

The Contents Of a Box

By EDITH V. ROSS

I was walking on a side street in St. Petersburg one afternoon when I met a man with a box on a wheelbarrow. As he passed me the wheel dropped from the sidewalk to the street, a distance of about twelve inches. From inside the box came a suppressed groan, as of some one who had been hurt or badly joggled by an unexpected fall. I knew some one was inside the box, and by the tone of the cry I surmised that it was a woman, a girl or a boy.

The man who pushed the barrow went on his way. Whether he had heard the sound from within I don't know. I think he had, for I saw him bite his lip as though displeased with himself at this carelessness. But he pretended that nothing was amiss and did not notice me proceeding with affected unconcern. I walked on a short distance, then turned and, curious for an explanation of the mystery, followed him.

On reaching a building containing government offices he opened a basement door and pushed his load inside, closing the door behind him. This shut me off so far as that means of entrance was concerned, but the building being a public one I could go in through the main door on the floor above. This I did, and after giving the man time to get down his burden I went down into the basement by an interior staircase. I saw the wheelbarrow pusher shove his barrow out of the door through which he had entered. In the basement, standing against the wall, was the box that had been left there.

I stood some distance from it considering what I should do. I was born with a full measure of curiosity and desired to see the mystery unfold itself. To go to the box and tell whoever was inside that I had the secret of his or her being there would arrest the matter where it was, for the design, whatever it might be, would doubtless be thus forestalled. The only way I could hope to observe its development would be to hide in the basement overnight. Which of these two plans should I adopt?

Shortly after 6 I heard some one come down the stairs and lock up. Then, turning out all the lights except one in the hall, which he left burning low, he mounted the stairs, and I heard his footsteps die away above.

Nothing but the prospect of an adventure would have induced me to be thus locked up for all night. As it was I did not regret my action for a moment. I was sure that some one—believed a woman—was in that box and during the night she would do something unusual. While waiting I tried to conjure up something she might do. But I confess I could think of nothing whatever.

I expected to have to wait till midnight or morning before a denouement, but when a clock outside struck in deep tones the hour of 9 the play began. I heard the squeak of turning screws. Either some one beside the person in the box was in the basement or a part of the box had been screwed on from the inside. When the screw turning stopped I heard the removal of wood. Whoever moved from the box must pass near me. I heard no step, but a figure fitted before me, and as it passed into the hall where the light was burning I saw that it was a young woman.

This naturally added spice to the adventure. Emerging from my hiding place, I followed on tiptoe. As I reached the hall I saw the figure turn from the topmost step into the upper hall. Still following, I tracked the woman through a corridor till she stopped before an office door with a glass panel, through which shone a light. I, being in darkness, was enabled to steal up near to the figure. I saw her look through the glass into the office.

She raised her arm above her head. The light struck something in her hand. Her other hand was on the door knob. I dashed forward, but without sound, running on my toe tips, and caught her wrist just as she turned the doorknob and pulled the door slightly ajar. Suppressing a cry, she stood without motion except to turn her head and fix her eyes on me. We both stood silent, motionless. Through the glass I saw a man with his back to us working at a desk. The girl closed the door softly, and, still holding her wrist, I drew her to the main hall, where there was a light burning.

"Are you a spy?" she asked.

"No."

"One of the police?"

"No. I am a simple citizen of St. Petersburg. I have saved a life and have saved you from crime."

"You have prevented my breaking a link in the chain that holds the Russian people. What are you going to do with me?"

"Nothing. But you shall not go back there. Who is he?"

"The chief of police."

"Give me that glass ball you hold."

She did so, and, ringing the janitor's bell, when he came I told him that we had been locked in the building and wished to be let out. We unlocked the main door for us, and we departed.

The girl could not have been over eighteen years old.

The next day I informed the chief of police by an anonymous note that he had better not thereafter work nights alone in his office.

Fire Beds.

In fall, winter and spring, when the nights are very cold on the desert, prospectors, adventurers and all others who have occasion to sleep in the open find the "fire bed" a feature of outdoor craft which will enable them to sleep in comfort on a cold night. To make a fire bed a trench is dug in the sand six or seven inches in depth, about three feet wide and six feet long. The sides of this pit are banked up with the sand taken from the trench. The pit is then ready for the fire, which is built extending the full length of the pit, so that it will warm both the banked sand at the sides and the bottom of the pit. When the sand has been sufficiently heated the large, blazing sticks are thrown out, leaving all of the live coals in the pit; these are covered with about four inches of sand. This bed will retain the heat all night, and all that is left to be done is for the sleep seeker to lie down and wrap himself in a blanket, if he has one, and go to sleep in comfort—Independent.

