

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER L-Richard Derring, returning from a winter in the woods to his mother's farm home, is overtaken by his uncle, accompanied by his eccentric wife, coming to pay a visit at the farm.

CHAPTER II.—Aunt Jerusha's questions about Emily Futton, supposed to be Richard's sweetheart, bring out the fact that she is to marry a merchant, Ed-

wards.
CHAPTER III.-Derring's disappointment stimulates his ambition and un-der the advice of Seth Kinney, a hermit of the woods, he resolves to fit himself for college. Kinney promises to teach him Greek.

CHAPTER IV .- Derring tells his mother his resolve, and in his grandfather's eld laboratory begins the study of Greek. CHAPTER V.—Seth Kinney hears Richard's Greek recitation in the woods while he and Tom Bishop ply the cross-cut

CHAPTER VI.-Derring learns that he can look indifferently upon the loss of Emily. He visits Aunt Jerusha, who voluniters to help him through college, making him a gift of \$100.

CHAPTER VII.—The Greek learned in the woods carries Richard triumphantly

through entrance examinations, wins approval from the professor and insures his popularity among his fellows.

CHAPTER VIII.—Four years in college obliterates the memory of Emily. Derring begins his journalistic work in Chicago.

CHAPTER IX.-Derring meets Helen Gordon in her studio, where he goes to

CHAPTER X.—Derring's promotion to art critic on his paper makes him more secure financially. He makes rapid progress in comradeship with Helen. The dis-covery of an old love episode in her life evenis to him that he loves her. CHAPTER XI.—Helen refuses to marry

Richard and hamper his career and her ewn. They enter into a compact which permits only companionship with "no promises" on either side. CHAPTER XII.-Both find happiness in

the undefined relation. Helen finds Richard's suggestions very helpful in her CHAPTER XIII.-Helen suffers ill ef-

fects from sketching on the lake shore in January. A slight filness brings her into closer relations with Richard. CHAPTER XIV.—Richard discovers a

CHAPTER XIV.

The winter continued cold and blustering. Helen sketched no more out of doors. But she did the interior of the Dutch house and both sketches were sold on the opening day of the spring exhibition. Whenever Derring chided her for careless disregard of her health, she would meekly call his attention to this very pleasant and tangible result of the North Shore expedition.

Derring gradually became conscious of another result-less palpable, but no less real. Since their first acquaintance he had known that her presence had a marked effect on him-soothing and quicting him if he were tired, and autckening his fancy and imagination if he were in good spirits. He was always conscious of her presence in a room, even before his eyes had testified it. Soon he became aware that a new and more subtle communication had been established between them. He continued to feel an added sense of well-being in her presence; but he discovered that this power of her personality had escaped the bonds of space, and that wherever she might be, his spirit was conscious of her. The first sign of this was a vague restlessness and foreboding which came to him, now and then, without apparent cause.

Since she was always in his mind, it did not occur to him as strange that his thoughts of her should take a gloomy turn when this humor was on him. Nor did he guess the secret of the strange mood till a day when the feeling became too strong to be resisted, and he sought her in the studio. He found her sitting on the top of a tall step-ladder, a comical picture of despair.

Her face brightened as he appeared in the doorway. "Oh, I am so glad! | the car assumed for Derring a distinct Do you suppose you can get me individuality. The sense of isolation down?"

"Of course. Come on." He held out his hands.

"I can't. I have sprained my foot. It was silly to try to hang a heavy picture on this rickety old thing. I never dreamed I should slip, though. It hurts so that I can't bear my "And the ladder shakes so I don't dare sense enough to know what to do-I

insecure seat and placed her on the very hard divan that ran the length of the room.

"You have to spend most of your time rescuing me, don't you?" she said, laughing. "How did you happen to come over so early? I had made up my mind to sit there till six o'clock. Tom has to come for some pictures

How had he happened to come?-In a flash he saw it all-and told her. She laughed a little at the explanation. But he recalled to her other times when he had unconsciously been warned of her danger or discomfort. They discussed the situation with analytic appreciation. At least, if not true, it was interesting.

A few experiments convinced them

that it was true as well as interesting, It was evidently an uncertain communication, however. Several times when he yielded to the feeling of disquiet and sought her out he found her working, serenely unconscious of danger and ready to laugh at his fears. D., on 35 Friday morning. Moreover, it was a one-sided communication. Helen, as he reproachfully pointed out to her, was never conscious of danger to him, while he had a headache if she so much as scratched her little finger.

