

The Vanishing Men



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(Continued From Last Week)

"It is from her that I have a legacy," said Brena. "It is a storehouse of unspent passion and tenderness. And it is still mine—to do with as I please."

She did not go on to say that those to whom it would be opened might enter to be destroyed.

Brena could not recall the details of her mother's accounts of the part her father had played in the disturbed period of Greece. There were vague impressions of a secret organization under the "Council of Twelve," to which he had sworn devotion, of a problem of honor which he had dealt

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The Thanksgiving Goose

By Christopher G. Hazard



PHIRAIM STRUT wrote "The Puritan tradition must be preserved in America," as he labored on his Thanksgiving day oration. "Our country has indeed become a new world, so cosmopolitan is its character, and our task is the Americanization of America. Personal integrity and honest work are the essential elements of our national welfare," he continued.

These laudable and well-expressed sentiments so pleased their author that he was reading them the third time when his boy Samuel, surmised the judge on account of his argumentativeness, and his girl Louise made evident the fact of their disputation under the library window. It appeared that the discussion concerned the material for the approaching feast and that the question was that of turkey or goose, arrangements having been made for the traditional bird, but a relative having signified his intention of bestowing as an alternative the mate of a gander. "Father thinks we couldn't be thankful for anything but a turkey. I heard him say that it is as much the emblem of the day as the eagle is of our country. He said that last Thanksgiving," said the judge. "Well," replied his sister, "it doesn't make so very much difference to me what it is as long as there is enough of it and plenty of stuffing, but I think mother ought to settle it, she's the cook." "We'll have a goose anyhow. If you're there," rejoined the ruffled Samuel, but he assented to a change of venue and to bringing the case before the lady of the house, and the court was adjourned to the kitchen.

Mrs. Strut being absent, however, the opinion of Dinah, who was agitating the various constituents of pumpkins and mince pies, was asked. With no result from this busy official but a continuation of the song that she was singing:

Grasshopper sittin' on a switchbeator vine, a switchbeator vine, a switchbeator vine,
Turkey gobbler comed up behine and ranted him off de switchbeator vine.

The children were left to the conclusion that turkey had won the suit, until the returning mistress reversed the decision, replying to Samuel's "But I think turkey is so dear" with



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the remark "I think it, too." So that they all marched to the goose step when the day came round.

The result rather worried Mr. Strut, however. Combined with the facts that his address had seemingly failed to enrapture his audience, and that it had given a rather hollow sound even to himself, and the further fact that his concealed disappointment over the absence of his favorite bird had induced a fit of indigestion, was an increasing consciousness that he was himself a member of the talkers' brigade rather than a soldier in the army of toilers at work upon the foundations of a better future. Although unpunctured by age and disability, he was off the road of actual affairs, being of that leisure class that, living upon accumulated competence, spends its time in discussion rather than persuasion, out of contact with the hard conditions of the real service of progress.

In the endeavor to walk off his chagrin and dissatisfaction, Mr. Strut came upon a group of Italian laborers and was struck by their hearty and joyous dealing with the question of social progress as they tolled in their road making; and a little later he drew near to another force of aliens who were at work upon the foundations of a new building. These last had taken of sand and rocks and cement and poured the mass into a concrete mixer, placing upon the top of the machine an American flag. These concrete illustrations of true Americanism so affected the observer that he might have been heard as he told himself that there was more progress going on than he was actually concerned in, that sand, cement and pieces of Plymouth Rock were still going into the racial material of New America, and that to build American institutions under the American flag was also his business. He even said to himself in his sense of usefulness and humiliation that perhaps he, himself, had been a Thanksgiving goose.

Women are funny creatures. Many of them who never eat breakfast insist on having a breakfast room. That is to eat dinner in. The other meals they take in the kitchen.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County

In the Matter of the Estate of William Welch, deceased.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the above entitled court, as Administratrix of the Estate of said deceased, and has duly qualified as such.

Now, Therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, together with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hare, McAlair & Peters in the American National Bank Building in Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 21st day of November, 1925.

Hare, McAlair & Peters, Attorneys for Administratrix.

Nora Welch, Administratrix of the Estate of William Welch, deceased.

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SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County.

E. E. Swenson and Hulda E. Swenson, his wife, Plaintiffs,

VS

John G. McFadden and Minnie C. McFadden, his wife, Defendants.

To John G. McFadden and Minnie C. McFadden, his wife, the above named defendants:

In the name of the State of Oregon:

You and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause, on or before the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication of this summons, to-wit:


On or before the expiration of six weeks next, from and after the date of the first publication of this summons, the date of said first publication thereof being of Nov. 6, 1925, and if you fail so to appear and answer said complaint for want thereof the plaintiffs will apply to the court for the relief prayed for in their said complaint, to-wit: For a decree of the above entitled court correcting the description of the real estate described in, and reforming and correcting that certain deed executed and delivered by defendants, John G. McFadden and Minnie C. McFadden, his wife, to E. E. Swenson and Hulda E. Swenson, his wife, plaintiffs herein, dated September 11, 1924 and on September 15, 1924, recorded in the office of the recorder of conveyances of Washington County, Oregon, in Book 128 at page 218 thereof, to-wit: Beginning at an iron pipe in 112.5 feet north and 272.31 feet North, 53 degrees, 3 minutes East from the South West corner of Section 15, T. 1 S., R. 1 West; thence south 53 degrees, 3 minutes, west 302.3 feet to center of County road; thence North 5 degrees, 30 minutes, West in center of County Road 718 feet to a point; thence North 53 degrees 3 minutes, East 302.3 feet to a point; thence South 71.3 feet to the place of beginning. It being the intention to convey the south half of Lot 61, Hocken acres, according to an unrecorded plat thereof; and that said deed be decreed to be a deed to, and to have con-

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veyed from said defendants the plaintiffs the land above described.

And for a further decree of the above entitled Court that plaintiffs E. E. Swenson and Hulda E. Swenson, his wife, are the absolute owners in fee simple of all of said real property above described, and the whole thereof, and that their title to the same be forever quieted against all of said defendants; that it be decreed that you and each of

you and all persons claiming by, through or under you, or either of you, have no right, title or interest of, in, or to said land or any part thereof, and that plaintiffs have such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication in The Beaverton Review, by order of Hon. George R. Bagley, Judge of the above entitled Court, which order was made and

dated Nov. 4, 1925, at Hillsboro, Oregon.

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