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A WILDERNESS AND THOU-

By JESSIE DOUGLAS

Alice Dishrow looked down at the

girl who sat on the railing of the "Isn't it funny that I should find you here?" she asked if her high fluted

voice. "How have you ever stood this wilderness?"

"I think it's funnier to see you here,". the girl on the railing answered.

admiration. Alice was in all things ly sick and dizzy. her opposite. She was slender and Holmes saw the eyes that looked like away pettishly. forget-me-nots, with the penciled brows

was no more an accompaniment to tesque spots. camp life than an orchid. Her frail dress, her high-heeled suede slippers said, "before it gets dark." were not made to tramp these woods. The three made their way slowly related a citizen of Sandy Mush, " have suited Agatha; she was too sim-know how to get back!"

good features.

across the take has made my life worth this wilderness without more light." living again."

working? I never could. There are voice sharp now. so many nice things to do, when there she mocked the other girl out of the corner of her blue eves.

Bell Chase 863 all season, unless you mean the guides show the ravages that a few hours had ken railing. He hung for a horrid

nose in the very sight of the forest gone. aisles. Alice knew that Jere War-Automobile Painting and Trimming ren was coming up here; that was Agatha had stuffed in her pocket and me!"-Kansas City Star. why she had chosen to come. She had drew away from the firelight. Jere wanted him to know all winter, and Agatha before the blaze sat Wasn't he the most prominent of the munching chocolate, and the man young illustrators, and hadn't peo- looked at his companion with new of colored pioneers from Dixie who ple told her time and again that she eyes. She was just as fresh as she had been inducted into the service was just like the illustrations of his had been when they left in the early had just received a batch of mail. But

you now"—and trailed into the camp. She had staged too many scenes to tistically.

sitting on the railing of the camp, met at seeing the girl in this wilderness lence.

"This is Humphries' camp?" asked in a pleasant deep volce. "I wonder if he is expecting me.

my duffle to come behind." "Humphries is out catching fish for

dinner now," Agatha smiled.

He stood beside her on the rough veranda of the camp and listened to the modulations of her voice. She would be a very pleasant companion. e thought, to go tramping with, to hunt out the secrets of the forest

Then Jere Warren turned to see another girl come singing through the doorway. She lifted blue eyes of surprising innocence to his, and dimpled: Bell, Chase 1174 "Oh. I didn't mean to intrude-"

"By jove, she's lovely!" the man hought in his one swift glance. Agatha Holmes introduced them.

trations pasted in it! But the words while he was a fifteen-year-old sailor she wanted to say would not come, and boy. she stood there feeling more an out-Rock. Phone, Stone 1227 Bell Main 2685 sider as she saw Jere Warren lose him- mulated funds and went to England it just as well not to inform the pub-

that they three should dine at one ized on this side of the Atlantic to mantable together in the camp, which sep- utacture his weapons, and a plant was arated them from the guides and trap- established at Paterson, N. J. Colt repers who were getting ready for the volvers were first used in warfare dur-"season." Agatha, watching the other ing the Indian conflict in Florida in er for my darter. two with her clear gray eyes, won- 1837. The Mexican war led to a great so clever in his work, could be fooled them into general use. by the empty little tricks of Alice Disbrow. But she was the first to agree with Jere when he sang the praises of the other's leveliness in her ears. maintain amiable relations with your

pleasure in his proposal that they ways little things that you can learn brought her own maid with her. three take a tramp to a trout stream about your neighbors that it is the he had discovered not far away.

you," he smiled to Alice Disbrow. "Oh, Mr. Warren, how can you say

such things?" Alice pouted. Jere and Agatha waited before the camp for Alice. When she appeared Agatha heard the man draw in his breath. Agatha was charming in her white serge skirt and short coat belted in scarlet. Her tiny white felt hat with its pheasant's wing and her high boots of white suede made her more (©, 1920, by McCiure Newspaper Syndicates) than ever one of his illustrations.

