

Nothing Venture

by Patricia Wentworth

Chapter 1
A WILL IS MADE

"You were saying?" said Mr. Page. At the moment Ambrose Wear was not saying anything at all. He had been speaking, but had fallen silent. His head had been pushed close to the big jutting window, and his eyes had gone from his lawyer to the green lawn and the lilacs, and beyond to the glittering blue of the sea.

It was a May day, a wind blowing, and small white clouds racing before it across a rain-washed sky. Ambrose Wear sat propped up in his bed. He was dying, for no very discernible reason except that, having lived 87 years with energy and a masterful disregard of everything except the whim of the moment, he had now taken it into his head to die.

Mr. Page tapped upon his writing-pad.

"You were saying?" he repeated.

Ambrose Wear turned his head. The eyes under shaggy grey eyebrows, still held a spark of malicious mischief.

"Well," said Mr. Page.

Ambrose Wear laughed, not a very pleasant sound.

"Lord, Page! What a bedside manner you've got! Why can't you say straight out that I've no time to waste, and that even if I had, it's a fine afternoon and a pity to spend it in a sick-room, when you might be a great deal more pleasantly occupied with the young people?"

Mr. Page experienced a faint resentment. He had managed Ambrose Wear's affairs for some 35 years without ever becoming accustomed to his habit of tearing away those recent veils by which he hid from one another such feelings as distaste, boredom, and ennui.

It was true that he had been thinking that it would be pleasant in the evening when he had got through the business which had brought him down to Wear; but, put as Mr. Wear had just put it—well, what was one to say? His bedside manner became a little accentuated, he smiled and said nothing.

"Well, let's come to the point," said Ambrose Wear. "The legacies stand as they were, but Rosamund only gets twenty-five hundred. She can buy her trousseau with it. If she weren't going to marry Jervis, she'd have had fifteen hundred a

year, but since they're engaged, that comes out. It keeps a girl steady having to come to her husband for money."

"Jervis shall have the purse-strings—but she'll get round him and help herself to as much as she wants! Hey, Page?"

"Miss Carey is very charming."

"So was her grandmother," said Ambrose Wear—"the finest girl in the state, if she was my sister. And what good did it do her? She might have had half a dozen wealthy men—and she bolted with a penniless artist like Carey?"

"Mr. Jervis is to be congratulated," said Mr. Page.

"Well, well," said Ambrose Wear. "Who's getting off the point now? Restrain your enthusiasm for Rosamund and let's get back to my will. After the legacies—you've got 'em down—everything to Jervis, lock, stock and barrel. Securities, house, property, and family temper to my grandson, Jervis Wear, on condition—"

Mr. Page lifted his fountain pen. His look of serious inquiry was met by a keenly mocking one.

"You're thinking now what the deuce has the old devil got up his sleeve? Hey, Page?"

Mr. Page reddened. He was comfortably stout and comfortably ruddy, with a fringe of thick grey hair about a round bald patch. The ruddy color deepened quite perceptibly. One didn't say things like that—

"What is the condition, Mr. Wear?"

Ambrose Wear looked out upon the lawn. Two figures were crossing it as he looked—Jervis checking that impatient stride of his to keep pace with his companion, Rosamund never hurried. She wore a lilac dress. The sun touched her corn-colored hair, and the light wind ruffled it. Anyone might have thought that they made a handsome couple.

"What Ambrose Wear thought, no one could tell but Ambrose Wear. He watched for a moment, saw Jervis lift that black head of his and throw out his arm with a vigorous sweep, saw Rosamund look up at him smiling, and then he turned again to Mr. Page.

"Well, Page? You're on hot coals!"

Well, here's the condition—provided he marries within three months of my death. Put that into your infernal legal jargon, and don't leave any loopholes."

Mr. Page was looking relieved. He did not know quite what he had expected, but with Ambrose Wear it might have been anything. He said with a smile:

"Almost a superstitious condition, Mr. Wear, since he is engaged."

The hawk nose above the thin mouth twitched a little.

"Engaged isn't married," said Ambrose Wear. "He's been engaged for six months, and when I talk to him about getting married, he doesn't want to hurry her. And when I talk to her, she thinks being engaged is so delightful that she'd

October Crisis For De Valera On Irish Farms

DUBLIN (AP)—Signs that the Irish farmer, hard hit by the Free State's tariff war with Great Britain, is becoming uneasy, have been so numerous of late that President Eamon De Valera gave them special attention in a recent speech.

Several observers have predicted that October would be a critical time for the administration, basing this conclusion upon estimates that the farmer could not hold his cattle beyond then without meeting undue hardships.

De Valera's talk discussed increasing demands that the key controversy with England over land indemnities be submitted to negotiations. But he added:

"The fight is on and we are going to stick it out."

