

The Gentleman From Cupidville

By ALAN HINSDALE

One spring morning when the buds were opening Howard Lane, a young New Yorker, left his room on Central Park West and, entering the park, strolled along the mall smoking a cigarette. Presently he looked up at a man passing him and saw that he was the very counterpart of himself. Each stopped and stared at the other.

"Upon my word!"

"By Jove!"

"You're myself, only better looking," said Lane.

"Permit me to return the compliment."

"You must be a near blood relation of mine. What is your name?"

"Spencer—Raymond Spencer. And yours?"

"Howard Lane. Come; let us sit down on one of the benches and compare notes. I don't remember any Spencer connections."

"Nor I any Lanes."

The two passed an hour together, each now and again looking up at the other in wonder, almost fancying he had a mirror before him; but, while they were identical in face and figure, they soon noticed that they were very unlike in disposition. Lane was philosophical, analytical, critical, cynical—indeed, everything that ends in "ism"—but he was a man of intellectual vigor. Spencer was an optimist and very shallow. He was on his way from San Francisco to Europe.

"I have an idea," said Lane.

"How does it feel?"

"You are a stranger to me, but you are a gentleman. I'm going to take you into my confidence. I'm in love."

"Poor fellow! Is it more bother than having an idea?"

"I have been unsuccessful with the lady. She likes me, but says I'm too 'dead and alive' for a life companion."

"Why not turn her over to me?"

"That's just what I'm thinking of."

A bargain was made, and when the two left the park they went to Lane's room, where Spencer was put in temporary possession of the owner's wardrobe. That evening Mr. Spencer appeared at the residence of Miss Margaret Thorne and sent up Mr. Lane's card. Miss Thorne came down with a settled purpose. That purpose was to give her lover his final quietus.

"I have been thinking over the matter between us," she said, "and have come to the conclusion that I am wrong in permitting you to hope. A man who has reasoned himself into the belief that 'life is but an empty dream' I could not be happy with. I will never be yours."

The man grasped the back of a chair for support and brushed back his hair dramatically.

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"Until our last meeting," he said, "I did not realize that you were right and I was wrong. Life is not an empty dream, and you have made me see it. 'Life is real, life is earnest.' I had resolved to throw off the depressing philosophy by which I have been bewitched. I had set a goal—under your inspiration—determined to do or die. We need one gentleman in political affairs. I had resolved to enter upon a career which, beginning with the state legislature, might end in the White House. But, alas, without you I am powerless! Nevertheless I shall go abroad and stink away into a degenerate globe trotter."

"What has come over you?" she asked.

"Your influence. It has had its effect at last."

"Mr. Lane—Howard, I cannot understand this sudden change. Do you mean all you say?"

"I swear it."

Looking up, he saw a puzzled, undecided look on her face. Rising, he clasped her in his arms, and, while she turned away her face, she did not struggle to be released. In three minutes—ten since he entered—she had promised to be his wife.

The next morning the two counterparts sat in Lane's room. Spencer was smoking; Lane was reading a note from Miss Thorne. It was to say that a previous engagement prevented her seeing him till the next evening. "I cannot realize my happiness," she added, "in the love of a man of your ability inspired by that love for me. I predict a great career for you."

Spencer had enacted to his counterpart the scene between himself and Miss Thorne, and Lane asked him to enact it again and again. Then Spencer personated the lady, and Lane enacted the lover's part himself. Thus coached, he felt quite able to carry on the work his double had so auspiciously commenced. Convinced that to be a philosophic dreamer would cost him the girl he loved and to be up and doing is the better part for every man, he was thoroughly alive to carrying out the program as Spencer had pictured it. He has already reached a conspicuous position in the government of his state. As to reaching the White House that remains to be determined.

Spencer sailed for Europe a few days after he had won the lady for his double and is now the degenerate globe trotter he pictured himself.

Flag Language.

There is no international language of flags established by law but by common consent flags of a certain color are used for certain purposes. All over the world a yellow flag is a signal of contagious disease. A ship, hoists it to denote that there are some on board suffering from such disease, and it remains hoisted until she has reached quarantine. The white flag is universally used as a flag of truce. The black flag was formerly the symbol of piracy, and now in some countries it is flown after an execution is performed to indicate that the requirements of the law have been carried out. Other features of flag language are that a flag flying at half mast is a universal sign of mourning, and when a ship has to make a sign of distress she does it by raising the national ensign reversed or upside down. Even this can be emphasized by knotting the flag in the middle to indicate great distress and imminent danger.

Fruit Diet as a Cure.

