HEARTS WALKING Mrs. Harry Pugh Smith

CHAPTER V

had not until then realized that excuse to go, but at that moment she was very young, much young- a couple drifted by her on the er than her pose.

"You forgive me?" "Certainly!"

Again she laid her hand on his can cut like a knife. "Will you but bored dance the next dance with me?"

she asked softly. "I'll be delighted," he stammerspoken aloud until some one who d, "only I warn you I'm an aw- had come up behind her addressful dub on the dance floor. I'm ed her. dance?' no lady's man."

"Perhaps that's why I like you so much."

Nothing in his experience had had only that moment arrived. rating." him at the feel of her supple frag-rant body. Once when he bent his merely put out his arms and, "A job?" his cheek, thrilling him from head danced off with her as if he beto foot. He had a wayward de- lieved any girl would feel flatterre to press his lips to the se- ed to be singled out by the famous Tony Ryan. ducive hollow in the slender ivory column of her throat.

"You dance beautifully," murmured Miss Sanders when the nusic ended.

He still did not trust himself to speak. Howard Leigh was coming oward them with a scowl and still Jim said nothing.

"I'll see you in the morning?" she asked. "for our first lesson?" Jim swallowed hard. "Yes," he said unsteadily, although he knew that the first lesson was behind them:

It was apparent on the surface that Janet Phillips no longer occupied the same position in respect to her old crowd which she had once held. She did not suffer for lack of partners at the dance that night.

Gordon did not look happy. In pite of his mother's persuasions, ordon had never liked Priscilla. Even when it was her whim to be amiable, he never knew what ninute she might turn upon him. Janet understood the distressed pucker between his eyes and why spite of himself he glanced

"Hello, Gordon," said Janet.

his arms closed about her. It ally extricated from it entirely by

the bar. Had Janet followed her! She gave him a grudging Jim was staring down into her inclination she would have hunted glance. "That at least needn't lovely pointed face and it seem- up Jim and asked him to take worry you any longer." ed to be wiped quite free of her home. She felt sure he was "I always get bored to death and eager for an he said quietly. "I always get what I go after," "Modest, aren't you?"

"No. just sure of myself. dance floor. Janet could scarcely There's difference." believe her eyes. From the rapt "Who am I to take exception to

expression on his rugged face, your pride in your accomplishher brother with Miss Helen ments," she inquired bitterly. arm and he learned that ecstacy Sanders in his arms was anything You are on your way up, I am on my way out." "Oh, no!" cried Janet.

He stared at her curiously. She did not realize she had "Yes?"

She shrugged her shoulders. "As you may know, a generation "Shall we finish this ago my family was prominent locally. Now my mother works She turned sharply. Tony Ryan in a store and so shall I when I

stood at her elbow. Evidently he finish my course in interior decoprepared him for the rapturous She intended to make an excuse He was studying the dead end emotions which surged through for not dancing with him. How- of his cigarette. "If you're an

him at the feel of her supple frag- ever, he gave her no chance to expert on interior decorating, I

"Perhaps you aren't interested in jobs."

"Oh, yes," said Janet with a hostile smile, "I'm interested in Janet was glad when the music any chance to earn money. It's

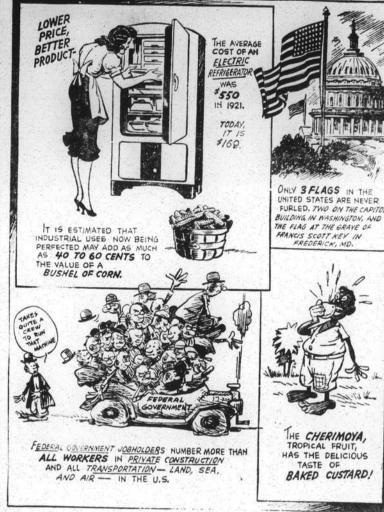


"I always get what I go after," he said guietly

ngingly at her from across Pris- ended, glad when Phiscilla came so important to make money. cilla's sleek blond head. When skating across the room to assert Nothing else matters." ome one cut in on him he could her prior claim to the visiting "I've bought the old Radcliffe not resist the temptation to tap Janet's partner on the shoulder. crowded around Tony Ryan so "My gr that Janet was edged to the ex-Gordon drew a breath of relief treme rim of the group and fin- of hours ago."

"My grandfather's house!" "I signed the papers a couple

"But," cried Janet breathlessly, as as if he had escaped unpre- Ted Hughes with whom she had "It's dreadfully run down. That's



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He grinned. "All I know is was never able to resist his tenhat she'll have to be out of the derness.

top drawer." "If I weren't crazy about you Janet decided she hated him. I wouldn't care what you did," he 'Locally you'll find Priscilla said unsteadily. Leigh our highest priced article," "I know," whispered Berenice.