But, although Derring jested, he rejoiced in this new power. It deepened their relation. He might be disquieted without cause; but at least no harm would come to her without his knowing it.

But as the spring came on a new dread assailed him. Soon it would be summer. She would go home for the vacation. Would this power extend over the thousand miles? And would he have, as now, the presience of danger without the power to go to her?

He grew to dread the summer. But it was destined that he should be the first to go away. Early in April a letter came from his mother. Seth Kinney was very ill and asked

continually for him. As he packed his traveling-bag and to Marsland Saturday. prepared to go, he was conscious of mixed motives. He was fond of Seth. He would have gone to him in any



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shame, he found himself thinking that the trip would give him a chance to could happen. But at least he should know what he had to expect during the long weeks of vacation. So anxious was he to make the experiment that he almost forgot the dread of

"Be as happy as you can-for my sake," he said laughingly as they parted. "Don't run any more risks than you can help.'

The morning train was full of the hum of life. People seemed to be letting off superabundant vitality. Behind Derring a child was humming contentedly to herself. Her mother was talking in a loud voice to a man across the aisle. "You have to look night with her sister, Emma Nerudafter the seed, praise the Lord! If we don't gather a sheaf in this life, of the car two business men were talking.

As the day wore on, each person in deepened. He entered into conversation with no one, but sat idly listening to the flow of talk.

At times he watched the changing landscape. Along the margin of each little stream the willows grew yellow in the sunshine. Across the plain a mass of low crimson marked where weight-oh!" She lifted it carefully. the sap crept up at the touch of spring. As they approached the woods, hop down. I am sure I hope you have the crimson faded to a soft, feathery gray. Then they were among the trees themselves, and the sunshine, He lifted her carefully from her slanting across the great trunks, hung, caught in tangled underbrush, or rested lightly on some tuft of moss or

dark, shining pool. Derring was impressed with the incongruity of it all-his solitude in the midst of the life that pressed so close about him, the hum of busy talk and the shrick of the engine deep in the woods where one never goes except alone or with some congenial soul. With one glance he caught the freshness of the spring, and with the next, the commonplace face and striped day. trousers of the passenger across the

His thoughts went to Helen and their love, to the happiness of the past year and the days that were before them. The car and its occupants wards, both of Sioux county, were tion as clerk at Morrison's-

raced from sight. He brooded on the married at the home of the bride's beauty and mystery of their relation -the foreboding of danger-the necessary accompaniment of love. Great happiness-deep suffering. Sunlight and shade. 'The capability of sin in man-at once the mark of the beast and the promise of a divinity within him. He had drifted far into metaphysical speculation before he reached the New England hills. But whatever foreboding the future might hold for him, he no longer dreaded its power. He saw deep into its nature. He who loves much will suffer much.

Throughout the journey the thought stayed with him; and when, once or twice, he felt the dread of danger near, he even rejoiced that distance could not mar the closeness of love. The longing for her safety that stole from his heart would, in another man, have been a prayer.

(To be Continued)

Hemingford Happenings.

Chas. Benjamin came up from Alli ance Thursday.

Sam Albro went to Hot Springs, S.

Henry Loveland came home from Denver after a long vacation.

Miss Bertha Parkyn came in from Sioux county Saturday, returning Sun-

Walter Rishel went to Alliance Thursday, returning the last of the Fred Melick and Mr. Thompson

went to Alliance Thursday, returning Wilbur Melick came from Missouri

Thursday for a visit with his brother, Fred Melick.

Joe Vaughn and Jim McKinnie came up from Alliance Thursday on 43 and

Tom Tovin, the hide buyer, came up from Alliance Thursday, going on

Mrs. Vermillion came up from Alliance Thursday, going out to see Mrs. to see his nephew, who has been very sisted Mrs. Weaver last Wednesday case. But, with a little sense of H. Pierce for a few days.

