

**To Have And To Hold**  
By MARY JOHNSTON

CHAPTER X

So Percy in the role of the famous buccaner Kirby, took command of the pirate ship. He made Jeremy his first mate and kept Diocoon near him. Lord Carnal he described as a prisoner taken from a Spanish ship and declared that Lady Jocelyn was also a captive.

The ship sailed for the south. To Lady Jocelyn was given the great cabin and Percy, Diocoon, Sparrow and Carnal kept between her and the rest of the crew.

Off the coast the pirates, with Percy at their head, lay in wait for Spanish galleons. They took one after a fight, and found a king's ransom in gold and silver. Ralph protected the priests and women on the galleon from his wild crew, and landed them safely on an island.

This move incensed some of the men and it was only through a bold stand that Percy was able to head off a mutiny.

In the cabin later, a "council of war" decided that the brazen game Percy and his aides had carried on against the crew could not win again. In addition, Ralph overheard Carnal apparently plotting with "The Spaniard" and accused him of it.

In the quarrel which followed, Percy restored Carnal's sword to him and they were about to fight again when some of the crew yelled from the outside that a ship was in sight, an English merchantman, around.

"An easy prize and no quarter this time!" shouted one.

"An English ship," said Sparrow. "Perhaps we might speak to her and show we are English too. Perhaps—"

"Perhaps you might be let go off to her in one of the boats," broke in Paradise. "I think not, Master Sparrow."

"I find that the role of Kirby wears me," cried Percy. "I am an English gentleman and will not fire on an English ship!"

As if in defiant answer, that came from the pirate vessel a flame and thunder of guns. The shot out the merchantman's rigging and brought down her flag, but she answered with her few guns.

Percy drew his sword and Diocoon and the minister moved near to him. The King's ward, still and white, stood beside him, as they faced the rebellious crew. The Spaniard rested his eyes upon Lord Carnal. The latter returned the look; then, with his head held high, took his place beside Percy.

"I had rather it were your sword," she answered in a voice in which was neither dread nor sorrow.

The minister spoke in Percy's ear. "There is another way," he said. "There is God's death and not man's! Look and see what I mean."

He meant that the pirate ship was near a reef, and the pirate helmsman also saw the danger.

Then the storm broke. A pistol ball flew past Percy's ear, but one of the pirates yelled: "Don't shoot! Take them and thrust them under hatches until we've time to give them a slow death. And hands off the woman until we've time to draw lots."

The Spaniard led the rush. Percy nodded to Sparrow who exclaimed: "May the Lord have mercy on your souls." As he spoke, the huge chieftain struck the helmsman to the deck and seized the wheel. In a moment the reef lay right across

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CHAPTER XI

Ralph recovered consciousness to find that he was aboard the English merchantman. The George, that Mistress Percy was safe as well as Diocoon, Jeremy and Lord Carnal. The pirates who had survived the wreck of their ship had been hanged from the yardarm of "The George."

Of all this he was informed by Master Sparrow, whose legs were in irons, but whose hands had been left free that he might minister to the wounded Percy.

"Carnal would have you bound," exclaimed Ralph. "Then it is Carnal's day!"

"Carnal, the King's favorite, is cook of the walk on 'The George,' answered Jeremy. "We are pirates—and prisoners."

Carnal lost little time in showing his dominance of the situation. He came below to greet over Percy and told him while he, the wounded and mangled, lay in the hold, Lady Jocelyn had come to her senses and was happy in the state cabin above with other gentlemen passengers.

"She is again the dutiful ward of the King," he said. "She has asked to be called the Lady Jocelyn Leigh."

"You lie!" Percy replied. "She may laugh in the cabin, but her heart is here with me in the hold." "Embrace her heart if you can," Carnal retorted. "I shall press my face against her bosom."

CHAPTER XII

The ship bore a new governor of Virginia, Sir Francis Wyatt, and before him Percy was hailed as a pirate. Carnal had told his story and as a result Ralph was accused of defying the King's order to return to England of seizing Carnal, of becoming chief of a pirate band and, finally, of attacking an English ship.

"I have not attacked an English ship," Percy declared.

"We saw the flame of your guns and our rigging was cut by your shot," Wyatt replied. "You might have spared yourself that lie."

Percy made no answer, but looked at Carnal who might have saved him.

Then a door of the governor's cabin opened and two women entered.

"I did what I could, Frank," cried Lady Wyatt. "But she would come!" For Lady Jocelyn had entered the lists to aid her husband.

To be continued

MIDDLE-AGED WOMEN ARE BEST "SPORTS"

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—Jobless middle-aged women—not men—are the real heroes of the depression.

That's the conclusion of Miss Betty Inman, assistant manager of the Missouri State free employment service, who has found the unemployed middle-aged woman faces misfortune more stoically than do men the same age.

"Women are more philosophical here in 1934," listed today by Miss Inman, from 240,487 job applicants, all were women approaching or in middle age. Most of them were without special training or previous working experience before the depression—the very age and type of person hardest to find employment at any time.

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He only asks that of our store we give to Him. The best we have.

Christ gives the best. He takes the hearts we offer, And fills them with His glorious beauty, joy and peace: And in His service as we're growing stronger, He calls to great achievements still increase.

The richest gifts for us on earth, or in the heavens above, Are hid in Christ. In Jesus we receive The best we have.

And is our best too much? O friends let us remember, How once our Lord poured out His soul for us. And in the prime of His mysterious manhood, Gave up His precious life upon the cross.

The Lord of Lords, by whom the worlds were made, Through grief and bitter tears, gave us The best He had.

J. Graham

"ALIVE UNTO GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD"

The Apostle Paul. Back of the Easter, bell-ringing Sunday—witnessing to the renewing of life of the springtime with a heartening suggestion of everlasting life—to repeat, back of this commemoration of the greatest event in all history since creation—a risen Christ over death, sin and the forces of hell—is a "Good Friday," and into that word "Good" is compressed meanings beyond human comprehension and of contradictory nature.

Christmas, symbolizing "The Green Girt," voices in a way that cannot be misunderstood, love, peace, goodwill to men, in the language of Heaven itself. But "Good Friday" stands for justice. The fact of sin is ever present. It is not an overstatement to claim that sin's the prominent feature, in both state and personal life, not only in heathendom but also in Christendom.

The heathen knew not the Christ but the fact of the sense of sin is proven by their gods many. Job, of old, they express in multitudes ways, their lack of a missing link "Neither is there any dayman betwixt us, that he might lay his hand upon us both," was Job's plaint.

Everywhere is to be seen and heard signs that the human heart has a realization of sin and a longing for a mediator between a sinful creature and a righteous Creator.

In all the world there is not such an honest book as the "Word of God." It does not hesitate to narrate the exceeding sinfulness in the lives of the best characters from the opening drama of sin in Genesis all the way down through the ages to the closing prophetic Book or Revelation, where St. John charges the scattered churches with worldliness in some form, as when he charges

the Ephesian Church with having left their first love and call on it to repent.

Sin had to be reckoned with if God the Righteous remained the supreme ruler. The problem, as Paul puts it in Romans, was a just God, and it was solved by justifying the sinner through faith in Christ's redemption.

The load of a wooden cross was carried by many mere humans, but the load carried by Christ in the crisis hour of the world's history, and which broke His heart when He cried: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" was the load of every sin that had been committed, and every one that will ever be committed. Personal sin troubles many a sinner's heart, but the load carried by Christ in the crisis hour of the world's history, and which broke His heart when He cried: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" was the load of every sin that had been committed, and every one that will ever be committed.

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