

CHAPTER I

Hal Ireland downtown - in know your native land." the large office of the bank that comfort for a year: "listen."

"I've been listening, sir," Hal, "for twenty minutes."

mor from Hal's alert, gray eyes, occurred to him, Then he said in quiet irony:

"I dare say you've been told about your charm-"

"Never by you, sir," said Hal with a faint bow, checked gently for fear of starting the slow, heavy throb in his head again,

"I dare say you've been told that which you know nothing, is caror acquaintance with speakeasy proprietors or handicaps at golf or the fit of white flannels.

"The San Francisco job is open till the first of the month-because they need somebody, not because I've asked them to let you coast in on my name. You've got your last penny from me-for transportation or anything else-till next quarter's allowance. If you want the job, get yourself out there. If you don't, don't."

Hal's quick, mobile face was set, and he met his father's steady look with bright, impersonal steadiness, rather as if he had a peevish, disappointed child before him. Then he got up and straightened his good shoulders with a deep breath. "That all?" he said.

"That's all," said the Old Man, briskly casual.

"Right," said Hal, with a practiced clipping of the word. "Well-

He swung his back on his father and walked over the thick carpet to the door. In the silence, he could feel his father expecting him to turn there for another word-or hope, or of opening. So he pulled the door, caught the other knob behind him, and stepped out, leaving only the soft, efficient click of the latch for comment.

Dalrymple-known downtown as Frederick Ireland's knife and fork -was waiting unoptimistically out- bly of desolate, if not actively obside, where he couldn't be seen from the banking floor. "Bad?" he The first rough cartoon of these asked apprehensively.

eyes light again with their welcoming humor. "Rage-making. D'you put him on this afternoon's Cenknow anything about bromo-seltzer? tury. Does it really work?"

"They say so, but I've never need-

"And I'm never going to againnever, never-probably. How do you man, frowning, "Call me later. I'm get to California on six dollars?"

"Lord, Mister Hal," said Dalrymple, "is six dollars all you've gotout of that check?"

"'Fraid so."

"If I could-if you'll let me-" in the corners. "You're a h-l of a thinking better of it. Then sudnice guy, Dimples," he said, "but denly, "You can't take that dog." I'm so mad-so mad, for the first Hal looked around for the dog, then time in my life that I wouldn't bor- up quickly to examine who it should row a Confederate nickel from any- be in this place with so smartly body who paid taxes in the same bred a fox-terrier. state with that-that-with my father. He told me-if you'll believe the girl in soft, almost-husky gravit, Dimples: he told me I knew ity. "He'll sit in my lap; he'll be nothing about money, or life or this no trouble." Pretty, quite pretty, country or him or myself or mod- Hal saw; perhaps a little tough, ern plumbing or brokers' loans or surely self-conscious - the even God-knows-whatnot that's of the solemnity in her large eyes aware most quivering importance to a that unauthorized people were lookyoung man's career. He even made ing at her, might any minute speak me the simple astounding revela- to her and have to be rebuffed. But tion that I was an only child. Had pretty, really quite pretty. you heard that, Dimples? He sat there and told me-but what the asked her. h-1: you're busy. And I've got to get to the Coast. Bromo-seltzer steadily. couldn't make it any worse, could

fused, pathetic, and he murmured: lap, all right." He turned to the "No, no," helplessly. So Hal pat- man whose crossed legs Hal could ted his arm, promised to let him see beyond her. "Does he bite?" know what happened, and started "I don't know," said a lazy, care-

uptown again. It was in the subway that he remembered the sign they had together," he said. laughed at last night. In the West Forties, it was, and if he could re-

said, grabbing at him; "go out to the Coast that way, boy. Rub el-GOT ISTEN," his father said to bows with the people; see life;

Just west of Broadway-in the was all soft carpets, soft lights, Forties. He'd find it: by G-d, he'd soft paneling, and enough floor find it. He wouldn't borrow a nickel der, as if taking a desperate remspace rental to keep five families in from any one of fifty people who'd edy, "De Soto!" A small, cheerful. lend him money in the next half soft-eyed man, without a hat and said hour if he went to them. He'd get looking as if he had just crawled to the Coast on fifty dollars and The Old Man seemed to wait a tell his father what to do with any antly. "Take her bags," said Larlittle for the slow draining of hu- insufferable future fight-talks that