> Mr. Crosby, the piano tuner, was in town the first of the week and went to Marsland Thursday. Mrs. Floyd Duff, wife of the depot

agent at Berea, came up Tuesday to do some trading, returning Wednesday. Ben Curtis and wife were in from

Sioux county Thursday, going out to see Mrs. Harry Pierce for a short time. J. J. Smith from Welton Junction, Ia., came for a visit with his brother-

Mrs. B. F. Gilman came up from Alliance Tuesday, staying over night his home in Seneca, Kans., where he with Mrs. C. J. Wildy, returning Wed- has been at the bedside of his father,

in-law, Adam Hucke, and other rela-

nesday. Mrs. Bowser and daughter came rom the eastern part of the state for a Ridge Sunday, taking Rev. Waterman week, visit with their son and brother, L. A. They returned Sunday evening.

business trip to Blackfoot, Idaho. He parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Potmesil, says he left a great deal of snow on Sr., returning the first of the week. the ground.

Clyde Watson stopped off Sunday test the communication. He would for an over night's stay, then going be gone only a few days. Nothing back to York for a visit with his folks before returning to Idaho.

Phil Michael, Sr., and son, John, were in from the ranch Wednesday, staying over night with Mr. Michael's daughter, Mrs. Pete Swanson.

Norton Brown came home from Edgemont, S. D., Wednesday for a short visit with home folks before going to Rapid City, S. D., to work.

Ora Phillips, Anna Nerud and Frank Beal came up from Alliance Saturday, returning Sunday. Anna spent the

Mrs. Will Bowman came over from it's no matter." Farther to the front | Hay Springs Wednesday for a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. H. Pierce, who is much improved at this writing.

> (Crowded out last week.) Roy Kent was a passenger to Alli-

ance Wednesday. Mrs. Bert Carr came up from Alli-

ance Thursday. Miss Eliza Mrachek came home from

Marsland Thursday. K. L. Pierce and D. W. Butler went to Alliance Thursday.

Mrs. James Whelan is greatly improved at this writing.

J. Randall is helping with the cooking at the Kent restaurant. Chas. Wiltsey went to Alliance

Thursday, returning Friday, Milton Godfrey came from West Chester, Iowa Wednesday,

Miss Edna Carey came up from Alliance Friday, returning Monday.

Editor Clark was a passenger to Marsland Friday, returning Saturday. Will Moravek was in from the ranch Friday for supplies, going home Satur-

Fred Davison came in from the Hickey ranch Wednesday to take out

B. C. Curtis and Miss Huzel Ed-

mother. Congratulations are extended to this happy couple.

Melvin Scott made a drive to Alliance Friday taking a couple of travelng men. Father McNamara came up from

Alliance Wednerday to see Mrs. Leo has a large contract. Frohnapfel. Ernest Shoemaker from the North Table was in town Thursday taking

out supplies. Mrs. Brush Hall came down from Crawford Friday for a visit with Mrs.

erry Wills. George lones came in from Sioux ounty Friday, taking home a large

oad of lumber.

Deadwood, S. D., Tuesday for a visit with home folks.

ford came up from Berea Thursday, returning Friday. Miss Jessie Bush came up from Mullen Saturday to look after a school in

Miss Lousie Weise and Mrs. Box-

the Hollinrake district. Fred Davison and Mrs. John Hickey

day, returning Thursday. Bow is here helping with the house- ter's readings pleased every one, and

work at Victor Herncall's. Saturday, going home Sunday. Grove Fosket returned with him.

Bert Dickinson le't Montav Gretna, Nebr., to attend hat. his brother, Harry Dick

The Congregati 1 society met with Mrs. a cice Thursday all day. They good time.

B. W. Miller, the Underwood typewriter salesman for the Omaha branch, was in town Friday and Saturday. Rev. Rozak left Wednesday for St.

Louis, Mo., from which place he expects to bring a wife home with him. Rev. Schulemburg of Crawford came down Sunday to preach in Rev. Rozak's

place, returning to Crawford Monday. Bradford Fenner returned from Chadron Wednesday, where he went

Mrs. Dr. Little went to Omaha Sunday on a business trip; also to make a visit at Gretna, Nebr., before her re-

Mr. and Mrs. Oldt came from Billings, Mont., Wednesday for a visit with Mrs. Oldt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Katen. We hear that a new drug store is go-

ing in the north side of the old Bushnell stand and a grocery and meat market in the south side.

Mrs. Cox of Topeka, Kans., that they pital last Wednesday. are the proud parents of a new son, born Jan. 10, 1910. E, A. Peckinpaugh returned from

who has been very sick. Melvin Scott made a drive to Pine

to preach the funeral of L. B. Hill. Mrs, Ed. Wildy went over to the John Anderson has returned from his North Table Saturday to visit with her

MALINDA ITEMS

(Too late for last week)

Miss Emma Groff of Omaha is visiting her brothers, Ed. Dueker and John able to be out. Groff.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Acker gave a dance Co. held their annual meeting for the at their home recently. There was a very large crowd and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mr. and Mrs. Petre gave a dance last Friday night in their new home. They certainly have a nice home and everyone enjoyed it with them that

BAYARD ITEMS.

