court ticket; the good ones, a movie ticket.

Free Lunch for Jury

Tulare, Calif.—Housewives serving on police court juries will not be obliged to rush home during the noon intermission and prepare lunch. The city has decided to serve them lunches free.

"Magic Pebbles" of Quints' Town Popular

Toronto, Ont.—The "magic pebbles" of Callander, birthplace of the Dionne quintuplets, are in heavy demand by persons who desire children, according to Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, the quints' physician.

The legend seems to be that any person who obtains a pebble from Callander will have children.

"I do not know the origin of the legend," Dafoe told the Medical Health Officers' convention, "but in some cases it seems to work. In some cases the couples have been without children for as long as fourteen years."

Dafoe said many persons wrote to him, asking for a pebble and inclosing a $1 bill. He said he always sent back the money.

Many Annuals Are Best Sown In Fall

Every time that nature produces annual flowers in our gardens from self-sown seed, she demonstrates that annuals can be grown from seed sown in the fall.

The list of annuals which can self-seed may vary in different sections of the country, but it it probable that annual larkspur and cornflowers (centaurea cyanus) will be on the list almost anywhere.

These and other subjects may be grown from seed sown in the fall; and many authorities advise that larkspurs be so grown wherever possible. Plants from fall sowing get started much earlier in the spring; and they flower almost as soon as indoor plants, besides being much larger and more vigorous.

SOW ANNUALS IN THE FALL AND COVER WITH STRAW MULCH

The list of subjects may safely include all annuals which usually self-sow in your neighborhood, and any other varieties which are hardy, and have small, hard seeds, with which you are willing to take a chance for the sake of earlier plants. Large, soft seeds, even of hardy varieties, may decay in the wet ground, but the hard seeds will lie safe if protected from being washed out of the soil by rains, or injury in some other way.

Nature is always lavish; and much of the seed she sows, no doubt, is lost. With purchased seed one will probably wish to be more careful.

A seed bed surrounded by a wooden curb is an excellent place to sow fall annuals. A cold frame will do as well; and many sow seeds in the open garden, where experience has shown drainage is good. If seeds are sown in rows, which can be marked, it is easy to check results and protect the seedlings when they appear.

Sow the seed thinly, mixing small seed with dry sand to help scatter it, and do not sow much deeper than you would in the spring. Many gardeners cover the row with a shallow layer of sand after sowing. In a seed bed, or cold frame, after the ground has frozen a light mulch of leaves may be placed over the bed to keep the frost in. This mulch should be removed before the seeds sprout in the spring.

Annuals which are usually successful from fall sowing include alyssum, snapdragons, cacalia, calendula, calliopsis, candytuft, centauria syanus, clarkia, cosmos, eschsholtzia, euphorbia, gypsophila, larkspur, lupin, nicotiana, petunia, annual phlox, annual poppies and sweet peas.

Conditions in the spring are usually fine for transplanting and plants may be moved from the seed bed to the border about the time one would be sowing seed in the spring. The fall sown plants are not soft like those grown indoors and receive little or no check from transplanting.

Reviewing Elizabeth City Business Firms

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Dr. H. A. Thorson

CHIROPRACTOR

Located in Elizabeth City, N. C. Phone 1054.

One tiny maladjustment of the electric system of your motor car and you have serious truoble; that great panting motor refuses to function. In like manner when the nervous system finds interference, the great, human body finds itself in trouble and that is called disease. That delicate system is so constructed that it leads to, and conveys life to every part of the body, no matter how distant or remote. The Chiropractor has mastered the science of treating the nervous system so that it is enabled to again function naturally and disease then disappears Not only is this system most efficacious but it is a system founded on lines that are true to Nature herself and elminates all drugs and toxins in the process. Every day Dr. H. A. Thorson, whose office is in room 304 Kramer Building, is ably demonstrating the wonders of this science in a manner that brooks no honest differences of opinion. "Nothing succeeds like success," is a trite old saying, but it may indeed be aptly applied here, for the achievements of such able men as Dr. Thorson prove beyond the peradventure of a doubt that any sensible person who is ailing, owes it to himself to consult a Chirapractor of high standing and Pasquotank is fortunate in possessing a man like Dr. Thorson, for his reputation is so high that he is known far and wide for his expertness. It is such men who make a community a healthier place in which to live.

Dr. Victor Finck

VETERINARIAN

307 South Pool Street, Elizabeth City — Phone 710

Dr. Finck is known as the champion trick and stunt rider in the U. S. He performs stunts on horses that one would think impossible. He competes with such men as Tom Mix and other western men. The next opportunity be sure to see him ride and do stunts. It is his hobby, and he is a lover of horses.

This popular veterinarian has kept pace with the times and is considered by the eminent men of his profession as a practictioner in these parts.

Advice along the line of proper feeding and care will be cheerfully given.

Dr. Victor Finck is very courteous and accommodating and can be reached very conveniently. The general satisfaction expressed by the many clients and the great demand for his services constitute a well merited tribute to his efficiency and conscientious methods.

We wish to compliment Dr. Victor Finck upon the work that he is doing in this cection and to direct your special attention to his efficient methods.

