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A Practical Wife Hunter

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

Old man Burton was a saver, if not a miser. He was a widower with one son, Johnny, who was kept so close so far as spending money was concerned that he had no idea his father was rich. How should he have when the property was all in gilt edge bonds hidden away in a box in the vaults of a savings and investment company? The boy was sent to school till he was sixteen years old, then put to work.

One day when Johnny was twenty-two years old his father died and the young man was astounded to find himself in possession of securities worth half a million of dollars. From having nothing to spend except what he needed for necessities out of \$1,000 a year he had now \$25,000.

Though John was a very plain young man, with not much education, and utterly unaccustomed to the ways of a gentleman, he had good common sense. He realized early that no matter how rich a man is he can spend but a moderate sum without injury to himself; that to enjoy recreation one must first work, and that, as the old song says, "there's no place like home." Acting on these principles, he set himself to the task of getting a wife who had the same quality of sense as himself. One who had been brought up in affluence would be ashamed of him; one who had been brought up in poverty would not likely find herself married to a man with a large income without losing her head.

How was he to proceed? He had few, if any, acquaintances with young women. By setting up an establishment he could easily make acquaintances, but he was modest enough to think they would only care for what they could get out of him. Those who were refined would look down on him while spending his money, and those who were not refined would not know how to spend it.

John had never heard of the great caliph, Haroun-al-Raschid, who went about disguised, looking into the affairs of his subjects, in order to right wrongs, but he adopted similar means. He applied to a typewriter manufacturing company for a position as salesman. Purchasing a horse and wagon suitable to his purpose, he went about from house to house, supposedly looking for customers, but really looking for a wife.

His clientele were largely women, and most of these were young. His method of making acquaintances proved available. True, out of the many he visited he made the acquaintance of but few. One great advantage he had—none of the girls he visited was on her guard, and he was surprised to see how many were selfish, heartless and unamiable. Many were the snubs he received, now and again a girl got up for fascinating purposes slamming the door in his face with a harsh "Don't want any typewriters." John could not help thinking how different would be his reception if she knew that he was looking for a wife to help him spend \$25,000 a year.

One morning he called at a house where he was received at the door by a nice looking young woman, who said to him kindly:

"I would be glad to buy a typewriter of you for two reasons. In the first place, I could make money if I owned one, and, in the second, I always sympathize with those who are compelled to make their living by canvassing. I know how hard it would be for me to do that kind of work, and I can understand how hard it must be for you."

"That's the first bit of sympathy I've got since I began this work. Would you mind letting me come in and rest a few minutes? I've not made a sale for so long that I'm a bit discouraged."

"Certainly. Come in."

She took Johnny into a living room and, disappearing, returned with some bread and butter and cold meat on a plate. "You look hungry," she said. "I'm afraid you're not had a good meal today."

John offered to sell the girl a typewriter on easy terms, telling her at the same time that his employer paid him his commission down. It was this desire to help him that decided her. She could get work if she had the typewriter to do it with, and the terms offered were all notes, no cash. She was sure she could meet the notes and make something besides.

John collected the money on the notes himself, and they were all paid at maturity. He lingered frequently when making his collections, and in this way an intimacy grew up between the two. A time came when John told her that he was doing much better than at his first visit to her and thought that he would like a home if she would help him build it up. The young lady put him off till she could find out something about him. He was very methodical in the matter of giving her references, taking care to instruct those he referred to as to say nothing about his means.

The young woman on receipt of the testimonials that John Burton bore an excellent character consented to help him build a home, continuing her typewriting. A month before their marriage John confessed to her how he had looked for a wife on his own plan and told her to order what she needed for the bridal and have the bills sent to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton spend about one-tenth of their income and give most of the balance away. The wife proved an excellent medium for charity purposes.

Overcome By Apoplexy Young German Dies

Started to Walk to Bend From Tumalo and Was Stricken While On His Way There

Sheriff Elkins, County Physician Rosenberg and Coroner Poindexter were summoned to Bend Sunday morning to inquire into the death of a man named Joe Tekampe, says the Prineville Journal of last week. The circumstances surrounding the case indicated foul play and the coroner impelled a jury to investigate. The man was found face down among some rocks. There seemed to be evidence of a scuffle all around him, and the jury requested the county physician to hold a post mortem and find out the cause of death as the man was known to have two months' pay on his person.

The doctor found a ruptured blood vessel on the left side of the brain, caused by apoplexy. There were no indications of a blow to cause the trouble. The jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Tekampe was a young German of about 25 years of age who had been working in Camp 9 of the Tumalo project. Saturday evening he started to walk to Bend, and was overcome at the place where his body was found. He has two brothers living in the Bend country.

Fingers Blaze in Storm With Report Like Rifle

Silver Lake Air, Charged With Electricity, Is Frankish and Shocks Housewives

A Silver Lake dispatch of recent date says: In a thunder storm at the base of Thunder Mountain one day last week the air became so charged with electricity that persons who touched metal or dipped their hands in water received sharp shocks and sparks and blue flames shot from the finger tips of housewives who attempted to pick up cooking utensils.

Mrs. Florence Bass sustained a severe shock when her hand came in contact with a vessel on a cook stove. She then tried to lift something from a pan of water on the stove and a second shock, more severe than the first, was the result. A blue blaze shot from the tips of her fingers with a report like the crack of a rifle.

Bottles Are Unique Crop at Hood River

Ranch There Produces First Return, \$60.00, in Glassware—Wagonload of Bottles Gathered on the Place

Perhaps the most unique crop ever harvested in Oregon was that brought to Hood River recently from the ranch of a young man who formerly made his home there, but who now lives in Washington, D. C. The product consisted of a wagon load of bottles and the return was \$60.00.

The place has been owned for a period of more than four years and the apple trees as yet have never produced an income. The sale of the bottles, wine, champagne, beer, and seltzer, brought the owner the first return he has ever received from his ranch.

PLEASANT RIDGE

A. A. Green is cutting his second crop of alfalfa this week.

C. H. Irvin is baling hay this week. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Barnes of the White Rock Farm, went to the county seat one day last week.

Mrs. Mills is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. Williams of Prineville, moved his household goods and stock over to his ranch last Thursday.

The Only Ranch and Poplar Farm are hauling their hay.

Wayne Chase and Vernon Nelson made a business trip to Prineville Monday.

The school here started Tuesday with 16 pupils. Miss Florence Wass of St. Johns, is the teacher.

G. W. Gile of Deschutes, visited at the Poplar Farm Monday.

W. L. Perry made a business trip to Anderson's sawmill Monday.

POWELL BUTTE

E. N. Hall went up onto the Deschutes river last week for his colts which have been in pasture there.

Mrs. S. D. Mustard is expected to arrive home tonight from her visit in Eastern and Idaho.

Last Saturday evening quite a few of the neighbors gathered at Geo. Hobbs' home for a little hop. Miss Spear and Geo. Havens furnished the music.

Joe Shearer traded his hack to Geo. Stone for hogs last week.

Mr. Howard and other officials of the C. O. I. Co. visited the section last week.

The Prineville base ball team passed through here Sunday morning on their way to Bend.

Henry Tweet and family left Saturday for a camping trip.

Owing to the scarcity of berries the crowd that went to the mountains last week returned home Mon-

day evening. They report a good time, however.

Henry Cram of Ochoco, stopped Friday night at Houston's, enroute to the railroad with cattle.

Miss Edna Morse visited Sunday evening at the Allen home.

Rev. Williams passed thru from Prineville Thursday with some cattle he was taking to his ranch near Deschutes.

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