

A Cure For Indecision

By JOHN Y. LARNED

"Eva," said Jack Severance, "I must return to the city tomorrow. I wish you to tell me before I go whether you will marry me or not."

"Suppose I say 'not'?"

"Then I will not ask you again."

Eva winced.

"I believe," continued Jack, "in a woman taking plenty of time in making up her mind on such an important matter as marriage, but what's fair for one is fair for the other. It would be as unreasonable for the man to put off the wedding day indefinitely as for a girl to take an indefinite time to accept or decline him."

"If I accept you and we find that so many are finding nowadays, that marriage is in our case a failure, you will be the sufferer as well as I."

"Correct. And if we grow every day more devoted to each other you will be the gainer as well as I."

"In other words, it's a game of chance."

"If you think so, why not come to your decision by a game of chance? I will play you an odd number of games of euchre; if I win the most of them you marry me; if you win the most of them you don't."

"There would be no sense in that."

"Why not?"

"If I wanted you I would play badly; if not I would play my best. But it wouldn't be fair anyway, because you are a much better player than I."

"You might spin a coin. No one can tell on which side a coin will fall. Fate alone would decide in that case."

"But suppose fate should decide wrong?"

"If you know which alternative is wrong why resort to cards or coin spinning? Why not decide in the right yourself?"

"But I don't know which way is wrong."

There was silence for a few moments. She looked very unhappy. There is no greater source of mental discomfort than vacillation.

"I'm going to give you," he said, "till 9 o'clock tonight to decide. If you don't decide in my favor before the clock strikes 9 I shall wait no longer."

"What do you mean by that?"

"I shall withdraw the offer."

"You mean you'll never ask me again?"

"If you prefer that method of expressing it."

"You're very independent, aren't you?"

"I have reached a decisive point."

Jack bade her adieu and left her. He knew that she possessed her heart and that she would marry him, but she would never make up her mind to do so. He must make up her mind for her.

But how should he do this? He would have done it long ago if he could. He had thought of frightening her into it by some drastic measure, but in that case there was a possibility of his breaking with her altogether. He had finally concluded to set a limit of time for her answer, but he knew that the clock might strike 9 till the crack of doom and it would have no effect upon her.

But he was determined to get his answer and get it before leaving her again. They lived a thousand miles apart, and he could not be making four days to go back after each with nothing decided. He had a simple plan in his head, and if he could get her to adopt it she would decide in his favor. The result would be accomplished by stratagem, but he considered that the end justified the means.

When he went back to her in the evening he had a new silver half dollar and a new quarter in his pocket. He called at half past 8. He sketched for a quarter of an hour, when he drew forth a half dollar and said:

"Are you willing to leave this matter between us to Fate for decision?"

"Yes, I am. I'm tired of trying to decide it myself."

"Very well. I will spin this coin, or you can spin it yourself if you like. You may choose heads or tails. If you win, I losing, you refuse me; if I win you accept me. The best in five spins decides."

"You may spin the coin and choose heads or tails."

"Very well." He spun the coin, called "heads" and won. He spun it again, calling "heads," and won again.

"I believe it's loaded," she said.

"If you think so I will try another coin for the balance of the trial." And he brought out the quarter. He spun it, crying "tails" as he did so. She watched it with bated breath till it fell "tails" up. He took her unresisting in his arms.

She looked up at him with a great relief. He had broken or Fate had broken through her indecision, and now that the barrier had been passed she was very happy. She cared not how she had been dragged over it so long as it was behind her.

After they were married she found in her husband's box, where he kept scarfpins, watch chains and such odds and ends, a half dollar and a quarter. He said they certainly were mementos, since they had made him happy in giving him her. He spun them, the half dollar invariably falling heads up, the quarter tails up. Then with a microscope he showed her that the milling of the larger coin had been filed on the tail's side and the quarter on the head's side.

Outrageous Fortune.
Rastus was sorely wounded. From his face gore flowed in rivulets, and in the outer covering of his substantial head there were sundry gashes and openings. He had been the victim of a brutal assault.

The physician who treated him for his wounds was sympathetic. "Great heavens!" he said. "Somebody has beaten you up in a terrific manner. You must have been hit at least nine or ten times."

"Dat ain't no joke," said Rastus, who was still trembling. "I don't believe I wuz able to git out ob de way ob anything dat wuz throwed at me."

"Then you ought to learn a lesson from it," suggested the doctor. "Hereafter you ought to stay far away from people who indulge in this sort of thing."

"Dar ain't no chance," Rastus objected gloomily. "You know, boss, I ain't got de price of no dno'ce."—Popular Magazine.

