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BEGIN HERE TODAY
CHERRY DIXON, 16 and pretty, falls in love with DAN PHILLIPS, newspaper reporter whom her wealthy, aristocratic parents have forbidden her to see. When Cherry learns Dan's telephone number she has been kept from her, she steals out of the house to meet him. Her father discovers this and threatens to send her to California. Cherry defies him and orders her to leave.
She goes to Dan, tells him what has happened and asks him to marry her. The ceremony is performed that night by a justice of peace.
Cherry looks for an apartment, but is discouraged to find them so expensive. She works late one night on a tip that DORIS TOSCALI, gangster's chief, is coming to Wellington.
Cherry unconsciously gives this news tip to a reporter on the rival newspaper. The other paper gets the story and Dan's boss threatens, "One more slip and you're fired."
DIXIE SHANNON, movie critic, helps Cherry find an inexpensive apartment. She also introduces Cherry to handsome MAX PEARSON.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN
CHERRY'S laugh was not as convincing as it should have been. She could feel the hot color in her cheeks.
She said, "How do you do, Mr. Pearson. I've heard Dan speak of you." Lowered lashes covered her confusion.
"I'm glad to know you," Pearson said. "Great boy, Dan. But of course you know that. He's to be highly congratulated."
"Isn't he?" Dixie chimed in gaily. "Too bad you missed the party, Max. We had a real celebration the night of the wedding. You should have heard Beach and Pat Warner warbling. 'Oh, Promise Me!'"
Dixie's chatter relieved the tension. When Cherry looked at Pearson again, she wondered what could have made her imagine there was anything unusual about him, anything at all except the pleasant manner of an extremely good-looking young man.

Why hadn't Dan told her Pearson was so handsome? He was as tall as Dan, more solidly built, though not an ounce of that weight seemed superfluous.
Cherry admired the way he carried his shoulders, too. Straight as a soldier. She remembered Dan had said Pearson was an ardent pacifist and thought it amusing that she should have considered him so dourly.

She glanced at him again. It was the dark eyes with their flashing brilliance as he talked that gave so much distinction to his face.
The other features were well modeled, particularly the chin, which was rounded, yet forceful. His hair, beneath his hat brim, looked almost black.
Pearson was saying to Dixie: "Well, I see another of your lilywood friends has slipped off the marital shackles."
"Marital shackles! What a way to take when Cherry here is a bride!"
"Oh, excuse me." He turned to the other girl. "But of course the Hollywood variety of marriage does seem a little different than—er—those that are made in heaven."

Was he laughing at her? Cherry could not tell. Dixie went on confiding gossip about the film star's divorce and the marriage to follow as soon as legal obstacles had been cleared away.
"Have you ever paid this place a visit before?" Pearson asked Cherry as they turned in before the impressive stone entrance of the News Building.
"No, I haven't." Before she could say more she felt a hand on her arm and turned.
"Dan!" Cherry exclaimed.
"Hello, folks. I see that my wife in good company. Thought it was you ahead of me, Cherry, but I couldn't be sure. What have you been doing all day?"

PEARSON excused himself and disappeared. Dixie and Cherry together told Dan about the apartment from which they had just come, about terms and arrangements that could be made with the present tenants.
"Well, if you like it so much, honey, why didn't you take it? You're the one to be satisfied."
Cherry insisted Dan should see the place also. The discussion ended with another telephone call to Mrs. Clark. That evening Cherry and Dan climbed the long flight of stairs together and knocked at the Clark's door.
When they departed half an hour later, a deposit on the first \$50 rent had been paid and it was

agreed the new tenants should move in Monday morning.
For the next three days Cherry was unusually busy. She set forth on her career as a housewife by investing in two huge and impressive cook books, a smaller volume which she found on the same counter in the book store entitled, "The Budget Book or How to Operate a Home Economically," and a becoming pink and white apron.
There was packing to do and though it was only her own clothing and Dan's, it seemed an enormous task. It was not finished until Sunday, when Dan came to her rescue and by the simple process of tossing everything in sight into two large suitcases, sitting on them and thus forcing the edges together so the buckles could be snapped, the packing was completed.

