

The Colonel's Duel

By M. QUAD

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After supper a dozen or more of us congregated in the hotel office for a smoke, and presently the landlord came among us to say:

"Gentlemen, we have a fire enter in this town named Colonel Sebastian. He has several peculiar theories of his own, and I wish to post you in advance. He is very strong in his talk and should you differ with him he will challenge you to a duel. The colonel is a dead shot, and I hope you'll take a friendly tip and not engage in a discussion. Let him have his own way and never mind what he says."

The colonel had never killed any one yet, but that he stood ready to do so if his opinions were disputed the landlord felt dead certain, and so we agreed to agree with the colonel if he came in—all but one. The exception was the smallest and the most humble looking man among the guests. No one knew that he had made up his mind to oppose the colonel, and when the latter entered, half an hour later, he picked him out of the crowd as a good man to go for. He got alongside of him and after a bit turned on him with:

"Perhaps you have not been informed that I am the originator of the idea that all men were once animals of some sort and that perfection has been reached only after many centuries of time?"

"No, sir, I haven't," was the prompt reply.

"But I am, sub, and what do you think of the idea?"

"What idea?"

"Why, the one just stated. I think you heard me, sub—I think you did."

"Oh, I remember! Well, I don't train with that crowd, thank heaven!"

"Sub, do you know what you are saying?" cried the colonel.

"I do."

"And that your language, sub, is personally offensive—personally offensive?"

"I'm sorry you belong to the crowd who furnishes great ideas."

"Crowd, sub! Why, you have grossly insulted me and must at once apologize or accept a challenge!"

"Bring on your challenge, colonel!"

"Then you will fight me, sub?"

"Certainly. Just name time, place and weapons. By the way, I want to leave in the morning. Can't we fight in the billiard room, out in the yard, up in my room? No use waiting until tomorrow."

"And you'll fight me, sub?" gasped the colonel.

"With the greatest of pleasure, and I'll bet a thousand dollars to a shilling I kill you. Where can we get swords, rifles, pistols or bowie knives? I am just itching to fight you!"

"Were you told about me, sub, before I appeared here this evening?"

"Oh, yes."

"You were told that I was Colonel Sebastian?"

"I believe that was the name."

"The Colonel Sebastian of the Fifteenth Texas?"

"Yes, the Truth or the Fifteenth."

"Who led the charge at Malvern Hill?"

"It was something like that."

"Not only one charge, sub, but three—three desperate charges?"

"They say five, but let it go at three."

"And, sub," said the colonel as he frowned like a bushel of carpet tacks, "did you hear that I was a duelist?"

"Something was said to that effect."

"And that I had had twelve affairs of honor?"

"Only twelve, colonel? Why I understood it was twenty," replied the other.

"Well, this one will make you thirteen."

"Yes, sub—yes, sub. Will you honor me by giving your name?"

"Name? Please excuse me for my forgetfulness. Did you ever hear of General Chivers?"

"Why—why?"

"Of the Louisiana Tigers?"

"Who—what?"

"Who led nine desperate charges at second Bull Run?"

"Bless me, sub!"

"And who has killed three times the number of men that you have in duels?"

"General Chivers?"

"Never mind that, colonel. You have challenged me, and I accept. Let us have it over with as soon as possible, as I have some business to attend to."

"General Chivers?"

"I choose pistols, and I don't think it will detain me over five minutes. Where shall we go?"

The colonel swallowed his Adam's apple three or four times and then asked:

"You—you won't apologize?"

"No, sir, never! My object is to kill you and get a theorist off the earth. Hurry up, or I may not be able to hold myself!"

The colonel was on his feet, but he drew himself up, settled his hat on his head and his face was as white as flour and his voice trembled as he said:

"Sub, I am a fighter and a dead shot, but as this is my birthday, sub, and I don't want to stain it with blood I overlook your rather eccentric ways."

And when the silence had lasted five long minutes the landlord turned to the small and humble man and gasped:

"For heaven's sake, who and what are you?"