CHAPTER II

Tuesday.

they do of capacity to hold whisky, side, Forty-eighth street already

Miller. Miller!" he shouted at the garage door. "Where's Miller?" After an hour Hal went across the baking street for a glass of ginger ale. When he came back the slight, tidy man smoking beside the doorway gave him a lazy smile and in a voice that was oddly unsure of pitch said, "Goin' to L. A.?" "Guess so," said Hal, trying to be enough without entering into relaions with anybody.

the effect of this on Hal.

said to the man. "Yes, but I'm not

with her." "Then who is?" said Lar-

sen. Hal let half a smile come

through his moodiness as he shook

his head. And Larsen was saved

from further astonishment by his

telephone, into which he said again

Hal's eyes kept coming back to

what was going on in the room-

some one would speak to her. Peri-

ing how the smooth, slight dip of

her cheeks under high cheek-bones

tle, adding solemnity to her wide,

"Hello, hello," said Larsen impa-

very busy. I'm loading seven

the West." Larsen was sweating.

He called suddenly over his shoul-

from under the car, came in expect-

sen, pointing his pencil at a wom-

an, "and take her to Dallas." The

lady's shocked disapproval of little

De Soto lost some of its imperious-

ness when he grinned at her eager-

ly and said: "Like a fast ride,

lady?" She glared down, her pince-

nez quivering. "Hope y'do, 'cause

"Now," said Larsen more hap-

pily, as if their disappearance made

his weary piece about Chi and the

West almost before he had lifted

started again, and Hal saw a sort

of quick pride take the girl's face

as she raised her head. "No, that's

seemed to be pursing her lips a lit-

he was very busy.

possessed mouth.

ing the street, and lighted a cigarette. I'm d-d if I'll offer him my the dull windshield, and all the name, Hal said to himself! if he's nickel-work the color of old and interested, he heard it in there. "You any relation to Frederick

Ireland—the big shot downtown?" Hal looked at him with cool amusement in his gray eyes. "Sure," he said. "Couldn't be closer." Crack gave a slight, polite laugh. From his side pocket he drew a bright, new golf ball, dropped it to the pavement where it clicked smartly and leaped up to his waiting hand again.

"'Sfunny," he said, "how that Larsen thought I was with the chippy, wasn't it?" "How do you know she's a chip-

py?" said Hal in spontaneous irri-

"She looks it, doesn't she?" said Crack, his lazy amiability undismayed.

"No," said Hal, promptly hoping to confirm that she didn't. Crack stepped confidentially to Hal's side of the door and said in

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said to the girl. "Yes," she said, a low tone: "See that big bird barely looking up to him for an instandin' at the back there? He's a stant. "And so are you," Larsen dick. A detective."

Hal raised his eyebrows perfunctorily before he said, "How d'you know that?"

"I thought he was," Crack said, "and then I saw his badge." "H'm," said Hal.

Crack smiled and, except for a vague, drowsy speculation in his eyes, his smile was youthful, halfthe girl. She seemed not to hear way candid, not unengaging. "He's not looking for you, is he?" he said, stayed quietly, solemnly sure that cocking his head a very little.

"If he were, he shouldn't have odically that annoyed Hal and he much trouble finding me; and I'd looked away. Then he would find be an ass to tell you anyway, himself looking at her again, seewouldn't I?"

Crack's smile sobered just a shadow, After a while he said, "Think she's going to Hollywood?" It happened to be precisely what Hal was moodily wondering, and he was tiently into the telephone: "I'm Crack.