They stood together on the threshold of the room they were about to desert. It was littered with papers, discarded odds and ends, and looked dingier and uglier than ever.
"Somehow I hate to go," Cherry said regretfully. "We've been so happy here."
"If you think I'd unpack all that junk—" She laughed. "Oh, of course, I don't mean it. Not really. The new place is going to be ever so much nicer. Only I'll always remember this room, Dan."

He drew his arm close about her, kissed her. "The cab will be waiting," he said. "We'd better go down."
Cherry's trunk had been sent ahead to the new address. The rest of the baggage was stowed into the taxicab beside Cherry and Dan. It seemed a short ride to their new dwelling.
The janitor answered Dan's ring and helped carry the bulky suitcases up the stairs. Then, as soon as the new tenants had received their keys he departed.
Dan said, "Sorry I can't wait to help unpack, dear. See you tonight."
"As late as I can make it. Bye."

THE door closed after him. Cherry stood in the middle of the floor and surveyed her new home. Oh, it was going to be lovely here! It was so much nicer than she had remembered. The worn furniture, the cheap, makeshift decorations took on new attractiveness because she thought of them as her own.
The day dreaming ended abruptly as Cherry remembered that there was much to be done. She took off her hat and coat, inspected the single clothes closet and hung them away.
The closet seemed rather small and there was a great deal to go into it. Well, if the Clarks had managed she could.

There was a knock at the door and she opened it. The janitor was there to tell her the men were bringing up her trunk.
When it arrived, Cherry persuaded the janitor to linger and help her get the bulky suitcases open. He was amiable and asked if there was anything else with which she needed help.
Cherry said no and the man left. Somehow the baggage seemed to fill the entire room. It wasn't as large a room as she had thought.
Where and how to begin?

There didn't seem to be much choice. Cherry remembered the pink apron, got it out and tied it around her waist. Then she pushed up her sleeves and set to work.
She forgot time in her eagerness to put the new home to rights. At last she straightened from the suitcase over which she had been bending.
Her back ached and she rubbed it. Cherry looked at the watch on her wrist.
Almost 2 o'clock! Good gracious, was it so late as that? She realized she was tired and sank into a chair with a sigh. She had been working steadily since early morning. Dan's things had all been unpacked and put away. Most of her own hung in the closet.
"I'm hungry," Cherry thought, "and there's nothing to eat."
She arose and went to the kitchen. Praise be! There on the plate was a small tin box

of tea and on the lower shelf was a box of wafers about half filled.
Cherry lighted a blaze under one of the stove burners, burning her fingers with the match.
She put on water to heat and waited until the kettle began to hum. Then she made tea and poured a cupful. The tea and the box of wafers made her lunch.

HER arms and shoulders ached from the morning's exertion. Cherry decided to leave the room as it was.
The really important event of the day was to be the evening meal. It would be the first she had ever cooked for Dan, the first in their own home. She thrilled at the thought!
Marketing would be the first step. Cherry washed her face and hands, dabbed on powder and then got into her coat and hat. Just in time she remembered she must have her key and went back for it.
The grocery store was a block away. Mentally Cherry checked over the list of things she must buy. It would have to be a large order.

She wanted beefsteak for dinner, mushrooms to go with it and potatoes, of course. Then there must be a salad. Stuffed celery would be nice and there was a recipe in the cookbook. For dessert strawberries and cream. So that the meal would be especially nice she wanted salted nuts and olives.
The young man who took the order was helpful. He reminded her to buy eggs, a bottle of milk and fruit for breakfast.
The purchases, set out on the counter, astounded Cherry. There were so many packages and they were so big.

