

Mr. Royden

An Episode of a Stranger's Entrance to New York Society

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A group of young men were standing in the lobby of the U club of New York smoking cigarettes and chatting. The small talk of the men standing in the lobby was diverted by the entrance of a young man who, passing the group, went to the office, called for letters, received several and went into the general lounge room to read them.

"Who is he?" asked one.
"Don't know," said another.
"He's not a member of the club," said a third. "Van Vechten put him up. His name is Royden."

"He's got some sort of social pull," a fourth put in. "He's thick with the Traceys. What Mrs. Tracey puts her stamp on goes."

"It doesn't matter to me," said one of the party. Horace Skinner, "who puts a stamp on him, he doesn't go with me."

This remark attracted attention. Skinner was a cotton leader to the set in question and could admit or decline to admit one who knocked at the golden door.

"What's the matter with him?" was asked. But Skinner walked away, leaving his friends to find out for themselves why he had put the stamp of his disapproval on Mr. Royden. All admitted that Royden had the manners of a gentleman, and from what little was known of his mental endowments they were at least respectable. But what had such qualifications to do with social life? People with brains, wealth, refinement were crowding upon the "holly hollys," as a wag facetiously called them, and here was a stranger about whom nothing was known who bid fair to walk in and make himself at home.

There is still to be found in the social swim of New York here and there some descendants of the leaders of half a century or more ago. These relics of the past may be rich or may be poor. They are there because they have always been there. Should they pass out and again seek admission they would be obliged to fight their way like the rest of those seeking entrance.

Of this class was Miss Van Vechten, whose brother had "put up" Mr. Royden as a guest at the U club. The Van Vechtens had once owned a farm in the middle of Manhattan Island, and of such is the oldest and best in New York society. Furthermore, Miss Van Vechten's ancestors were prominent in Revolutionary days. It was not to be expected that in her associations she would take her cue from any one. Indeed, frequently when she saw her social sisters who had sprung from a composition of rail or oil magnates (with hotel keepers' daughters snubbing some one she was quite likely to put upon the snubbed her own aristocratic seal.

Now, Mrs. Tracey, who introduced Mr. Royden, had made mistakes that had sapped her power. She had vouched for several persons simply on the ground that they were geniuses, and one or two of them had made scientific discoveries that would save the lives of millions of human beings. She had not considered that such persons had no place in society. Consequently when she took up Mr. Royden an opposition to his admission sprang up on the part of certain young women whose fathers had been wreckers and reorganizers of corporations and whose mothers in some instances had been rollers in early life. It was these people whom the really aristocratic Miss Van Vechten loved to antagonize. The more they turned the cold shoulder on Royden the more Miss Van Vechten loaded him with favors. She was leader of a small set within the larger set and gradually withdrew the gentleman into this inner circle.

Had he been a man of that prominence especially desirable in the social world this would have been a masterly move, for no sooner would he have been admitted to Miss Van Vechten's circle than he would have become desirable in a general way. As it was, his introduction only tended to make him a special rather than a universal member of the whole.

Meanwhile the only person who appeared to take no interest in Mr. Royden's social admission or rejection was Mr. Royden himself. He made no acquaintances at the club where he was a guest for the simple reason that the clubs of Gotham are places where small groups of men who are acquainted already sit at small tables and chat; others read the papers, while others, mostly bachelors, use it as a hotel. Nevertheless in certain respects it has its being as a whole. Mr. Royden found it a convenient place in which to write his letters and spend his time when not devoting himself to Miss Van Vechten. Indeed, having no occupation during his stay in New York and neither being interested in its social conditions nor its social conditions being interested in him, he must spend the time somewhere, and he found Miss Van Vechten's home very attractive. The Van Vechtens were a part of the "diamond horse shoe," a name given to that curvilinear of boxes at the Metropolitan Opera House leased or owned by New York's wealthy social magnates.

"There's Miss Van Vechten again," remarked a lady in the diamond circle, who in days gone by had proudered before the footlights, "with that Royden in her box. He's been there every night this week. I wonder if she is going to marry him."

"If she does she'll lose her social hold. The Van Vechtens haven't money enough to do what they please in society," said the descendant of a brewer, who sat beside her.

"Where did he come from anyway?" asked the first speaker.

"Australia or Canada or New Zealand. He's British, you know."

"What's he doing here?"

