

Lucky Angler Lands Five Dollar Fish

Coleman, Alta (CP)—Steve Baczynski of East Coleman caught a fish recently that was worth about 30 cents an inch. Fishing in Elk Valley, B. C., he pulled in a 16-inch bull trout. He fished a while longer and then took his catch home to clean it. When he cut open the trout, he

found inside three \$1 bills and one \$2 bill with an elastic band wrapped neatly around them.

He thinks the money might be a little fishy, but he's not going to waste any time spending it.

ROSE VALLEY W. I.

The regular meeting of Rose Valley W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Matheson on August 5.

Roll call was responded to by eight members and three visitors

present. Further plans were made for making an Autograph quilt each member will get 18 names for three squares.

Mrs. George Matheson invited the group to meet at her home in September.

Program committee will be Mrs. James Macintosh and Mrs. Wm. Newsome. Roll call will be answered by an exchange of pickle or relish recipes.

A social hour was enjoyed by all. Lunch was served by the hostess.

Table Top

by Eden Philippotta

CHAPTER III

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"The old sailor had talked history to them and explained first that any hope of success would certainly lie upon the western borders of the lake, as being nearest to Cusco. He had then shown them the results of his own industry in shape of some gold and silver ornaments dredged up by him in a secret locality. He then invited them to finance a more extensive inquiry, to be undertaken solely by himself, and declared that all he needed was a dredge net or trawl with powerful hand gear and a stout boat. He impressed upon them the importance of secrecy, because, as he truly pointed out, if their enterprise came to be known, many others would start on a like quest.

"The Garcias were taken with the scheme, promised the profound secrecy on which their plan depended and presently fitted him out with all the useful gear. Under pretence of fishing, Benny set to work — always by night — and it was not long before he began to report and reveal results.

"Thus far he had played the game Benny laboured industriously, and a week seldom passed without some additions to the hoard. He produced treasures of undoubted value, but these only reached his net fitfully, and much that he discovered of ancient pottery and broken shards while they interested him as greatly as the rest, awoke no enthusiasm in the Garcia brothers, for they felt these fragments might grace a museum, but possessed no intrinsic value to be measured in cash. Still, they kept their own counsels and hoped for some great coup at any minute.

"It must have been about this time that the explorer brought me his great red stone set in gold. Then perhaps two years later, an unexpected incident confirmed growing suspicions and the brothers discovered themselves to be the victims of fraud. It transpired that one, Felice Pardo, worked as a foreman on the Garcia fruit farms, and seeking him about some matter of business, Juan Garcia spoke with his young wife. It chanced to be the day of a festa, and the girl, attired in all her finery, was about to set out for Puno. She wore at her throat a remarkably brilliant yellow stone mounted in gold, and being by this time pretty well versed in the matter of gems, Juan recognized it for a topaz. Benny had dredged not a few lesser specimens, but none to be contrasted with this very remarkable stone. Julia Pardo handed the treasure to her master, what he might examine it and — quite ignorant of what she was doing — explained that her father, Benjamin Boss who worked on Lake Titicaca, had found the jewel in the mud and given it to her as a birthday present. Like everybody else, of course, Julia was unaware of the truth and had no notion that Benny and the Garcias were operating together.

"Juan then returned the brooch to Signora Pardo and went his way; whereupon two things happened — one to the man and one to the woman. It seemed fairly clear to the Garcias that Benny had not dealt justly with them, for if he could keep the find of the great topaz to himself and regard it of such little worth as to hand it to his daughter, what might he not have done with far more valuable treasures trove? They determined to take no step that would alarm Benny, but wait for his next appearance and then tackle him together.

Somebody else, however, took quite another line of action. Julia Pardo was not Benny's daughter for nothing, and her wits now came to her assistance. She had marked an air of surprise about Juan Garcia when he saw the jewel and, knowing her parent pretty well, guessed that Benny's story of finding it beside the lake was untrue. Her first care, therefore, was to seek him instantly, inform him of the incident and do precisely what the Garcias had designed to do. Benny never missed a festa, and an hour or two later his daughter found him and told him what had happened. The news must have been to his liking, but he took it calmly and concealed his purpose. He returned home to his wife, announced the fact that an offer of most important work had reached him and in a few hours departed, directing silence as to his movements until she should hear more.

"Benny vanished from the scene of action and months passed before his circle saw him again; but after he had been gone a week, there came a letter to Emilio Garcia stating that he had been offered a very lucrative task far up country, but might be expected back when his work was accomplished. He gave no direction, however, and no information as to what he was about. Inquiry at his home produced no results, for Signora Boss had heard nothing from her husband, neither had Julia Pardo. Police administration was rather primitive in those days and such inquiries as the Garcias directed to be made, threw no light upon the missing man. His letter had come from Lima, but nothing further could be found and it was believed that he had probably taken ship from Callao for a destination unknown.

To be continued

Witness In Gaspe Slaying Taken To Quebec

QUEBEC (CP)—Wilbert Coffin, 37-year-old mining prospector held as "an important witness" in the slaying of three American bear hunters in Gaspe peninsula, was brought to Quebec provincial police headquarters Monday.

Coffin, held for more than a week, arrived after travelling with Capt. Alphonse Matte to Montreal, northwestern Quebec and Toronto. It was understood from police authorities that Coffin was taken on the trip following discovery of an automatic pistol, a hunter's knife and other articles. The pistol was said to be the murder weapon while the other articles were tentatively identified as the property of the hunters whose remains, gnawed by bears, were found in July in the Gaspe bush.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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"The wrong place," said Mrs. Peter. Peter shook his head. "No, I'm not looking in the wrong place. There's the little dead stick that was right beside that hole," he explained. "But there isn't any hole," insisted Mrs. Peter. Peter admitted that this was true. "Just the same, there was a hole right beside that little stick," said he. "It has been filled up." "There are no signs of any hole being filled up," declared little Mrs. Peter. And she was right.

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