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The Agent of the Tagblatt Property

(Original.)

Old Steiger, who had charge of the Tagblatt house and grounds, was probably the worst landlord that has ever been seen on the face of the globe. When Tagblatt died, Steiger was appointed custodian of his property by the court, and Steiger was then a young man. The conditions of the will had excited a great deal of comment at the time of Tagblatt's death, but that had been so long ago that no one living seemed to know anything about it. Many persons had rented the property, but no one could be found who could get on with the landlord or agent, or whatever he was, and not a tenant had remained a year.

The place was situated near the foot of the Harz mountains, on the outskirts of a village. The village had grown to be a city, and, having enveloped the property, old Tagblatt's bequest had grown very valuable—that is, the land had, for the house was almost uninhabitable from age.

If Steiger was the worst landlord in the world, Chris and Gretchen Rheinheart were the best tenants. The rental of the Tagblatt property had never been high, and when Chris and Gretchen were married they decided to take it. This they did with open eyes, for they knew all about old Steiger and his ways. Hans was a carpenter and could make repairs himself. So the young couple decided to take the place at the low rental and not trouble the landlord to do anything for them. By this means they hoped to be let alone and not have any trouble.

Chris spent a good deal of time when he first went into the house endeavoring to make it habitable. Steiger came along while he was at work and with the usual abuse and oaths threatened if he made any changes in the house he would prosecute him under the law. Chris desisted for the time being, but when Steiger went away he proceeded with his repairs.

However, it was plain that there would be no peace in the house, and the couple talked over the matter of leaving it. They finally decided to stay, Chris for the reason that he was too determined to be driven out and Gretchen because she was of such a sweet disposition that she was fitted to get on with Satan himself. But Steiger seemed determined to drive them out. They made it difficult for him by denying him pretexts. The rent they invariably paid before it was due. They never asked for anything to be done to the property. Indeed, whatever patching they did was for its improvement, as any court would have decided. Notwithstanding all this care Steiger made it so hot for them that Chris at last gave out and told Gretchen that he must either give up their lease or go into a lunatic asylum. Gretchen's lovable disposition seemed not a whit shaken, and they decided that thereafter Chris should keep out of Steiger's way and she would receive the abuse.

Then came a tussle between good and evil. When Steiger was seen coming down the street Chris would escape by a back door, and when the old man stopped to abuse his tenants Gretchen would meekly submit to the lashings of his tongue. Gretchen took it into her lovely stupid head that if Steiger had a little piety he would not be so unreasonable, so one day when the door opened and he stood glaring at her she took a crucifix off the mantle, intending to tell him the story of the Saviour. What was her surprise to see him the moment he saw it turn away and hurry on down the street, sending back volleys of execrations, just as retreating soldiers will turn and fire at an enemy.

But Gretchen had found an expedient. After that Steiger let them alone for a long while. Indeed, he did not call again till just before the expiration of the lease, when he made a fierce onslaught, accusing Gretchen of having been trying to burn the house. She cowered before him for a moment, for he looked more terrible than ever she had seen him; then, taking up the crucifix, she was beginning to tell him of the example and sacrifice of the figure on the cross when with a howl he made off again, just as he had done before.

Having found a way to protect themselves, they decided to renew their lease, but Steiger did not appear, and the tenants submitted the matter to the court of wills.

One day the judge sent for the tenants, and they went to him together. "You have accepted the Tagblatt property for a year?" he asked.

"One year. Here is the lease. It expired a month ago. To whom shall we pay rent?"

"Steiger has disappeared. After discovering this I looked up the will, which is on record. It seems that Tagblatt had a shrew for a wife, and they were always quarrelling. Mrs. Tagblatt died first, and when her husband followed her he left their home to the devil."

"To the devil!" exclaimed Chris and Gretchen, the woman crossing herself. "Yes, to the devil, with the provision that if any couple could be found to live in it one year they were to be its owners."

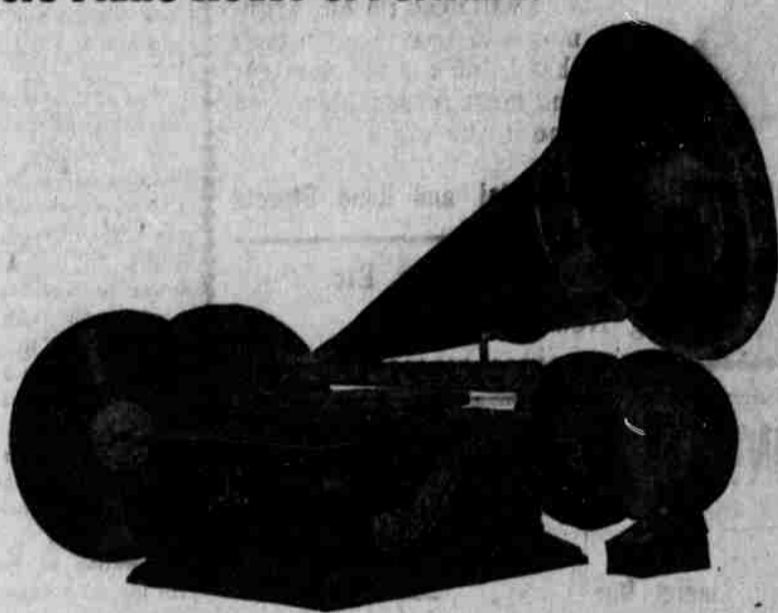
"Gott in himmel!" exclaimed Gretchen.

"Where this agent named Steiger came from and where he got his authority no one seems to know. He got hold of the property before I came on the bench. But that is now of no importance. I will have the property made over to you jointly."

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Mrs. Soaker—We're too late, Johnnie. Your father's left the public house and gone home.—Pick-Me-Up.

Baby Up to Now.
"Oh, for a pair of scales," he said; "the baby must be weighed!"
Yet none around the place were found, and all were sore dismayed.
For babies must be weighed at once; the neighbors must be told,
Yet who would take an infant out, the weather being cold?

Then rose its aged grandpapa and got into the game.
He had a scheme to tip the beam with baby on the same.
No plan was his that flickers up and in its weakness fails—
He'd listen for that rasping screech and get the leeman's scales.
The leeman in his flannel shirt protested, but in vain;
They weighed that infant on his scales and hefted it again.
And, lo, even of the greatest freak that on the earth abounds,
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