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If The Bough Breaks

By LOS MONTEOSE

SYNOPSIS

Tam Destin, daughter of a rich and socially prominent family of Chestnut Hill, decides she must marry a man who really needs her. She goes to live alone in cheap lodgings in Philadelphia, and her father cuts her allowance in half. Her mother, Constance, and her grandfather, old Luke O'Shanter, are sympathetic. Tam becomes interested in Nathan Fierelle, her landlord's son, who hopes to become a great composer, and she buys a piano so that he may work in her apartment. One day they declare their love for each other. Nathan gives up playing the piano at the Top-Toc restaurant to have more time for his symphony. Cary Sovereign, a waiter at the restaurant, throws out a man who annoys Tam. One day, Cary sends her flowers.

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The Destin house at Christmas was always fairly gay. Constance had a childish devotion to the Christmas traditions, part religious, part pagan. The great tree she trimmed herself, with the most lavish and tireless hand. Nobody could stop her until every branch glittered with tinsel and bowed with baubles—until there was no room for even one more colored light or shining ball. The tree was as fresh and exciting to Constance every year as if it had been her very first. And she had never grown bored with the long ceremony of package opening. The household, including servants, took it for granted that on Christmas Eve everybody gathered in the drawing-room and under the huge laden tree, standing in its usual corner, would be an astonishing mound of gaudy wrapped gifts. It took hours to distribute them, and in the end the room was a shambles of gay paper and ribbon and pine needles.

She was shocked by many of her friends who had small modern "artistic" trees of silver and glass, or went to Christmas Eve. Neither Annabelle nor Tam had ever thought of going to a party on Christmas Eve. Tomorrow was the day for receiving their friends and serving eggnog all day long. It was all delightfully old-fashioned. And for years, on the twelfth of December at six p.m., Hoggett and Luke O'Shanter had sung their famous duet, "Good Night, Good Night," with Constance at the piano. Perhaps their voices quavered this year, but they harmonized with the same fervor as of old.

This evening after the eggnog was finished and the last guests had straggled away, Tam talked to Constance alone in her room. "Mother, I've found him. He's a musician. He's already a great musician."

Constance, in her white taffeta gown, looked like a thoughtful angel while she listened. Tam told her everything from the beginning. "He says I'm the motif, the urge," she ended in a shy, breathless voice. "You have a grave responsibility," Constance said. "And is he—charming? I mean, will I like him?" "I think you'll love him, and he'll adore me. But just yet don't dare bring him here. You can see why. He will have to achieve first so he can come proudly without any pose to my room. And, Constance, I want to ask a great favor of you." Tam hurried on: "You remember Alexis Jerome, of course?"

Constance drew a long breath and then laughed in gentle surprise. "My dear child, one does not forget. Alexis came here nearly every day for two years. But of course you were so little then. You can't remember him."

"No, but I've heard you speak of him and I've seen the picture that used to hang in this room. But anyhow, did you know yet he is coming as symphony guest conductor to the Academy of Music this year?" Constance read and played restlessly with papers and letters on her desk. She opened a drawer and closed it. "Constance, darling, please don't start straightening your desk just now. I want to know if you'll write to Mr. Jerome—just a note to ask him to hear Nathan's symphony. That is all I want, if he'll only hear it I know he'll be interested in Nathan. And from then on everything will go fast."

"Will they?" cried Tam. She leaped now to look beautiful. "Especially by the evening gown. Nathan is taking me some evening to the opera."

"He won't notice. He'll be thinking about music!" "Thank you," he said, bowing stiffly. They drank. He looked at his wrist watch. "The cab ought to be here soon."

"Because I don't," he said, honest and miserable. "I'm frightened. You look like somebody out of the rotogravure times."

"I never did!" she blurted. "I never did even when—I mean, I never could. Anyhow, don't you love me?" "I expected," said Nathan, "that you'd wear the little black chiffon dress with the white collar and the corsages and manna-manna. I thought we were going to hear the 'Gottterdammerung.'"

British Commons Lacks Amenities of Ottawa House

By James McCook Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON, Dec. 3—(AP)—A Canadian member of parliament would feel at home in the House of Commons here, but to be a member would have to be a quicker riser to his feet.

The member at Ottawa, even during the competitive question period, can rise with a desire of dignity and still hope to catch the Speaker's eye. But in the Canadian house there are only 245 members and in the British, 640.

Members who want to get their word in here on the edge of their seats as tense as if they were to start a race. They start to rise before the minister or whoever else is answering the previous question, has finished his last sentence. Even then they may be too late.

The government spokesmen answer questions of which they have been given notice, a procedure followed in all parliaments. Questions without notice might be raised in case of emergency but the alert members in Ottawa and Westminster will try to snare the minister who has answered one ordinary question into answering several others.



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Rush of Teen-Age Girls to The U.S. BUFFALO N. Y., Dec. 3—(AP)—Teen-age girls have been entering the United States from Canada in alarming numbers since the end of the war, United States Attorney George J. Grobe said Saturday.

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