# Green Fancy

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#### GREEN FANCY LIARS.

Synopsis .- Thomas K. Barnes, wealthy young New Yorker, on a walking trip in New England near the Canadian border, is given a lift in an automobile by a mysterious and attractive girl bound for a house called Green Fancy. At Hart's tavern Barnes finds a stranded troupe of "barn-storming" actors, of which Lyndon Rushcroft is the star and "Miss Thackeray" the leading lady. They are doing hotel work for their board. He learns Green Fancy is a house of mystery. That night two mounted men leave the tavern under odd circumstances. One is shot dead near by; the other is brought back dying. The sheriff detains Barnes. Green Fancy guests appear and say the mystery does not concern Green Fancy.

#### CHAPTER V-Continued.

The two men looked at him, plainly

"When was all this?" inquired De

"Early last evening. He picked up your latest guest at the corners, and she insisted in his driving me to the tavern before the storm broke. I've been terribly anxious about her. She must have been caught out in all that frightful-"

"What's this you are saying, Mr. Barnes?" cut in De Soto, frowning. "No guest arrived at Green Fancy last

evening, nor was one expected." Barnes stared. "Do you mean to say that she didn't get there, after

"She? A woman, was it?" demanded O'Dowd. "Bedad, if she said she was coming to Green Fancy she was spoofing you. Are you sure it was old Peter who gave you that jolly ride?"

"No, I am not sure," said Barnes uneasily. "She was afoot, having walked from the station below. I met her at the corners and she asked me if I knew how far it was to Green Fancy, or something like that. Said she was going there. Then along came the automobile, rattling down this very road-an ancient Panhard driven by an old codger. She seemed to think a writ of attachment?" right to hop in and trust herself to him, although she'd never seen him before."

"The antique Panhard fits in all if the woman fits at al' No such person arrived at Green Funcy last night." "Dld you get a square look at the driver's face?" demanded De Soto.

"It was almost too dark to see, but he was old, hatchet-faced, and spoke

with an accent."

"Then it couldn't have been Peter," said De Soto positively. "He's old, right enough, but he is as big as the side of a house, with a face like a full moon, and he is Yankee to his toes. By gad, Barnes, the plot thickens! A woman has been added to the mystery. Now, who the devil is she and what has become of her?"

### CHAPTER VI.

Charity Begins Far From Home, and a Stroll in the Wildwood Follows.

Mr. Rushcroft was furious when he arose at eleven o'clock on the morning after the double murder, having slept like a top through all of the commotion. He boomed all over the place. vocal castigations falling right and left on the guilty and the innocent without distinction.

"I don't see how you managed to sleep through it," Barnes broke in. "You must have an unusually clear conscience, Mr. Rushcroft,"

"I haven't any conscience at all, sir," reared the star. "I had an unusually full stomach, that's what was the matter with me. I take oath now, str, never to eat again as long as I live. A man who cannot govern his beastly appetite ought to defy it, if nothing

"I gather from that remark that you omitted breakfast this morning."

"Breakfast, sir? In God's name, I implore you not to refer to anything so disgusting as stewed prunes and bacon at a time like this. My mind

"How about luncheon? Will you loin me at twelve-thirty?"

"That's quite another matter," said Mr. Rushcroft readily. "Luncheon is "Twelve-thirty, did you say?"

"It would give me great pleasure if your daughter would also grace the festal board. I think it is too bad that she has to go about in the gown she wears, Mr. Rushcroft," said Barnes. "She's much too splendid for that. I have a proposition I'd like to make to you later on. I cannot make it, however, without consulting Miss Thackcray's feelings."

"My dear fellow!" beamed Rushrof., seizing the other's hand, "One Mr. Bushcroft," said Barnes,

frequently reads in books about it ! coming like this, at first sight, but, damme, I never dreamed that it ever really happened. Count on me! She hired motor that afternoon, secure the ought to leave the stage, the dear judgment, pay the costs, and attend child. No more fitted to it than an Easter lily. Her place is in the home,

"Good Lord, I am not thinking of-" And Barnes, aghast, stopped before blurting out the words that leaped to his lips. "I mean to say this is a proposition that may also affect your excellent companions, Bacon and Dillingford, as well as yourself."