But the orchestra drowned the reply. While Miss Van Vechten's taking up Mr. Royden had originally sprung from a natural feeling of a refined woman to take the part of a stranger against upstarts, there was that in the man which soon caused her to forget her motive in the interest he inspired in her. A fairly intelligent young woman, she was able to appreciate his knowledge of many subjects which go to make up the intellectual world. He had made a study of history, philosophically considered, the formation of nations, governments, constitutions—indeed, such information as might be beneficial to one who aims to follow public political life. International law seemed to be his hobby. Miss Van Vechten was disposed to draw him out on these subjects, which he presented to her in a way to insure her understanding of them. She did not wonder that a man who possessed such treasures within himself should be indifferent to the gilded circle.

It was in this way that Mr. Royden won his way, if not to Miss Van Vechten's heart, at least to a feeling that she would like just such a man for a husband. She encouraged him to ask for her, not that she would or would not accept him, but that she might have the choice of doing either one or the other.

Now, all this happened within the short space of a few weeks. Mr. Royden's stay in Gotham was coming to an end. No one knew it except himself, but he knew it very well. One day he announced his coming departure to Miss Van Vechten.

Mr. Royden had been very uncommunicative, even to Miss Van Vechten. When he said he was going she knew no more about where he would go than where he had come from. But she was too well bred to ask him. Nevertheless, he told her the story. Moreover, he asked her to be his wife.

The day before Royden left New York he was sitting in the lounge room of the U club reading a newspaper. Near him at a table, partaking of refreshments, were several of the members of that party who had discussed him when he had entered the building several weeks before. Among them was Skinner, the cotton leader.

"There's that fellow Royden over there," remarked Skinner. "He doesn't seem to have made much headway in society. I seldom meet him anywhere."

"How do you know he cares to be met?" asked another.

"I don't."

"Nobody seems to know anything about him," remarked another. "Mrs. Tracey can't find these people on society as she once did. She's failed at that."

At that moment a stranger entered the room and, catching sight of Royden, rushed up to him with extended hand.

"Hello, Bob!" he cried. "I haven't seen you since we left Oxford. I'm mighty glad to meet you, old man, and to congratulate you on the position you have attained. Why are you not in Washington?"

"Going tomorrow; have been waiting for the minister."

The man who had entered, seeing a friend in Skinner, nodded to him and after a brief talk with Royden beckoned him to join them. Skinner did so and was introduced to Royden.

"This is my friend the Marquis of Hensington. He is on a diplomatic mission to settle some matters about fisheries or something."

Mr. Skinner bowed obsequiously.

"I have heard of the marquis as Mr. Royden," he remarked.

"What's that?" said the introducer.

"Been going incog. Bob? Using your own name instead of your title?"

"I have been obliged to do so for reasons connected with the diplomatic service."

"I see."

Then Mr. Skinner asked the marquis if he could not be of some service to him during the rest of his stay in New York, to which the marquis replied that he was leaving the next day.

That evening the news spread among the gilded circle that the oldest son of a British duke and a prominent diplomat had been in New York incog., and no one except Mrs. Tracey, who alone knew who he was, and Miss Van Vechten, who didn't, had had the honor of entertaining him. Everybody blamed the former for not making known the rank of the man she had introduced, and nobody believed but that Miss Van Vechten knew all the while who she was entertaining. Mrs. Tracey excused herself in the statement that a prominent scientist whom she had introduced and whom society had snubbed had given the marquis a letter to her, at the same time advising him to visit New York incog.

Then came the news of the engagement of the marquis to Miss Van Vechten. If the women were wroth at being deprived of the honor of entertaining the diplomat, the younger ladies were positively mad to think that none of their number had had an opportunity to catch him, that advantage having been appropriated by Miss Van Vechten herself.

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JAMES O. HAGER.
Administrator of the estate of Winfred J. Hager, deceased.
Dated and first published this 22d day of September, A. D. 1910.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Morrow County.

T. J. Mahoney, Plaintiff, vs Victor H. Heath, Harriet H. Heath and Peter Brenner, defendants.

To Victor H. Heath, Harriet H. Heath and Peter Brenner, the above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you are required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before six weeks from the 29th day of September, 1910, to wit: On or before the 11th day of November, 1910, and if you fail to so answer or otherwise plead the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his complaint herein, namely for judgment against the above named defendant Victor H. Heath, on a certain promissory note in the sum of \$1,000.00, dated July 30, 1910, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from said date, and for the further sum of \$115.00, attorneys fees, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements of this suit, and for a decree of this Court for the foreclosure of one certain mortgage, described in said complaint, securing the payment of said promissory note and executed by the said defendant, Victor H. Heath, said mortgage being upon and covering the following described real property, to wit: The southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of the northeast

quarter, section twelve, township six, south of range twenty-five, East of the Willamette Meridian.