And the reply was:

"Oh, I'm just Simmons, and I travel for a Chicago crockery house. This is my first trip."

He Was a Very Mean Man

By OSCAR COX

I knew a man who was so mean that he married a woman he believed to be waiting for his best friend to marry her.

Ralph Newland and Herbert Tucker were the friends. Ralph was the selfish man. Herbert was so generous that he would have given away his head if it could have been given to another. The secret of Ralph's power over women so one could explain except the girls he fooled, and it is a question if even they knew just how he did it. At any rate, he seemed to draw them as honey draws flies.

Tucker became engaged to Laura Perkins and introduced his friend Newland to her. Within a fortnight she had deserted Tucker for Newland. Tucker was philosophic about it. He said that if the girl preferred his friend to him his friend was welcome to her and she to him. After the damage had been done Newland sheered off and left Miss Perkins out in the cold. She tried to make it up with Tucker, but Tucker would have nothing to do with her. What made her mad was that Tucker seemed to be more friendly than before with the man who had deprived him of her. It was a direct reflection on her, indicating that Tucker felt grateful for having been saved from her.

After awhile Tucker made up to another girl, Helen Spangler. He introduced Newland to this one, too, telling him that if he could win her away from him he was welcome to do so. Tucker didn't want any girl for a wife who didn't love him better than the whole world. He asked his friend to put his second love to a similar test to the first. Newland accommodated him and captured the girl.

Tucker was so pleased at having been saved from a girl who could not have been in love with him—so he considered it—that he blew Newland off to a champagne dinner. Newland was surprised that his friend took all this supplanting with such equanimity, but could not detect the slightest wounding of his amour propre. "It's all right," said Tucker, "only a matter of taste. Some day I may find a girl who will truly love me; then no one can take her away from me. Meanwhile I appreciate these services you are doing me."

Newland dropped the last girl as he had dropped the first. Miss Spangler had more tact than the other. She didn't let on she was a bit displeased. She only said that there wasn't enough in both the men to make one real, noble, good man, and she was well rid of both of them. But she did not say this to either Tucker or Newland; she said it to a friend. As to the men, she told them she hoped they would both be her friends for ever and ever. This was after she had known of how Tucker stuck to Newland despite the way the former was taking the latter's girl away from him, and probably she wanted to show that a woman might have an equality of that kind in her as well as a man.

One day Newland received an anonymous note informing him that Tucker was courting a third girl and keeping it a secret from his friend. Newland loved the note to Tucker, who he despised the impudience. Newland only half believed him. Only persons of real innocence believe in the innocence of others, and Newland wasn't exactly an innocent man, as may appear from this story.

Presently he received another letter informing him that Tucker was about to be married. Newland did not show this letter to Tucker. He kept it to himself, but concluded to watch his friend. It happened that Tucker had a platonic friend on whom he called occasionally, and one evening Newland shadowed him to her house.

"I wonder," said Newland to himself, "if after all I've done for him he thinks he's going to fool me. I'll get even with him."

Tucker told Newland one day that he was going out of town for a week. A few hours after the parting Newland was called to the telephone, and the following brief dialogue occurred between him and a female voice:

"Mr. Newland?"

"Yes, I'm Newland."

"Are you aware that your friend, Mr. Tucker, is about to be married this evening?"

"No. Is he?"

"Yes, at a quarter to 9 at 274 Mulford street."

"You don't mean it?"

There was a click, and Newland could get nothing more. He was half past 8. No time to lose. He was in evening dress, ready for a wedding. Calling a cab, in ten minutes he was at 274 Mulford street and entered a room where a bride and two bridesmaids were evidently awaiting the groom. The bride was veiled, and the bridesmaids turned away.

"For heaven's sake, don't marry Herbert Tucker," he said to the bride. "He will make your life miserable."

There was a hurried dialogue. The bride said she had promised to marry and must marry, whereupon Newland declared that rather than have her sacrifice herself he would marry her. A parson waiting in the next room was called in, the bridesmaids turned, each left down a veil, and the couple were married. When they were pronounced man and wife the three women raised their veils.