At twelve-thirty sharp Barnes came down from his room freshly shaved maid. She was to become a paying and brushed, to find not only Mr. Rushcroft and Miss Thackeray awaiting him in the office, but the Messrs. Dillingford and Bacon as well.

"I took the liberty, old fellow," said Rushcroft, addressing Barnes, "of asking my excellent co-workers to join us in our repast."

"Delighted to have you with us, gentlemen," said Barnes affably.

The sole topic of conversation for the first half hour was the mysterious outrageous, high-handed action of the hear the star's indignant lamentations, on. You will be interested, I'm sure. that he and his party were in a position to depart when they pleased. It would have been difficult to imagine that he was not actually rolling in money instead of being absolutely penniless.

Barnes had been immersed in his own thoughts for some time. A slight frown, as of reflection, darkened his eyes. Suddenly—perhaps impolitely he interrupted Mr. Rushcroft's flow of eloquence.

"Have you any objection, Mr. Rushcroft, to a more or less personal question concerning your own private-ermisfortunes?" he asked, leaning forward.

For a moment one could have heard a pin drop. Mr. Rushcroft evidently held his breath. There could be no mistake about that.

"It's rather delicate, but would you mind telling me just how much you were stuck up for by the-er-was it

It was," said the star. "A writ of inquisition, you might as well substitute. The act of a polluted, impecunious, parsimonious-what shall I right," said O'Dowd, "but I'm hanged say? Well, I will be as simple as possible-hotel keeper. Ninety-seven dollars and forty cents. For that pitiful amount he subjected me to-"

"Well, that isn't so bad," said Barnes, vastly relieved. He was covertly watching Miss Thackeray's halfaverted face as he ventured upon the proposition he had decided to put before them. "I am prepared and willing to advance this amount, Mr. Rushcroft, and to take your personal note as security."

Rushcroft leaned back in his chair and stuck his thumbs in the armholes of his vest. He displayed no undue elation. Instead he affected profound calculations. His daughter shot a swift, searching look at the would-be Samaritan. There was a heightened color in her cheeks.

"Moreover, I shall be happy to increase the amount of the loan sufficiently to cover your return at once to New York, if you so desire by train." Barnes smiled as he added the last two words.

"Extremely kind of you, my dear Barnes," said the actor, running his fingers through his hair. "Your faith don't know what to say to you, sir."

"May I inquire just how you expect to profit by this transaction, Mr. Barnes?" Miss Thackeray asked

He started, catching her meaning. "My dear Miss Thackeray," he exclaimed, "this transaction is solely between your father and me. I shall have no other claim to press." "I wish I could believe that," she

"You may believe it," he assured

"It isn't the usual course," she said quietly, and her face brightened. "You

are not like most men, Mr. Barnes." "My dear child," said Rushcroft, "you must leave this matter to our

friend and me. I fancy I know an honest man when I see him. My dear fellow, fortune is but temporarily an esthetic tribute to the physical in- frowning upon me. In a few weeks telligence of man, if you know what I I shall be on my feet again, zipping mean. I shall be delighted to join you. along on the crest of the wave. I dare and-" say I can return the money to you in a month or six weeks. If-

"Oh, father!" cried Miss Thackeray. "We'll make it six months, and I'll pay any rate of interest you desire. Six per cent, eight per cent, ten per-" "Six per cent, sir, and we will make

It a year from date," "Agreed. Get up and dance for us, Dilly! We shall be in New York to-

