

## The Result of a Caprice

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

"Auntie, why were you never married? I have heard that in your youth you were a great belle."

"My dear," replied the old lady, "why I was not married is a painful story to me. It has been constantly with me ever since I was nineteen years old, but I have never talked about it. There is a lesson in it for young girls like you, and on that account I will tell it to you."

Then the old lady told me the following story:

You know that I was born and raised in the south on one of those plantations that represented typical high life there before the war destroyed the institution which was its foundation. I came of age shortly before the struggle opened. I suppose it is true that I was a belle. Would that I had not been such, for the attention I received turned my head and caused what embittered my life.

Among my suitors were Alfred Beale and Edgar Turnlee. Turnlee was my favorite—indeed, I was very much in love with him—but I wished to be striven for and alternately encouraged him and his rival, Alfred Beale. One day I was sitting in the drawing room of the plantation house with Edgar. My back as well as his was toward the door opening into the great hall, while my face was toward a large mirror resting on the mantel over the fireplace. I caught a glimpse of the reflection of Alfred Beale in the hall.

He saw both Edgar and me sitting together. He paused and looked at us, making no sound to indicate to us that he was there. Indeed, he was eavesdropping, but I thought little of that. I was wrapt in the idea of being an object of strife between two young men and was tempted to see what would happen between them should I purposely increase their antagonism.

I had been expecting a proposal from Edgar and now gave him every encouragement. He was placing an arm around my waist and his face was near mine when I gave a little shriek and drew away from him, assuming to be indignant. Beale stepped into the room and, glaring at Edgar, upbraided him. Edgar looked an appeal to me to exonerate him.

It is impossible to give reasons for the freaks that enter the heads of young persons, especially young girls. In the matter of coquetry, instead of taking the blame of Edgar's act upon myself, I walked out of the room, leaving my admirers to settle the controversy in their own way. I had no sooner left them than it occurred to me that I had acted abominably. If I had gone directly back and confessed the situation might have been saved. I was about to do so when I remembered that such an acknowledgment would bring down upon me the contempt of both men—that is, if it were believed, which I doubted.

While I was deliberating I heard both men go out of the house. I started to call them back, but hesitated, and before I had made up my mind what to do they were out of hearing.

I wondered what would come to pass between them. It did not occur to me that they would fight a duel. Duelling by this time had largely died out in the south, and I was too young to have heard much of an obsolete custom. What chiefly concerned me was that I had so deeply wronged the man I loved. I was not only suffering from consciousness of having done him an injustice, but was pained stricken lest he should never forgive me.

The affair began in the afternoon, and from then until bedtime I was in a state of dread, not that anything serious might occur between the rivals, but that I had lost my lover. In the middle of the night my father came into my room and asked me for an explanation of what had happened, for he had heard of it. Instead of telling him the truth I left him with the impression that Edgar had transgressed his rights and Alfred had resented his act. I asked father what had come of it, and he replied that I would learn the result in the morning; then he left me.

This was the first intimation I had of anything serious between the two men. Suddenly it flashed upon me that they would fight. I trembled. I lay turning the matter over in my brain, which was like a boiling caldron. With the first light of dawn I arose, dressed myself, stole down the great staircase and out on to the veranda. Looking out from behind a vine, I saw Edgar and two other young men riding by the plantation. Going to the barn, I saddled my horse, mounted and followed them.

I cannot dwell on the rest. It is too painful. I was some time in finding where they had gone. When I reached them they had fought a duel with pistols, and Alfred Beale was lying on the ground, while a surgeon was bending over him. I hurried to him to see if he were dead and was assured that his wound would not be fatal. I turned to Edgar. He gave me a look that has haunted me ever since. I saw in it that I had lost him forever.

You have heard my story. May it be a lesson to you that love is not a game for passing the time that young persons regard it. Love is a serious matter and should be treated seriously. Better the European method of matches made by parents than the follies committed by some young men and women when left to their own caprices.

## A Notary's Discomfiture

By DWIGHT NORWOOD

Many years ago in the city of Rheims, in France, which has of late been the scene of fighting between the French and the Germans, there lived an old notary. In France a notary is a lawyer, but in the olden time a lawyer was not of much more importance so far as his work was concerned than a notary is with us today. Jules Farlieux, the notary of Rheims, had accumulated some 50,000 francs, which had come to him through small fees. This sum—\$10,000 in our money—was quite a fortune in those days, especially in France, where everything was very cheap and one could live comfortably on a small income.

The old man had one child, a daughter, Delphine, to whom he expected to leave his property, and it was his expectation that she should marry a man having at least an equal amount. What was his chagrin, therefore, when he learned that she had fallen in love with Alphonse Du Bois, a young fellow who had just been graduated from a law school in Paris and settled in Rheims to practice his profession without a son to his name. The notary simply forbade his daughter to have anything to do with the man.