The fruit diet is a sure and positive cure for what is popularly known as bleeding and for persons usually designated as bleeders, persons who cannot stop the flow of blood once it is started from a wound or other cause. The fruit diet will supply the blood with fibrin. Fibrin is the substance out of which nature fabricates flesh and muscle. A person on the fruit diet hardly bleeds at all when he cuts himself accidentally with a knife or when, for proper reasons, a dentist is forced to draw one of his teeth. The blood coagulates almost instantaneously. If you believe none of this, just try it. The experience is safe and sane. The fruit diet is cheaper and better than the meat diet, and it will do more for you. You will feel fine and chirrupy and optimistic. You never find a fruit eater who is a pessimist.—Los Angeles Times.

American Medical Association.

The American Medical Association is the largest organization of the kind in the world. There are 70,000 members. In May, 1846, in response to a call issued by the Medical Society of the State of New York, there was held in New York city a conference for the purpose of discussing questions relating to the standardization of medical education in the United States. This conference adjourned to meet a year later in Philadelphia, where it resolved itself into a permanent organization—the American Medical Association. A long line of distinguished men have been presidents of the association.

Value of Cinders.

Not so many years ago great heaps of cinders were piled up, often dumped into low places where new earth was needed. Manufacturing concerns were glad to get rid of the accumulations. But now the cinders are in great demand for use in the foundation for cement and concrete work. They form a perfect drainage material, and it has been found that frost acts very lightly on them. Furthermore, concrete work in which cinders are used is said to be of extreme durability. When cinders are ground and mixed with cement the mass becomes very hard.

Old Age on Saturn.

We are reminded that if human beings lived on the planet Saturn they would be old at three years of age—not that life is any swifter or the cares of maturity any more pressing. It is merely because Saturn is so far from the sun that it takes nearly thirty years, according to the earth's measurement of time, to travel in its orbit round the sun.

Odd Bits From Novels.

"He fixed the jury with his eye," says a novelist. A poor thing to fix a jury with, truly.

"He stood as if carved from stone," says another writer. No wonder! He had just been chiseled out of his rocks.—Boston Transcript.

Actions.

Every man's actions form a center of influence upon others, and every deed, however trivial, has some weight in determining the future destiny of the world.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

The Wrong Way to Eat.

Hurried eating is a common contributing cause of constipation as well as other ills. When the food is not properly masticated more energy is required in the upper part of the alimentary canal to reduce it to the condition necessary for complete digestion, and in cases in which the vitality is depleted this may so seriously cripple the activity of the lower part of the alimentary canal as to contribute largely to the atonic condition, which is a large factor in such cases.

When the food is not fully masticated it is held back in the small intestine as well as in the stomach, and this also has a tendency to establish a sluggish action, which contributes to the condition favorable to constipation. While thorough mastication will not cure those cases which may be largely due to bad mental condition, excessive mixing of food, lack of exercise, overwork, too concentrated food or some physical defect of the intestine, it is an important factor, and more careful mastication will contribute to improvement in all cases.

Be an Exhorter



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Possibilities of Bad Verse.

No one has yet written any adequate prediction of the possibilities of bad verse—the verse, I mean, that is composed at the crises of life, on the mountain tops of exaltation and in the valley of desolation, by persons unskilled and ordinarily unpoetic; the verse that is hidden away in vases and in earthen drawers, never to be shown and always produced in some moment of sanity. Only a true poet could write a just appreciation of bad verse, and from his pen the words come too much tainted with the implication of irony. The quality of bad verse is not strange. It is written to suit no magazine's policy. It is rewarded with no check. It is a brave denying of reality, a prayer that is its own answer. It is, to use Maeterlinck's phrase, "a making or invoking of wings" by creatures that creep on their bellies.—New Republic.

Famous Men's Favorite Hymns.

Favorite hymns of famous men make an interesting catalogue. Gladstone's special choice was "Praise to the Holiest in the Height," and it was sung at his funeral. Tennyson's favorite was Heber's "Holy, Holy, Holy." One of Ruskin's preferences was "Jesus, Here From Sin Deliver," upon which he preached a sermon to some 300 school children, his guests one afternoon at Brantwood. Matthew Arnold's choice was "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (Watt's masterpiece), the third verse of which M. A. was overheard reciting to himself only an hour before his quite unexpected fatal seizure. And Henry Ward Beecher declared, "I would rather have written 'Jesus, Lover of My Soul' than have the fame of all the kings that ever sat on the earth."—London Standard.

How the Camera Man Fools Them.

