

GREEN FANCY

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SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Thomas K. Barnes, wealthy New Yorker, on a walking trip through New England, is caught in a storm miles from his destination. At a crossroads point he meets a girl in the same plight. While they are waiting for an automobile, sent to meet the girl, Barnes is given a lift to Hart's tavern, where the girl is taken care of. Barnes, who she tells is a place called Green Fancy.

CHAPTER II.—At the tavern Barnes falls in with a stranded troupe of "bar-storming" actors, headed by London Subroct, and becomes interested in them.

CHAPTER III.—As the storm grows, Barnes finds himself worrying over the safety of the girl, traveling over the mountain roads at what he considers dangerous speed. He learns that Green Fancy is something of a house of mystery. Two mounted men leave the tavern in a manner which arouses Barnes' curiosity.

CHAPTER IV.—He meets "Miss Thackeray," leading lady of the stranded theatrical troupe, who is acting as chambermaid. That night he is aroused by the bringing of a dying man to the tavern, one of the two who had ridden away a short time before. They tell of finding the dead body of the other man. Both had been shot.

CHAPTER V.—The wounded man, registered at the tavern as Andrew Paul, dies, and Barnes is informed he must not leave until after the inquest. O'Dowd and De Soto, guests at Green Fancy, in the morning, apparently much mystified over the affair.

CHAPTER VI.—Barnes advances Rush-croft money sufficient to release the company from its financial straits, thereby becoming its official backer. He visits Green Fancy, and in the grounds meets his acquaintance of the night before, finding her a girl of surprising beauty.

CHAPTER VII.—She seems not to be conscious of recognizing him, and turns away. O'Dowd appears and in apparently friendly fashion escorts Barnes (who feels he is unwelcome) from the grounds.

CHAPTER VIII.—Miss Thackeray warns Barnes that a man stopping at the tavern, ostensibly a good agent, has searched his baggage in his absence. O'Dowd comes to the tavern and with Barnes and others goes over the scene of the previous night's shooting. Barnes is invited to dinner at Green Fancy.

CHAPTER IX.—His acquaintance of the storm is introduced as Miss Cameron. The makeup of the house party, described earlier, is introduced to him as "Loeb," and the number of men servants about the place, somewhat astonished Barnes.

CHAPTER X.—Miss Cameron informs him she is a prisoner in the house, appealing to him for aid and binding him to secrecy. In conversation with the chauffeur who drives him back to the tavern, Barnes becomes convinced there is a conspiracy of moment hatching at Green Fancy.

CHAPTER XI.—At breakfast the supposed book agent introduces himself as Sprouse, a government secret agent. Sprouse tells Barnes he is there to watch the party and the scene of the previous night's shooting. Barnes is invited to dinner at Green Fancy.

CHAPTER XII.

The First Wayfarer Accepts an Invitation.

Barnes insisted that the first thing to be considered was the release of Miss Cameron.

"If we can't think of any other way to get her out of this devilish predicament, Sprouse, I shall apply to Washington for help."

"And be laughed at, my friend," said the secret agent. "It is not a matter for the government to meddle in at all."

"Well, something has to be done at once," said Barnes doggedly. "She is depending on me. If you could have seen the light that leaped into her glorious eyes when I—"

"Yes, I know. I've heard she is quite a pretty girl. You needn't—"

"Quite a pretty girl!" exclaimed Barnes. "Why, she is the loveliest thing that God ever created. She has the face of—"

"I am beginning to understand O'Dowd's interest in her, Mr. Barnes. He has probably fallen in love with her with as little difficulty as you have experienced, and almost as expeditiously. He has seen a little more of her than you, but—"

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"Don't talk nonsense. I'm not in love with her."

"Can you speak with equal authority for Mr. O'Dowd? He is a very susceptible Irishman, I am told."

"I don't believe he will get much encouragement from her, Mr. Sprouse," said Barnes stiffly.

"If she is as clever as I think she is she will encourage him tremendously. I would if I were in her place. Mr. O'Dowd is only human. He isn't immune."

"I catch the point, Mr. Sprouse," said Barnes, rather gloomily. "He did not like to think of the methods that might have to be employed in the subjugation of Mr. O'Dowd. There is a rather important question I'd like to ask. Is she even remotely eligible to her country's throne?"