The Wear in Furs.

The durability of furs varies enormously and has little relation to price. For example, ermine and chinchilla, both of which fall in the rare fur class, stand respectively at twenty-five and fifteen in a table where skunk is seventy and beaver ninety. In this table sea otter, with its water hairs, is taken at a hundred. Here is the list in full:

Sea otter	100	Musquash	33
Beaver	90	Gray lamb	29
Seal	75	Nutria	27
Mink	70	Ermine	25
Skunk	70	Lynx	25
Persian lamb	65	Squirrel	23
Baum marten	65	Chinchilla	15
Sable	60	Broadtail	15
Fox, black, silver	40	Caracal kid	10
Stone marten	40	Mole skin	7
Opossum	37	Rabbit	7

The durability of furs is reduced by artificial coloring. The baum marten, which in a natural state stands at sixty-five in the table, is only forty-five after tinting.—London Times.

Restoring Crapes.

To restore a crape veil place a folded sheet on a table and to it pin the veil carefully and straight; do not stretch it a particle. Dissolve one teaspoonful of granulated sugar in one pint of boiling water; wet a clean cloth with this and lay it lightly on the crape. Have an iron very hot; go over the wet cloth as though ironing it, but do not let the iron touch it; continue until the cloth is nearly dry. Then wet the cloth again and continue the same process until the entire veil has been gone over. The crape will be full of deep wrinkles and as crisp as new, no matter how old and flat it was when you begin. Small pieces of crape for trimming can be renewed in the same way. The crape should be shaken and brushed to remove all traces of dust before starting the restoring process.—New York Sun.

Not Tims in a Mile.

A Washington horseman tells of an overanxious owner and a particularly conscientious rider at a recent meet at Pimlico. The owner had issued full orders as to the way a horse was to be ridden in a certain race. The jockey was a diminutive darky. The original orders were supplemented by provisions for all manner of emergencies, all of which somewhat bewildered the jockey.

"See heah, boss," he finally said, "dis heah race is only one mile. I can't do all them things you tells in jest one mile."—Exchange.

Games.

Games are not meant for idle people who have nothing to do but study them. Their true use is as a relaxation for the man who is doing some serious work in the world and is doing it hard enough to make games the occupation of a holiday and not of his best strength and time.—Fison Young.

Scientific Salesmanship.

"Pa, what is scientific salesmanship?"

"Selling a dress suit to a man who went into the store to buy a celluloid collar."—Detroit Free Press.

Matrimonial.

"A bride never seems able to pick a winner."

"What makes you say that?"

"Well, she never gets the best man"—Baltimore American.

All That's Left.

Mrs. Goodsole (feeding tramp)—You seem to have a good appetite. Hungry Higgins—Ah, num, dat's all I have left in de world dat I kin rightly call me own.—Exchange.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

E. Renshaw Plaintiff, vs. Effie M. Armstrong and Joseph W. Armstrong, her husband, and George E. Hart and M. Trammell, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale, decree of foreclosure, and execution thereof issued out and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, in a certain cause therein, wherein E. Renshaw as plaintiff was rendered a decree of foreclosure against Effie M. Armstrong and Joseph W. Armstrong, her husband, and George E. Hart and M. Trammell as defendants in the sum of Thirteen Thousand (\$13,000.) Dollars with interest thereon from Dec. 1, 1910 at the rate of six per cent per annum until paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of said note, and for the sum of \$385.05 taxes for the years 1910 and 1911 with interest thereon at 6% per annum from November 22, 1912 until paid, and for the sum of \$178.79 taxes for the year 1912 with interest thereon at