A BOOK A DAY

BY BRUCE CATTON

IF the book, "Confessions of a Former Customers' Man," had been printed early in 1929, its authors probably would have been cast into New York harbor, with great millstones hanging about their necks.
Nowadays, however, we don't look on financiers, stock brokers and Wall Street with quite the awe and reverence we used to have.

So, instead of being lynched, the authors—they're David L. Salmon and Edwin F. Bowers—can sit back peacefully and collect their royalties.
To begin with, he declared flatly that unless you're "on the inside" you hardly can hope to make money in the stock market. In all his fifty years he knew of only three or four ordinary traders who finished ahead of the game.
Second, he says that the very surest way to lose is to follow the tips that come from the big fellows—for the big fellows, it seems, aren't above fooling even their best friends.
In addition, he asserts that short selling ought to be legislated out of the picture, saying that it undoubtedly helped to intensify and prolong the depression.

Then he winds up by lambasting Wall Street's morality and casting an armful of aspersions at the intelligence of its big shots. You'll find his book lively, entertaining—and very, very illuminating.
It is published by the Vanguard Press and sells for \$2.

STICKERS

AARSSTW

Out of the above letters, see if you can form a four-letter word and a three-letter word, each of which will make another word when spelled backwards.

Answer for Saturday

PART - DRAY TRAP - YARD

The words in the top line were formed out of the letters RYAPDAR. When the words are spelled backwards, they form two other words, as shown in the lower line.

TARZAN AND THE ANT MEN

With meat enough now to last several days, Tarzan set about fashioning weapons and a loin cloth, using nothing but his crude stone knife and bits of sharp flints from the river bed. He knew he must have weapons that he and the Alalus youth might better defend themselves against the powerful Alali females, the great carnivore, and whatever other enemies time would reveal to him in this strange country. And as he worked, he watched the boy, wondering just how the poor creature would ever be of use to him in finding his way out of the encircling Great Thorn Forest.

"I'll carry them out to your car," the clerk offered.
"I'm sorry, but I—I haven't a car."
"We can send them, but we charge 10 cents for delivery service."
Cherry nodded. She was counting out money to pay the bill. Three dollars and sixty-five cents. She dug out the last coin from the bottom of her purse and discovered there were only six pennies left.
"I guess I'd better take the things with me," she said hesitantly.
The obliging clerk crowded the groceries into three big sacks. They

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

"YOU'VE BEEN HARPING AT ME FOR MANY YEARS ABOUT GOING TO WORK—BUT MY IDEALS IN OCCUPATION REQUIRE MONEY—AND SINCE MY DEAR FATHER PRESENTED ME WITH \$500, I AM GOING TO OPEN UP AND HEAD A PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY!—I KNOW, MY DEAR, OR DID I EVER TELL YOU? BEFORE OUR MARRIAGE, I WAS A SCOTLAND YARD INSPECTOR!"

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

FRECKLES' DOG, POODLE, WAS PICKED UP BY THE DOG CATCHER. SO FRECKLES RACED TO THE DOG POUND, ONLY TO FIND THAT POODLE HAD BEEN SOLD!!

WASHINGTON TUBBS II

THESE ARE ZE MEN, M'SIEUR LE COMMANDEANT, OF WHOM I SPOKE.

SALESMAN SAM

HEY, OFFICER, A MAN JUST WENT DOWN THIS HOLE!

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

GOSH DARN IT! WOT'S TH' BABY DOIN' THESE DAYS? Y'KNOW?

WET PLAN IS OFFERED

Canfield Proposes Resubmission and Dispensary System.

BLOW AT GAS 'LEGGER

New Federal Tax, Effective Soon, to Put Crimp in Business.

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filled both the girl's arms. Balancing the heavy load perilously, Cherry set off down the street.
She had not gone a dozen yards when the sound of an automobile horn attracted her attention. Cherry turned to face Max Pearson at the wheel of a black roadster. He had pulled the car to the curb.
"Going to let me give you a lift, aren't you?" Pearson called as he stepped to the pavement. He was smiling.

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