

DOMESTIC DRAMA IS SPOILED

True Story of the Vanishing Babe and the Beautiful Plot That Failed—All to Regain a Lost Husband.

Landlady, Cast For Thinking Part, Speaks Lines Not in Play and Leading Lady is Thereby Confused.

Dummy Infant That Did Not Materialize and Then Caused a Police Panic For Fear of Its Safety.

An unexpected move on the part of a female lodging-house keeper has resulted in frustrating a pretty little plot to regain a lost husband by means of a dummy baby.

The lodging house is at 205 Market street, where in the past week the principal character, Mrs. White or Mrs. Arnold. Some time ago the husband of this lady, for reasons best known to himself, left his wife.

In a desire to bring about his return Mrs. White or Mrs. Arnold, be thought her of the paternal instinct supposed to be latent in every masculine breast and decided to use this instinct to bring her recalcitrant spouse to her side.

She had conceived the idea of her separation had no children, but but this was a small difficulty easily overcome. A babe was necessary and a babe must be procured.

With this human property the husband would be forced to assume the role of the good father, affection for his mother would be reawakened and they'd all live happily ever after.

This was the plot of what was designed to be a domestic drama with a happy ending. Circumstances, in the shape of the landlady, referred to, turned it into a farce comedy.

It appears that Mrs. White, or Mrs. Arnold, has a sister in Denver who has been blessed with a plentiful supply of little ones. She could easily spare one of them, the youngest, a few weeks old—and this child was to be the infant phenomenon stung in the drama.

Just how far negotiations for the baby starg progressed has not developed, but apparently the matter can be argued satisfactorily for all concerned—except, possibly, the new father, and he didn't know. The scheme worked out beautifully up to a certain point.

But in casting her characters for the play Mrs. Arnold, or Mrs. White, neglected to give proper place to the landlady. This person was cast merely for a thinking part, and at the last moment kicked over the traces, and spoke her piece in her own way, to the utter confusion of the leading lady and the total demolition of the show.

In anticipation of the happy event, Mrs. White, or Mrs. Arnold, engaged a room at 205 Market street. She told the landlady, so the latter says, that she, Mrs. White, or Mrs. Arnold, was sick. A few days later the lodger requested her hostess to telephone to Dr. William Eisen, whose office is in the Washington Building, and request him to call.

Dr. Eisen's Version. As to what transpired immediately thereafter there are two slightly different versions. Here, first, is that of Dr. Eisen:

"I reached the house at 205 Market street," said the doctor, "I found this lady in bed. She unfolded her story and really aroused my sympathy. After telling me that her husband had left her, she told of a plan she had conceived to bring him back. It was, briefly, to make him believe that he was a father and to use one of her sister's children as the means. Her simple request to me was that I should issue a certificate, which she published in the newspaper, and if her husband called on me to tell him that a babe had been born.

"Of course I couldn't make myself a party to a game of that sort, but I assured the woman that I would do anything consistent with professional ethics to reunite herself and her husband. I was prepared to do this in a tentative sort of way, just to restore domestic happiness. I could have done this without making a false certificate or otherwise doing anything that could injure my professional reputation."

Enter the Landlady. It was at this interesting scene of the play that the landlady suddenly appeared before receiving her cue, and instead of being quiet, broke right in with lines that were not in the play at all.

"While we were talking," continued Dr. Eisen, "in came the landlady. 'What's going on in here?' she demanded. 'Thank Heaven, I'm a mother!' said the woman in bed, softly and fervently.

told me she was a mother. I was greatly surprised and accused her of fibbing. I asked where the baby was and Dr. Eisen told me he had taken the child to a nurse across the street. 'I don't know what she has done with ever a baby in the house or not. I didn't see it, anyway. A nurse was engaged for Mrs. White, or Mrs. Arnold, but she was told by the woman upstairs that she was not needed.'

A Mysterious Caller. While the panic over the vanishing babe was at its height, Dr. Eisen received a call from a mysterious stranger whom he believes was the husband of his strange patient.

"He seemed to take a great interest in the case," said the physician. He told me that the woman's husband had formerly worked for him and that he was a good man. I am satisfied from his manner that he was the husband himself. He asked many questions, and when I told him the woman had a bank book he started and asked me to repeat the statement, and inquired upon what bank it was. This I could not tell him. Then the man told me that the woman's husband had been forced to leave her, that he was in fear of his life, that the woman, while in Chicago, had fired two bullets into his breast in an attempt to commit suicide and that the bullets had struck the heart of the man. He was afraid that, as his wife was of unsound mind, she might attempt to kill him."