One day three men came into Jules Farlieux's office, and after asking if and being assured that he was the "distinguished notary" with whom several persons intrusted their affairs and their moneys they asked him to take care of 100,000 francs in gold which was theirs jointly. Jules accepted the trust, it being agreed that he should deduct 5 percent of the amount when the money was returned. He was then asked to draw up a contract to that effect, in which he stipulated to pay over the money to the three men together and not to any one or two of them separately. The contract having been signed, the men departed, leaving the gold on a table. As the notary was gathering it up to put in his strong box one of the men returned, saying he had been deputed by the others to count the money before it was put away. While he was doing so a stranger came hurriedly into the office and, after taking the notary into a rear room, asked him some questions concerning a matter which he seemed to consider of immediate importance. The notary tried to get away from him, but found it impossible. When he was permitted to return to the other room both the money and the man who had been counting it were gone.

Farlieux found himself in a very unpleasant position. He had received for 100,000 francs which he was to pay to the three owners together. One of them had taken the amount, and the notary would be obliged to indemnify the others, which would require nearly double all he possessed. He heard nothing from any of the men for a month; then one morning the two who had lost their share came to him and demanded it.

The notary believed that the men had conspired to swindle him, but unless he could prove this he had no hope of saving the little fortune he had been a lifetime in accumulating and which was to go to his daughter for a dowry. He made every effort to prove that the men were dishonest and in collusion but was not able to do so.

After a formal demand for their money the two men put the case in the courts, and a day was set for trial. Alphonse Du Bois learned of the case from his sweetheart, Louise, and the probable loss of her dowry. He told her to say to her father that he would save him from the swindle if he would consent to his marriage with her. Louise gave the old man the message and it made him very angry.

"What," he exclaimed, "does this popinjay who has no experience in the law propose to do what I, who have been a notary for forty years, cannot do?"

Louise argued with her father, saying that nothing would be lost by permitting Alphonse to take the case and something might be gained. Since the old man's principal grief was that she would be deprived of her dowry, she finally won him over, but not until the case had been called in court, and if any defense was to be put in it must be done at once. Then the notary, who could see no possible excuse under the contract to avoid indemnifying the plaintiffs, agreed that in case Du Bois saved his fortune if should go to Louise as his bride.

The young lawyer arose in court and called for a reading of the contract. "When the reader came to the words, 'and the said Farlieux shall pay to the said depositors together and to none of two separately the sum of 100,000 francs,' Du Bois stopped him and said:

"Your honor, my client is ready to pay the 100,000 francs specified under the contract to the three depositors together, but is prohibited by the contract from paying the money to two of them separately."

The judge dismissed the case, for the moment the third man who had gone off with the funds should appear he would be arrested, and the notary need not pay till he was present.

The man who had gone away with the deposit never returned, and the notary was never again called on to pay it. Du Bois married Louise, but declined to permit her to accept the dowry. The reputation he made by his handling of the case in court brought him a practice that eventually made him rich.

## Notice of Sale of Real Property By Administrator.

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

In the matter of the estate of K. Fields, deceased.

To WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

It having been duly ordered by the above entitled Court in the above entitled cause, that the undersigned, administrator of the above named estate shall proceed to sell certain real property belonging to said estate, at public sale upon the said premises to be sold:

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned will, at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 19th day of July, 1915, proceed to sell at public sale upon the said premises, the following described real property, to-wit: commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 38 South, Range 4 West, of the Willamette Meridian, thence running north 14 rods, thence east 22 6-7 rods, thence south 14 rods, thence west 22 6-7 rods to place of beginning, containing two acres more or less, all in Jackson County, Oregon.

LEWIS M. MITCHELL,  
Administrator.

## Executor's Notice to Creditors.

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

In the matter of the estate of Benjamin W. Harnish, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Samuel H. Harnish, has been appointed Executor of the estate of Benjamin W. Harnish, deceased, by the above entitled Court and any and all persons having bills against the estate of Benjamin W. Harnish, deceased, are hereby notified to present their bills duly verified as required by law, to the undersigned at Eagle Point, Oregon, or to his attorneys, Neff & Mealey, Medford, Oregon, within six months from and after the first publication of this notice.

Date of the first publication of this notice is June 19, 1915.

SAMUEL H. HARNISH,  
Executor of the Estate of Benjamin W. Harnish, Deceased.  
Neff & Mealey,  
Attorneys for Executor.

## Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

Hans J. Holmer, Plaintiff.

D. B. Russell and Altha H. Russell, his wife, and Albert Hill, made a defendant upon order of Court, Defendants.

By virtue of an Execution and an 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 12th day of June 1915, in a certain cause therein, wherein Hans J. Holmer as plaintiff in the above entitled case on the 5th day of June, 1915, recovered a judgment and decree against the defendant D. B. Russell and Altha H. Russell, his wife, for the sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred (\$10,600.00) Dollars, with interest thereon from the 21st day of July 1913, at the rate of 6% per annum, and including decree for the sum of \$222.88 taxes for 1913, paid by plaintiff, with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum from February 9, 1915, and \$64.53 taxes for 1914, with interest from March 31st 1915, at 8% per annum until paid, and \$1000.00 attorney's fees and the further sum of Eleven (\$11.00) Dollars costs, which judgment and decree was enrolled and docketed in the Clerk's office of said Court in said County, on the 5th day of June, 1915, and is of record in Volume 23, of the Circuit Court Journal.