"Remotely, yes," said Sprouse. "So remotely that she could marry a chap like O'Dowd without giving much thought to future complications?" he ventured.

"She'd be just as safe in marrying O'Dowd as she would in marrying you," was Sprouse's unsatisfactory response. The man's brow was wrinkled in thought. "See here, Mr. Barnes, I am planning a visit to Green Fancy tonight. How would you like to accompany me?"

"I'd like nothing better," said Barnes, with enthusiasm.

"Will you agree to obey instructions? I can't have you muddling things up, you know."

"The grounds are carefully guarded," said Barnes, after they had discussed the project for some time. "Miss Cameron is constantly under the watchful eye of one or more of the crowd."

"I know. I passed a couple of them last night," said Sprouse calmly. "By the way, don't you think it would be very polite of you to invite the Green Fancy party over here to have an old-fashioned country dinner with you tonight?"

"It would be useless, Mr. Sprouse. They will not come."

"I am perfectly aware of that, but it won't do any harm to ask them, will it?"

Barnes chuckled. "I see. Establishing myself as an innocent bystander, eh?"

"Get O'Dowd on the telephone and ask him if they can come," said Sprouse.

"But there is Jones to consider. The telephone is in his office. What will he think—"

"Jones is all right," said Sprouse briefly. "Come along. You can call up from my room." He grinned slyly. "Such a thing as tapping the wire, you know."

Sprouse had installed a telephone in his room, carrying a wire upstairs from an attachment made in the cellar of the Tavern. He closed the door to his little room on the top floor.

"With the landlord's approval," he explained, pointing to the instrument, "but unknown to the telephone company, you may be sure. Call him up about half past ten. O'Dowd may be up at this unholy hour, but not she. Now I must be off to discuss literature with Mrs. Jim Conley. The hardest part of my job is to keep her from subscribing for a set of Dickens. Conley's house is not far from Green Fancy. Savvy?"

Barnes, left to his own devices, wandered from taproom to porch, from porch to forge, from forge to taproom, his brain far more active than his legs, his heart as heavy as lead and as light as air by turns. More than once he felt like resorting to a well-known expedient to determine whether he was awake or dreaming. Could all this be real?

Ten minutes later he was in Sprouse's room, calling for Green Fancy over an extension wire that had cost the company nothing and yielded nothing in return. After some delay O'Dowd's mellow voice sang out:

"Hello! How are you this morning?"

"Grievously lonesome," replied Barnes, and wound up a doleful account of himself by imploring O'Dowd to save his life by bringing the entire Green Fancy party over to dinner that night.

O'Dowd was heart-broken. Personally he would go to any extreme to save so valuable a life, but as for the rest of the party, they begged him to say they were sorry to hear of the expected death of so promising a chap and that, while they couldn't come to his party they would be delighted to come to his funeral. In short, it would be impossible for them to accept his kind invitation. The Irishman was so gay and good-humored that Barnes took hope.

"By the way, O'Dowd, I'd like to speak with Miss Cameron if she can come to the telephone."

"Don't be surprised if you are cut off suddenly. The coast is clear for the moment, but— Here, Miss Cameron. Careful now."

Her voice, soft and clear and trembling with eagerness, caressed Barnes' eager ear.

"Mr. O'Dowd will see that no evil befalls me here, but he refuses to help me to get away. I quite understand and appreciate his position. I cannot ask him to go so far as that. Help will have to come from the outside. It will be dangerous—terribly dangerous—"

"You say O'Dowd will not assist you to escape?"

"He urges me to stay here and take my chances. He believes that everything will turn out well for me in the end, but I am frightened. I must get away from this place."

"Then keep your eyes and ears open for the next night or two. Can you tell me where your room is located?"

"It is one flight up; the first of the two windows in my room is the third to the right of the entrance. I am confident that someone is stationed below my windows all night long."

"You still insist that I am not to call on the authorities for help?"

"Yes, yes! That must not even be considered. I have not only myself to consider, Mr. Barnes. I am a very small atom in—"

"All right! We'll get along without them," he said cheerily. "Afterward—"



"Hello! How Are You This Morning?"

we will discuss the importance of atoms."

"And your reward as well, Mr. Barnes," she said. Her voice trailed off into an indistinct murmur. He heard the receiver click on the hook, and after calling "hello" twice hung up his own with a sigh. Evidently O'Dowd had warned her of the approach of a less considerate person than himself.