The bride was old and feeble. One bridesmaid was Miss Perkins, the other Miss Spangler.

Glitched English.

Here are some specimens of very common errors:

Admit for confess. To admit is to concede something affirmed. An unaccused offender cannot admit his guilt.

Adopt. "He adopted a disguise." One may adopt a child or an opinion, but a disguise is assumed.

Aggravate for irritate. "He aggravated me by his insolence." To aggravate is to augment the disagreeableness of something already disagreeable or the badness of something bad. But a person cannot be aggravated even if disagreeable or bad.

All of. "He gave all of his property." The words are contradictory. An entire thing cannot be of itself. Omit the preposition.

At for by. "She was shocked at his conduct." This very common solecism is without excuse. Exchange.

Notice to Creditors.

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

In the matter of the estate of James Hards deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, by order of the County Court of Jackson County, State of Oregon, has been duly appointed and now is the duly qualified and acting administrator of the estate of the above named decedent.

All persons having claims against said decedent or his estate are hereby notified and required to present the same duly verified with proper vouchers, to Charles Prim, attorney for said administrator, at his office in Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Date of this notice and of the first publication thereof: February 6, 1915.

MAMIE C. HARDS WALTON, Administratrix of the estate of James Hards, Deceased.

Charles Prim, Attorney for Administratrix.

Notice For Publication

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon,
January 25, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Jacob Nielsen, of Applegate, Oregon, who on March 25, 1905, made Homestead Entry No. 1415, Serial No. 9427, for the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 16, Township 38 S., Range 4 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. A. Gardner, County Clerk of Jackson County, at his office, at Jacksonville, Oregon, on the 15th day of March, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: S. L. Benson, of Applegate, Oregon, Ben Thurston, of Applegate, Oregon, W. A. Smith, of Applegate, Oregon, John W. Perroll, of Applegate, Oregon.

J. M. UPTON, Register.

Summons.

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

W. A. Turner and Jennie Turner, Plaintiffs,

vs.

William, Ulrich, John E. Mahan, sometimes known as E. J. Mahan, Forest E. Mahan, Ethel Mahan, John Praeder, C. W. Forbes, C. H. Heninger, C. W. Nims, Stuart Saunders, E. E. Phipps, Geo. O. Jarvis, Julian P. Johnson, the unknown heirs of John L. Mahan and Anne McClain Mahan, if any, and all other persons or parties unknown to plaintiffs claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To John E. Mahan, sometimes known as E. J. Mahan, Forest E. Mahan, Ethel Mahan, C. W. Forbes, O. H. Heninger, the unknown heirs of John L. Mahan and Anna McClain Mahan, if any, and all other persons or parties unknown to plaintiffs claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate hereinabove described, Defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, You and each of you are hereby notified that the plaintiff herein has commenced a suit in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, against you, impleaded with others, and that in pursuance of an order made and entered in said court on the 23rd day of January, 1915, and of the Statutes of the State of Oregon, you are required to appear and answer the complaint filed therein on or before the expiration of six weeks from the 30th day of January, 1915, the date of the first publication of this summons and if you fail to answer the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: A decree of foreclosure upon and a sale of Lot 1 in Section 17, Township 39 South, Range 1 East Willamette Meridian, Oregon to satisfy a lien of \$712.85, interest, attorneys fee and the costs and disbursements.

G. C. McALLISTER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Summons.

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

Doris Massee, Plaintiff,

vs.

Edward Massee, Defendant.

To Edward Massee, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, You are hereby notified to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause, on or before six weeks from the day of the first publication of this summons, the first publication being on the 15th day of January, 1915, the time prescribed in the order of publication thereof.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer said complaint, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: A decree of the Court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant, and for an order and decree restoring to plaintiff her maiden name, to-wit, Doris Clay.

This summons is published by virtue of an order made by the Honorable F. M. Callies, Judge of the above entitled Court, on the 11th day of January, 1915, the first publication to be made on the 15th day of January, 1915, and the last publication to be made on the 27th day of February, 1915.

