

Periwinkle House

By Opie Read

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CHAPTER Continued

Impetuous . . . I was eating a Spanish stew out on the sidewalk, the weather being warm, when along came an agent—not a man in distress, but a regular agent—and I invested with him. I bought a ticket in the Havana lottery. . . . Wait, now. Nothing ever happens until it does, you know. The drawing came off two days later, and my number, 356,792, won the first prize, twenty thousand in gold.

Tyelo hugged him; Duce shook his hand; and the General exclaimed his astonishment.

"Well, that beats anything I ever heard in my life. It doesn't seem possible, sir."

"No, and I was somewhat taken by surprise, Uncle Howard. But there is often success in a change of occupation, and I had tried everything else. It took me a few moments to adjust myself; then I got a draft, and in Mobile received premium enough on my gold certificate to pay my debts. And now it gives me great pleasure to perform that duty. I owe you, Uncle Howard, twelve hundred and thirty dollars, all told. Aunt Tyle, I owe you five hundred. Virgil, I owe you—but we'll get at that later. Worthy and patient creditors, here we are!"

He took out a roll of bank notes, counted the amount of his indebtedness to his aunt and showered her lap with greenbacks. Then he turned to the General.

"No, Liberty, I don't want the money," protested Bethpage. "If you pay me, it will be the first time you ever returned borrowed money to me, and I don't care to have you establish a precedent that might bring disappointment in the future."

After the family bedtime, Shortie came into Duce's room and requested him to report as to what progress he had made; and Duce told him all that had occurred.

"And now let me tell you a notion of mine," said Shortie then, "if you are waiting for that old sharkbone to decay, you'll perhaps wait twenty years. Attention: I'm going on a little trip tomorrow. In two days, when I come back, I'll drive down to a convenient point; you fetch the girl, into the carriage you jump, and away we go, drive over to some place where we can catch a train, and Cincinnati before old Stepha knows which way we've gone. What do you say?"

"But—what becomes of my oath? Oh, don't think that because I dally I have forgotten it or that in one job I shall fail to keep it. If I should, in all after-life I'd have a contempt for myself."

CHAPTER XI

"Thursd'ay!" Duce had cried. Nadine had echoed it, and another voice, hidden in the cane, had muttered the words with how different a meaning! Now Thursd'ay was come again; and Virgil Duce in firm of purpose, again made his way down the river and through the swamp to his tryst with Nadine.

But Death sought to make a third at that tryst. From afar the sentinel Tony had seen Duce coming.



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And hardly had the Northerner's canoe touched the bank when from out the cane Tony and Stepha leaped upon him and bore him to the ground, dazed by a blow from an oar.

"Ha! My fine carpetbagger! You seize my wrist and keep my knife from the old General! You steal here to make love to my daughter! Ha! Who will now keep my knife from you? In a little while, now, you will be deep in the marsh, and the green mold will be on your bones. And the old fool at the big house, he die too, for my men will cut his throat. And then—"

A piercing cry from the house, and Nadine ran to them, a knife that gaped Stepha's dirk clutched in her hand.

"No—no!" she cried. "You shall not."

Stepha looked up. "Take the girl away, Tony," he commanded.

But Nadine threatened him off with her knife. Then she turned the blade in another direction and spoke again, "If you do not let Virgil go," she said, "I will kill myself—now."

Stepha knew Nadine—the wild heart of her. "You promise never to see this man again, and to marry Monsieur Boyce, like I wish?"

"I promise nothing—except that I will kill myself if you do not let him go."

Stepha hesitated a moment, craft fighting with anger. Then craft won; he or Tony would stroll up to the Bethpage plantation and make an end of the General and Duce that night.

"All right," he snarled. "He can go. But let him never come back here or—" He drew the back of his dirk across his own throat in a significant gesture. Then with Tony he lifted Duce into his canoe; and the young man, still dazed from the blow, feebly made his way out of the swamp.

When he had passed from sight, Nadine dropped her knife and sank to the ground sobbing. Old Stepha turned savagely upon her.

"You liar! You she-wolf! I would kill you, but I promise you to the man Boyce. An' now there come something that I tell you. In you there is not the blood of Stepha in the Veite. But you never shall know your name. You she-wolf!"

He thrust himself toward her, his fangs gleaming in his merciless mouth, but without flinching she now laughed in his face.