"You forget the dictatorial sheriff,

"The variet!" barked Mr. Rushcroft to the removal of the personal belongings of the stranded quartette from the hotel to Hart's Tavern. The younger actors stoutly refused to acwhile at the Tavern. That, they declared, would be charity, and they pre-

ferred his friendship and his respect

eray, however, was to be immediately

relieved of her position as chamber-

to anything of that sort. Miss Thack-

guest. the most noteworthy complacency. He seemed to regard it as his due, or

"A thought has just come to me, arose from table. "With the proper slaying of their fellow lodgers. Mr. of the most stupendous things the the-Rushcroft complained bitterly of the ater has known in fifty years. I don't mind saying to you-although it's coroner and sheriff in imposing upon rather sub rosa—that I have written a him and his company the same re- play-a four-act drama that will pack strictions that had been applied to the biggest house on Broadway to the Barnes. They were not to leave the roof for as many months as we'd care county until the authorities gave the to stay. Perhaps you will allow me word. One would have thought, to to talk it over with you a little later



Rushcroft Took the Whole Affair With the Most Noteworthy Complacency.

Egad, sir, I'll read the play to you. I'll--What ho, landlord. Have your leafy porches and their columns, the hest automobile sent around to the chimney pots, the window hangingsdoor as quickly as possible. A couple of my men are going to Hornville to forest. And it was a place of huge fetch hither my-"

"Just a minute," interrupted Put- bling. nam Jones, wholly unimpressed. "A man just called you up on the phone, Mr. Barnes. I told him you was entertaining royalty at lunch and crazy ideas I evercouldn't be disturbed. So he asked as you revived. His words, not mine. ing slowly toward him through the in-Call up Mr. O'Dowd at Green Fancy. Here's the number." The mellow voice of the Irishman

soon responded to Barnes' call.

"I called you up to relieve your mind regarding the young woman who came last night," he said. "You obin me is most gratifying. I-I really serve that I say 'came.' She's caite all right, safe and sound, and no cause for uneasiness. I thought you meant that she was coming here as a guest, and so I made the very natural mistake of saying she hadn't come at all, is Mrs. Van Dyke's maid. But, bless our mystery."

Barnes was slow in replying. He conceivable that an ordinary-or even manner of his chance acquaintance of the day before, or the temerity to as if- The chauffeur!

"But I thought you said that Mr. Curtis' chauffeur was moon-faced

"He is, bedad," broke in Mr O'Dowd, chuckling. "That's what de ceived me entirely, and no wonder. It wasn't Peter at all, but the rapscallion washer who went after her. He was instructed to tell Peter to meet the four o'clock train, and the blockhead forgot to give the order. Bedad, what does he do but sneak out after her himself, seared out of his boots for fear of what he was to get from Peter. I had the whole story from Mrs. Van "tambour" denotes the origin, the

"Well, I'm tremendously relieved," said Barnes slowly.

"And so am I," said O'Dowd with conviction. "I have seen the heroine of our busted romance. She's a goodlooking girl. I'm not surprised that she kept her vell down. If you were to leave it to me, though, I'd say that it's a sin to carry discretion so far as all that. You see what I mean, don't you?" His rich laugh came over

"Perfectly. Thank you for letting me know. My mind is at rest. Goodby." As he hung up the receiver he said to himself, "You are a most affable, convincing chap, Mr. O'Dowd, but I don't believe a word you say. It was arranged that Dillingford and That woman is no lady's maid, and Bacon were to go to Hornville in a you've known all the time that she was there."

At four o'clock he set out alone for tramp up the mountain road in which the two men had been shot down. His mind was quite clear. Roon and Paul were not ordinary robcept Barnes' offer to pay their board bers. They were, no doubt, honest men. He would have said that they were thieves bent on burglarizing Green Fancy were it not for the disclosures of Miss Thackeray and the very convincing proof that they were not shot by the same man.

