scare me up a nooker, and We'll chatter quietly over it."

The implication couldn't be

dodged, so Barbara, a little later, left the three gathered

around the drawing-room fire.

Steve frowning at the tip of

his cane which traced erratic

patterns, Esther, sipping the

glass which the gelid Hos-

kins had brought her, Mrs.

Twining lying back with an air

Barbara's nerves were on

edge. She wanted to break up

the intimate circle with an

announcement that she be-

longed in it as much as

Esther, that she was quite as

good as Esther was; but as she

paraded through the great,

empty rooms she realized that

she couldn't say that yet, be-

cause she had no idea how

good or bad she was, and she

hadn't been able to make a

single effort to learn. Mrs.

Slocum increased her irrita-

dear. No wonder. I don't see

why you bury yourself here

when you could be a hit in a

musical just by letting tehm

see you. And you'd have

chances. The men would

flock . . . So little Esther's

dropped from the skies! Don't

like that piece of glass. You

never know where you stand

pected question towards the

close of their lonely dinner

added to Barbara's discomfort.

before, Miss Norcross?"

"You've never seen my niece

"Once, by chance in Elm-

"So I'm told. Esther would

ford, where I lived until I

have been with Caroline Man-

vel. Extraordinary woman,

Caroline. She's got her eye on

that throne Steve was joking

about to-day. You must have

seen those old friends of mine.

"Barely. I did see Gray Man-

"I envy you. He must have

been very brilliant. You know,

I often think the one draw-

back of great brilliancy is that

it makes the possesor too self-

centered. If he were here Gray

would make me believe him

fonder of me than of any

other old crock in the world.

Since he isn't I never even

Momentarily Barbara closed

her eyes. It was logically true.

Probably she hadn't been in

Gray's head since that night.

To him their moment on the

steps had been an incident

easily forgotten, but for her

it retained a unique and

bitter savor. She couldn't get

Gray out of her head, and it

didn't help to hear him talked

about. She was doubtfully

aware, moreover, of change in

her relations with her em-

ployer; steadily the invalid

treated her less as a com-

panion and more as a recep-

tacle for confidential chatter.

She felt herself each day led

deeper into the cloister, in-

creasingly entangled in its

dreary ritual. As she helped

Mrs. Twining leave the table

she made her final fluttering

"Mrs. Twining, I've won-

The bony hand grasped

"Why do you say that? Did

Anger swept Barbara. Then

", but I've had so little ex-

Her temper let her dare it.

"And I thought your niece

perience at this sort of work."

looked at me as if she doubted

I was the perfect companion

Mrs. Twining released her.

"Don't you fret about what

my niece or anyone else

thinks. I'll think for myself,

and for some others, too, as

She patted Barbara's hand.

"After the profesisonals I've

L. Breniman wrapped up a bundle

Barbara had never heard her

they had talked about her

Barbara's shoulder; the sharp

you overhear anything this

dered if I'm just what you

effort to escape.

eyes narrowed.

around the fire.

voice more brittle.

long as I live."

afternoon?"

for you."

need."

enter his head."

Barbara looked down.

vel play football once."

Mrs. Twining smiled.

Then Mrs. Twining's unex-

with her."

came here."

"You're out of sorts, my

of expectancy.



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THE FORBIDDEN YEARS

She longed to ask where sensible, to watch my cronies' hadn't seen her again as he had promised, or threatened, to do. Of course Steve wouldn't tell her about Gray any more than he'd inform Gray where she was hidden away.

"Mrs. Twining's pleased with

"I'm glad."

Mrs. Twining, later pouring tea, spoke in her brittle voice. "Let me see, Steve, have I, or have I not, thanked you for sending Miss Norcross to a poor ancient derelict?"

Barbara's regard of her employer was a shade sardonic. Mrs. Twining decidedly wasn't poor, nor very ancient, nor derelict except through her own devising. Beneath her white hair her sharp eyes had plenty of vitality; they saw everything, just as her delicate ears missed nothing. Her tall body tending to emaciation, was enfolded in soft silk and old lace. The chair in which she sat had come from a palace; the spreading rugs had been woven centuries ago for another; the canvases on the walls of the enormous room belonged in a museum. The whole house was like that, full of treasures that only a bottomless purse and a delicate taste could collect. Barbara never felt at ease in it, because its extravagance led her back to the mistcovered luxuries of her youth, and made her doubt if she ought to occupy a position which, in spite of anything Steve might say, wasn't far removed from that of the housekeeper or the lesser servants. She questioned now while she listened to the brittle voice if she would here, as in Elmford, soon have to

"Miss Norcross reads so pleasantly, and it's a pleasure to look at her. The last one I had squinted and took, I'm certain, too much coffee."

seek a means of escape.