That the premises may be sold and the proceeds applied to the payment of said above named sums, and in case such proceeds fail to pay the same then to obtain execution against you for the balance remaining due, and also that you and each of you and all persons claiming or to claim by, through or under you or either of you be forever barred from any right, title, claim, lien, equity of redemption, dower or claim of dower, and interest in or to said mortgaged premises, and such other and further relief as may be equitable and just, and as will more fully appear by reference to the complaint filed herein.

You and each of you are notified that if you fail to appear and answer the complaint as above required the said plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six weeks in the Heppner Gazette, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Morrow County, Oregon, published at Heppner, by virtue of an order made, and entered hereon on the 18th day of September, 1910, by the Honorable C. C. Paerson, County Judge of Morrow County, Oregon, and the date of the first publication of this summons is September 29, 1910, and the date of the last publication will be November 10, 1910.

SAM E. VAN VACTOR.
Attorney for Plaintiff
Sept 29-Nov 10

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution and order of sale duly issued by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Morrow, State of Oregon, dated the 4th day of October, 1910, in a certain action in the Circuit Court for said County and State, wherein The Alliance Trust Company, Limited, a Corporation, Plaintiff, recovered judgment against Geo. W. Turner and Mildred S. Turner, husband and wife, William MacNab, Joseph Ornduff, the Holt Manufacturing Co., a Corporation, C. M. White, W. H. Dobyns, J. A. Scott, R. B. Rice, William MacMaster, Morrow County, Mary E. MacNab and Clara Ornduff, Defendants, or the sum of One thousand Nine Hundred and twenty-eight and 90/100 Dollars, and the further sum of One Hundred and Sixty Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum from the first day of February, 1909, and the further sum of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars attorney's fee, and costs and disbursements taxed at Twenty-eight and 35/100 Dollars, on the 4th day of October, 1910. And also for the further sum of Two Hundred Dollars, with interest thereon from the 24th day of April, 1908, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, and the further sum of \$50.00 attorney's fees, and his costs and disbursements taxed at \$12.00, the amounts itemized in this last paragraph being the amount decreed by the Court as due the defendant William MacMaster upon his cross bill against the defendants William MacNab and Joseph Ornduff, jointly and severally.

Notice is hereby given that I will on Thursday the 10th day of November, 1910, at 9 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the front door of the Court House in Heppner, Morrow County, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property, to-wit: All of Section Thirty-six and the Southwest quarter of Section Twenty-five, in Township One North, Range Twenty-five East Willamette Meridian, in Morrow County, Oregon, containing 800 acres, according to government survey, taken and levied upon as the property of said Geo. W. Turner, Mildred S. Turner, husband and wife, William MacNab and Joseph Ornduff or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy the said judgment in favor of The Alliance Trust Company, a Corporation, and against said Geo. W. Turner, Mildred S. Turner, husband and wife, William MacNab and Joseph Ornduff, together with all costs and disbursements that have or may accrue.

E. M. SHUTT,
Sheriff.
Dated at Heppner, Oregon, Oct. 4, 1910.

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Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon,
October 6th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that Nila Johnson, of Ione, Oregon, who, on November 7th, 1903, made Homestead, No. 13942, Serial No. 03019, for N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 25 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final five-year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, on the 14th day of November, 1910.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joshua Doan, Thomas Craig, Frank Cook, and William Scott, all of Ione, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.
Oct 13-Nov 10

Notice for Publication—Isolated Tract.

Public Land Sale.
No. 5698
United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, September 28th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 9:45 o'clock a. m., on the 21st day of November, 1910, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit:

S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 9, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 15, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 10, T. 3 S., R. 25 E., W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

C. W. MOORE, Register.
Oct 13-Nov 17

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U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, September 28th, 1910.

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SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 15 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 21 T. 3 S., R. 25 E., W. M.

Any persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the day above designated for sale.

C. W. MOORE, Register.
Oct 13 Nov 17

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Public Land Sale—Isolated Tract.
No. 05970.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, September 29th, 1910.

Notice is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved June 27, 1906, Public—No. 303, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, at 9:30 o'clock a. m., on the 23d day of November, 1910, next, at this office, the following tract of land, to-wit: N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 22 T. 4 S., R. 24 E., W. M.

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C. W. MOORE, Register.
Oct 13-Nov 17

Notice for Publication.

Isolated Tract—Public Land Sale.
Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office at LaGrange, Oregon, August 18, 1910.

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