

54-40 or Fight

By Emerson Hough Author of the "Mississippi Bubble"

(Continued.)

My companion was more expert in social maneuvers. She waited until the crowd had somewhat thinned about the young lady and her escort. I saw now with certain qualms that this latter was none other than my willom friend Jack Danbridge. For a wonder he was most unduly sober, and he made, as I have said, no bad figure in his finery. He was very merry and just a trifle loud of speech, but being very intimate in Mr. Polk's household, he was warmly welcomed by that gentleman and by all around him.

"She is beautiful!" I heard the lady at my arm whisper.

"Is she beautiful to you?" I asked.

"Very beautiful!" I heard her catch her breath. "She is good. I wish I could love her. I wish, I wish—"

I saw her hands beat together as they did when she was agitated. I turned then to look at her, and what I saw left me silent. "Come," said I at last, "let us go to her."

We edged across the floor.

When Elisabeth saw me she straightened, a pallor came across her face. It was not her way to betray much of her emotions. If her head was a trifle more erect, if indeed she paled, she too lacked not in quiet self-possession. She waited, with wide straight eyes fixed upon me. I found myself able to make much intelligent speech. I turned to see Helena von Ritz gazing with wistful eyes at Elisabeth, and I saw the eyes of Elisabeth make some answer. So they spoke some language which I suppose men never will understand—the language of one woman to another.

I have known few happier moments in my life than that. Perhaps, after all, I caught something of the speech between their eyes. Perhaps not all cheap and cynical maxims are true, at least when applied to noble women.

Elisabeth regained her wonted color and more.

"I was very wrong in many ways," I heard her whisper. For almost the first time I saw her perturbed. Helena von Ritz stepped close to her. Amid the crash of the reeds and brasses, amid all the broken conversation which swept around us, I knew what she said. Low down in the domes of the wide embroidered silks I saw their two hands meet, silently, and cling. This made me happy.

Of course it was Jack Danbridge who broke in between us. "Ah!" said he, "you jealous beggar, could you not leave me to be happy for one minute? Have you come back, a mere heathen, and proceed to monopolize all our ladies. I have been making the most of my time, you see. I have proposed half a dozen times more to Miss Elisabeth, have I not?"

"Has she given you any answer?" I asked him, smiling.

"The same answer!"

"Jack," said I, "I ought to call you out."

"Don't say that. I am getting found out. That's worse. Well—Miss Elisabeth, may I be the first to congratulate?"

"I am glad," said I, with just a slight trace of severity, "that you have managed again to get into the good graces of Elmhurst. When I last saw you, I was not sure that either of us would ever be invited there again."

"Been there every Sunday regu-

larly since you went away," said Jack. "I am not one of the family in one way, and in another way I am. Honestly, I have tried my best to cut you out. Not that you have not played your game well enough, but there never was a game played so well that some other fellow could not win by copying it. So I coppered everything you did—played it for just the reverse. No go—lost even that way. And I thought you were the most pernicious fool of your age and generation."

I checked as gently as I could a joviality which I thought unsuited to the time. "Mr. Danbridge," said I to him, "you know the Baroness von Ritz?"

"Certainly! The participants crinins of our bungled wedding—of course I know her!"

"I only want to say," I remarked, "that the Baroness von Ritz has that little shell clasp now all for her own, and that I have her slipper again, all for my own. So now, we three—no, four—at last understand one another, do we not? Jack, will you do two things for me?"

"All of them but two."

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her carriage. In the second place, I may need you again—"

"Well, what would any one think of that!" said Jack Danbridge.

I never knew when these two left us in the crowd. I never said good-by to Helena von Ritz. I did not catch that last look of her eye. I remember her as she stood there that night, grave, sweet and sad.

I turned to Elisabeth. There in the crash of the reeds and brasses, the rise and fall of the sweet and bitter conversation all around us, was the comedy and the tragedy of life.

"Elisabeth," I said to her, "are you not ashamed?"

"No!" she said, and smiled.

"I have never seen a smile like Elisabeth's."

(The End.)

Senora Yturrio, once a member of the Mexican legation at Washington. True to her record, she had again reached influential position in her country, using methods of her own. She told me now to pay no attention to what had been reported by Mexico. In fact, I was approached again by the Mexican commissioner, introduced by her! What was done then is history. We signed then and there the peace of Guadalupe Hidalgo, in accordance with the terms originally given me by our secretary of state. So, after all, Calhoun's kindness to a woman in distress was not lost; and so, after all, he unwittingly helped in the ending of the war he never wished begun.

Meantime, I had been recalled to Washington, but did not know the nature of that recall. When at last

arrived there I found myself disgraced and discredited. My actions were repudiated by the administration. I myself was dismissed from the service without pay—sad enough blow for a young man who had been married less than a year. Mr. Polk's jealousy of John Calhoun was not the only cause of this. Calhoun's prophecy was right. Polk did not forget his revenge on me. Yet, none the less, after his usual fashion, he was not averse to receiving such credit as he could. He put the responsibility of the treaty upon the senate. It was debated hotly there for some weeks, and at last, much to his surprise and my gratification, it was ratified.

(To be continued.)

NEW FREAK A MISSING LINK, THEY SAY

Carnegie Institute Has a Scaleless Animal That Comes Between Salamander and Fish.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 4.—Scientists of the Carnegie institute are in great joy today over the addition to their array of freaks of the missing link between the salamander and the fish. They say that in common parlance it will be known as the fish with legs. It was discovered by Dr. John Haseman at the junction of the Rio Negro and Amazon river, Brazil. The donor is Dr. Karl Eigeman of the Indiana university zoological department. Director Holland of the institute makes this announcement:

"The specimen received is a

scaleless animal, which is blind, has a dorsal cartilaginous cord instead of a true skeleton, has teeth in a small head, mouth on the under side and a protruding jaw, a dorsal skin flap resembling a fin and is apparently the link between the salamander and a fish. The discovery is most important to zoologists."

PASADENA, Cal.—Miss Katherine Egan and Miss Leddy knocked down by an automobile driven by C. H. Howard, a wealthy tourist, on Colorado street; machine ran over Miss Egan and seriously injured her.

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- Shopping Bags, fancy straw 2c
- Toilet Pins, per cube 5c
- Toilet Pins, smaller size 3c
- Half Combs, rubber and celluloid, special 10c
- Howard Dustless Dusters, 15c, 25c and 35c
- Palm Olive Soap, cake 7c
- Santal Face Cream, per jar 10c
- Santal Face Powder, per box 10c
- Santal Talcum Powder, per can 15c
- Peroxide, 4-oz. bottle 10c
- Peroxide, 8-oz. bottle 20c
- Peroxide, 16-oz. bottle 30c
- Sozodont Tooth Wash 15c
- Dr. Graves' Tooth Powder, 12c
- Hind's Honey-Alm. Cream 20c

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- 75c Notepaper and Envelopes, gilt initialed; box 48c
- 50c boxes, similar style, for 39c
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A dozen or more different kinds of shoes for the little folks who wear sizes 5 to 8. They are worth \$1.25 up to \$2.00 a pair, and include kid, calfskin and patent leather; lace, blucher and button styles; on sale at, only 98c

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All colors and black are included, and the medium weight coats in the later arrivals are just in the style that this coming spring will develop. You are fortunate in getting so unusual a choice in all women's and misses' sizes in these two great lots of tailored suits, as quoted above.

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