The life of the camera man who takes the weekly news motion pictures is not always one of glory. When Mrs. Vanderrich, for instance, asks him to take a picture of her poolie when he wants permission to take pictures of her yacht he finds himself between two fires, notes the Popular Science Monthly. Either he must waste some precious film on the dog or he must refuse and be shown the quickest way back. One wise camera man, however, improvised a fake camera crank for such occasions. The crank arm fits loosely on the shaft of the film gear in the camera. When the poolie is going through his antics the turning arm slips on the shaft, and not a foot of film is exposed, although to all appearances a picture is being made.

Antiquity.

Antiquity! thou wondrous charm, what art thou, that being nothing, art everything? When thou wert thou wert not antiquity—then thou wert nothing, but hadst a remoter antiquity, as thou calledst it, to look back to with blind veneration, thou thyself being to thyself flat, jejune, modern! What mystery lurks in this retroversion, or what half Januses are we that cannot look forward with the same idolatry with which we forever revert! The mighty future is as nothing, being everything; the past is everything, being nothing!—Charles Lamb.

Trying Experience.

"How was the play?"

"Rather dull."

"You didn't have any tense moments during the performance?"

"Oh, yes. A man weighing not less than 250 pounds climbed over me twice to go out and pull himself together for the next act."—Exchange.

Watermelons.

Small scales or blisters on the rind of a watermelon are said to indicate that the seeds within are turning black and the flesh unwholesome. As the ripening process advances the blisters increase in size and number until they cover the surface of the fruit.

Legal Advertisements.

Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JACKSON. Sibly M. Bird, Plaintiff, vs. D. Della D. Walker, Julius Syffort, Harvey W. Craig, Francis Craig, Evelyn Syffort, Jaffrey E. Brees, Leroy Craig, Minnie J. Craig, Edmund J. Craig, Letta M. Craig, Arthur R. Craig, Defendants.

To Della D. Walker, Julius Syffort, Harvey W. Craig, Francis Craig, Evelyn Syffort, Jaffrey E. Brees, Leroy Craig, Minnie J. Craig, Edmund J. Craig, Letta M. Craig, Arthur R. Craig—Defendants: You and each of you are hereby commanded to appear within six weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: six weeks after the 4th day of August 1917, and defend the above entitled cause in the above entitled court and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed herein and in case of your failure so to do judgment will be rendered against you according to the demands of the complaint; For a decree of this Court declaring you and each of you to be enjoined from asserting any right, title, interest or claim of any kind or character in or to the following described premises or any portion thereof, to-wit: a strip of land commencing 1 7/2 chains south of the northeast corner of Donation Land Claim No. 75 in section 26 in township No. 37 S. of Range No. 2 W. Willamette Meridian; thence east 23.27 chains; thence south 43 links; thence west 23.27 chains; thence north 43 links to the place of beginning; and for a further decree of this Court quieting title to said lands and premises in this plaintiff, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

Service of this summons is made by publication thereof in the Jacksonville Post, pursuant to an order of the Hon. F. M. Calkins, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered July 30, 1917.

B. F. MULKEY, Attorney for Plaintiff.

Notice of Final Settlement

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

In the matter of the Estate of Jeremiah Nunan, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Charles Nunan, administrator of the above entitled estate, as such, has filed his final account and report in the above entitled court and matter and Tuesday, September 4, 1917 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. at the courtroom of above entitled court at the court house at Jacksonville, Jackson County, State of Oregon, has been appointed as the time and place for hearing of objections thereto and for the settlement thereof.

CHARLES NUNAN, Administrator.

Notice For Publication.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. U. S. Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon, July 11, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that Charles Johnson of Jacksonville, Oregon did, on March 20, 1917, make Homestead Application No. 010975, under the Act of April 28, 1904, Section 2, and Act of June 11, 1906, for the S 1/2 of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec 34, T. 38 S. R. 2 W. W. M., List No. 6-1961, and entry was allowed on May 10, 1917, as additional to H. E. No. 05895, on which final proof has been submitted.

The purpose of this notice is to allow all persons claiming the land adversely or desiring to show it to be mineral in character an opportunity to file objection to the application with the local land officers for the land district in which the land is situated and to establish their interest therein or the mineral character thereof.

