



LOWER TEN BY MARY ROBERT KINEAR

CHAPTER XIII.

Faded Reese. I was in the house for a week. Much of that time I spent in composing and destroying letters of thanks to Miss West, and in growling at the doctor.

"Yes, a fractured humerus, which isn't as funny as it sounds." "Humorous-humorous! Pretty good," he chuckled. "I must say you keep your spirits pretty well, considering everything."

"You seem to have escaped injury," I parried. He was fumbling for something in his pockets. "Yes, I escaped," he replied abstractedly. "Remarkable thing, too. I haven't a doubt I would have broken my neck, but I landed on—you'll never guess what? I landed head first on the very pillow which was under inspection at the time of the wreck. You remember, don't you? Where did I put that package?"

"You recognize it?" he said. "The stains, you see, and the hole made by the dirk. I tried to bring away the entire pillow, but they thought I was stealing it, and made me give it up." Richey touched the pieces gingerly. "By George," he said, "and you carry that around in your pocket! What if you should mistake it for your handkerchief?"

"I'm glad I'm not on his bond," I said pessimistically. "He'll clear out." "Not he," McKnight pounced on my ace. "He's no fool. Don't you suppose he knows you took those notes to Pittsburgh? The papers were full of it. And he knows you escaped with your life and a broken arm from the wreck. What do we do next? The commonwealth continues the case. A dead man on a dark night would know those notes were missing."

"I verified your identity, for instance, as soon as I recovered from the shock. Also—I found on inquiring of your tailor that you invariably wore dark clothing." McKnight came forward threateningly. "Who are you, anyhow?" he demanded. "And how is this business of yours?" Mr. Hotchkiss was entirely untruffed. "I have a minor position here," he said, reaching for a visiting card. "I am a very small patch on the seat of government, sir."

"What would they trail me for? Go over and tell Johnson to get out of there, or I'll put at him with my revolver." "You can tell him that yourself," McKnight paused and bent forward. "Hello, here's a visitor; a little man with string bait."

"Here it is. Listen." He read rapidly aloud. "The Pittsburgh police have sent to Baltimore two detectives who are looking up the survivors of the ill-fated Washington Flier. It has transpired that Simon Harrington, the Wood street merchant of that city, was not killed in the wreck, but was murdered in his berth the night preceding the accident. Shortly before the collision, John Flanders, the conductor of the Flier, sent this telegram to the chief of police:

"The Stains You See and the Hole Left by the Dirk." hall and the creak of the boards as she came heavily up the stairs. She had a piece of paper in her hand torn from a pocket account-book, and on it was the name, "Mr. Wilson Budd Hotchkiss. Important business."

"It is hoped that the man who occupied lower seven," I suggested. "I have already tried and failed. To find him would not clear you, of course, unless we could establish some connection between him and the murdered man. It is the only thing I see, however. I have learned this much," Hotchkiss concluded. "Lower seven was reserved from Cresson."

"Fascinating Hair Easy to Stop Hair Falling Out, and Dandruff Also. No one doubts that it is the duty of every woman to look as charming as possible. Every woman knows why the wants to be beautiful and attractive. A woman with scant hair, dull and lifeless, has lost half her charm. How many times have we heard the expression 'the crowning glory of a woman is her hair'."

"I only learned yesterday that you had been saved," he said rapidly. "Terrible accident—unspeakable. Dream about it all night and think about it all day. Broken arm?" "No. He just wears the splint to be different from other people," McKnight drawled lazily. "I glared at him; there was nothing to be gained by antagonizing the little man."

McKnight came forward and suddenly held out his hand. "Mr. Hotchkiss," he said, "I'm sorry if I have been offensive. I thought when you came in, that like the Irishman and the government, you were 'fortnint' us. If you will put those cheerful relics out of sight somewhere, I should be glad to have you dine with me at the incubator." (His name for his bachelor apartment.) "Compared with Johnson, you are the great original protoplasm."

The strength of this was lost on Hotchkiss, but the invitation was clear. They went out together, and from my window I watched them get into McKnight's car. It was raining, and at the corner the Cannonball skidded. Across the street my detective, Johnson, looked after them with his crooked smile. As he turned up his collar he saw me, and lifted his hat.