Bad colds are common these days. Will Linn's mother left for her home

Miss Alta Robertson is clerking at spring wagon. Walford's. Prof. Mans visited with Ed. Finley's

last Friday. C. O. Morrison was a Bridgeport

visitor Sunday. Roy Walford is staying out on his homestead this week.

Ernest Morrison spent a night on his homestead last week.

Wm. P. Devault was in Bridgeport Monday on business. Joe Wysong returned home Tuesday

from several weeks' visit in the east. C. Wright, one of Scottsbluff's attorneys, was in town Tuesday night.

Mrs. McKelvey was on the sick list the first of the week, but is better at this writing.

The rumor is that L. C. Leach has purchased an auto to use in his livery business. This is a good improvement.

(Too late for last week)

Wm. P. Devault was a Bridgeport visitor Tuesday.

Rev. Cooper has resigned his posi-

Mrs. Morrison and Grandma Morrison visited at James Burns' Tuesday.

Ernest Morrison returned last Friday and resumed his duties as clerk again. Frank McCarter shipped his grading 324 West Idaho. Phone 205 outfit to Denver Monday, where he

Fifteen of the M. W. A. members went to Redington last Saturday night and report a good time.

Mr. Clark, who has been employed as bookkeeper at the Commissary for several months, left Tuesday for Denver. He will be missed by his many

Mr. Plane, "the Necromantique en-Clark McIntyre came home from tertainer," was at the M. E. church last Saturday night and gave a very delightful entertainment. Mr. Plane is certainly an artist in the magic line and his feats of magic greatly mystified his audience.

The Fodrea-Winter Co. gave an entertainment here last Thursday night that was enjoyed by every one present. were passengers to Alliance Wednes- Miss Fodrea is one of the most delightful artists with the violin and was Miss Thelma Bates from Broken the star of the company. Miss Winher friends predict a bright future for I. Hall from Sioux county came in her. Miss MacFarland is a beautiful pia- st and her selections were renand with much feeling and effect.

BEREA

(Too late for last week)

Jos. Barkhurst was a Sunday visitor at A. J. Gaghagen's.

J. J. Kemen purchased some young

calves of A. J. Gaghagen Monday. N. G. Leishman and wife were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Skinner of Hash-

man Sunday. Henry Carson and Frank Reed of Madison were visiting P. J. Knapp and family Thursday.

Mrs. Jas. T. Nabb visited and asafternoon and evening.

helped P. J. Knapp butcher two hogs Monday while the women had a frne time visiting. Co. Supt. Miss Della Reed visited

Jas. T. Nabb and A. J. Gaghagen

the school in Ash Grove district last Thursday, Miss Opal Burkholder being the teacher. August Mayer, who has been very

sick at his home for the past two Word was received from Rev. and weeks, was taken to the Alliance Hos-

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FAIRVIEW

(Too late for last week) Wm. McLain is on the sick list this

Mrs. T. J. Lawrence visited with Mrs. Aspden one day last week-School will reopen in Dist. 5 next

Monday, Rev. Ira Nolte being the Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lawrence called

on Mr. and Mrs. John Parker Monday afternoon. Wm. Aspden, who has been sick

with congestion of the lungs, is now The Box Butte Creek Telephone

election of officers Monday. We understand that Wm. Rust is offering a reward for a satchel, which

he lost while in town Saturday. Hall Rust, who has been sick with pneumonia, is getting along nicely and

will soon be able to be out again. There will be a Valentine oyster supper at Mr. Aspden's Monday night,

Feb. 14. Everybody invited to come, J. W. Frazier's team ran away while in town Saturday, scattering his groceries and breaking a wheel of his

Rev. Ira Nolte closed the meetings which he has been holding for the past two weeks. Sunday evening Dist. Supt. Rev. Julian preached the closing

The Ladies' Aid, which was to have met at Mrs. Hadley's Wednesday, has been postponed until Thursday on account of a large number desiring to attend the funeral of Mr. Lewis, who died at his home near Alliance Mon-

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