It was not beyond reason-indeed. it was quite probable—that they were Rushcroft took the whole affair with trying to cross the border; in that event their real operations would be confined to the Canadian side of the more properly speaking as if he were line. He could not free himself of the doing Barnes a great favor in allowing suspicion that Green Fancy possessed him to lend money to a person of his the key to the situation. Roon and his companion could not have had the slightest interest in his movements up my dear fellow," he remarked as they to the instant he encountered the young woman at the crossroads. His kind of backing I could put over one busy brain suddenly suffered the shock of a distinct conclusion. Was she a fellow conspirator? Was she the inside worker at Green Fancy in a welllaid plan to rifle the place?

Could it be possible that she was the confederate of these painstaking agents who lurked with sinister patience outside the very gates of the place called Green Fancy?

His ramble carried him far beyond the spot where Roon's body was found and where young Conley had come upon the tethered horses. His enger, curious gaze swept the forest to the left of the road in search of Green Fancy. Overcome by a rash, daring impulse, he climbed over the stake and rider fence and sauntered among the big trees which so far had obscured the house from view. The trees grew very thickly on the slope, and they were unusually large. He progressed deeper into the wood. At the end of what must have been a mile he halted. There was no sign of habitation, no indication that man had ever penetrated so far into the forest. As he was on the point of retracing his steps toward the road his gaze fell upon a huge moss-covered rock less than a hundred yards away. He stared, and gradually it began to take on angles and planes and recesses of the most astounding symmetry. Under his widening gaze it was transformed into a substantial object of cubes and gables and-yes, windows.

He was looking upon the strange home of the even stranger Mr. Curtis-Green Fancy.

Now he understood why it was called Green Fancy. Its surroundings were no greener than itself; it seemed to melt into the foliage, to become a part of the natural landscape. Mountain ivy literally enveloped it. Exposed sections of the house were painted green; the doors were green; the all were the color of the unchanging dimensions, low and long and ram-

"'Gad," he said to himself, "what manner of crank is he who would bury himself like this? Of all the

His reflections ended there. A wom me to have you call him up as soon an crossed his vision; a woman strolltricate avenues of the wildwood.

> Barnes meets "Mrs. Van Dyke's maid," and the mystery deepens.

> > (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Longfellow Justly Popular.

Longfellow is justly popular as the poet who, above all other poets of this country, has expressed with a varied at all. The young woman in question and finished art the simple, natural. elemental affections and sentiments. me soul, how was I to know she was His literary productions are confined even in existence, much less expected almost entirely to those in poetic form. by frain or motor or Shanks' mare? Hyperion, a rather florid romance, and Well, she's here, so there's the end of Kavanagh, a romance of somewhat better quality, are the two exceptions. His well-known "Psalm of Life," "The was doubting his own ears. It was not | Song of Hinwatha," "Evangeline," and many other poems have made his an extraordinary-lady's maid could name a familiar household word, and have possessed the exquisite voice and every schoolboy is familiar with "The Village Blacksmith." "The Wreck of the Hesperus," and the "Building of order that sour-faced chauffeur about the Ship," which are the melodious phrasing of thoughts and feelings dear to the children even of a larger growth,

Kettledrum Is Old.

The Greeks and Romans danced to the accompaniment of the tympanum -from which our modern kettledrum has been adapted-but failed to apply this instrument of percussion to warfare, and it is not till the seventh century that the Moors and Saracens, of Spain introduced the drum among European soldiery, having themselves acquired it from the Hindus through Persian traders. The ancient word "taber"-or as the French call it Persian word for drum being table:

## FROM ALL SECTIONS OF THIS MAJESTIC STATE

Reports of Interesting Happenings Throughout Nebraska Condensed to a Few Lines for Quick Perusal.

Allen Vincent Grammer, who was sentenced to die in the electric chair at the state penitentiary at Lincoln, June 6 for his alleged part in the murder of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lulu Vogt, near St. Paul, July 5, 1917, was granted a re-hearing by the supreme court of Nebraska as the result of a confession by Alson B. Cole, also under death sentence for the murder, in which he exonerated Grammer.

A Ford automobile met its Waterloo at Omaha the other day when a big 90-horse power airplane crashed into it while making a landing on the Ak-Sar-Ben flying field. The flivver was demolished and the plane, after having a damaged wing repaired, continued on its way to Denver. No one was injured in the smashup.