> In a few minutes they left the trail that led away from the camp, and the Christmas dinner. struck inward through the forest. They walked on and on until the light sifted down dimly through the tree-

Agatha turned when she heard a faint cry. Alice had slipped and twisted her foot on a hidden stone. When She looked at Alice with an honest she reached her the girl was sudden-

"The stream's only a bit farther. delicate and fair; she had the look You stay with her and I will get some of a wild-flower in her pale blue frock water." the man said. When he came and the wide hat with its long velver hurrying back to dash some of the streamers. Under the hat, Agatha water on the girl's face she turned

"There's no reason to ruin my dress," above them, the white skin, the scar-she complained, "Oh, it hurts so," she THERE TO GET INFORMATION let of lips that was not quite natural, began to cry weakly; while the tears That was why Alice Disbrow seemed made furrows down her pink cheeks Sandy Mush Citizens Vitally Interest so out of place here, she decided. She and left the rouge showing in gro-

"We'd better get back," the man

Agatha looked down at her own high, toward the trail, with Alice limping found a couple o' dozen of my acrough hoots, at her tweed skirt, her painfully between them. Agatha quaintances and several felices that brown hands, with a sudden distaste. fancled she heard Jere give a mut I'd never heered of before, setting on For one instant she longed for all the tered "damn" when Alice wept. "Oh, my porch and otherwise hanging artificialities that made the other girl I don't see why you brought me on around, waiting for me." so charming. But they would not this horrid walk! And now you don't "What was coming off-a surprise

ple, too sincere, to resort to subter. The darkness had fallen suddenly, quired the neighbor to whom the incifuge to cover her lack of prettiness. as it does in the north woods, and dent was being related. Besides, she thought ruefully, noth- Jere was doubtful of his direction. He "Nope; nuth'n' specially surprising ing could make her pretty. Her fine, looked comically at Agatha and her about it, considering that some instrong white teeth, and her eyes, large gray eyes broke into a twinkle of fernal liar had told 'em I'd been noratand gray and honest, were her only laughter. "We may have to make a ing around that I recollected when night of it," the man apologized. "Of the court house in Tuminville was "I like the wilderness," Agatha said course, they'll send out for us when built a bottle of fine old licker was simply. I'd been working so hard that they discover we're lost. I ought not put in the corner stone. They wanted just to get away and smell the breath to have brought you, but I don't dare to know which corner."-Kansas City of the forest and drive my cance take the risk of leading you through Star.

"I should say you shouldn't have "Oh, my dear, how do you stand brought us!" Alice cried, her pretty

are men, dancing and firting and-" man heard the smile in Agatha's voice, nue, ran westward and onto the via-"Then I shouldn't think you would the woods with a bright blaze. Alice street below. As the vehicle took the want to come up here!" Agatha said suiked in the background; when she leap its driver jumped or was flung honestly. "You'll hardly see a man did come near enough for the fire to out, but managed to catch on the broor the men who only stop to get a meal made in her appearance Agatha was moment on the brink of death, and on the way with their camping out filled with pity. The water dashed on then scrambled back to safety. her so unceremonlously had taken the "Merciful powers!" ejaculated a pe Alice was silent. She studied the careful wave from her hair, and her destrian below. "What a narrow other girl as a possible adversary, white cheeks were stained with tears. escape!" Then complacently she took out her And now that she had ceased to be "Shucks!" returned the gent from tiny vanity case and powdered her piquant and flirtatious, her charm was Jimpson Junction, who was on hand

afternoon. Her eyes gleamed across neither Jefferson Madison Monroe nor Alice studied the watch on her white at him with their friendly frank gaze, his particular side-kick. Washington wrist, and then she said: "I'll leave and the heat had lighted a rosiness in Jones, was manifesting any great elaher clear brown skin.

It was so dark now that the fire cidedly in the dumps miss the chance to play this one ar alone lighted the woods with eerie So it was Agatha Holmes, who, still Alice huddled in a little heap asleep, ever. I done just got a letter from Jere Warren took off his coat and laid mah gal and she's gone and went and the dark eyes of a stranger as he came it over her gently. When he came married another." up the trail. His first look of surprise back to Agatha there was a long si-

down into its bowl before he spoke, what says I'm exempt!" "I've been a fool, Miss Holmes," he said. "I took the glitter for the gold. and now I wonder- Oh. I'm not good

chance to be-your friend?" ened before she answered, and hereyes evening paper on his way home. A were no less friendy if they held a new passenger on a trans-Atlantic steamer shyness. "I should think so, Mr. War- had fallen overboard in mid-ocean, and

ren-if that girl was I-" Far off they heard the sound of a faint "Halloo! Halloo!"