Some of the elements most hostile to the administration have started a campaign with the slogan: "No taxes, if no settlement." This movement recalls that in the campaign preceding the last general election, De Valera's party promised the farmers relief from the land indemnities. But the argument goes on, the indemnities have been retained and, in addition, the controversy over them has led England to erect a tariff wall that shuts Irish cattle out of what had been its best market.

As an offset there is an administration program designed to increase wheat growing and thus cut down Ireland's dependence upon the sale of cattle in England. Also home industries are being encouraged, housing plans are being pushed and new markets for Irish products are being sought.

Administration men say these measures will enable the administration to get through what all agree promises to be a hard winter. De Valera's foes think otherwise.

DILLARD ELKINS DIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 10 (AP)—Dillard A. Elkins, 54, Portland attorney, former member of the state industrial accident commission, and active in Democratic political circles here, died at a Portland hospital Sunday of pneumonia.

Elkins was born February 7, 1878, near Monmouth, Ore.

For the first time since maroon was adopted as the University of Chicago's color in 1894, the football team this fall will wear other than solid maroon jerseys. White, with maroon arm-stripes, is the new color scheme.

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HAGEN WINS AT ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 10 (AP)—Walter Hagen of Detroit today had added the St. Louis open golf championship to his list of titles.

Clicking off last four birdies and an eagle on the last eighteen holes yesterday afternoon, and going over par only once, Hagen staged a whirlwind finish to overcome his score handicap from the first two days of play, and won the tournament with a card of 281 for the 72 holes of medal play.

FREAK ACCIDENT

PORTLAND, Oct. 10 (AP)—All the perils that stalk the trail when a man goes deer hunting were successfully survived by Edward Loyo of Portland, but a cat and dog fight in his own home resulted in his going to the hospital to be treated for a gunshot wound.

Loyo returned from his hunting trip yesterday and set his gun down in the corner. A cat and a dog chow, the scene for a spirited battle. They struck the gun. The gun struck the floor. And the discharged bullet struck Loyo's right leg.

SUGAR AND FLOUR
PORTLAND, Oct. 10 (AP)—Sugar—Cane, granulated \$4.50 100 lbs.; beet sugar \$4.30 100 lbs.
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Professional Directory

Hospitals

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Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital
End Door Foley Bldg.—Ph. Main 18.

Daily Cross-Word Puzzle

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Photographic
2. Drinking
3. Vicious
4. Food
5. Everlasting
6. Brother of Cain
7. Constructed
8. Trainer of gladiators
9. Drive
10. Approaches
11. Place
12. Enclosure
13. Civil injuries
14. Father
15. Long narrow inlet
16. Skin
17. Superficially
18. Inflamed spots
19. Wall under the main
20. Part of a church
21. Citrus fruits
22. Area
23. Dobby
24. Prepared for a
25. Member of an
26. Caucasian
27. Race of the
28. Affections
29. Wail
30. Male cat
31. Sea eagle
32. Characteristic
33. The short-eared owl

DOWN

1. Stone writing tablet
2. Part of a wooden joint
3. Snapping beetles
4. Fruit
5. Theatrical sign
6. Heavy and wet
7. Trap
8. Periods of time
9. Mythological giant
10. Carpenters
11. Distribute
12. On the summit of
13. Candidate
14. Indistinct bluish
15. Vases, colored
16. Peeling
17. Intended persons
18. Low spinning note
19. Pertaining to the cheek
20. Aptitude
21. Blunt sword
22. I love Latin
23. Expansion of liquid
24. Disputat
25. Symbol for sulfur

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—80 A. farm, Apts. and houses, 1400-9th. 10-10-2 t.

FOR RENT—5-rm. furn. house, Ph. 290 W. 10-10-2 t.

5-RM. BUNGALOW, fireplace, furnace, Will be in first class condition, 101 Greenwood. 10-8-2 t.

3-RM. MOD. FURN. Apt. Garage, Close in. B. A. Benham. 10-8-2 tp.

STRICTLY MOD. 6-rm. bungalow, Ing. 1405 N. Ave. or Ph. 434 J. 9-24-2 t.

5-RM. furn. house, garage, 1906 Oak St. Ph. 458-J. 9-15-2 t.

2-ROOM HOUSE rent free till spring in exchange for confinement services, 402 Harrison. 10-7-3 tp.

WANTED

WANTED—Used elec. washing machine. Ing. Gerard's Watch Shop. 10-10-2 tp.

MAN WITH CAR wanted to supply customers with famous Watkins Products in La Grande. Business established, earnings average \$25 weekly, pay starts immediately. Write Mr. Stuart, 4329 Hollis St., Oakland, Calif. 10-10-1 tp.

WANTED—To buy second hand furniture, guns, tools, etc. 1808 Adams Ave. 10-8-3 tp.

WANTED—Special or custom sawing. Rough lumber for sale at \$13 per M.; mill run surfaced and sized on orders \$16 per M. H. H. Horn, 4 mt. west of Summerville. 9-23-1 mp.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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THE NEW FANGLES (Mom'n Pop)

Chick is Caught Flat!

