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He did not know the exact acreage, for no survey had ever been made.

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Here was an old mortgage the clerk found "unsatisfied" yet it surely had been paid.

The buyer wanted the farm if the title was good, but being from Missouri had to be shown.

So the deal fell through.

Moral: Get an abstract and be ready.

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The Man From Brodneyn's

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A handsome young soldier of fortune, a princess of enchanting beauty, two eccentric adventurers who leave wills disposing of the island of Japat and its ruby mines, two heirs who must marry within a year to inherit the property despite the fact that they are already married, a shrewd American lawyer, a scheming British solicitor, a pretty stenographer, a prince who is musical and profligate and a horde of fanatical Moslems who will inherit the riches of Japat provided the heirs do not marry each other—these are the leading characters in a romance which for genuine novelty, thrilling and unusual situations, live American humor and the pathos of a great but apparently hopeless love has rarely been equaled and never surpassed.

CHAPTER I

THE LATE MR. SKAGGS

THE death of Taswell Skaggs was stimulating, to say the least, inapplicable though the expression may seem. He attained the end of a hale old age by tumbling aimlessly into the mouth of a crater on the island of Japat, somewhere in the mysterious south seas. The world had quite thoroughly forgotten him during the twenty odd years immediately preceding his death. It was, however, noticeably worth while to remember him at this particular time. He left a last will and testament that bade fair to distress as well as startle a great many people on both sides of the Atlantic.

In Boston the law firm of Bowen & Hare was puzzling itself beyond reason in the effort to anticipate and circumvent the plans of the firm of Bosworth, Newnes & Grapewin, London, E. C., while on the other side of the Atlantic Messrs. Bosworth, Newnes & Grapewin were blindly struggling to do precisely the same thing in relation to Messrs. Bowen & Hare.

Without seeking to further involve myself I shall at once conduct the reader to the nearest of these law offices.

"Pretty badly tangled, I declare," said Mr. Hare, staring helplessly at his senior partner.

"Hopelessly," agreed Mr. Bowen, very much as if he had at first intended to groan.

Before them on the table lay the contents of a bulky envelope, a long and stupendous letter from their London correspondents and with it a copy of Taswell Skaggs' will. Mr. Bowen recently had been named as joint executor of the will, together with Sir John Aldersome of London, W. C., one time neighbor of the late Mr. Skaggs. A long and exasperating cablegram had touched somewhat irresolutely upon the terms of the will, besides notifying him that one of the heirs resided in Boston. He was instructed to apprise this young man of his good fortune.

There was one very important, perhaps imposing, feature in connection with the old gentleman's will—he was decidedly sound of mind and body when it was uttered.

When such astute lawyers as Bowen & Hare give up to amazement, the usual forerunner of consternation, it is high time to regard the case as startling.

"Read it again, Bowen."

"The will?"

"No; the letter."

Whereupon Mr. Bowen again read aloud the letter from Bosworth, Newnes & Grapewin, this time slowly and speculatively.

"They seem as much upset by the situation as we," he observed reflectively.

"Extraordinary state of affairs, I must say."

"And I don't know what to do about it. I don't even know how to begin. They're both married."

"And not to each other."

"She's the wife of a Lord knows what of a lord, and he's married to an uncommonly fine girl, they say, notwithstanding the fact that she has larger social aspirations than he has means."

"And if that all important clause in the will is not carried out to the letter the whole fortune goes to the bow-wow."

"Practically the same thing. He calls them 'bow-wows'; that's all. It looks to me as though the bow-wows will get the old man's millions. I

don't see how anything short of Providence can alter the situation."

"Thank heaven, Bowen, he names you as executor, not me."

"I shall decline to serve. It's an impossible situation. Here, in the first place, Skaggs was not an intimate friend of mine. I met him in Constantinople five years ago and afterward handed some business over to him in New York. He had no right to impose upon me as if—"

"But why should you hesitate? You have only to wait for the year to roll by and then turn your troubles over to the natives. Young Bowen can't marry Miss Ruthven inside of a year simply because there is no Miss Ruthven. She's Lady-Lady—what's the name?"

"Deppingham."

"And Bowen already has one Mrs. Bowen to his credit, don't you see. Well, that settles it, I'd say. It's hardly probable that Bowen will murder or divorce his wife, nor is it likely that her ladyship would have the courage to dispose of her inheritance in either way on such short notice."

"But it means millions to them, Hare."

"That's their unfortunate lookout. You are to act as an executor, not as a matrimonial agent."

"But, man, it's an outrage to give all of it to those wretched islanders. Bosworth says that rubies and sapphires grow there like mushrooms."

"Bosworth also says that the islanders are thrifty, intelligent and will fight for their rights. There are lawyers among them, he says, as well as jewel diggers and fishermen."