Reappears and Disappears. This morning another chapter was added to the story of the vanishing babe. It developed that the landlady, in care of the railroad company and consigned to Mrs. White or Arnold. There was \$10 due as freight but this lady could not furnish and in despair of turning the infant into coin the railroad people permitted the consignee to take the child.

Later in the evening Mrs. Arnold or Mrs. White appeared at the residence of Dr. Eisen with the babe which the physician states is about two weeks old. She desired that Dr. Eisen authorize her to place the child in an asylum and give his name. To this the doctor demurred and the woman finally left. What disposition she made of the babe is unknown. When she appeared at Market street house this morning she was alone.

When Dr. Eisen reached his office this morning he was astounded to find the complete equipment of a very young babe on one of his office chairs. There was clothing, milk bottle and the rest of the outfit. The collection is still awaiting an owner.

Mrs. White, or Mrs. Arnold left her lodgings this afternoon after a stormy scene with the landlady. The police were summoned and the lodger took refuge in her room from which directly came groanings. When the door was forced Mrs. White or Mrs. Arnold held a bottle in her hand and the impression was at first that she had taken poison. The physician who was brought to the scene quickly declared that the lady had taken nothing worse than water. She was escorted to the police station.

Chief Hunt talked with the woman and advised her to attend to the matter. Taking advantage of this opportunity, Mrs. White or Mrs. Arnold ran out of the room and down Second street. She has not been seen since by the police.

The Whites or Arnolds, up to the time of their separation, had no children, but Arnold, has a sister in Denver whose household has been blessed with a plentiful supply of little ones. She could easily spare one of them.

LEADING SOCIAL EVENT

Spitzer's Pupils Will Assist at the Blind Letter Carrier's Benefit on Wednesday.

The music-loving public of the city will be given an opportunity Wednesday evening at the Blind Letter Carrier's benefit at the Marquam to again hear the pupils of E. O. Spitzer, who acquired themselves such a reputation at the recent last week. "The Holy City" violin chorus of 44 pieces that closed the entertainment of Wednesday, will be the number rendered at the coming benefit. A number of the younger pupils will be dropped from the chorus, but some delay in the program promises to be even better than before.

The entertainment will be numbered as one of the leading social events of the season. All the boxes at the Marquam have been sold to leading society people, who desire to not only enjoy a pleasant evening, but to assist as well in a worthy cause.

RAILROAD PERSONALS

J. A. Clark, local passenger and freight agent for the Wisconsin Central lines, left last night for Spokane, Wash., to look after business interests of the company. He will be away several days.

C. J. Grey, traveling passenger and freight agent for the Northwestern lines, returned Saturday from a business trip to Walla Walla, Ponderosa, The Dalles, Hood River, Pendleton, and other points. He reports prosperity among the farmers.

General Passenger and Freight Agent W. E. Coman of the Southern Pacific Railroad, has departed for Astoria, Ore., where he will meet the party of German scientists and agriculturists who are touring the Pacific Northwest. The delegation is scheduled to reach Portland at 7:30 p. m. June 3.

J. H. Wallace, San Francisco engineer of the maintenance of way for the Southern Pacific Railroad, is expected to be in Portland any day on a business trip. He intends to reach here today, but some delay has caused a postponement of the trip.

Delegates Going East. J. H. Simmons, State deputy of the Modern Woodmen of America, is busy today arranging transportation for the delegates, who will leave here June 5 to attend the annual convention at Indianapolis, commencing June 16. The transportation lines are offering special rates to the delegates, the arrangements having been completed some weeks ago by a conference of the competing lines in this city. It is expected that over 100 delegates will attend the convention from the district west of Colorado.

From here are J. H. Simmons and wife; W. T. Vaughn, A. G. Burkhardt, Albany; Judge S. A. Lowell, Pendleton; S. A. Hullin, Portland, and R. A. Nisum. Deputy Simmons says that in all probability the next convention of the Modern Woodmen of America will be held at Portland. A strong movement to bring this about is now on foot.

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RECEIVERS' SALE Pianos and Organs to Go at 50c on the Dollar.

The stock of Gilbert Brothers, bankers, who recently went into bankruptcy, to be sold by Ellers Piano House this week. Sale only authorized and conducted by the United States Court, the list of piano history, prices and payments.

Tomorrow morning we offer wide-awake buyers a veritable bargain harvest in pianos and organs, both new and second-hand. Mr. Claude Gatch, the receiver for the firm of Gilbert Brothers, bankers, who recently went into bankruptcy, has turned over to Ellers Piano House the entire stock of pianos and organs, part of the assets of the defunct firm. Every instrument is to be sold at once. The stock includes quite a number of instruments that were formerly held and sold by C. A. White for as much as \$500, and even more. They can now be obtained for a great deal less than half those prices.