I left the window and sat down in the growing dusk. So the occupant of lower seven had got on the car at Cresson, probably with Allison West and her companion. There was some one she cared about enough to shield. I went irritably to the door and summoned Mrs. Klopston. "You may throw out those roses," I said, without looking at her. "They are quite dead." "They have been quite dead for three days," she retorted spitefully. "Euphemia said you threatened to dismiss her if she touched them."

Western Union Plans Inexpensive Night Service. New York, Feb. 19.—Several new features for the convenience of the public are to be introduced by the Western Union Telegraph Company as the result of its alliance with the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. The first of these is a new service called the "night letter," whereby fifty words can be sent by telegraph at night for delivery early the following day at the same price as the customary ten-word day message.

Profit by Our Experience. We fit you up complete—fresh you with directions and tips. You know how to get a good, low price and how to start a moving picture show. Our system yields large returns for the investment. We supply you with the complete and up-to-date line of moving picture films and tools. Big opportunity. Write for literature. 25 Floor, Metropolitan Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.

Go to California I have personally inspected the California lands and will guarantee description and quality. Buy a 5 or 10 acre tract at Palermo, California, joining orange groves from \$90 to \$125 per acre. These are the finest fruit lands in the state and will double in value in two years. Can sell on very favorable terms. See me. Have several good properties for sale, good terms, from \$500 to \$6,500. Let me sell you a home and stop paying rent. Two hundred twenty-seven acres Logan township, \$100 per acre, fair improvements. Will take good residence property in Marshalltown as part payment. M. E. MELVIN, ROOM 14 WOODBURY BLDG. PHONE 54.

service heretofore authorized a 'special night letter' service be established as soon as practicable. "The charge for his service shall be the standard day rate for ten words, for the transmission of fifty words or less, and one-fifth of such standard day rate for ten words shall be charged for each additional ten words or less. "Night letters" shall be written in plain English. Code language is not permitted.

"Night letters" will be received not later than midnight on the morning of the next ensuing day. "Night letters" may, at the option of the telegraph company, be mailed at destination to the addressee and the company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such case with respect to delivery by mailing such message at destination, postage prepaid.

WANTED. Wanted—Woman to clean. Stoddard Cafe. Wanted—Boarders and roomers, Mrs. M. P. Quinlan, 407 South Second street. Wanted—Work at my home. Common sewing, mending, bundle washing. 1010 Summit street, city. Wanted—To borrow \$1,000 on three houses in Marshalltown, offered for \$35 per month. Worth \$4,000. Frank Pierce. Wanted—Houses to clean with vacuum cleaner. Inquire 11 South Ninth street. Phone 313 red or 113 white.

WANTED—Married man to work on farm by the year. R. Spence, Laurel, Iowa. Wanted—Experienced farm hand for nine months. Apply or write. Jabez Quincey, Rockwell, Iowa, R. 2. Wanted—A good horse shoer. Write to M. Watts, Eldora, Iowa. Wanted—Single young man for dairy, Carl's Employment Agency. Wanted—A general blacksmith, at once. Single man preferred. Address E. J. Heffner, Sheffield, Iowa. Wanted—A man to do the road work in Vienna township. A house can be furnished. See Howard Eckles or John Nickerson, trustees.

Wanted—First-class harness maker at once. \$15 per week. Carl's Employment Agency. Wanted—Man to take charge of an elevator and sell farm machinery. Carl's Employment Agency. Wanted—Man, must be willing to learn and capable of acting as our representative; no canvassing or soliciting; good income assured. Address National Co-operative Realty Company, 939 Marden Bldg., Washington, D. C. HELP WANTED—FEMALE. Wanted—A girl to work in tailor shop. Hopkins & Son. Wanted—Girl for general housework, colored preferred. 503 North Fourth street. Wanted—Dishwasher at Robb's restaurant. Wanted—Capable lady well acquainted in city, to demonstrate and take orders for local dealer. Good pay. Address Goodrich Drug Company, 1308-10 Harney street, Omaha, Neb. Wanted—Lady cook, after March 1. Address T. L. Thompson, restaurant, Latimer, Iowa. Wanted—Three bright, capable ladies over 21, to travel in Iowa, demonstrate and sell dealer, 1910 contract. \$25 to \$50 a week. Railroad fare paid. Goodrich Drug Company, 1308-10 Harney street, Omaha, Neb.