W. H. CANON, Register.

Summons.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON AND FOR JACKSON COUNTY. Western Bond and Mortgage Company, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. W. E. Brayton, Anna Brayton, his wife, John J. Brown, Clara J. Waltman, and O. L. Waltman, her husband, and C. H. Owen, Defendants. To John J. Brown, Clara J. Waltman and O. L. Waltman, defendants in the above entitled suit:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 21st day of August, 1917, that being more than six weeks after the date of the first publication of this summons and if you fail so to appear and answer the complaint of plaintiff filed herein, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint to-wit: for a judgment against the defendant Clara J. Waltman and other defendants in the sum of \$8000.00 together with interest at the rate of 8% per

annum from the 15th day of August 1916, for the further sum of \$5.50 and interest thereon at 1% per annum from June 2nd, 1917, for the sum of \$600.00 attorneys fees, and for the costs and disbursements herein, and for a decree against each of you and other defendants for the foreclosure of one certain mortgage dated February 15th, 1916, and made and executed by the defendants W. E. Brayton, Anna Brayton, to the Western Bond and Mortgage Company, securing the sum of \$6000.00 with interest at 8% per annum, said mortgage covering the following described real property situated in Jackson County, Oregon, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 9 chains and 13 links East and 6 chains and 18 links south of the Quarter Section corner on the North line of Section 3, in Township 37 S. R. 2 W. W. M., in Oregon, running thence south 70 degrees and 45 minutes East 8 chains and 93 links; thence south 42 degrees 45 minutes East 17 chains and 97 links; thence north 6 degrees 10 minutes West 15 chains and 56 links; thence east 36 chains and 35 links; thence south 83 degrees East 6 chains and 79 links, thence south 40 degrees 30 minutes East 4 chains and 51 links; thence south 35 degrees East 2 chains and 90 links to the north line of D. L. C. No. 55; thence east on said north line 1 chain and 25 links; thence north 35 degrees west 23 chains and 9 links to the northwest corner of Lot 3 in Section 2, said Township and Range; thence north 2 chains and 60 links; thence north 77 degrees and 45 minutes west 3 chains and 66 links; thence south 62 degrees 30 minutes west 5 chains and 19 links; thence north 34 degrees 30 minutes west 8 chains and 30 links; thence north 67 degrees west 6 chains; thence south 80 degrees 45 minutes west 12 chains; thence north 82 degrees 45 minutes west 4 chains and 10 links; thence north 44 degrees 15 minutes west 13 chains; thence west 7 chains and 49 links; thence south 23 chains and 51 links to the point of beginning, containing 95.75 acres, more or less.

Excepting and reserving therefrom the following:

Beginning at a point 9.13 chains east and 12 chains and 39 links north of the Quarter Section corner of the north boundary line on Section 3, Township 37 S. R. 2 W. W. M., in Oregon, thence north 5.04 chains; thence east 7.49 chains; thence south 44 degrees 15 minutes east 7 chains and 4 links; thence west 12.50 chains to the beginning, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Also excepting and reserving the following:

Beginning at same point as described above as beginning point, running thence south 18.54 chains to a post on the north side line of the County Road; thence along road south 70 1/2 degrees east 66 links; thence north 18 70 chains to the south line of the land described above in first reservation; thence west 54 links to the point of beginning, containing 1 acre more or less. Also excepting and reserving the following: Beginning at a point 9.73 chains east and 6.35 chains south of the Quarter Section corner on the north line of Section 3 Township 37 S. R. 2 W. W. M., Oregon; running thence south 70 degrees 45 minutes east 8.09 chains; thence south 42 minutes east 2.09 chains; thence north 23.50 chains; thence west 8.88 chains; thence south 19.27 chains to the point of beginning, containing 19 acres more or less.

Also excepting and reserving therefrom the right of way of Charles M. Wiseman described as follows: Beginning at a point where the Charles M. Wiseman Water ditch right of way crosses the east line of land belonging to Martha Wichman and running thence south 29 1/2 degrees east 7 chains to the center of Bear Creek and across the lands of John J. Brown in Jackson County, Oregon.

This summons is published once a week for six consecutive weeks pursuant to an order of the Honorable F. L. Touvelle, Judge of County Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, entered on the 3, day of July, 1917, the first publication being on the 7th day of July, 1917, and the last publication being on the 18th day of August, 1917.

FARRINGTON & FARRINGTON and ORA H. PORTER, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Notice of Final Account

In the matter of the estate of D. Thomas Kunkel, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of D. Thomas Kunkel, deceased, has filed in the above entitled court, his final account of the administration of said estate and that Monday, the third day of September, 1917, at the hour of 11 o'clock, A. M. at the court room of said court in Jacksonville, Jackson County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate. All persons having objections to said account or any part thereof, are required to make or file the same in said Court, on or before the time aforesaid, set for the settlement of said estate.

Dated and first published August 4, 1917.

J. R. NEIL, Administrator.

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