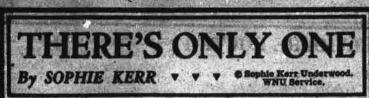
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CHAPTER VIII-Continued

"Then we'll go to Lori's. The food's good and they're accustomed to funnies of every description." While Rachel was changing her

dress she heard a wail from Pink's room! "My white beret's gone! Have you got it?"

"Oh, I forgot to tell you, Genie borrowed it last night, she came in here and grabbed it, literally. I told her you'd not like it, but she went right in and took it." As Rachel finished her toilet,

there was an ominous silence. then the outer door slammed and Rachel heard Pink in the hall hammering at Genie's door. Presently she heard the door again but she didn't look out. When she was ready Rachel came into the living room and a moment later Pink entered too, scarlet spots on her cheeks, her lips compressed and not wearing the white beret. "She stretched it, her bead's bigger than mine," she said shortly, "I hate lending hats, they always get spoiled."

Rachel said nothing. As they walked down the stairs Pink added: "You're right, Rachel, she's a little grafter. I'm sorry about your dress. We won't either of us lend her anything again, even if she has to go out like a fan dancer."

'I'm sorry about the hat," Rachel said. "She really did grab it. We had quite an argument about it."

'Yes, she told me." Pink looked up and laughed. "We're a pair of nuts," she said, and the reconciliation was complete.

The dinner at Lori's was great fun, Rhoda was amazing in a red upholstery plush and earrings of three-inch copper discs, but at Lori's this was not conspicuous. She was sweet and kind, as always, and so was Tom, and delighted to hear that Rachel had a new job.

Back at the apartment Rachel was more frank with Pink about her work, there was no difficulty in that for the name of Peter Cayne meant no more to Pink than it had to Rachel six months before, and it was necessary that Pink should know where she was going and what her position there would be. Pink thought it all a great adventure and wished that the advertising business offered equal thrills. But at last

to her room and

and letters. Bob's, written cript which was t was all gossip. the eerie whitef the beach in kittens of Mrs.

had read-mostly trash, he confessed-the progress of the carved room, the breakdown of the furnace I want it just the same." in the Congregational church.

Rachel put the letter down with rener

bow and her sharp little voice clacks all day long except when she go any place very smart, if we the thermometer under her tongue. take them. Rhoda's getups are too She considers illness unjust penance for sins she never committed. She won't have a nurse, so Marie, her maid, and I wait on her, I trying to carry out the doc

tor's orders and Marie paying no attention to them or to anything but the old lady's whims. It will be a miracle if she gets well." Rachel felt a moment of panie. If Tanta Balene should die and Annie came sailing back to America while she was at the Caynes', what a mess that would be! She opened the other letter in haste, it had been written nearly a week later. And at once she breathed more easily, for Tante Helene was better, Anne had the household more in hand, even the dreary winter rain of the valley had given way to cold



Hammering at Genie's Door.

other, placating but passing over no faults, running her own white line of order and system and justice through petty obstacles and slipshod customs. And for the first time she had a sense of Anne's spirit transferred to her in her own struggle to see her own mother. "We're alike," she thought, "Anne and I. we want something and we work

the books Bob to get it. But Anne's the best, she only wants what's right. I'm not sure that what I want is right but

It was all right now, she could go ahead and not worry about being lisloyal to Anne. Anne hadn't asked her that ne would up

were married. If she asks you for a reference you tell her it's your first job of this kind and give her your friend Miss Matthews' name and phone number-she won't call

"But what about uniforms? Ought to have some?"

"No, the Caynes supply those. The thing is this, Miss Vincent: Mrs. Cayne is going to take you without any questions because her husband really runs that house and he's told her that he's getting her a maid. See? The servants have got to be satisfied with you, that's very important, they've got to think you one of themselves. You'll have to wear plain clothes and take plain clothes with you, and they oughtn't to be too new, either." "T've got an old knitted suit and

a plain storm coat. What about silk tockings?"

"They're all right, every girl in America with a nickel in her pocket wears silk stockings."

He droned on and on, describing the apartment, the servants, the stolen articles and how they had disappeared, detailing methods of observation, time for reports, but Rachel did not hear much of what he said, her thoughts were racing on but bright sunshine. As she read to her own special hopes and expec-Rachel could see Anne gently, extations. At last Terriss paused in exasperation and a note of feeling raised his colorless voice. "Damn

it all, Miss Vincent, the more I consider this the more I know I'm a sap ever to let an amateur like you go on this job. It was that follow Cayne pounding at me, he got me to overstep my judgment." Rachel was abruptly conscious of ner inattention, shocked into dismay.

"Mr. Terriss, I'll try awfully hard, indeed I will."

"I don't doubt that. But I do wish you weren't so green. This isn't the way I like to run my business, I tell you. Well, it's all in a lifetime, I suppose. You're to go up there then late tomorrow afternoon. You all set for that?"

"Yes, I'll go up there about four o'clock. I've a morning's work for Mr. Vinco, then I go home and pack."

"Luck go with you," said Mr. Terriss, fervently but hopelessly. 'We need it, you and me both."

It was all unreal, what she was doing, all of her thoughts were in a fever of impatience, she had to force herself to the routine of her preparations.

She lunched with Curt and seemed to listen to his advice, but she didn't really hear much of it. She was annoved with herself that she should be so wildly excited, and was afraid that she would reveal it, so she made a great effort to be casual. Only his last words came through to her distinctly: "When you don't know what to say, keep still, and don't forget I'll be on the first lookout post, ready to come if you whis-

'When you don't know what to say, keep still." Rachel thought of that while she packed a shabby suitcase with her shabbiest clothes. slicked down her hair, rubbed her nose shiny and wiped off her lip rouge, then dressed in a faded green knitted suit which she had meant to throw away. She had decided

against wearing the spectacles Mr.