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No. 9, 156 acres—This farm lies on the Jackson highway, two miles from station. It is in good neighborhood and has school across the road and five churches within five miles of the farm. It is all black land in cultivation except 15 acres. It is fenced with cattle wire and cross-fenced. There is three acres of bluegrass pasture at barn fenced hog tight. There is a 12-inch tile starts on this farm for outlet for drainage. There is a good five-room bungalow, good small barn, well house, good well and new garden fence with cedar posts. Price \$125. Owner might take clear property or small farm as part payment. Will sell on terms of \$4,000 down and long time on remainder.

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No. 11, 40 acres—This farm lies on main road, 80 rods from the Jackson highway and half-mile from station, school, church and store. It is on R. F. D. and telephone line. It is level black soil and well tiled into large ditch that runs along one side of farm. There is a new four-room bungalow and good small barn and well. Price \$135.

No. 12, 100 acres—This farm lies on main road and is all level black land in cultivation except eight acres in timber, fenced hog-tight for hog lot. There is a dredge ditch on the line along one end and one side that gives good drainage. There is a house of five rooms, good barn and a number of outbuildings. A good grain farm for the low price of \$90.

No. 13, 97 acres—This farm lies on the Jackson highway, six miles from this city; 80 acres is

in cultivation and well tiled. There is 17 acres in pasture that has some timber on it. There is a small three-room house, large new barn, good well and tanks. This is a bargain at \$135.

No. 14, 78 acres—This farm is in Gilliam tp. It is a good grain farm and all in cultivation except a few acres in pasture. There is a good five-room house, fair barn and a number of other buildings, lots of fruit and a good well. There is running water on the farm for stock in creek. Price \$100. Can be sold on favorable terms.

No. 15, 40 acres—This is a good grain farm and all in cultivation except three acres in nice timber. It has good drainage and lies on main road, in good neighborhood. The soil is very good. There are no buildings. Price \$100. Favorable terms.

No. 16, The farms listed at Nos. 14 and 15 lie half-mile apart and can be bought together.

No. 17, 79 acres—This farm is all good grain land in cultivation except three acres in pasture that has some timber. 40 acres is fenced hog-tight. The farm lies in well improved neighborhood on public road, near pike. It has lots of tile and good outlet for drainage. There is a good two-story four-room house, good new barn, good well and is well tiled. 40 acres fenced with woven wire. Price \$125.

No. 18, 120 acres—This farm lies three miles from station on main road and half-mile from the Jackson highway and in good neighborhood. It is all in cultivation except a grove of four acres. This is mostly black soil and well tiled and has good outlet for drainage. There is a good one-story house of five nice rooms, a good barn for eight horses and ten cows, crib and large mow, cow part and feedway has cement floors. There is a double crib, grainary, garage chicken house and well house with cement floors. There is a good well, windmill, tanks and lots of fruit. Can sell this farm for \$115. Owner will take some property as part payment or will sell on terms of \$3,000 down and long time on remainder.

No. 19, 200 acres—This is a good farm and lies well on good road near two pikes. It has lots of tile and a good outlet for drainage. The soil is mostly black corn land. It is all cultivated except about 30 acres in pasture, which is part timber. There is a good eight-room cement block house with cellar, large barn, good well, windmill and tanks. Owner will sell on favorable terms and might consider clear property or smaller farm. Price \$125.

No. 20, 60 acres—This is a nice home in splendid neighborhood and all good wheat and corn land and is well tiled. It is all cultivated except five acres in timber used as a hog lot. There is a good six-room house with cellar, large barn, double cribs with shed attached for stock, good chicken house and numerous other buildings. There is a good well at the house with windmill and water piped to tank at barn, also to tank in hog lot. Price \$175. Can make terms.

No. 21, 80 acres—This farm has new house of four rooms, 14x20 new barn for four horses, crib and mow; a good well, some fruit and large walnut trees. It lies on crossroads and in good neighborhood, eight miles from this city and five miles from good town with elevator; 20 acres is in pasture, mostly timber land, 60 acres tillable. This is a bargain at \$75. Terms \$1,500 down and long time on remainder. Might take property or livestock.