Barbara was never sure just how sincere an invalid Mrs. Twining was. Perhaps she had too much egoism to grow old normally, in the public view, and so made herself the hub of her own tiny, guarded empire. She still possessed power of a sort, for people were always writing or telephoning about charities and entertainments, or asking to see her out of friendship; but usually she put them off, or else with her imperial air bluntly refused to be bothered. Steve was an exception; she was happy to have him. She motioned Barbara to help her

"Perhaps you'll join our ramble, Steve, before you run along."

That was the one interest Barbara had found in the house, drawing the strange woman out of her neurasthenia. More and more she had persuaded her to remain downstairs for dinner, although those meals served in a great hall of a dining room by Hoskins, a man as silent and chill as a shape of snow, were fairly trying; and now in this crisp January weather she had got her in the custom of a brief stroll about the

grounds. Steve's cane accomodated itself to their modest pace while Mrs. Twining made the most of his presence, drawing him out about her old friends whom she no longer cared to see.

"Why don't you come back to the world, Adelaide? There's an empty throne waiting." She smiled grimly.

"I'm too old, too ill, too

Jap Beetles Threaten Princeton Primroses

Princeton, N. J. - (UP) - Invasion by Japanese beetles is seriously endangering Princeton university's most expensive single scientific experiment, consisting of 30,000 evening primrose plants used in proving that evolution proceeds by sudden and not gradual processes.

The plants, which cover several acres of ground, include 410 invaluable pedigree families of the flower and 400 to 500 distinct types come

Gray Manvel was, why he children playing the monkey. Now looy! There's an example. Speaking of thrones. that's what mine's worth. It's the first time she's paid her court in months, and she lives within a mile."

WADSWORTH CAMP

Barbara caught her breath, and her feet dragged. She didn't know why she should shrink from this encounter with the fragile form that floated around a curve of the hedge. Perhaps it was an account of the unavoidable chain of questions that rattled through her mind. When had little Esther seen Gray last? Had Gray ever held her fragility in the unbreakable circle of his arms? Had he brought warmth to her crim-

son, languid mouth? Barbara resented thoughts, but they were Gray's fault, because he had in a flash lifted her to a new plane where jealousy drowsed with other primitive emotions. She had, moreover, a cautionary reluctance to go forward. Esther's glance was on her unseeingly, but that night in Elmford she had seen clearly enough the girl whom Gray wouldn't let Roberts drive

Esther's lips brushed Mrs. Twining's cheek.

"Hello, Steve! It's a crowd." Barbara waited under a strain. Surely Esther didn't see her as she tucked her hand under Mrs. Twining's arm and set the march again in motion. Steve spoke dreamily.

"Esther, Miss Norcross comes from Elmford."

Esther's vibrationless voice gave nothing away.

"Aunt Adelaide has so many companions, Miss Norcress. suppose Mr. Waters caught you for her. There's a new one every time I come."

Mrs. Twining chided in her

dry way. "If you came oftener, Esther, you'd keep more in

touch with my small family." "Warn you. Aunt Adelaide, I won't be scolded. I'm not in the swamps much this time of year; too many orgies in town."

"Then," Mrs. Twining crackled, "why this descent?" "Big shakedown at Mill Pond, so I thought I'd spend the night at home, and take a squint at you angel."

Mrs. Twining's tone was dryer than ever.

"Then your mother didn't send you to an elderly in-

valid?" "How absurd! I'm never sent. I wouldn't be sent any-

where by anybody." Steve laughed. "You ought to have a hus-

Barbara's heart quickened as Mrs. Twining's question followed with a dreadful in-

evitability. "How's Gray Manvel? I'd let that young man come see me if he took the pains to

ask." Esther spoke sharply. "What's he got to do with

Barbara fancied he had quite a lot to do with it. Steve

waved his cane. "Gray never thinks of anyone he isn't immediately

with." Mrs. Twining turned to Esther.

"But he's with you lots, baby. You don't mean there's a rift there?"

Barbara then. "Aunt Adelaide, you never cease surprising me with your titanic resistance. Mighn't we

get in out of the cold? Do

of which are related to plants de-

veloped by Devries, famous Dutch

Esther flashed a glance at

botanist, in 1887, according to Dr. George H. Shull, professor of genetics and botany. The primroses have been developed here since 1915, when they were brought from the Carnegie Institution for experimental evolution

Dr. Shull commenced the work in 1905. CAT NEARLY WASHED, IRONED Fort Collins, Colo .- (UP)-If the cat hadn't "meowed," it might have been washed and ironed. Mrs. A.

at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., where

of laundry, in which her cat had been sleeping. She sent the whole package to the laundry. An attendant, however, heard the cat's SOS and telephoned its mistress.