the rate of 6% per annum from May 25, 1913 until paid, and for the sum of One Thousand (\$1000.00) Dollars as attorney's fee with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of this decree, together with the costs and disbursements herein taxed at \$63.65; and this Court by its decree herein directed and ordered that so much of said realty be now sold as shall satisfy the sum of \$234.04, past due interest and the sum of \$234.04, out of said \$1000.00, attorney's fees, and also the sum of \$599.80 taxes for the years 1910, 1911, and 1912, and for the costs and disbursements of this suit taxed at \$63.65, said sale being subject however to the following: that if the sum of \$780.00 interest due Dec. 1, 1914 on said principal sum is not paid on or before Dec. 1, 1914 or the taxes which may be due from the said defendants on any portion of said premises and which the plaintiff is obliged to pay to protect his security, that an execution issue with an order of sale attached for the sale of so much of said realty including any realty theretofore sold hereunder as may be necessary to satisfy the amount then due including taxes together with the sum of \$78.00, as attorney fees and for any additional costs and disbursements incurred there under, and if on Dec. 1, 1915 the balance for which this decree is granted with interest at 6% from date of decree and also including the balance of said attorney's fees with interest and 1914 additional taxes has not been paid that an execution issue with an order of sale attached for the sale of the whole of the realty mentioned in said mortgage and for which a decree has been granted to satisfy the said balance as aforesaid, which decree was entered and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County on the 10th day of February, 1914.

I am commanded by virtue of an execution with power of sale attached issued by the Clerk of the above Court dated the 27th day of February, 1914, in the above entitled cause to sell all the following described real property or so much of said realty as is necessary to satisfy said execution and order of sale, to-wit:

All of the Renshaw Sub-Division in Township Thirty-seven (37) South of Range One (1) West of the Willamette Meridian, as numbered, marked, and delineated on the official plat thereof, now on record in the office of the County Recorder of Jackson County, Oregon, together with any and all water and water rights appurtenant thereto, and especially the appropriation authorized by Permit No. 36, dated October 25, 1909, and recorded in Book No. 1 of Permits in the office of the State Engineer at Salem, Oregon, at page 156 thereof, and recorded also in Volume I of Water Right Certificate Records of Jackson County, Oregon, at page 1 thereof, excepting however Lot Eight (8) thereof, which is hereby expressly reserved from this conveyance, said property being situated in Jackson County, Oregon.

Now therefore, by virtue of said execution and decree, and in compliance with said writ, I will on **Tuesday, the 31st day of March, 1914,** at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. at the front door of the Court House in Jackson County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption as by law provided, all the right, title and interest of the above named defendants Effie M. Armstrong and Joseph W. Armstrong, her husband, and George E. Hart and M. Trammell in and to the above described property or so much of said realty as is necessary to satisfy said execution and order, for cash in hand to the highest bidder.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 27th day of February, 1914.
W. H. SINGLER,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
By E. W. WILSON, Deputy.

Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

T. L. Farlow, Plaintiff, vs. Elias Miller and Sarah M. Miller, his wife, Alice A. Hinman and A. Hinman, her husband, E. J. Farlow and Mary Farlow, his wife, Fred Farlow, a single man, and May Conn and H. C. Conn, her husband, Louisa E. Hafer and Peter Hafer, her husband, Sarah Adkins, a widow, Lydia Adkins, a widow, John Farlow and William Farlow. All of the above persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described as the S.E. 1/4, E. 1/2 of S.E. 1/4, S.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4, and S.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 11, Tp. 37 S., R. 2 E., W. M. in Jackson County, Oregon, Defendants.

To Fred Farlow, May Conn, H. C. Conn, Louisa E. Hafer, Peter Hafer, Sarah Adkins, Lydia Adkins, Alice A. Hinman, A. Hinman, John Farlow and William Farlow; And also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described as the southeast quarter, the east half of the southwest quarter, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11 in Township 37 South of Range 2 East of Willamette Meridian, in Jackson County, Oregon, the above named defendants.

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you are hereby notified and required to appear in the above entitled Court and cause within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons upon you, which is the 14th day of February, 1914, and answer the complaint of plaintiff against you, now on file in said Court and cause; and if you fail to appear and answer within the time required, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for and demanded in his complaint, to-wit:

For a decree of this Court decreeing plaintiff to be the owner absolutely and in fee simple of an undivided seventeen-eightieths interest in and to the southeast quarter, the east half of the southwest quarter, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section eleven (11) in Township thirty-seven (37) South, Range two (2) East of the Willamette Meridian in Jackson County, Oregon.

And for a further decree of this Court restraining the defendants and each thereof, excepting defendants

John Farlow and William Farlow from asserting any right, title, interest, estate, lien or claim of any nature or character whatsoever in or to said described premises, or any part thereof;

And for a further decree decreeing defendants John Farlow and William Farlow to be the owners of an undivided one-eighteenth interest in and to the said described premises;

And for a further decree of the Court, removing the clouds on plaintiff's title to said premises occasioned by the misspelling of the names of the grantors, Simeon Farlow and Lydia A. Johnson; and for such other relief as to the Court may seem equitable.

