## The Snowshoe Trail

By EDISON MARSHALL

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Bill Bronson guids Virginia Tre-mont and her fiance's uncle, Kenly Lounsbury, in their quest in the Clear-water of northern Canada or Virginia's fiance. Harold Lounsbury, who vanished there six years previously. Bill also expects to look further for the lost mine of his father, who was murdered by a false partner. Bill saves Virginia from drowning in Grizsly river and takes her to his trapping of it—with music." cabin. Kenly Lounsbury and Vosper, the cook, left on the other side of the and Virginia find many comforts.

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had worn the night of the disaster. She produced a little white roll, and things-I'm sorry I haven't any with high gles opened it for him to nore." Wrapped in a miniature face towel was her comb, a small brush. and a toothbruse!

slept the night before, and lifting it up, revealed a great box beneauthbags of rice and beans, dried apples, marmalade and cannot good, enough for some weeks at least.

"The one thing we haven't got is meat," Bill told her, "except a little ferky: but there's plenty of that in the snow gets much deeper, we'd have to have snowshoes to hunt at all."

"You mean—go hunting today?" "As soon as we can stir up a meal." into the snowy wastes. Bill walked in front, breaking trail. He carried the ancient rifle ready in his hands-

He earnestly hoped that they might run into game at once. Leter the moose would go to their winter feeding grounds, far down the heights. Every day they delayed, their chance of procuring meat was less.

He led her ove: the ridge to the marshy shores of Gray Lake. They waited in the shadow of the spruce. "Don't made any needless motions."

he cautioned, "and don't speak aloud. They've got eyes and ears like hawks." separated them. But there was no It was not easy to stand still, in the snow and cold, waiting for game to appear. Virgin a was uncomfortable within half an hour, shivering and

It was a long wait that they had beside the lake. Then the girl felt his hand on her arm. "Be still," he whispered. "Here,

Although she had never seen such an animal before, at once she recognized its kind. The spreading horns, the great frame, the long, grotesque nose belonged only to the moose—the greatest of American wild animals-

At the roar of the rifle she cried out in excitement. The old bull had was different from the others. The traversed the marshes for the last two previous nights she had been ill

CHAPTER V.

The shoulder of a bull moose was never a load for a weak back.

Bill skinned out the quarter with great care; then, stooping, worked it and led the way back over their snow trail.

Twilight had fallen again when they made the cabin.

steak in its own fat, and he cooked to fix your boudoir." hot biscuits and macaroni to go with her greater pleasure. Afterward he just in front of her bunk. Then, holdlighted his pipe.

"It's strange that I don't want to smoke myself," the girl told him. "You? Why should you?"

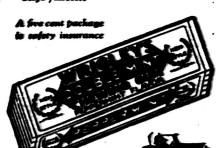
"I smoke at home. I mean I did. It's getting to be the thing to do among the girls I know. Someway, the thought of it doesn't seem interesting any more."

speaking very softly. But he understood when she paused. He was startled to find that the whole tone



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and key of the night had vaguely

changed. "The north wnd," Bill said simply. Virginia's eyes grew wide. "What does it mean?" she asked breathlessly.

"Winter. The northern winter. I've seen it break too many times. There's no chance for doubt any more. Perhaps we can drown out the sound

He walked foward the battered instrument. Her heart was cold within river, desert them. In the cabin Bill her, and she nodded eagerly. "Yesa little ragtime."

"I haven't any ragtime," the man the ones I liked best. They're simple he illustrated his points from life.

She looked at this man with growing wonder.

He put on a record. She recognized the melody at once. It was Drdla's Bill then walked, with some triumph, the melody at once. It was Drdla's to the bunk on which Virginia had "Souvenir"—and the first notes seemed to sweep her into infinity.

It was a moment of enchantment. The music rose high, fell in searing leaps, trembled in infinite appeal, and slowly died away. Outside the storm increased in fury. And it was well for her peace of

mind that she did not glance at Bill. the woods if we can just find it. And He was watching the girl's face, his I don't intend to delay about that. If eyes wistful as no human had ever seen them. The soaring notes, with the dreadful

accompaniment of the storm, had brought home a truth he had tried to Dressing warmiy, they ventured out deny. "I love you, Virginia," cried the inaudible voice of his soul. "Oh, Virginia-I love you, I love you."

CHAPTER VI.

It was one of Bill Bronson's basic creeds to look his situation squarely in the face. He had tried to avoid a truth that ever grew clearer and more manifest-his love for Virginia.

He had told himself he wouldn't give his love to her. He would hold that back, at least. He had reminded himself of the bridgeless gap that use of trying further. In the stress and passion of the melody he had found out the truth.

But if he couldn't keep this knowledge from himself, at least he could hold it from the girl. It would only bring her unhappiness. It would dehim that he had begun to observe in her. It would put an insurmountable wall between them.

Virginia had no suspicion of his thoughts. She was still enthralled by the after-image of the music. But soon the noise of the storm began to force itself into her consciousness.

Vaguely she knew that this night and half unconscious; her very helplessness appealed to Bill's chivalry. Tonight she stood on her own feet.

She was suddenly face to face with he fact that the night stretched before her-and she was in a snowswept cabin in the full power of a strange man. But all at once she looked up to find on his back. Virginia took his gun Bill's eyes upon her, full of sympathy and understanding.

"You'll want to turn in now," he

He took one of the boxes that served it. No meal of her life had ever given as a chair and stood it up on the floor, ing one of the blankets in his arm and a few nails in his hand, he claimbed upon the box. She understood in an instant. He was curtaining off the entire end of the cabin where Virginia patterns as you want. Enclose 20c in slept.

