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**Auctioneer Forgot His Spectacles, Kicked Down Valuable Piece of Real Estate to Penniless Chap.**

"I owe my start in life to the fact that an estimable old gentleman forgot to put his eyeglasses in his pocket one morning," said a prosperous business man from a sister city. "It's rather a curious story," he went on, "and I'll tell it as briefly as possible. A good many years ago, when I was a young fellow of about 25 or thereabouts, I drifted into Louisville in search of a job that didn't materialize, and the upshot of it was that I found myself practically broke in a strange city. Up to that time I had always worked for small wages and had never succeeded in accumulating as much as \$50, but I had an abiding faith that if I could once get hold of a modest stake I could launch out for myself and make some money.

"One morning, when I was wandering about with only two or three silver dollars in my pocket, looking for a chance to go to work at anything that might offer, I dropped into a big downstairs room where some real estate was being sold at auction. A large crowd was present, and there was an indescribable feeling of tension in the air that warned me something unusual was about to happen. While I was standing there, only vaguely interested, the auctioneer, who was quite an elderly gentleman, put up a piece of improved city property, and after a considerable pause received a bid of \$200. I could see that the smallness of the amount excited surprise and was also aware of a commotion in one corner, where half a dozen previous bidders were gathered together in an excited group. They seemed to be quarreling about something, and meanwhile the auctioneer was indignantly appealing for a respectable offer. 'Make it twenty-five hundred,' he shouted; 'does any gentleman bid twenty-five hundred?' He looked directly at me, and I made a gesture of denial. 'Thank you!' he exclaimed, greatly to my surprise; 'the gentleman over there bids twenty-five hundred; and if I can help it, no combination of buyers is going to be allowed to dictate prices at this sale!' With that he suddenly knocked down the property to me.

"No sooner was this done," continued the story teller, "than a great uproar of protests arose from the group in the corner. They insisted that they had been given no chance to bid, but the auctioneer stood firm, and calling me to the platform, requested my name and address and a 20 per cent cash deposit on the \$2,500. By that time I realized, of course, that some extraordinary chance had thrown a fine piece of property into my hands at a fraction of its real value, and I did some quick thinking. 'I've sent a messenger for the money,' I said, as coolly as I could, 'and I'll have it here in fifteen minutes.' The auctioneer looked at the clock. 'All right,' he replied, 'I'll give you that limit!'

"Then I took a desperate chance. I pushed through the crowd, which was already interested in the next sale, and beckoned to a little fat man who had been one of the loudest kickers a few moments before. 'Look here,' I said, drawing him aside, 'do you want to be my silent partner for an hour or so?' 'What d'you mean?' said he. I gave him the truth in a dozen words. 'Now let me have that \$500 deposit money,' I added, 'and we'll share the profits, whatever they are.' The little man looked at me shrewdly. 'This is a big joke on all of us,' he said, grinning, 'and I guess I'll risk the deal.' At the same time he counted out \$500 and put it in my hands. I raced back to the desk with the cash, clinched the sale, and before noon had the deed in my possession. Then, to make a long story short, my silent partner offered me \$1,000 cash for my interest, and as \$1,000 looked about as big as a mountain at that stage of the game, I promptly accepted. That \$1,000, fortunately placed, gave me the start that has kept me going ever since.

"But what about the eyeglasses, did you say? Why, the auctioneer, as I afterward learned, was very near-sighted, and on the morning to which I refer he had forgotten his glasses. That was why he mistook my gesture of disavowal for a sign of assent and forced me, in of myself, into a good thing. I never understood the exact true inwardness of the deal, but the facts in the rough were that a clique of speculators had formed a combine to keep down prices, but, owing to some misunderstanding, failed to bid promptly on the property which I secured. The auctioneer was onto the game and anxious to break it up, hence his precipitancy in knocking down the lot to yours truly. I heard later that on my portly silent partner made \$8,000 out of the transaction, but I don't begrudge him the money. The \$500 he gave me on faith that morning was worth fully 10 per cent a minute."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**Unconscious of Danger.**  
In the course of Ross Cox's expedition along the Columbia River some years ago, one member of the party had a dangerous experience, of which fortunately he was at the time unconscious. The men were preparing supper on the bank of the river, and La Course, worn-out with the fatigue of the day, had stretched himself on the ground and fallen asleep.

A few minutes later I passed him, says Mr. Cox, and was horrified at seeing a large rattlesnake moving over his body toward his left breast. My first impulse was to alarm La Course, but an old Canadian whom I had beckoned to the spot said we must make no noise, and the snake would cross the man's body and go away. In this he was mistaken, for on reaching the chest the serpent coiled itself quietly as if meditating a stay. If La Course moved or woke, he shuddered to think what would happen. Others quietly joined us, and it was determined that two men should advance in front, to divert the attention of the snake, while one should approach with a long stick from the rear and dislodge the creature.

On seeing the men in front, the rattler raised its head, played its evil-looking tongue and shook its rattles, indications of anger. Every one was in a state of feverish anxiety as to the fate of poor La Course, who still lay asleep. The man behind now came up with a stick seven feet long, quickly placed one end under the reptile, and succeeded in pitching it ten feet from the man's body. A shout of joy was the first intimation La Course had of his wonderful escape. The snake was pursued and killed.

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