REAL "FATHER" OF REVOLVER lieva!"

Samuel Colt Acknowledged Originator of Idea That Revolutionized Weapons of Warfare.

The first putent for a "revolving night squad the best laugh they've firearm" issued by the United States feeling awkward somehow, and as was to Samuel Colf, a Connecticut there in the gutter?" demanded the though she were the intruder, when youth, and bore date of December 28, Sidney Hall's Sons she heard Alice say: "Oh, you are 1835. Colt was a native of Hartford. Jere Warren, the illustrator? If you He worked for a time in a factory and she heard Alice say: "Oh, you are 1835. Colt was a native of Hartford. knew how I admire your drawings!" then ran away to sea. It was during Jere Warren seemed flattered at his lessure hours on the long voyage the girl's words; and Agatha blushed to India that he developed the idea the candid reply.—Los Angeles Times. hotly, for she remembered the scrap- which resulted in the invention of the book she had at home with his illust revolver. He made a model of wood

> On his return to America he acouself in admiration of the other girl. and France to secure patents on his lic of my whereabouts. When they Agatha stole away in a few minutes. idea before he patented them in his don't actually know where I am it is It was Jere Warren who insisted native land. A company was organ natural for them to believe that I am

> > What Courtesy Overlooks.

One way to make sure that you ida Times-Union. She had fought against her jealousy, immediate neighbors is not to permit yourself to take advantage of their part of courtesy to overlook.

"If the walking's too hard, I'll carry HAD LITTLE WILLIE SCARED

Boar's Head, Served in Realistic Style, Looked to Youngster as if Very Much Alive.

Governor Goodrich of Indiana said in a discussion of old Christmas cus

"The old customs that have fallen out of use were a little too coarse and brutal for these ultra-refined times. Take, for instance, the old custom of serving a boar's head at

"I know a rich man who thought he'd revive the old customs on Christmas, and accordingly a boar's head tops, but they did not strike the formed the dinner, a lemon in the mouth and the fierce eyes staring glassily straight ahead. The effect was tremendous.

"The rich man, serving slices of the head, came to the turn of his little

"Well, Willie, will you have

some?' he said. "'Yes, papa,' Willie answered in an awed whisper, 'but please cut me off a piece where it isn't looking."

ed in Knowledge Possessed by Fellow Townsman.

"When I got home tuther evening,"

party, or something that-a-way?" in

Couldn't Fool Him.

Becoming unmanageable from some unknown cause a car turned the cor-"I think it'll be rather a lark.". The ner at Eighth street and Grand ave-Agatha helped him gather some dry duct for some distance, then swerved twigs for a fire and soon they lighted suddenly and plunged over into the

I"That wasn't no escape; it was just a Alice refused the chocolate that trick of some kind. They can't fool

It was in the Argonne. A regiment tion. In fact, they both looked de-

"Wash," mourned Jefferson, "T'so shadows. Agatha, looking behind, saw the hard luckin'est nigger what was

"Oh, man, man!" wailed Wash. "You don't know what hard luck am. Me. The man, lighting his pipe, frowned I just got a letter from the draft board

Water on the Knee.

A certain man of rather a waggish walked over from the stage and left at that sort of thing, but I mean I disposition, contends that his wife has wonder if a fellow would have a no imagination. At dinner one night he chanced to mention a tragic cir-The rose in Agatha's cheeks deep cumstance, which he had read in the had never been seen again.

"Was he drowned?" asked his wife, "Oh, "no," answered the husband "but he sprained his ankle, I be

Poor Picker.

A certain drunk, taken to the University station the other night, was never booked because he gave the

sergeant severely.

"'Sail right, boss. I jus' happened to walk between two lamp posts and leaned against the wrong one," was

Benefit of Silence. "I don't see your name in the paper quité so often as it used to be, men-

"No," replied the senator. "I find

All He Knew About Planes. Mr. Newritch-I wanna buy a pian-

Plano Salesman - Certainly, sir, dered how a man like Jere, who was demand for these weapons and brought Here are some heautiful instruments-Mr. Newritch (after several minutes counting)-Guess I'll take this here one it has the most keys on it. Flor

What Next? A cook recently engaged by a wom-She acquiesced with more pain than close proximity to you. There are all an of conspicuous wealth and fashion ditions prevail.—New York Herald.

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