WANTED—SALESMEN. Wanted—Salesman, \$25 weekly and expenses or commission. Experience unnecessary. Exceptional opportunity. Non-Intoxicating Beverage Company, Cincinnati, O. Side Line Sales—We want high class salesman to sell an article of exceptional merit; which we are just putting out; nothing better for the money; will sell like wild fire; pocket samples. References, Dept. C, Empire Art Company, Chicago. Wanted—Salesmen of ability and neat appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant side line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Company, Cincinnati, O. Wanted—Cigar salesman. Experience unnecessary; sell our brands to the retail trade; big pay. Write for full particulars at once. Globe Cigar Company, Cleveland, O.

AGENTS WANTED. Wanted—Live agents to handle South Dakota land. Morden Land & Loan Company, 411 Good Block, Des Moines, Iowa. BUSINESS CHANCES. Get a Better Place. Uncle Sam is best employer. Pay is high and sure; hours short; place permanent; promotions regular; vacations with pay;

Special to Times-Republican. Montour, Feb. 19.—William Steverson, of Des Moines, arrived Thursday for a brief visit at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Steverson. Rev. D. W. Blakely and wife were in Toledo Wednesday. The next meeting for bible study will be held at the Poyneer home Thursday evening of next week. At the last meeting for bible study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Barkin the Sunday school of the Congregational church was graded and on the first Sunday in March important new steps will be taken and the new classes as graded will be formed.

The ladies of the M. E. church will hold their annual fair and supper at the hotel Tuesday, Feb. 22. Mrs. J. W. Cronk will entertain the members of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church and their husbands at dinner Wednesday, Feb. 23. Miss Grace Avery, after a brief visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Avery, returned to her college work at Des Moines. The Masons of Montour have obtained a charter and a lodge will soon be instituted.

Elkins' Nice Succumb. Kansas City, Feb. 19.—Miss Agnes Leslie Elkins, niece of United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia, died at a hotel here at 6:30 o'clock last night as the result of a bullet wound she inflicted upon herself last Wednesday in an attempt at suicide. Dependancy over the refusal of relatives to consent to her becoming an actress is given by the young woman's friends as the cause for her suicide. She had studied music and is said to have had a good voice. She obtained a part in a play, but Senator Elkins is said to have influenced her to give it up.

Hours' ride from Twin Cities, any size tract; 15,000 acres to select from. Write owner, Harry C. A. Johnson, 325 Palace Building, Minneapolis, Minn. For Sale—250 acres unimproved timber land, six miles from railroad town, Clearwater county, Minn. Good soil, price \$2,700, incumbrance \$1,200 at 6 per cent, due four years. Might consider trade for equity. O. T. Stenwick, Eagley, Minn. DAKOTA FARMS. Land in the Rosebud Country—in 50 acre to 640 acre tracts, \$15 to \$75 per acre. Write for prices and descriptions, stating about what you want or call on F. L. Crosby, Bonesteel, S. D. MISSOURI LAND. We have improved farms and peach land to sell in the Brandeville and Koshkonong fruit district. E. J. Cox Real Estate Company, Brandeville, Mo. For Sale or Exchange—Good improved fruit farm of fifty acres in the famous Koshkonong fruit district. For further information see J. C. Koontz, Marshalltown, Iowa. GOOD INVESTMENTS. Farmers are ploughing now in protected "Judith Basin," Montana. Elegant wheat, rye, alfalfa and other crops every year. Go with us to the early fruit lands in the San Joaquin Valley, California, the finest fruit section in the state. N. B. MADEA, 25 West Main Street, FOR RENT. For Rent—Rooms for light house-keeping. Phone 583. For Rent—One hundred twenty acres near Rhodes, Write R. F. Graham, Summit street, or phone 773 white. For Rent—311 South Second avenue, 5 room cottage, city water, brick cellar, good chance for garden; \$10 per month. Inquire at Hotel Plaza. For Rent—180 acres within 5 miles of Marshalltown. Inquire J. O. Monahan, over Fidelity Bank. For Rent—Two furnished modern rooms. Phone 1159 red. For Rent—Good, well improved Iowa quarter section. Dr. Evans, LeGrand. For Rent—One brick house on south side. J. S. Finkle.

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