Quinn Furniture Company

S. W. TWIFORD, Manager

Located at 211 Poindexter Street in Elizabeth City, N. C. Phone 196.

This firm will deliver your goods anywhere the road goes without any road service charges; also will place and arrange your furniture in your home for you.

What is more important than the building of happy comfortable homes? We venture the statement that because they contribute probably to a larger degree than any other institution in this important work, this justly popular house is one of the most essential features of the commercial and community life of this setcion. This immense establishment under the efficient direction of latter day business men is replete with furnishings for the home, and no matter what may be your need in this line they have it for you at a very reasonable price. Standard makes will be found throughout the stock. Library tables, davenports, mattresses, beds, furniture of all kinds, and all the articles for the home are represented by the standard brands that are known the country over.

It is hardly possible for us to give a concrete idea of the excellent stock that this firm carries for the accommodation of the public or the high quality offered at reasonable prices.

A visit to the store, however, will readily prove to you that it is the proper and most advantageous place to buy.

Carter Bros. Garage

J. P. CARTER, Prop.

This popular garage is located on East Colonial Avenue, Elizabeth City, N. C. Phone 739. They feature a 24-hour wrecker service.

One of the unusual features of services offered here is acetyline welding of all kinds, also general repairs on radiators, body and fender work.

the State. When these men opened concerns of its kind in this part of the State. When these men ouened their establishment for business they decided that only the best work would build for them a huge volume of busnness, and with this idea in mind they have operated ever since. In doing so they have built for themselves an enviable reputation and such is evidenced by the fact that today the usual grind of machinery and other equipment seldom slows down. They specialize in all kinds of Body Repair Work, Topwork, Up-Holstering, Painting and Fender Work. They also give a complete service in building and rebuilding work of this nature.

In fact these men are expert body surgeons and when you take work to them you may rest assured that it will be done right when promised and at a price within reason. They do only high class work and their charges are always in line, if not lower, than can possibly be found elsewhere. In taking your car to these men they can repair, recover, and completely rebuild so that it will look like new.

A. Ray Sawyer Company

Wholesale Groceries and Feeds

Located at 110 North Water Street in Elizabeth City, N. C. Phone 185. They conduct a wholesale business in feeds and groceries. Being wholesalers, they offer the retail trade as high quality of feed and groceries at more attractive prices than otherwise could be possible.

It has been their endeavor to always furnish the very best of feeds on the market and it has brought them trade from every point. The fact that their trade extends over all adjoining counties, brings new faces, new business and adds prosperity to the city in which they are located.

This firm began its career with the belief that success could be obtained by furnishing feeds and groceries upon a reasonable margin of profit. With this method in mind they proceeded upon their career with the solid foundation of good values and reasonable prices.

Because of the high quality of the products handled, A. Ray Sawyer Feed Company has gained for this section a commercial prestige that could be gained in no other manner. This firm is headed by Mr. A. Ray Sawyer, a well known business man, and are wholesale distributors of feed for all kinds of livestock and poultry. Their line of feeds have been found by all users to be of the very best grade obtainable on the market.

Mr. A. Ray Sawyer has been in business over five years in Elizabeth City and his business has grown from a small sum to over $200,000 a year. Which, of course, proves that he is following in his father's footsteps, whose name is A. Sawyer and who was one of this section's most prominent and progressive merchants for over 40 years. The A. Ray Sawyer Company is operated by Mr. A. Ray Sawyer's two sons who are both very competent young men, and Mr. R. M. Munden is the head salesman. Owing to the fact that this business is run almost entirely by the family, Mr. Sawyer is able to offer the retail trade just a little better price than can be obtained elsewhere.

Elizabeth City Orange Crush Bottling Co.

Phone 201

Located on Westover Boulevard, Elizabeth City, N. C. The water used in the bottling of Orange Crush is the purest that can be found, which, of course, gives them an A-1 product. They are also bottlers of Pepsi-Cola, famous for over 30 years, bottled under the same conditions as the above product, using the purest of water.

Try this firm and let service be satisfactory. They have a modern plant fitted with all the latest of equipment for the production of beverages that are bottled under the most sanitary conditions.

As the bottles are all sterilized there is no chance for dust to get into the products. All their beverages are rich in flavors and sparkle with the famous carbonated water which has been highly recommended by well-known health authorities. Always demand the product of this plant.

When you buy carbonated beverages of any sort, or soft drinks, from this bottling works, you may be sure that you are getting the purest products for a two-fold reason. First and foremost they use the purest of water and that fact alone assures the absolute purity of the beverages. In addition they are bottled under the pure food and drug act, and are inspected at frequent intervals by State Board of Health inspectors.

They offer the very best of service in the way of delivery, keeping a large supply on hand. One can drive up here and secure as much as he desires, or if you don't happen to be going to town, write or call them over the phone. All orders are filled promptly.

We are glad to compliment the Elizabeth City Orange Crush Bottling Company and the manager upon the position they occupy in the business life of the community and to refer their products to all our readers as well as to call the attention of the people to the superiority of the beverages.

This firm is also distributor of Boar's Head Cream Ale, Esslinger, Blue Ribbon, Southern, Trommer and Piel's Beer.