Sirius the Mighty.
Writing in the London Times as to the effect upon the earth if the gigantic star Sirius were as near to us as is our own sun, Mr. Scriven Helon says that the change that would overcome land and sky would transcend everything hitherto dreamed of. In the heavens would be poised a brilliant globe twenty-five times larger than the sun appears to us, emitting for millions of miles into space gigantic fire rays and coronal streamers. Bombarded by terrible heat, the earth would become red hot, its atmosphere dissipated, its vegetal covering erased, its ocean basins turned into barren wastes, while iron would flow like water. The distance from us of Sirius, the brightest of the fixed stars, is so great that its rays require eight and a half years to reach us, notwithstanding that light travels 186,300 miles a second. Sirius travels through space at 1,000 miles a minute.

Mot of a Frenchman.
It is rather a cruel fact of history that a large proportion of the early settlers in Australia were convicts and men who had failed to make good at home. Australia was fixed upon by the British government as a suitable spot for its outcasts because of its extreme distance. Although it is now years since the arrival of the last convict ship, Australians are still sensitive about this objectionable use of their country. Apropos, C. E. Jacobs, in his book on Australia, tells of an Australian who, in conversation with a Frenchman, wound up a long and boastful harangue on the excellence of his countrymen by saying, "We are the best chosen race in the world." "True," murmured the Frenchman. "You were most carefully chosen by the best English Judges."

They Got Their Answers.
When the ship owning millionaire Sir Donald Currie was asked by a heckler at a political meeting at Greenwhich if his father had not been the local barber, he admitted promptly, "It is true—and if your father had been a barber you would have been the same."

When Mr. Lloyd George, who is proud of his lowly birth and bringing up, was asked a similar question, he scored as swiftly and even more severely. The heckler unwisely inquired if he remembered that his grandfather used to drive a donkey and cart. "You will have to forgive me, ladies and gentlemen," Mr. Lloyd George apologized; "the cart had quite escaped my memory, but I see the donkey is living yet."

Birds That Shine in Dark.
That certain birds of prey are sometimes luminous at night is a fact well known to observant naturalists. It is explained by the presence on their feathers of the phosphorescent spores of certain fungi that grow upon the trees in which they roost. But the Bulletin of the National Acclimatization Society of France records the observation of a white swan that was luminous all night from July to October of last year, while none of the other birds that inhabited the same lake could be seen after dark.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Envious.
First British Workman—I see it says 'ere a workingman in France 'as just woke up abt ov a trance lastin' seventy-seven days, an', though 'is wife repeatedly called 'im by name, 'e was oblivious to the fact that she was there. Second British Workman—Marvelous! Wot a gift, 'Eld—London Telegraph.

Recuperation Often Necessary.
"So you favor an absolutely honest administration of city affairs?" "Sure," replied Boss McNabb. "That is, for awhile. You can't keep taking it from the people all the time. You've got to get 'em now and then and give them a chance to get some more."—Washington Star.

He that blows upon dust fills his eyes with it Danish Proverb.

Administratrix Notice to Creditors
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY.
In the Matter of the Estate of Martha M. Brown, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Oregon, for Jackson County, Administratrix of the Estate of Martha M. Brown, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at her address in Brownsville, Oregon, or to C. S. Newberry, her attorney, in the Phelps Building in Medford, Oregon, on or before six months from the date hereof.
Dated April 4, 1914.
JENNIE C. CHARLEY,
Administratrix of the Estate of Martha M. Brown, Deceased.

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Order Appointing Day for Final Settlement.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY OREGON.
In the Matter of the Estate of John Toepfer, Deceased.

W. T. Grieve, administrator de bonis non of the estate of John Toepfer, deceased, having rendered and presented for settlement, and filed in this Court his final account of his administration of said estate.

It is Ordered, that Saturday, the 23rd day of May, A. D. 1914, being a day of subsequent term of said Court, to-wit: of the May term thereof, A. D. 1914, and 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, be and the said is hereby appointed for the settlement of said account; and that notice of said settlement be published in the Jacksonville Post, a newspaper published in Jacksonville, Oregon, as often as once a week for four successive weeks prior to said day of settlement.

Done at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 25th day of April, A. D. 1914.
F. L. TOULLE,
County Judge.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale in Foreclosure.

The Jackson County Bank, an Oregon Corporation, Plaintiff,
vs.
John D. McArdle and Margaret McArdle, Defendants.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and an execution thereof issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, in a certain cause therein wherein the Jackson County Bank, an Oregon corporation, is plaintiff, and John D. McArdle and Margaret McArdle are defendants, which said execution is of date the 13th day of April, 1914, and was issued by virtue of a decree of said Court in said cause, which said decree was duly rendered and docketed in favor of the said plaintiff and against the said defendants on the 24th day of May, 1913, and recorded in Volume 19 of the Circuit Court Journal on pages 626-627-628 thereof.