How the Bank Came by Them. As an explanation of how the bankers came into possession of these pianos and organs, it should be stated that apparently the bankers bought the instruments from the makers. The bank in turn sent them to a dealer, who at one time owned some very great claims and pretensions in the piano business, both at Salem and here, on Sixth street, in Portland. This dealer agreed to pay the bank for the stock, and in return the bank there have been a great many people whose confidence was unwittingly or otherwise sorely abused—exactly as we predicted several years ago it would be.

The Justice and other courts have been full of contentions and lawsuits pertaining to the deal, all of which seem to show that absolute safety for the public lies only in dealing with a thoroughly established piano house—reputable and reliable—who have the means to sustain, and who must of necessity conduct their business on above-board lines and with absolute justice.

Prices to Close Them Out. But back to the instruments! Every one of them is to be sold within the next ten days, and in order to accomplish this, every piano and organ in this stock is to go at less than what it cost the dealer to get them here. The sale of this stock has been duly authorized and confirmed by the Circuit Court, so that the sale is absolutely final. Further than this, Ellers Piano House guarantees the pianos, with the further warrant that money will be refunded to the purchaser if the instrument is not perfectly satisfactory and found as represented after delivery.

Under these broad and comprehensive warranties you are safe in securing one of these instruments. Cash is preferred in this transaction, and a special allowance of 4 per cent from marked prices will be made to those paying all cash.

About Time Payments. But those desiring to buy on time payments may pay one-tenth of the amount down and the balance in 24 equal monthly installments, deferred payment to bear interest at 8 per cent per annum. Under these conditions, then, we offer tomorrow, choice of the Everett, Schaefer, 35 Lett & Davis, Kimball, Schick, J. C. Wheeler, Schulz & Co., and other makes of pianos, at exactly 50 cents on the dollar—that is to say, a \$400 piano goes for \$200; a \$300 piano goes for \$150; all \$300 pianos go for \$150.

An elegant Everett upright, standing four feet eight inches high, a piano that has never been offered for less than \$375 heretofore, goes during this sale for \$187.50. Choice walnut-cased upright Schiller piano, with three pedals and all the latest improvements, standing four feet nine inches high, for \$117.50.

Organs, Also, Are Included. Brand-new Schulz & Co. organs, valued at from \$35 to \$85, are marked down to \$17.50 and \$42.50. Fancy oak-cased Needham organs, that have heretofore been sold at \$90 to \$110, will be sold here at \$45 to \$55. The famous Bently organs, that seem to have been worth all the way from \$150 to \$175, will go while they last at \$75.

In this sale are included a great variety of chapel organs, of these all are of the highest quality, and of great actual value, which means 25 to 35 per cent of the prices at which they were at one time being sold regularly. If there is any school, church or lodge in this great Western country that is in need of an organ, this is the opportunity that cannot afford to overlook. The early caller will have the best assortment to select from.

A Large Number of Others as Well. Bear in mind that in addition to these instruments we want to clean out our stock of second-hand pianos, and some very slightly used, that have come to us as part payment for new Chickering, Weber, Kimball and other fine pianos being sold regularly. In this lot you will find Ivers & Pond, Mathushek, Emerson, Knabe, Harvard, Fischer, Kimball, A. B. Chase, Victoria, Packard, Ludwig, Royal, Steck, Newby & Evans, and many others too numerous to mention.

These also make room for the enormous stocks of new pianos which are now en route and due to arrive within the next few days. A few bargains in square pianos. We must also get out of the way at once some 16 square pianos, among them a Steinway for \$275, another for \$265, a Weber in excellent condition for \$135; another Weber for \$125, Hardman for \$72, Haines for \$75, Peter Lynch for \$65, and various others ranging at low prices as \$28. All on payments of \$3 to \$4 per month, if so desired.

Who'll Take the Baby? A very choice little baby grand, just the thing for a cozy corner, will go tomorrow for \$325. This little beauty is light, elegant, and arranged for sale on carefree handling by the railroad company. It is absolutely perfect, however, with the exception of a few small, unimportant blemishes. Fanciest mahogany case, and could not ordinarily be obtained for less than \$750. Here is a clean saving of \$425. If you want it, act quickly. A beautiful, genuine English oak-cased, style 5 Kimball, used two years, but exactly like new, now \$225. A nearly new Knabe upright for \$265. No matter what you want in a piano, you will find it here, and arrangements for time payments will be made to suit any reasonable buyer.