MULKEY & CHERRY, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Notice For Publication.

Mineral Application No. 69902.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
U. S. Land Office Roseburg, Oregon,
January 6, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that joint application for mineral patent is being made by J. C. Burton and Bessie Burton, husband and wife, for a twenty acre placer mining claim, named Silver Star, located near the mouth of Star Gulch creek, in the Applegate mining district of Jackson County Oregon, and containing all of the South 1/2 of the N. W. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Section 28, T. 39 S., Range 3 W., of the Willamette Meridian.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the mining ground, or any portion thereof so described and surveyed, platted and applied for are hereby notified that unless their adverse claims are duly filed according to law and the regulations thereunder within the time prescribed by law, with the Register of the United States Land Office, at Roseburg, Oregon, they will be barred by virtue of the provisions of said statute.

Notwithstanding on the ground December 28, 1914.

J. M. UPTON, Register.

Summons

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

Mary F. Gage, Cornelius C. Gage, Norman B. Gage, Mary M. Gage and Martha A. Gage, Plaintiffs,

vs.

J. T. French, Caroline French, H. French, also The Unknown Heirs of J. T. French, Caroline French, and H. French, Also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, Defendants.

To J. T. French, Caroline French, H. French, also The Unknown Heirs of J. T. French, Caroline French, and H. French, Also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described herein, Defendants, above named,

In the Name of the State of Oregon, You and each of you are hereby notified that the plaintiffs above named have commenced a suit in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, that this notice is given in pursuance of an order made and entered by the presiding Judge of said court on the 25th day of February, 1915, in said cause and that in pursuance of said order you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed therein on or before six weeks from the first publication of this summons, which first publication will be on the 27th day of February, 1915, and that for want of such appearance and answer within said time, the plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit:

The quieting and confirming in the plaintiffs the title to the W. 1/2 of the NW. 1/4 and NW. 1/4 of the SW. 1/4 of Section 5; the NE. 1/4 of SE. 1/4 and the SW. 1/4 of the SW. 1/4 of Section 6 and the NW. 1/4 of the NW. 1/4 of Section 7 all in Township 35 South, Range One West Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon and for the costs and disbursements in said suit.

G. C. McALLISTER, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued out of and under the seal of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Jackson County, dated the 9th day of February, 1915, under a decree of foreclosure duly made and entered on the 9th day of January, 1915, in a suit wherein Belle Nickell was Plaintiff and J. T. Perry, J. E. Settles et als, were Defendants, in favor of said Plaintiff and against said defendants, and each of them, and ordering the foreclosure of the certain mortgage described in the complaint of the Plaintiff, by the sale, as on execution, of the mortgaged premises in said mortgage described; which decree was on the 30th day of January, 1915, duly enrolled and docketed in the office of the Clerk of said Court and is now of record in Volume 22 of the Circuit Court Journal, at pages 339-349. Now therefore in compliance with the commands of said execution and order of sale, I will, on

Tuesday, March 16th, 1915

at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. at the front door of the Court House in the City of Jacksonville, in Jackson County, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as by law provided, all the right title and interest of said defendants and each of them, which they had June 8, 1912 or any time thereafter, in and to the real property, situated in said Jackson County, bounded and described as follows to-wit:

The west half of the south-west quarter (W. 1/2 of S. W. 1/4) and south-west quarter (S. W. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4) of Section thirty-two (32) in Township Thirty-eight (38) South of Range Two (2) West of W. M.; also commencing at North-west corner of the north-east quarter of south-west quarter (N. E. 1/4 of S. W. 1/4) of said Section thirty-two (32), running thence south twenty (20) chains; thence north, 45 degrees East, twenty-eight (28) chains; thence west twenty (20) chains to the place of beginning; containing a total of 140 acres.

And will apply the proceeds of such sale, first; to the payment of the costs and disbursements of said suit, including costs of sale, and the attorneys fee, adjudged payable to plaintiff; second, to the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage, as provided in said decree.

Dated at Jacksonville, Oregon, this 9th day of February, 1915.

W. H. SINGLER, Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
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