"So she's given me to under-stand," said Tony Ryan. "I had something to tell you when I came home," said Bill,

humor." They were sitting on the edge So far as Berenice and Bill Carter were concerned, the party at

Lou Fletcher's that same evening Live Stock Market was not a success. They ran the radio and danced and made a WYTHEVILLE, VA. APRIL 23 is interested. It is particularly great deal of noise. The people in the adjoining apartment knock-

classes of stock higher, except school basketball team because of ed on the wall, but no one paid calves, which sold 50c lower. The any attention. They were a most noticeable advance held up quiet middle-aged couple and did on hogs. A stronger demand on not belong to "The Bunch," as all classes of stocker cattle. Bernice's friends called themselves.

The Sheltons were middle-aged Best Lambs quotable 8.50 to 9.60 Com'n and Med. Lambs, 5 to 8 too. "But we don't let it get us Com'n and Fat Sheep, 1 to 5 down!" cried May, shrieking with

laughter when Guy draped a Top Hogs 6.60 to 7.20 tapestry from the wall about his Light and Heavies 6.50 to 6.90 shoulders and pretended to be a Sows 5.40 to 6.40 bullfighter in action

Guy was screamingly funny, or Select Calves, avg. 194 lbs., 11.65 so Berenice thought, but Bill sat Top Calves, avg. 178 lbs., 10.75 in the corner and sulked just as 2nd Calves, avg. 151 lbs. 9.80 she had expected him to do.

She went over to Bill. "Ready 4th Calves, avg. 112 lbs., 8.20

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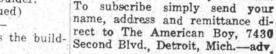
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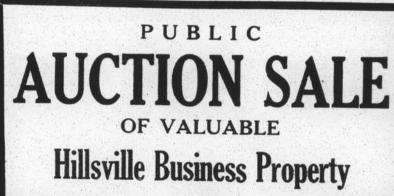
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the next dance. dictable perils and rediscovered security.

n a soothing note.

"You mustn't feel conscience- was supposed to dance it with his care for those huge, old-fashioned escort, but Janet had not seen places any more.'

stricken about me, Gordon," she said gently. Jim for an hour. She had a "I feel terrible about letting notion he was lurking outside like this," he explained. "When anger.

n down!" cried Gordon in a with a cigarette. However, she I was a ragged alley rat I promis-

choked voice. Janet still found herself in the nomalous position of defending perched on the porch railng star-time the old Radcliffe mansion

himself from herself. "It isn't as ng somberly at the setting moon, represented my idea of the most when Ted Ryan again came up elegant thing of its kind." though we were ever formally engaged, or as if you had jilted me behind her.

at the altar," she said kindly. "I wouldn't have hurt you for "Want to dance?" he asked. "No," said Janet without turnthe world. My one consolation is that you're too good for me," he ing her head.

said with a mournful smile. It was Janet's cue to bolster up the end it was she who broke reminded that the glories of your s self-esteem by a denial of his what had begun to seem a contest past are past." statement, but she had a sudden between their wills vision of truth. "Yes," she said,

the old home town in the role of 'I am."' She wished some one would cut conquering hero," she remarked Janet. "Paupers cannot afford

but her friends were too tact-. She muttered an excuse when He laughed. "It's a complex, I ful. She muttered an excuse when he music stopped and escaped to suppose. I could never convince fix a day to go out and look myself that I had outgrown thinks over? Tomorrow?" the dressing room.

She arrived at the ballroom to Shanty Town until I came back d that her partner for the next here and had the seal of approval dance had looked everywhere for put upon me by the elite of Bay her before retiring in dudgeon to City. Queer, isn't it?"

why Mother let the property go The last dance of the evening practically for back taxes. We to go?" Involuntarily Janet's voice took was the only one in which no couldn't afford to live there and cut-ins were allowed. Every one no one would rent it. People don't

'What do you think?" he asked.

"I do," said Tony Ryan. "It's the party. Berenice seethed with

> "I hope you're satisfied," she said when they were alone in their own apartment. Bill stalked into the dressing

room and began to hunt for his "It broke Mother's heart to give their darned parties, you're sore. up the place," said Janet icily. If I give in and go, you're sore. "It's one of the few times I ever It's got so it's hell around here

saw her cry. Since then I've gone There was an interval of silence blocks out of my way not to pass any way you take it." which Janet found trying. In the house. It isn't pleasant to be Berenice in a choked voice, "We'd never have any friends."

Bill let down the in-a-door bed with an angry thud. "Can't you see that this sort of thing is playing the devil with us?" he asked. When Bill's voice quivered like that, the hard core of defiance in

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Berenice's heart gave way. She

"It must be nice to return to it." "Don't be ridiculous." said sentiment." "That's settled then? Shall we

"I'll pick you up at two at your

"She gave him a curious glance.

Won't you rattle around like a marble, alone in that huge place?" He shook his head. "Of course

shan't live there long alone,"

She stared. "You're going to

"Naturally," he said, "one can't

select a wife as quickly as a

"You haven't selected one yet!"

"If you like."

home.'

he said.

be married?"

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"If it would be painful, forget