The Nebraska State Asociation of Commercial clubs chose N. T. Gadd of Broken Bow for its future president for the coming year at the recent convention in the Custer county metropolis. The convention was one of the best in the history of the association. Grand Island is to be the scene of the next gathering.

It is said that petitions containing about 5,000 names have been received at the office of the promotion committee at Lincoln which has in charge the invoking of the referendum on the code bill in order to keep it from being given a trial. It will require 23,000 names to hold up the bill.

Attorneys for Morris Katelman, Omaha business man, convicted and sentenced to prison for a term of from ne to seven years by the district court of Douglas county for alleged complicity in automobile stealing have asked the supreme court to review the

Catholics of Cedar Rapids dedicated the new St. Anthony's church with a ceremony attended by the greatest throng of people ever assembled in the city before at one time. The new

edifice is one of the finest in the state. Omaha is included in the route of a great continental airline to carry passengers and express, according to plans of Akron (O.) promoters, who hope to have big dirigibles in operation within a year.

People of Richardson county are de termined to have a new court house at Falls City to replace the one destroyed by fire recently. A special election to vote bonds for the project will be held before long.

Lincoln proposes to do more paving this year than ever before in a single season. One proposed district in the north part of the city will make near ly two miles of newly paved streets.

But one bid was submitted for the Ames-Fremont concrete road of six miles, the estimated cost being \$197,-000. The contract is to be let the last

State Treasurer Croshy reports that the balance in the state's strong box at the end of May totalled \$2,008,510.81, as compared with \$1,866,049.94, the end of the previous month.

A change of first degree murder has been filed against Mrs. Minnie Owens of Hastings who is said to have confessed to the murder of her 3-monthsold baby with a butcher knife.

A trans-continental fight from New York to the Pacific coast is to be made with only one stop, and that to be made at North Platte by an army

Rev. Samuel E. Taft, who has filled the pulpit of the M. E. church at Table Rock for nearly turee years, has accepted a call to a Methodist church near Spokane, Wash,

Work is expected to begin soon on the laying of 16 blocks of paving at West Point. The total cost of the improvement will be approximately

A movement is on foot at Lincoln to annex four suburbs to the Capital. The first attempt to make a Greater Lincoln by legislative action, failed. Railroads in many mstricts of eastern Nebraska suffered heavy damage to their roadbeds as the result of the

heavy rains of the past week. A contract has been closed whereby an army aviator will give an exhibition flight at Odell the last day of the chautauqua, June 20.

Contracts have been let and work is well under way on the new municipal lighting plant which is being installed at Holdrege,

Work has begun on \$140,600 worth of paving and storm sewer construction at Geneva.

One of the largest land deals in the history of western Nebraska transpired last week when the George R. Richardson's "X-L" ranch of 14,600 acres, part in Garden and part in Morrill counties, situated near Lisco, was sold for more than \$200,000,

The heavy rains and high winds of the past week caused thousands of dollars' damage to crops in eastern Nebraska. Wheat was leveled to the ground by the high winds in many sections. Corn on the bottom land in many cases was washed away.

The hay outlook in Nebraska, ac cording to the state agricultural department, promises 9,000,000 tons, as against a December estimate of half the purpose of prospecting for oil. Acthat amount.

Lincoln citizens will now receive something like \$400,000 in rebate charges for gas as the result of the lismissing the injunction proceedings prought by the Lincoln Gas and Elecric Light company, restraining the

81. emacted twelve years ago.

Softening of the road-bed by heavy rains was the reason given for the wreck of the Burlington troop train near Ashland by railroad officials. It is considered very remarkable that none of the more than 200 soldiers who were asleep in the five coaches which rolled down the ten-foot embankment and into Salt Creek, were not killed. A good many of the soldiers, who were mostly from California, lost all their personal belong-

The Fremont Commercial club has raised the \$75,000 it pledged toward the expense of moving Midland college to Fremont from Atchis n, Kan., and the establishment of a Lutheran university near the city. This announcement was followed by a report from Atchison that the board of the college had voted to remove the institution to Fremont July 15.