I am commanded to sell and will at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M. on MONDAY, MAY 18th, 1914, at the front door of the Court House, in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as is by law provided, all the right, title and interest that the said defendants had on the 24th day of May, 1913, or at any time thereafter in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 20 feet South of the Northwest corner of D. L. C. 83, Township 37 South, Range 2 West of the Willamette Meridian and running thence South on the West line of said Donation Land Claim 83, 942.3 feet; thence East 1274.8 feet, thence North 0 degrees 10 minutes East, 946.3 feet; thence South 83 degrees 50 minutes West, 1277.5 feet to the point of beginning.

All of said property or so much thereof as may be necessary will be sold to satisfy the judgment in favor of the Jackson County Bank, an Oregon corporation, plaintiff, said judgment being for the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-four and 40/100 (\$274.40) Dollars, with interest thereon from said 19th day of May, 1913, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and Two Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars attorney's fee, and the further sum of Thirty-one (\$31.00) Dollars costs, and accruing costs of said sale.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 14th day of April, 1914.
W. H. SINGLER,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
By E. W. WILSON, Deputy.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale
G. C. Garrett and Frances M. Garrett, husband and wife, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Sarah J. Erdman, Defendant. Suit to foreclose a Mortgage.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and an execution thereof issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Jackson, in a certain cause therein, wherein, G. C. Garrett, and Frances M. Garrett, husband and wife, are plaintiffs and Sarah J. Erdman is defendant, which said execution is of date April 9th, 1914, and was issued by virtue of a decree of said Court in said cause, which said decree was duly rendered and docketed in favor of the said plaintiffs and against the said defendant on the 2nd day of April, 1914, and recorded in Volume 21 at pages 176-177 of the Circuit Court Journal.

I am commanded to sell and will at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M. on MONDAY, MAY 11th, 1914, at the front door of the Court House in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as is by law provided, all of the right, title and interest that the said defendant had on the 2nd day of April, 1914, or at any time thereafter, in or to the following described real property, to-wit:

West Half of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8 in Township 37 South, Range One West of the Willamette Meridian, containing 40 acres more or less, subject to a right of way for Fish Lake Water Canal.

All of said property or so much thereof, as may be necessary will be sold to satisfy the judgment and decree in favor of G. C. Garrett, and Frances M. Garrett, husband and wife, said judgment being for the sum of Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars, with interest thereon from the 27th day of February, 1914, at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, and the further sum of Twenty-four and 40/100 Dollars costs.

And said property and the whole thereof will be sold if necessary, at said time and place to satisfy said judgment contained in said decree.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 9th day of April, 1914.
W. H. SINGLER,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
By E. W. WILSON, Deputy.

Executor's Notice to Creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, as executor of the estate of D. G. Karnes, deceased, and has qualified. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same, with proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, at Medford, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.
Dated and first published April 4, 1914.
M. PURDIN,
Executor of the Estate of D. G. Karnes, Deceased.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale Under Foreclosure.
John M. Clauson, Plaintiff,
vs.
Harry Silver, Defendant. Suit to Foreclose a Mortgage.
Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of an order of sale and decree of foreclosure and an execution thereof issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in a certain cause therein wherein John M. Clauson is plaintiff, and Harry Silver et al are defendants, which said execution is of date the 28th day of March, 1914, and was issued by virtue of a decree of said Court in said cause which said decree was duly rendered and docketed in favor of the said plaintiff and against the said defendants, Harry Silver and James S. Bailey, on the 25th day of March, 1914, and recorded in Volume 21 of the Circuit Court Journal.

I have levied upon and am commanded to sell and will at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M. on MONDAY, MAY 4th, 1914, at the front door of the Court House in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as is by law provided, all the right, title and interest of the said defendants, Harry Silver and James S. Bailey, had on the 25th day of March, 1914, or at any time thereafter in or to the following described property.

The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Eight (8), the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Seven (7) all in Township Thirty-nine, South of Range One, West of the Willamette Meridian.

All of said property or so much thereof as may be necessary will be sold at said time and place to satisfy the judgment and decree in favor of John M. Clauson, said judgment being for the sum of Three Hundred Ten and no/100 (\$310.00) Dollars with interest thereon from said 13th day of January, 1911, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and the further sum of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars attorney fees and the further sum of Fourteen and 40/100 (\$14.40) Dollars costs.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 1st day of April, 1914.
Date of first publication, April 4, 1914.
W. H. SINGLER,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
By E. W. WILSON, Deputy.

Fit His Case Exactly.
"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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. E. 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. E. 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, 1914, 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 1910, 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 bounded and described as follows, to-wit: The Lot numbered two in Section 7 in Township 36 south of Range 1 east of the Willamette Meridian, being 37 1/2 acres 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	188	\$3.57	15 per ct.
1911 Oct. 14, 1912	6010	\$4.28	15 per ct.
1912 Oct. 16, 1913	13559	\$4.54	15 per ct.
1913 Feb. 25, 1914	199	\$4.18	15 per ct.

Said D. E. 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. Cleston, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Jackson, and said order was made and dated this 25th 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 hereinafter mentioned.

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

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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...4:00 P.M.
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