Terriss had suggested, she felt they

would only bother her. When she

was ready she looked at herself in

the glass and thought she made a

On her way uptown her excite-

ment changed and cooled and, odd-

ly, she found herself thinking of

Anne with a sense of comfort and

support. No matter what happened

there was Anne in the background,

loving, understanding. Then she be-

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spectable housemaid.

Fair Prices Promote

Stabilizing agricultural prices at a

fair level" makes it possible for the cash crops year after year with few farmer to follow a balanced cropping soil-building crops in rotation or as a system that conserves the soil. the up and down price of farm com- make a decent living farming this modities and the care that is given land, he continued. the soil, said E. Y. Floyd, of State The 1938 agricu

College. When prices are ruinously low, he said, farmers tend to grow all the cash they can in an effort to wrest a living from the land. They are virtually forced to keep every possible acre in cash crops.

And under the pinch of low income, few farmers are able to carry out good practices necessary to enrich the soil and conserve it for future years.

Thus low prices work in two ways to force a type of farming that rapidly depletes the soil, Floyd pointed out.

On the other hand, high prices induce farmers to raise all the cash

make money while the making is Good Farm Practices good. And farmers tend to neglect their soil. In places, the custom of growing

crops they can in their desire to

cover crop has so reduced the fertility There is a direct relation between of the land that it is impossible to

> The 1938 agricultural conservation program, he said, is intended to stabilize prices at a level that will encourage farmers to carry out good soil-conserving practices and check the wasteful depletion of the land.

Location of Savannah

Savannah is on the Savannah river, which forms the dividing line between South Carolina and Georgia, and is about 100 miles north of the Florida state line.

Guilt and Chance

It is the inevitable end of guilt that it places its own punishment on a chance which is sure to occur. -L. E. Landon.

John F. Cann of Boston won a knitting contest in which nearly 100

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Highest Cash Prices PAID FOR

SOY BEANS The Southern Cotton **Oil Company** Hertford, N. C.







That the modern custom of placing a horse-shoe over the door for good luck, dates back to the old days when our colonial ancestors nailed up horseshoes or bung up laurel boughs in their homes as magic charms to protect

them from witches.

women participated.

love to her. She didn't want to feel had pushed her on so urgently. But anything more. And Anne's letters -she wouldn't tell Anne just yet. she'd write tomorrow, before she were waiting. She opened them reinctantly, arranged them according started in at the Caynes', and say very good likeness of a neat reto date and began to read the first nothing about it, she'd write a long letter and tell about Pink and Genie one. It was not very long, Tante Helenc, it seemed, had a persistent Moore and the Steeles and Curt Elbronchitis and Anne was busy nurston. Anne would like Curt Elton. ing her and running the house and property as well. Rachel could It was strange, she thought, how these letters communicated the feel Anne's fatigue and her pavery essence of Anne, the calmtience. "The servants have been ness, the steadiness, the power to here a long time and they don't resolve chaos into clarity. It was want to make the least change in their ways and I'm sure they believe I'm only here to get hold of fully and lovingly of Anne. Tante Helene's money. The man on the farm is amiable because he's Terriss, who offered practical coundue to make a new lease and he thinks I'm going to be easy. They all have to be treated like difficult

again to marry him or even made derstand, Anne would know what

gan to think of the woman she would see in a few moments, her own exactly what she needed. She mother who had brought her into dropped off to sleep thinking gratethe world, given her life and being. a heart to beat, blood to demand its The next day she went to see own blood kinship. And she felt an immense overwhelming certainty sel. "You've got some sort of plain dress to wear up there. I suppose, and plain clothes to take," he said. that her own mother would somehow recognize this kinship and respond to it. Perhaps not at once. children. Tante Helene herself is "Mrs. Cayne will go through the

perhaps only vaguely-but yet, motions of engaging you herself, but difficult enough, she lies in her huge bed swathed in woolen shawls and that's all hooey. Mr. Cayne runs surely, unmistakably. blankets of every color of the rain- the house and has ever since they

Sweet Potatoes-Staple Southern Product

By GUY A. CARDWELL

potatoes is said to furnish the human body with 447 calories. Its fuel or heating value is 48 percent greater than the Irlin potato, which furnishes the human body with only 302 calo-ries of heat per pound. But the food value of sweet potatoes lies argely in the carbohydrates or the starch and sugar. They contain 21.9 percent of carbohydrates.

Chemists of the United States De at of Agriculture have disc that sweet potatoes are a g o of vitamines. This verst ins as much vitamin & a of vita nin) as le min) than :

ant and Appalachian ning to to to the

one-half that of peach or pineapple article of food in the rural districts increased consumption of this homegrown vegetable in the cities and towns of the South in place of im-It is a fairly well known historical fact that General Francis Marion, the "Swamp Fox" of Revolutionary fame, ported foods will keep a lot of dol-

By GUY A. CARDWELL The sweet pointo plant is related to the potato nor to the yam, though often called a yam. A well-baked, disease free and frost free Potato Bico sweet potato is delicions. It makes in the mouth. It satisfies hunger and at the same time caters to the sweet tooth. Sweet potatoes are a cheap and substantial food. One pound of sweet potatoes is said to furnish the human hody with 447 calories. Its fuel or heating value is 48 percent greater

might mean to the average Southern family when served as a part of a balanced ration. ties and in the cities towns as well as on the farms, and ant and Appalachian the unmarketable surplus should be fed to live stock.

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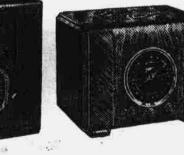
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