Carloads of New Ones Coming Daily. Carloads, yes, trainloads of fine pianos are now en route to the Pacific Coast for Ellers Piano House. Seventeen carloads have thus far been reported along the coast, and more are en route. Prominent among these are the artistically finished Kimball, of Chicago; the famous KIMBALL, of Chicago; the beautiful LESTER, of Philadelphia; the superb VICTOR, the new but ever-popular HADDORFF, Bush & Gerts, Beaver, Ricca, etc., etc.

Will Sell 3000 This Year. Ellers Piano House will sell at least 3,000 pianos in the Northwest this year, and more than 5,000 altogether, including the retail buyers. The days of exorbitant prices for pianos are over. Investigate our methods and our pianos. Remember the time, Monday morning, June 1, at 2 p. m.

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Seattle Won. SPOKANE, June 1.—Seattle made a garrison finish yesterday and landed on Billy Damming for seven runs in the last two innings. Spokane had a battling rally in the ninth, but finished one run shy. Score: Spokane.....0 0 2 3 0 0 2 3 8 3 Seattle.....0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 Batteries—Damman and Zalusky; Leitman and Stanley. Umpire—Pattin.

Belle's "Nats" Shut Out. LOS ANGELES, June 1.—"Chief" Borchers had Yeller's Lucas Leaguers at his mercy yesterday, and shut them out, allowing them but four hits. Los Angeles.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 3 San Francisco.....1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 11 2 Batteries—Borchers and Baerwald; Umpire—Huston.

Butte Defeats Helena. BUTTE, June 1.—Butte won yesterday's game by timely batting. Helena.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Butte.....0 3 0 0 1 1 0 0 2 3 Batteries—Dowling and Swedells; Hejman and Carisch. Umpire—Colgan.

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ROD AND GUN CLUB HOLD WEEKLY SHOOT. The Multnomah Rod and Gun Club held their regular weekly shoot yesterday at Irvington Park, and many good scores were made.

Jack Fanning was a guest of the club yesterday and gave an exhibition of fancy shooting. Mr. Fanning held the world's championship in 1901 and holds the world's record for the longest run of hits made in a tournament. Next Sunday the club will have the second shoot for the Inman diamond medal.

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SPRUCE SAW LOGS IN GREAT DEMAND

Mills at Portland and on the Columbia Receiving Them From the Coast.

For the first time in the history of the lumbering industry of Willapa Harbor (Shoalwater Bay), according to T. H. Bell, a business man who arrived in this city from that section last Saturday, A. M. Simpson, the millionaire ship owner and millman, is shipping saw logs from the bay across the peninsula into Baker's Bay, to be delivered to his mills at Knapton.

The haul overland is made by the Ilwaco Railway & Navigation Company, property recently acquired by the O. R. & N. Co. The haul is about 15 miles. From the railroad terminus at Ilwaco the logs are towed across the bay and up the Columbia.

Shoalwater Bay have been delivering their logs to Portland sawmills in this manner, but this movement, which caused the immediate rise in the price of logs, met with bitter and determined opposition from the lumber king.

Blockade Broken. Simpson owns a large mill at South Bend, the port of entry into Willapa Harbor. The first delivery of logs into Baker's Bay caused the price of the product to raise about \$3 per 1,000. Simpson set about to prevent any more logs from going to Portland. He succeeded in tying up every available steamer or towboat on the bay. So completely had he the situation in hand that for quite a period it was absolutely impossible to move the rafts across the bay to the mills at Portland.

Blockade Broken. The Portland millmen and Shoalwater Bay loggers combined to relieve the blockade. Negotiations were opened for a tow boat to the Sound. Finally one was secured and the situation was relieved. Subsequently the blockade was broken at other points and the new enterprise went on uninterrupted. Many millions of feet of logs have since been delivered to the mills at Portland, and the loggers of the Coast have made a good thing out of it.

A scarcity of marketable spruce on the Columbia River and overwork in Simpson's South Bend mill have caused the owner to finally become himself an exporter of logs. The situation was forced upon him. Along with the Portland sawmills, his own mill at Knapton is so hard pressed for good spruce lumber that a matter of a few dollars extra per 1,000 makes no difference.

Factor in Improvement. Miss Sadie L. Orr, president of the Multnomah County Teachers' Progress Club, is striving hard to make the organization a leading factor in the improvement of schools. The object of the club are: To further the study of school problems in management; to promote social enjoyment among members and to work for mutual improvement.

Funeral Notice. The Edward Holman Undertaking Co., funeral directors, have removed to their new establishment, corner Third and Madison streets. Both phones No. 9.

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