Runaway "Boy" Was Just Jaunting Midget

Fallon, Nev. - (UP) - A report to the sheriff's office that a runaway boy was attempting to catch a ride out of Fallon led Ralph Vannoy, deputy sheriff, to investigate. suffered I consider myself very fortunate to have found you. Don't utter stupilities again; they're abominable for my health. You're good medieine. You wouldn't take her conic away from an old

cripple?" As they crept across the endless polished floors she said brightly: "Why don't you have your friends? I don't mean to exile you from them.'

It touched Barbara, because she could see Mrs. Twining was sacrificing.

"I haven't many friends." The imperial old lady smiled skeptically.

"And I must see that you get out more."

Barbara was glad of her daring; it made a small breach in the walls. Through it, oddly, she ventured first back to Elmford. Uncle Walter wrote her frequently the narrative of the store, the house, and the village. From the quarrel the night before her flight his romantic sould seemed to have received a special mission to report on everything he heard about Gray Manvel. Young Manvel had visited the store a number of times. Young Manyel hadn't been at the big house since Thanksgiving. His parents were going to New York for week-ends, presumably to be with him. She could make what she pleased of this record. In his naive fashion he set it down impersonally, as a matter of general interest.

He was worried about his wife. "She hasn't been up to snuff since that unlucky night, Bobbie. I think if you came to see her, and didn't say anything about what upset her so then, it would do her a lot of good. There's no earthly use nagging her about that anyway, so let's all be friends again. She has tried to be o mother to you."

It weakened Barbara. Of course she'd go for a day, but she kept putting it off. The one friend who was likely to seek her behind the walls finally arrived and set her in motion. She had an idea that there was strategy in Harvey's having waited so long, for of course the Gardners had told him where she was at the start. Reluctantly released from her reading by Mrs. Twining, who had gone to bed, she entered the big room where a fire still blazed, and faced a stranger.

She hadn't seen Harvey since the night by the meeting house when she had sent him away. From clothing, carriage and appearance the last dust of the farm boy and store clerk had been brushed. Already he had taken on the neat, competent hardness of the city, and it made him better-looking, more confident, and fudther visioned. He met her without embarrassment, and he held her hand for only a moment, but his eyes, she noticed, never left her.

"Here we are, Bobbie, both out of Elmford and on the

He was happy in his work. Leaning forward near the fire, his hands clasped between his knees, gazing at her steadily, he told how he was learning the commission business, how he had been on several trips for the firm, one taking him as far as Chicago, and how his first small experimental salary had been increased to a living wage.

"Rankin, the man who got me in there, and I are meaning to have our own firm the first chance. I'd rather work for myself than for anybody else, but that'll need more money htan's in sight to-day."

She felt the old vague jealousy of his ability to attain his desires; but she remembered that the greatest desire of all he couldn't reach. She wished she might have altered during the period of their seperation, but she hadnt' His handclasp left no tingling; his good looks and his earnestness failed to lure her closer.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

He caught the hitch-hiker and took him into custody. Later, investigation proved the "boy" to be a midget, Major Small, from a circus and Hollywood pictures who was attempting to hitchhike back to his home in Ohlo.

"It's easy to pick up rides," Small said, "but the cops chase me all the time because they think I am runaway kid."

NOT DEPENDABLE Sweet Williams are bi-annuals and cannot be depended on for two years in a row. On alternate years they often do poorly.

Mercolized Wax Keeps Skin Young

Moreover Irene Castle McLaughlin, whose home for homeless Chicago dogs recently burnt down, is a great lover of animals, and at a luncheon she told an animal story.

"There was once a colored gentleman," she began, "who had a dog named 'Moreover.'

"'Queer name, that, for a dog,' a white gentleman said, 'Where did you get the name from, Junius?" "'Moreover am a Biblical name,

sah,' Junius, the owner of the dog, explained. "'Yes?' said the gentleman. 'How

"'Don't you remember, sah,' said the colored gentleman, 'whar de good

"" Moreover, the dog came and licked his wounds." "



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Venerable Earth

Geologists believe rain has fallen n earth for at least 1,500,000,000 years, says Dr. William Bowie of the United States coast and geodetic survey. The oldest sedimentary rocks, estimated to be 1,500,000,000 years old, could not have been formed without running water to wash sediments from land surfaces, he says .- Indianapolis News.

Peanut Seed's Vitality

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