This summons is served upon you, and each of you, by publication in the Jacksonville Post, a newspaper of general circulation, published in Jackson County, Oregon, once a week for six consecutive weeks, by order of Honorable F. M. Calkins, Judge of said Court, made on the 9th day of February, 1914.

GUS NEWBURY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Summons for Publication in Foreclosure of Tax Lien.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.

Geo. W. Stevens, Plaintiff, vs. D. R. Hunt, whose true name is Dennis P. Hunt, and any other person or persons having an interest in or lien or claim upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To D. R. Hunt, whose true name is Dennis P. Hunt, and any other person or persons having an interest in or lien or claim upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, the above named defendants.

In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified that Geo. W. Stevens, the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 134, issued on the second day of November, 1910, by the Tax Collector of the County of Jackson, State of Oregon, for the amount of Four and 15-100 Dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the year 1909 together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner as appears of record, situated in said County and State, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: The Lot numbered two in Section 7 in Township 35 south of Range least of the Willamette Meridian, being 23% acre in the north-west quarter of the north-east quarter of said Section, Township and Range.

You are further notified that said Geo. W. Stevens has paid taxes on said premises for prior or subsequent years with the rate of interest on said amounts as follows:

Year's Date	Tax	Receipt No.	Amount	Rate of Interest
1910 Nov. 1, 1911	168		\$3.57	15 per cent
1911 Oct. 14, 1912	6010		\$4.28	15 per cent
1912 Oct. 16, 1913	13559		\$4.51	15 per cent
1913 Feb. 25, 1914	199		\$1.48	15 per cent

Said D. R. Hunt, whose true name is Dennis P. Hunt, as the owner of the legal title of the above described property as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby notified that Geo. W. Stevens will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described, and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of this summons exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown together with costs and accrued interest and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable T. J. Clever, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson, and said order was made and dated this 26th day of February, 1914, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 28th day of February, 1914.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned residing within the State of Oregon, at the address hereafter mentioned.

M. PURDIN,
Address Medford, Ore. Attorney for Plaintiff

Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON.

BERTHA A. CORTHELL, Plaintiff, vs. EDGAR CORTHELL, Defendant.

To EDGAR CORTHELL, defendant above named:

In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified that Bertha A. Corthell, as plaintiff, has commenced a suit in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Jackson County, and that in pursuance of an order made and entered in said cause by F. M. Calkins, Judge of said Court on the 19th day of February, 1914, you are hereby required to appear in said cause on or before six weeks from the first publication of this summons, which publication will be on the 21st day of February, 1914, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, filed therein, and for want of answer thereof on or before said time, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded, and prayed for in said complaint, to-wit:

For a decree of divorce from you; for the care, custody and control of the minor child, Marjorie Alice Corthell; and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this suit.

Dated this 19th day of February, 1914.
W. J. MOORE,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice for Publication

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.

February 7, 1914.
Notice is hereby given that Max S. Hirsch, whose post office address is 505 Barnside Street, Portland, Oregon, did, on the 19th day of December, 1913, file in this office a Sworn Statement and Application, No. 09244, to purchase the N.E. 1/4, N.W. 1/4 and Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Section 18, Township 41 S., Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 3, 1933, and 1 acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisement, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised at \$500.00, the timber estimated 1,000,000 board feet at \$3.00 per M. and the land nothing; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 24th day of April, 1914, before Register and Receiver United States Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon.

Any person is at liberty to protest this purchase before entry, certificate of conveyance at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts which would defeat the entry.
B. F. JONES,
Register.

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(Effective November 13, 1913.)

NORTH BOUND TRAINS.
14 Portland Passenger.....8:27 A.M.
24 Grants Pass Motor.....10:22 A.M.
32 Grants Pass Motor.....4:27 P.M.
16 Oregon-Express.....5:20 P.M.
12 Shasta Limited (Mail only)2:44 A.M.
Extra fare train.

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.
23 Ashland Motor.....8:35 A.M.
13 California Express.....10:52 A.M.
31 Ashland Motor.....2:24 P.M.
15 San Francisco Express...4:09 P.M.
11 Shasta Limited (Mail only)5:22 A.M.
Extra fare train.

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