The state engineering department at lincoln collected \$71,802 for automobile licenses during the month of April, the first month the new state law has been in effect. Fifteen counties turned in more than \$1,000, Douglas county turned in \$9,826; Lancaster, \$3,562; Knox, \$2,265, and Custer,

Ninety-eight dental students, who confessed to reading the test questions before they began to take the examination under the state dental board at Lincoln recently, will be given another opportunity to take the examination some time next month, according to action taken by the board.

Nebraska's two United States senators cast their vote when the upper branch of congress finally sanctioned the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the federal constitution, Senator Norris voting for the measure and Hitchcock against It.

Frank Green of Lincoln was made first president of the Fraternal Order of Elks of Nebraska at the annual convention of the association at York. Other officers were chosen for the ensuing year and Alliance was selected for the 1920 meeting.

A well known Minnesota man is in Lincoln making preparations, it is said, to establish a nonpartisan league farm paper in the Capital City with a circulation among the 20,000 members he claims the league has throughout the state.

Governor McKelvie has intimated that he would not hesitate to call the legislature in extra session to act on the suffrage amendment if it becomes necessary to have Nebraska's vote to complete the ratification of the act.

Congressman Evans, of Nebraska, has introduced bills in congress authorizing the war department to donate captured German cannon to the cities of Fremont, Columbus and Norfolk in his district.

More than 2,000 women have registered in Douglas county and they are expected to take a prominent part in the special election to be held June 24 to vote \$3,000,000 in bonds for road

The Methodist church at Randolph not only "went over the top" in the ecent missionary centenary drive but raised a fund sufficient to build a fine parsonage and equip the pastor with a motor car.

According to A. C. Andrews, government crop agent stationed at Lincoln, orange leaf rust, unusually prevalent in Nebraska, may reduce production of the state's winter wheat crop.

A contract has been let for the building of the Blair-Oakland highway. The project, which will cost about \$60,-000, comprises 34.8 miles and passes through Tekamah and Craig.

The York Commercial club has decided to pave twenty-four miles of roads in the county, six miles in each direction of York, the city to guarantee \$1,000 per mile paved. The state engineer's office at Lincoln

let a contract for the construction of

the thirty-seven miles of public highway between Lincoln and Beatrice to cost about \$95,000. Theodore Frederick Barnes of Mc-Cook, a discharged soldier, has been appointed to the West Point Military

the Fifth district. Washington reports say that the government intends to have a big war exhibit at the Nebraska home-coming at Lincoln the week of June 15 to 20. Two Nebraska congressman, Jefferis and Reevis, are members of a

academy by Congressman Andrews of

committee appointed to investigate expenditures of the War department. The Fremont canteen served 7,600 men during the month of May, according to the report of Miss Maud

May, commandant. The fourteenth annual convention of the Nebraska Fraternal Order of Eagles will be held at South Omaha June 16 and 17.

Rev. D. M. orr or Wakefield has accepted a call from the Presbyterian church of Aurora and will assume the pastorate July 1, Rev. J. H. Salsbury having resigned to engage permanently in the new era movement of his church.

Congressman Jeffries of Nebraska has introduced a bill in congress to repeal the daylight saving law. In response to a number of requests from farming communities, where it is said the present schedule of time is a serlous handleap to farm work.

More than 20,000 acres of Gage county land has been leased by the Holdrege-Red Cloud Oll company for tual drilling is expected to start before long.

Wahoo is planning many improvements this year, the program begin-United States supreme courts decree ning with the pavement of forty blocks in the business and residence portions of the city of which one-half will be on the famous Cornhusker aforcement of a city ordinance re highway and which is now being gradwing the price of gas from \$1.20 ed through Saunders county by the federal and state aid projects.