"Oh, you make me so thankful that I am not your child. You hang his father and would murder him! But he will be gone; and if you kill me, it makes no matter. And you think I will stay here and let the man come to marry me! I will—"

He seized her, and Tony ran in to help. She fought with the dirk, but they wrenched it from her hand, held her helpless, dragged her into her room; and she lay for a time on the floor while she heard them fastening her in her prison. It was now dark. She got up, went to the window and found that heavy bars had been nailed across it. She lighted her lamp and with a pencil began to write a note to Duce, praying in her heart that she might find some way to send it to him.

Little she slept and in the dawn she was at the window, the vines all of them gone. She heard footsteps near, and she tried to look out to discover who it might be, but she could gaze neither to the right nor the left, so closely was she mewed. She spoke, softly, louder and then there drew the darkened form of a man. Batoche, an old frog-hunter whom once before she had employed.

"I am here to borrow the muskrat-spear for the one day, for mine he was broke; but they are still asleep."

"Come closer, good Batoche, and listen to me. Take this note to Monsieur Duce, at General Bethpage's house—quick, with no one to see you, and I will give you a diamond when you come back."

"Give me the note, an' I be there soon."

She gave him the note, and he hastened away. She stood at the door, wondering why she had not heard her father stirring about. Once she thought she heard him call Tony. After a long time Tony came, and she heard them together as they went out. Then all was silent.

Sick in mind and body, Duce made his way back to Bethpage. He made himself as presentable as possible before he entered the house; fortunately, too, the attention of Tyle and the General was at that moment centered on Colonel Josh, who had stopped off to pay them a call—and who showed astonishment when asked to walk out to dinner, though he yielded with astonishing alacrity to the pressure of the General's hand upon his arm. He was busy with a helping of late mustard greens and hog's jowl, when Tyle inquired:

"And how is dear Lucy?"

"Madam," said Josh, "I am grieved to impart to you a distressful piece of news. She is soon to be married to a man named Spivan."

"Oh, I'm so sorry, Colonel Josh."

"Madam, it is a calamity. Luke Spivan!"

"What's the matter with him?" the General inquired. "Isn't broke, is he?"

"General, the man has money. But do you know what his calling is? I shall enlighten you, sir. This fellow is a dealer in oysters, the—the excessiveness of the sea, you might say. And not only that, but he deals in crawfish as well, back-crawling crawfish, sir."

I offered her my heart and my home. I told her that I would devote my life to her, and from week to week she put me off. But when this fellow Spivan asked her, I understand she accepted him at a jump, sir. And now I advise him to keep out of my way."

"Oysters and crawfish, eh?" said the General, winking at Duce.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 22

To Whom It May Concern:

A consent road as follows: Commencing at the corners to sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, township 12, north range 30, west of 6th P. M. running thence west on line between sections 5 and 8, and 6 and 7, two miles, to connect with extension of road No. 42.

Anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by the reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 10th day of Nov. 1922 or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

Witness my hand and official seal this 28th day of September 1922.
A. S. ALLEN,
County Clerk.

EXTENSION ROAD NO. 21

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a road as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of section 24, township 14, range 31, on road 21, thence running north 1 mile on section line between section 24, township 14, range 31, and section 19, township 14, range 30, thence west one mile between sections 24 and 13, township 14, range 31, to the northwest corner of section 24 and connect with road No. 76.

Anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 10th day of Nov. 1922 or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 61

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the corner of sections 13, 14, 23 and 24 township 13, N. range 30 W., running thence north on line between sections 13 and 14 one mile, thence northerly through sections 11, 10 and 9, said township and range following the south bank of the channel of the Platte River to the intersection with road No. 6 ending there. Said road to be 66 feet wide. Has reported in favor thereof, anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 10th day of November 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

Witness my hand and official seal September 28th 1922.
A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

EXTENSION ROAD NO. 199

To Whom It May Concern:

A consent petition, as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of section 35, township 15, range 33, running thence west on the section line between sections 35 and 26, township 15, range 33 to the north west corner of said section 35 thence south along the west section line of section 35 to the southwest corner of section 35, said road to be a section line road and to be 66 feet wide, to-wit 33 feet on each side of said section line.

Anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 10th day of November, 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

Witness my hand and official seal this 28th day of Sept., 1922.
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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 315

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the termination of the laid out road which terminates on the section line between sections 25-14-34 and section 30-14-33 at the Union Pacific Company's right-of-way, and extending said road from said Union Pacific Railroad Company's right-of-way on the section line between sections 19 and 30, 14-33 and between sections 24 and 25, 14-34 to the Northwest corner of section 19, 14-33, terminating at public road running east and west to connect with road No. 371, said road to be 40 ft. wide, has reported in favor thereof, anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by the reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 10th day of November, 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 233

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Road to be 66 feet wide. Commencing at the south end of road No. 233 on section line between sections 36, township 14, range 30, and section 31, township 14., range

29 west of the 6th P. M. and thence south following said section line, crossing the right-of-way of the Union Pacific railroad and the railroad track to the southeast corner of section 36, township 14., range 30. Termination day of November, 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

Witness my hand and official seal this 28th day of September, 1922.
A. S. ALLEN,
County Clerk.

EXTENSION ROAD NO. 203

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of section 7, township 13, range 31, thence north on section line or as near as practicable between section 6, township 13, range 31, and section 1, township 13, range 32, to the northwest corner of section 1, township 13, range 31, road to be 66 feet wide, has reported in favor thereof, anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by the reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 10th day of November, 1922, or such road will be allowed without reference thereto.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 418

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of section 29, and the northeast corner of section 32, township 11 and range 32, thence running west one mile between sections 29 and 32, along said section line, thence south between sections 31 and 32, to the north line of township 10, thence south between sections 5 and 6 and sections 7 and 8, 18 and 17 to the south line of section 17, thence east about 80 rods between sections 17 and 20, all in Lincoln County Nebraska, the above described road is to be 66 feet wide, has re-

ported in favor thereof, anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by the reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 o'clock noon of the 10th day of November, 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 240

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of section 24, township 14, range 31, on road 21, thence running north 1 mile on section line between section 24, township 14, range 31, and section 19, township 14, range 30, thence west one mile between sections 24 and 13, township 14, range 31, to the northwest corner of section 24 and connect with road No. 76.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 265

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at road No. 265 at the northeast corner of section 29, township 9 north R. 27, west, thence north about 520 rods, on or near the section line as practical, thence in a head of the canyon and back to the section line, thence north to the north east corner of section 17, thence in a northwesterly direction down a ridge about 150 rods to the main canyon, thence in a northeasterly direction along the east bank of the canyon on section 8, to the north line of section 8, about 20 rods west of the northeast corner of section 8, thence in a northerly direction along the east bank of the canyon on section 5, to a point about 20 rods south of the northeast corner of section 5, thence crossing canyon and going north 20 rods along the north side of the canyon to the northeast corner of section 5, thence north about 240 rods on the west section line of section 33, township 10, range 27, west, thence in a northeasterly direction around a head of a canyon to a point about 15 rods east of the northwest corner of section 33, thence east about 140 rods along or as near as practical, the section line between sections 33 and section 28, to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 33, township 10, north of range 27, west of the 6th P. M. The above described road terminating at road No. 292½ and to be any width up to 66 feet that is necessary to make a good road, has reported in favor thereof, anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by the reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 noon of the 10th day of November, 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

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EXTENSION ROAD NO. 295

To Whom It May Concern:

The special commissioner appointed to locate a public road as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of section 5, township 9 north R. 27, west, thence north about 520 rods, on or near the section line as practical, thence in a head of the canyon and back to the section line, thence north to the north east corner of section 17, thence in a northwesterly direction down a ridge about 150 rods to the main canyon, thence in a northeasterly direction along the east bank of the canyon on section 8, to the north line of section 8, about 20 rods west of the northeast corner of section 8, thence in a northerly direction along the east bank of the canyon on section 5, to a point about 20 rods south of the northeast corner of section 5, thence crossing canyon and going north 20 rods along the north side of the canyon to the northeast corner of section 5, thence north about 240 rods on the west section line of section 33, township 10, range 27, west, thence in a northeasterly direction around a head of a canyon to a point about 15 rods east of the northwest corner of section 33, thence east about 140 rods along or as near as practical, the section line between sections 33 and section 28, to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section 33, township 10, north of range 27, west of the 6th P. M. The above described road terminating at road No. 292½ and to be any width up to 66 feet that is necessary to make a good road, has reported in favor thereof, anyone having objections thereto or claims for damages by the reason of the establishing of the above described road must file same in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on or before 12 noon of the 10th day of November, 1922, or said road will be allowed without reference thereto.

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