"Wouldn't be surprised," he said, and wished he hadn't been trapped three-passenger cars for Chi and even into that much interest. "She's got a good figure," said Crack speculatively. "I like sorta broad shoulders and nice clean-cut

> ankles on a babe, don't you?" "Hadn't thought," Hal murmured straight ahead of him, angry and a little ashamed that this shy-mannered stranger should mention the very things he looked for first in

Hal snapped his cigarette into the watter and went inside to sit on his suitcase again. The girl hadn't altered her position of solemn, engarde waiting. But the terrier stretched luxuriously-leaning 'way forward with his hind legs straight out and his chin stretched up. The stretch broke into a friendly grin and a wagging of the docked tall when he met Hal's eyes. Hal smiled, winked and held out his hand. The dog came stepping forward to the end of his lead and put a cold nose against Hal's fingers. The girl's head turned quickly; Hal saw that her solemn eyes were large and Now Los Angeles-everybody go- beginnings of defensive hostility; ing to Los Angeles goes with Jake at once she pulled the dog back and looked away.

> You can go to the devil, Hal said to himself-you and your broad shoulders and your slim ankles; I hope Martin Crack makes you and

makes you like it. A little after eleven, some luggage-two veteran suitcases, a cardboard hat-box already losing the rim of its lid and a dress-box tied neither discourteous nor encourag- up with two kinds of string-aring. The trip was going to be bad rived from the Grand Central. It was the work of but fifteen minutes more for Larsen to find Jake "So'm I," sad the man. "My Miller in the garage behind the of-Hal leaned against the wall, fac- and lusterless as the garage floor, a diagonal adhesive tape across

> unloved pewter. Miller's futile hand unfolded an immense trunk rack on the back. took out a tarpaulin and began spreading it with care over two oil puddles on the garage floor. On this he stacked the luggage with what seemed accidental neatness and lashed the tarpaulin around it with clothesline.

> "How many passengers have you got?" Hal asked when the luggage

"Seven," said Miller.

"Six besides yourself, 'ey?" said Hal, thinking, "Oh, Good G-d! "Seven," Miller repeated. "Got a

invention. Got a seat stands on a box between the jump-seats." He chuckled as if he had outwitted some one. "I'll show it to you." "I guess I'll see it soon enough," said Hal. "What are we waiting for now?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

HAL'S headache was gone next morning, but so-nearly-was the warming sense of triumph in his anybody rides with me gets a fast inspiration. And that went entirely one. when you bow that way, and let at nine o'clock when he walked into your eyes twinkle, you're apt to the bare, dingy, and crowded gaget your way. But I venture to rage office from which decrepit it a family party again. But the point out what I can't convince my- carsful of share-expense travelers telephone rang, and Larsen began self you've learned for yourself: were dispatched about the country. that the business world is not made He hadn't stopped to think what up of pretty girls or susceptible ma- the mechanics of the thing might the receiver. "Now, that dog-" he trons social or theatrical; that be; but here the possibilities of the business of the country, about dreariness seemed promptly infinite. Eight July days of four hundred ried on by men who think more of miles' driving each, through coun- right," Larsen added. "We settled of a deep, yellow-flecked bluepersistence and application than try reputed to be hotter than, out that. We settled about the dog. also that they were alive with the



"How Far You Going?" Asked Her.

promised to be; crowded into an unwashed derelict of a fine car among a selection from this assemjectionable looking people. . . vistas nearly had him back on the "Bad," said Hal, letting his gray street again—to telephone Dalrymple for the easy loan that would

> A decent looking man in a clean shirt looked at him across the shabby desk firmly. The telephone rang. "Yes. This is Larsen," said the very busy."

Hal upended his old suitcase against the wall near the door and sat on it. Larsen started pawing over the piles of little slips before him. "Now-" he said twice, Hal smiled, and his eyes wrinkled almost looking up, but each time

"I've got to take the dog," said

"How far you going?" Larsen

"Los Angeles," said the girl

"Oh," said Larsen, as if Los Angeles were just this side of New Dalrymple looked worried, con- Rochelle. "If you keep him in your

less voice. Larsen was startled. "You two're

"No," said the man.

Larsen looked at her; she made a member from which place they slight negative motion with her had been going to which other place, head and dropped her eyes to the he would remember the street, dog. Larsen fumbled through the "California . . . \$33" was the line slips of paper, stopping to frown at he recalled. "There," Tony had one. "You're going to L. A.," he

# Dental Hygiene

The Road to Health

By DR. R. ALLEN GRIFFITH

DIET, TEETH, EXERCISE

and the condition of their children's crop acres, exclusive of cotton acreshould get away from this selfish, age that was harvested last year. erroneous and dangerous attitude. With every breath from an unclean mouth millions of pathogenic microorganisms easily capable of inocustartled into a shrewder look at lating another person with a diseaseproducing germ are expelled from one to ten feet.