No. 22, 100 acres—This farm lies 6½ miles from this city, in Marion township, on good road. It is all in cultivation except a few acres of nice timber. It is good grain land and well tiled with large tile through the farm. There is a five-room house, fair barn and other buildings. There is a good well, some fruit and thirty large walnut trees. This is a good farm and can be bought at the low price of \$135. Can make terms if desired.

No. 23, 240 acres—This land has no buildings on it. It is all prairie land with deep black soil except three groves of timber, in all about 20 acres. It is in pasture and meadow and has large ditch through it. Owner will sell for \$85 per acre. He might take some property or small farm. Can make liberal terms.

No. 24, Owner of No. 23 will sell 80 acres or more to suit purchaser.

No. 25, 120 acres—This farm lies in good locality, one mile from main pike, near school, and three miles from good town with elevator and high school; 90 acres of this farm is deep black corn soil and has good drainage, 30 acres is in timber of which 20 acres is fenced for hogs. There is a good eight-room house, horse barn, cow barn, silo, crib, grainary, windmill and fruit. Can sell at the low price of \$75. Terms \$2,500 down and suitable time on remainder.

No. 26, 300 acres—This farm

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No. 27, 120 acres—This piece of land is level and black soil, 40 acres is in cultivation and 80 acres in pasture. There are no improvements except fences. The pasture has scattering timber on it but makes good pasture and if cleared would be good grain land. It lies on pike road and has good outlet for drainage. Can sell for \$55 on favorable terms. Might consider property or livestock as part.

No. 28, 80 acres—All nice black prairie land in cultivation except 5 acres timber. It lies on main road, near station, school and church. Has fine outlet for drainage. Price \$75.

No. 29, 83 acres—This land lies on main road, near school, churches and station; 35 acres in grain and remainder timber pasture. Large barn and other buildings, and well, 10,000 feet of lumber on place. Easy terms. Price \$55.

No. 30, 40 acres—This farm lies near station, with stores, two-room school, three churches and in good neighborhood. It is all level black grain land in cultivation and has good outlet for drainage. There is a five-room house, small barn, chicken house, good well and lots of fruit. Price \$95. Can make favorable terms.

No. 31, 80 acres—This farm lies eight miles from this city in west Jordan tp. It lies on main road near pike and in good neighborhood; 70 acres of this farm is good land and in grain or grass and is good grain land. There is 10 acres of lighter soil. There is a five-room house, fair barn and several outbuildings, well, lots of fruit and nice shade. There is 160 rods of hog fence. Owner will sell this farm for the low price of \$85. Terms \$3,000 down and long time on remainder.

No. 32, 160 acres—This is a good farm and a nice home. There is a six-room house, good barn, double cribs, hog house, chicken house and good well. Buildings new and all painted; 100 acres is well tiled and nice level black land in grain. It is all black land except 20 acres in timber pasture. It has lots of woven wire fence with cedar posts. Owner will sell on favorable terms or will take clear property or smaller farm as part payment. Price \$125.

No. 33, 40 acres—This is an unimproved piece of land. It is fenced and used as pasture; 35 acres in black prairie land in grain, and 15 acres is in timber. It lies on public road, in good neighborhood and mile from pike. Price \$50. Owner will sell on terms of \$500 down and long time on remainder. Might take livestock as first payment.

No. 34, 100 acres—This farm lies on main road and is all deep black prairie land except three acres of young timber in one corner. It lies joining large ditch that gives good outlet for drainage. The house on this farm was burned. There is an old barn, grainary, silo and good well. Owner will sell on terms of \$3,000 down and long time on remainder. Price \$110.

No. 35, 160 acres—This farm lies on the Jackson highway and is a bargain at the price; 120 acres of this farm is good grain land, and remainder lighter soil. It is all cultivated except small pasture. There is a six-room house, barn and other buildings, fruit and good well; has R. F. D. telephone and near school. Price \$135. Owner will sell on terms of \$6,000 down and good time on remainder. Might take small farm or clear property.

No. 36, 160 acres—This tract of land lies on pike road, 2½ miles from good town with church, high school and bank. It is level to gently rolling. It is all timber pasture except 15 acres in cultivation. There is a five-room house, barn and good well. The buildings are old but habitable. Price \$45. Owner would accept clear property as first payment or sell on easy terms.

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