The girl's relief showed in her face. her. "But there's one thing-I want Service, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto. He had an impression that she was to show you—before you turn in." "Yes?"

"I want to show you this little nistol." He took a light arm of blue steel from his belt—the small calibreed and automatic weapon with which he had killed the grouse. "It's only a twenty-two," Bill went on, "but it shoots a long cartridge, and it shoots ten of 'em, fast as you pull the trigger. You could kill a caribou with it, if you hit him right."

"Yes?" And she wondered at this curious interlude in their moment of

"You see this little catch behind the trigger guard?" The girl nodded. 'When you want to fire it, all you have to do is to push up the little catch with your thumb and pull the trigger. Tonorrow I'm going to teach you how to shoot with it-I mean shoot straight enough to take the head off a grouse at twenty feet. And so it will bring you luck, I want you to sleep with it— Itom, at / to 7.30 Enstern Standard

under your pillo?." Understanding flashed through her, and a slow, grateful smile played at her lips. "I don't want it, Bill," she told him.

"You'd feel safer with it," the man arged. He slipped it under her pillow. 'And even before you learn to shoot well-you could-if you had tohoot and hill a man."

He smiled again and drew her cur-

th Virginia to short. The sent day No One Need Die

they had target practice.

While Virginia cooked lunch, Bill cut young spruce trees and made a sled; and after the meal purhed out through the whirling snow to bring in the remainder of the moose meat.

It was the work of the whole afternoon to urge the sled up the ridge and then draw it home through the drifts. Virginia was lonely and depressed all the time Bill was absent.

"You can call me Virginia, if you want to," she told him. "Last names are silly out here."

Bill looked his gratitude and she helped him prepare the meat. Some of it he hung just outside the cabin door; one of the great hams was suspended in a spruce tree, fifty feet in front of ter cabin The skin was fleshed out and hung up behind the stove to dry. "It's going to furnish the web for our snowshoes," he explained.

In their talk that evening she was surprised to learn how full had been his reading.

Other evenings he told her Nature Virginia smiled and fished in the explained humbly. "I could only bring lore, the way, of the living creatures pockets of the great slicker coat she up a few records, and so I took just trat he observed, and in the daytime (To be continued.

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This is part one of a two-part article on Diphtheria, prepared by the Cana dian Social Hygiene Council.

Practically every child who dies from diphtheria does so because its parents are either ignorant or careless. Because diphtheria can be prevented. Just as vaccination prevents smallpox, so does the administration of a substance called "toxoid" prevent diphtheria. This process is easy and inexpensive. When one realizes that between 1000 and 1200 Canadians die every year from Diphtheria, while 15,-500 sicken of the disease, it would seem to be a pity that people are too lackadaisical to save their lives, and the lives of their children, from a disease which is preventable.

The purpose of this article is to tell Canadians how to save their lives, and the lives of their children from diphtheria. It will do more. It will tell how this disease can be utterly stamped out, from the Atlantic to the Pacifis, within ten years.

Causes of Dightheria

In the first place, it is necessary to consider what causes diphtheria, and why this disease kills.

It begins when the diphtheria germ, a tiny living organism, attacks the throat. These germs, as they develop, give off a poison. or toxin, that spreads through the system and, as any other poison would do, causes illness that sometimes results in death.

But there is an old saying that every poison has its antidote and the first great advance that medical science made in fighting this disease was in 1890, when an "antidote" to the toxin of the germs causing it was discover-

This they named "anti-toxin," and for years it was mankind's great bulwark against diphtheria.

It is developed by injecting the virus of the diphtheria germ into the blood of a healthy young horse. Immediately the horse's system develops a substance to fight the poison. This poison-fighting substance, or "anti-poison," is withdrawn from the horse's blood, refined, and made suitable for human

Injected into the body of a diphtheria patient, this anti-toxin counteracts the poison of the germ, just as it few cases that cannot be cured if antitoxin is administered shortly after the symptoms manifest themselves. Every hour of delay, however, means added danger, and every year many children ents neglect to call a doctor early, believing that their children are suffering from so-called simple sore throat

when actually they have diphtheria. Important as it is to treat it early, however, diphtheria is one disease You'll welcome this distinctly new that completely proves than an ounce jaunty sports frock with voked bodice, of prevention is worth a pound of It has an exceedingly flat hipline. cure, for there is another substance, The skirt is cut so as to give utmost called "toxoid," which does even more than anti-toxin. Toxoid will actually keep the disease out of the system al-

When you take your child to the doctor for this treatment, he will inject about seven drops of toxoid unis done to children after six months of age, the better.

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One of Canada's greatest authorities has said that the day will come when a coroner's jury will investigate all deaths from diphtheria to find out ! who is to blame. You know the sort of deaths that are investigated by coroner's juries-deaths that are believed to be altogether unnatural, or in which somebody is believed to have contributed by negligence.

did in the body of the horse, and years of testing have proven that there are diphtheria deaths are so investigated, diphtheria as a preventable diseasewhich it is-and will want to know who is to blame when anyone dies of it. Such deaths will be regarded not die of diphtheria because their par- as the result of bad luck, but of scmebody's carelessness, and somebody will have to be punished.

From all this, we may realize our individual responsibility. Every mother should see that her children, as they reach the age of six months or so, are given the Schick test. Every community, through its medical officer of health, should see that toxoid is avail-

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