To the healthy individual it really matters little how many pathogenic varieties of micro-organisms there may be, or how prevalent they are, because man possesses a natural immunity to infections and is normally immune.

have been exterminated from the tion of live stock. earth long ago by the myriads of microscopic foes always surrounding him. But just let the individual reduce his natural bodily resistance below a certain point, through fatigue, overheating, loss of sleep, worry, etc., and "some little bug will get you" soon.

The chief concern, therefore, of both the individual and society at large should be to maintain this natural immunity instead of trying natural conditions that are sure to follow a lowering of the natural resistance to disease. Every disease germ that enters the human system must enter through the mouth, nose or a break in the skin (with the exception of venereal diseases), and it is estimated that 90 per cent of all disease enters through the mouth and incubates in the mouth.

Should not a clean, healthy mouth then be the first consideration in the prevention of disease?

During the present generation the physician has proved that there is a direct connection between unclean mouths and the rapid increase in kidney, heart and circulatory diseases, formerly attributed to deranged metabolism, but now known to be due to a constitutional poisoning of the system from bacteria and their toxins.

A clean mouth will prevent disthe acid process, is practical and name's Crack-Mart'n Crack." His fice and start him loading. Miller's ease. A suitable diet will insure a can be applied to almost any kind eyes seemed dreamily looking for car was a large Packard sedan of well nourished organism. Exercise of forage. Hay canning is also being health, happiness and longevity.

#### MALNUTRITION

regard to malnutrition in school loss caused by woody fibers, moldy erally supposed to be the only cause, improperly cured. Simply a few si-Just at present the depression is los will furnish storage for all the blamed. But this condition has roughage and it will be in the finest existed for many years. Too little condition for feeding. Less barn food or improper food is of the ut- space will be required and the animost importance, not only to the mals will always receive fresh succhildren, as children, but for their culent balanced rations. adult life as well.

Several years ago the American Open Air School Journal said that of 548,000 school children examined in fifteen cities in the United States, obtained in packages holding one about 4,000 were undernourished.

How can a child possibly be well size appears to be the most popular nourished, no matter what quantity for all purposes. There are, howor quality of the food, if it is mixed ever, many beekeepers who prefer with a fetid, decaying mass of food a three-pound package, thinking from cavities in the teeth with its that the extra pound of bees will and pus germs from abscessed more rapidly. But, says a promiteeth? This constant drain of pol- nent apiarist, experiments with the sons into the intestinal tract causes two sizes of packages do not seem stomach and intestinal troubles. to warrant this assumption, for Bacterial products are absorbed into the two-pound packages will usually the system and produce fevers, eye- build up as rapidly and store just strain, headaches, anemia, malaise as much honey as do the three-

insidious and slow in their action, portation not excessive, there are Many can, and do withstand them enough of them in a two-pound for years, if the powers of resist- package to care for all the brood ance are high, but in time these poisons are sure to destroy a good and the colony will build up just digestion and undermine the sys- as well without the excess workers.

A child cannot be expected to develop into a healthy adult with a strong mind if it is deprived of efficient means of chewing its food properly, or if the food must pass to dry up all cows at least six through an infected, uncared-for mouth. Is it any wonder that such children are sickly and lacking in strength? Is it any wonder that they are not bright and intelligent?

Where, but in the unclean mouth are found the germs of spinal meningitis, measles, diphtheria, and scarlet fever, ready to set up their specific diseases as soon as the resistance is lowered? These unfortunates are also a menace to the stopping altogether, but the former health of other children because of is easier and just as satisfactory, their susceptibility to infectious dis-

Taking, then, this specific knowledge as to the deleterious effect of a diseased mouth and malnutrition upon the child, school, state and nation into consideration, it becomes a great sociological problem that should appeal to all of those interested in child welfare. The prob- on an 8 per cent slope cropped to lem of nutrition will be solved within the first three inches of the allmentary canal.

C. Western Newspaper Union.

### Farmers to Plant More Than in 1934

Crop Acres Expected to Be Within 5 Per Cent of 1932 Harvest.