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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Friend or Enemy?

By Blosser

JUST AS RILEY WAS ABOUT TO UNBUTTON HIS COAT AND HAND OVER THE BELT WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF DIAMONDS, THE BANDIT CHANGED HIS TACTICS

KEEP THOSE MITTS UP, NOW, AND MARCH OVER THERE TO YOUR SHIP AND GET THOSE GEMS... I MEAN BUSINESS!!

I TELL YOU THERE ARE NO DIAMONDS ON MY PLANE... THEY'RE IN A BELT AROUND MY WAIST!!

YEAH? WELL... HAND EM OVER AN BE QUICK ABOUT IT. AND I'LL USE YOUR SHIP TO GET AWAY FROM HERE!!

AS RILEY STARTS TO SURRENDER THE GEMS, FRECKLES SEES THE BUSHES MOVE NEARBY

WELL, FOR !!

WHAT HAS FRECKLES SEEN THAT STARTLED HIM? FRIEND OR ENEMY?

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JOSEPH PERSONALS

By Mrs. Malda Stevenson (Observer Correspondent)

JOSEPH (Special)—Ross Finley, of the Willamette valley, has been here and on the Imnaha visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Finley's parents were among the first settlers on Imnaha where they lived for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hogoboom and two children, Nancy and David, of Walla Walla, are here visiting friends and attending to business. They are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eben and Mrs. Malda Stevenson.

Pauline Stewart, who has been quite sick of tonsillitis, is now much better and soon will be able to return to school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Foster have moved into the Gibbs house in the north part of Joseph.

Andrew Stewart, coming in from Prairie creek in a truck, hit a horse by the roadside and hurt it so badly that it had to be killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mays have moved from the Mollie Mays house into the Schraffer house.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Persons are the parents of a baby boy born the 30th at the home of Mrs. Persons' grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Whitman.

Mrs. Herbert Fleming, of Enterprise, was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Gwilliam, Thursday.

Mrs. Beulah Keller, of Prescott, Ore., and Mrs. Norman Coulter, of Hood River, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ragsdale, have been here visiting the past two weeks. Also, Mrs. Ragsdale's sister, Mrs. Cyril Brownell, of Portland.

Mrs. S. E. Smutz will preach in the local church Sunday morning. Rev. S. E. Smutz and Rev. F. B. Brown, of La Grande, are holding special meetings at Flora.

Hugh Gray and Slim Lang have gone to Zealing, Iowa, to visit Mr. Lang's mother and Mr. Grandy, his parents.

J. Ross Leslie and W. R. Warnock, of Imnaha, were in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Sergius Gaulke and son, Ray, of Ontario, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Persing and daughter, Nadine, of Tacoma, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gaulke. They, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn Gaulke, have gone to the Snake river, hunting.

Miss Hazel Barton, of Imnaha, came out Sunday with a string of horses and will enter them in the races at the Enterprise fair.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Betts of Portland, are here visiting and attending to business matters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crader have a baby daughter born Sunday the 2nd of October. Mrs. Crader is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Jesse Peter.

Jimmy Wilson, of the Central, passed National League catches in stolen bases for the 1932 season.

The TINNITES!

STORY BY HAL COCHRAN PICTURES BY JOE KING

SMACK!

(READ THE STORY, THEN COLOR THE PICTURE)

THE tinnite cried, "Watch everyone, and you are bound to see some fun. The magic oil that Duncy's spreading soon will take effect."

"It's bound to make my tin man walk and maybe he will also talk. In fact he might do lots of things that you lads don't expect."

"Well, gee," said Duncy, "I'm tired out. I've spread this strange oil all about. Perhaps somebody else had better try it for a while."

"Of course I've used up lots and lots, but possibly I've missed some spots." "Here, let me try my luck at it," cried Scouty, with a smile.

HE poured a bit in every groove. The tin man then began to move. "Hey, look at him," cried Coppy. "His whole body seems to sway."

"He's bending over! Now he's straight. I'm so excited I can't wait to see what's going to happen. Right around him let's all stay."

And then the tin man beat real low. "Look out," cried Windy, "he'll go right over on the ground and spoil his funny oilcan face."

"I guess his joints are rather stiff. It ought to make them loosen if I help him." Then he pushed the tin man right back into place.

ASQUEAKY voice said, "Thank you, lad. My, what an awful time I've had just making all my new joints work. Somebody help me walk."

"Hurray," cried Duncy. "He's all right. I'm glad I worked with all my might to bring the old tin man to life. Just listen. He can talk!"

"You bet I can," the tin man cried. And then he walked to Duncy's side and said, "So you're the lad who poured the magic oil on me."

"To show my thanks to you I'll try." And then he lifted Duncy high and kissed him on the cheek. It was a funny sight to see.

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(The tin man carries the Tinnites over the stream in the next story.)