Public notice is hereby given, that in compliance with the commands of said Execution and Order of Sale I will, on Monday the 12th day of July, 1915, at a hour of 10 o'clock A. M. offer for sale and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to redemption as by law provided all of the right, title, and interest that one defendant D. B. Russell and Altha H. Russell, his wife, and Albert Hill had on the 12th day of August 1913 or have since acquired in and to the following described real property, situated in Jackson County, State of Oregon, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The Northwest quarter of section 13, Township 35 South Range 2 West, and the Northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 35 South, Range 2 West, and the West half of the Northwest quarter of section 18 Township 35 South, Range 1 West of Willamette Meridian, situated in Jackson County, Oregon.

All of the above described real property will be sold at said time and place in the manner provided by law for the sale of real property under execution foreclosure to satisfy the judgment, costs, attorney's fees and the accruing costs of this sale.

Dated this 12th day of June, 1915, at the office of the Sheriff in the Court House at Jacksonville, Oregon.

W. H. SINGLER,  
Sheriff of Jackson County Oregon  
By E. W. WILSON,  
Deputy.

## Notice Of Guardian's Sale.

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

In the matter of the estate and guardianship of Rollin F. Taylor and Beulah I. Taylor, minors.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Probate Court of Jackson County, Oregon, made on the 27th day of May, 1915, in the matter of the estate and guardianship of Rollin F. Taylor and Beulah I. Taylor minors, the undersigned, the Guardian of said estate and of said minors, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, gold coin of the United States, and subject to confirmation by said Probate Court, on Monday, the 28th day of June, 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the home of the undersigned Guardian, in the City of Rogue River, Jackson County, Oregon, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said named minor heirs, in and to all the saw timber now growing in and upon all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Jackson and State of Oregon, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Southwest quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28), in Township Thirty-five (35) South, Range Four (4) West, of the Willamette Meridian.

Dated May 28th, 1915.

BERTHA R. SHARP,  
Guardian.

## Notice Of Final Settlement.

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

In the matter of the estate of William H. Johnson, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Nathan Johnson, administrator of the estate of above named decedent has rendered and filed in the above entitled court his final account of his administration of said estate and that Monday, July 12th 1915, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the court room of the above entitled court at the court house at Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon has been fixed by order of the Judge of the above entitled court as the time and place for hearing objections to said account and for the settlement thereof and of said estate.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that all objections to said account and report or to any item thereof, must be filed or made on or before the aforesaid time fixed for the hearing and settlement thereof.

Date of first publication hereof is June 12th, 1915.

NATHAN JOHNSON,  
Administrator.

H. K. HANNA,  
Attorney for Administrator.

## Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
U. S. LAND OFFICE at Roseburg, Oregon,  
May 20, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that Samuel Carpenter of Jacksonville, Oregon, who on April 29, 1914, made a Homestead Application, Serial No. 6192, for Ely of NE 1/4 and E 1/2 of Section 34, Township 33 S., Range 2 W., Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Five-year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before W. H. Carson, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Medford, Oregon, on the 2nd day of July, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: Harley H. Hall, of Roseburg, Oregon, C. D. Inom, of Medford, Oregon, S. R. Coffman, of Roseburg, Oregon, John H. Crump of Jacksonville, Oregon.  
J. M. UFTON,  
Register.

## Summons.

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

D. D. Hall, Plaintiff,

vs.

J. E. Coleman and Anna

Bell Coleman, Defendants.

To J. E. Coleman and Anna Bell Coleman, the above named defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action within six weeks from the 15th day of May, 1915, date of first publication of this summons, and if you fail to answer or otherwise appear, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the said court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to-wit: for a judgment against you in cash of you for the sum of Sixty Two and 40-100 Dollars (\$62.40) with interest thereon at the rate of seven % per annum from Jan. 17th, 1914, and for the additional sum of Fifty Dollars and attorney's fees in the said action and for his costs and disbursements.

This summons is published by virtue of an order of the Honorable F. L. TouVelle, Judge of the County Court, in and for the said county and state, made and filed on the 5th day of May, 1915, directing the same to be published in the Jacksonville Post, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the City of Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, for six consecutive weeks.

Date of first publication, May 15, 1915, Last publication, June 26, 1915.

D. D. HALL,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Ralph Jennings of Buneom was in town Wednesday.

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16 Oregon Express.....5:20 P.M.  
12 Siasta Limited.....2:17 A.M.

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SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.

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15 San Francisco Express...4:00 P.M.  
11 Siasta Limited.....3:20 A.M.

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