Prepared by Ohio State University Agri-oultural Extension Service. WNU Service.

Reports from 46,000 farmers in all parts of the country, reflecting MOST people feel that the condition of their own mouths intend to plant 17 per cent more the plans of all, indicate that they mouths is their own affair. We age, than the greatly reduced acre-

Although indications, when the poll was taken, pointed to a larger harvest than last year's, the 1935 acreage is expected to be about 5 per cent less than the harvested acreage in 1932,

The reduction below the 1932 acreage level, according to Guy W Miller of the department of rural economics, Ohio State university, is due to crop control programs, unfavorable seeding conditions in the drouth area, shortage and high cost of seed, and reduced requirements If this were not true, man would for feed following recent liquida-

Corn producers intend to plant about 96,000,000 acres, slightly more than were planted last year but nearly 8,000,000 acres more than were harvested.

Spring wheat intentions point to an 18,000,000 acre crop. Last year not more than 9,000,000 acres of spring wheat were worth harvest-

Farmers expect to plant 29 per cent more land to oats this year than were harvested a year ago.

Should present plans materialize, burley tobacco acreage will remain nearly the same as it was last year. Little changes were reported in potato planting intentions. Planted acreage is expected to be less than 1 per cent under the harvested acreage of last year. Ohio growers plan an acreage cut of 3 per cent. Increases are expected also in

acreage of soy beans and barley. But hay plantings, owing to seed shortages, are expected to decline.

#### Ventilated Silo Is Used in New Hay-Making Plan

This is a changing world and it

would not be surprising to see a change in the process of hay-making. In fact, it has already arrived, declares a writer in the Wisconsin Agriculturist. The putting up of hay, both by the sugar process and insure proper elimination. used. This is simply a ventilated silo These three things will insure where the hay is put either cured BYERS BROS. & CO. or partially cured and by ventilation the curing process goes on without combustion. Large hay barns are not only expensive but there is always considerable dan-MANY articles have recently appeared in the newspapers in directly from the field there is no children. Insufficient food is gen- or spoiled hay that has been put up

#### Bees by the Pound

There are approximately 5,000 bees in a pound and they may be or more pounds, but the two-pound enable the new colony to build up pound packages. If the bees are The poisons from the mouth are young and the loss during transthat can be produced by the queen,

#### Dry Up Milch Cows Tests have shown that for the

good of the cow and the quantity

and quality of the milk it is best weeks before freshening time, says an authority in Pathfinder Magazine. Unless the cow gives more than two and a half gallons of milk a day or stringiness or off-color of the milk indicate the presence of mastitus the animal can be dried up by simply reducing the grain feed by about three-fourths and ceasing to milk. The other plan is to skip milkings for a week before except in cases where the quantity of milk is exceptionally large or where there is evidence of disease.

#### Alfalfa Again

Alfalfa will check soil erosion for 5,000 years. Experiments show that a seven-inch layer of surface soil, corn or allowed to remain fallow, will be completely washed away within a lifetime .- Hoard's Dairyman.

#### Seek Effective Ways of Fighting Coddling Moth

Derris, a tropical plant containing a poison known as rotenone, and pyrethrum, which contains the toxic substances used in most insect powders and fly sprays, failed to control the coddling moth, which destroys large quantities of apples and pears, under the conditions of last year's experiments. The Department of Agriculture is keeping up a search for new plants which may contain substances harmless to human beings, but deadly to insects. Information on such plants has been collected from many parts of the world.

Tests last year with bait traps and light traps reduced the number of moths somewhat, but not to the point of lessening greatly the need for spraying. The orchard sanitation practices recommended by the department and successfully demonstrated last season are of value in reducing the number of spray applications needed. Fewer sprays, especially late in the season, mean less residue to wash from the fruit. Electrifled light traps used in the work in 1934 were very expensive to install and operate, but it is hoped that with improvement in their effectiveness the number needed can be reduced to a point where their employment in practical orchard operations would be profitable.

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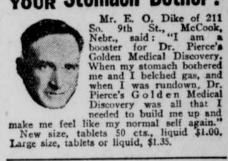
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