"Skaggs and Lady Deppingham's grandfather were the only white men who ever lived there long enough to find out what the island had stored up for civilization. That's why they bought it outright, but I'm hanged if I can see why he wants to give it back to the natives."

"Perhaps he owes it to them. He doubtless bought it for a song, and, contrary to all human belief, he may have resurrected a conscience. Anyhow, there remains a chance for the heirs to break the will."

"It can't be done, Hare; it can't be done. It's as clean an instrument as ever survived a man."

It is by this time safe for the reader to assume that Mr. Taswell Skaggs had been a rich man and therefore privileged to be eccentric. He came of a social old country family in upper England, but seems to have married a bit above his station. His wife was serving as governess in the home of a certain earl when Taswell won her heart and dragged her from the exalted position of minding other people's children into the less conspicuous one of caring for her own.

Their only son was killed by a runaway horse when he was twenty, and their daughter became the wife of an American named Browne when she was scarcely out of her teens. It was then that Mr. Skaggs, practically childless, determined to make himself wifeless as well.

He magnanimously deeded the unentailed farm to his wife, turned his securities into cash and then set forth upon a voyage of exploration. It is common history that upon one dark, still night in December he said goodby forever to the farm and its mistress, but it is doubtful if either of them heard him.

To be "jolly well even" with him Mrs. Skaggs did a most priggish thing. She died six months later, but before doing so she made a will in which she left the entire estate to her daughter, effectually depriving the absent husband of any chance to reclaim his own.

Taswell Skaggs was in Shanghai when he heard the news. It was on a Friday. His informant was that erstwhile friend Jack Wyckholme. Naturally Skaggs felt deeply aggrieved with the fate which permitted him to capitulate when unconditional surrender was so close at hand. His language for one brief quarter of an hour did more to upset the progress of Christian endeavor in the far east than all the idols in the Chinese empire.

"There's nawthin' in England for me, Jackie. My gal's a bloomin' foreigner by this time, and she'll sell the bleedin' farm, of course. She's an American. God bless 'er heart. I dare say if I'd go to 'er and say I'd like my farm back again she'd want to fork 'over, but 'er 'usband wouldn't be for that sort of extravagance. 'Ed boot me off the island."

"The United States isn't an island, Tazzy," explained Mr. Wyckholme, gulping his brandy and soda.

Mr. Wyckholme was the second son of Sir Somebody-or-other and had married the vicar's daughter. This put him into such bad odor with his family that he hurried off to the dogs—and a goodly sized menagerie besides if the

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INTRODUCTION

The Mail Order stores	Your Home store.
1st. Taxes.....000	Our donations, taxes, etc., would
2nd. Road donations.....000	not have to be very much to beat
3rd. For churches, schools, picnics	that sum, now would it?
and all other social purposes.....000	
Total.....000	Total.....Something

Further Analysis of Above

First.—How much does the Consumer's Friend Store give towards building and maintaining your roads, schools, churches, fairs, socials and all other necessary public improvements? Which, if maintained properly, will add to the value of your property in the country as well as in town; you and your children's happiness and to the general welfare of the entire community, which should be the ideal aim of all of us.

You and the Consumers Friend store answer to this question is: Nothing did we get. Yes and nothing did we give, and nothing will we give; the home merchant is good enough for that. Now isn't that nice?

Second.—When you have for sale a few eggs, beans, pop corn, onions, cabbage, chickens, etc., who buys this from you in trade or cash? The mail order house store? No, no, the home merchant is good enough for that. The mail order house is satisfied with cold cash in advance for what they sell you. Of course if you should send more money than your order amounts to, they will return it; oh how nice and accommodating of them!

When you want or need credit, what are their terms? CASH IN ADVANCE before you see the goods. How about it if your home merchant treated you that way? How long would you trade with him providing your credit standing was good? Not long, we assure you.

Now a few prices from one of our leading mail order grocery stores, to compare with our prices. These are correct we assure you. Remember you have freight to pay on all orders from them.

Compare these Terms

Mail Order store terms— Cash in Advance	Our terms cash or produce, and on time. How does that compare?
Granulated sugar, 15 lbs.....\$1.00	Our price 15 lbs.....\$1.00
" " " 100 ".....5.90	" " " ".....6.00
Corn meal, 9 lb. sack.....20	" " " ".....35
Violet Oats.....12½	" " " " 15c, or 2 for.....25
Violet Wheat.....10	" " " ".....10
Violet Wheat, bulk.....5	" " " ".....5
Violet Buckwheat.....15	" " " ".....15
Roller Oats, 9 lb. sack.....45	" " " ".....50
Olympic flour.....25	" " " ".....25
Olympic Wheat Hearts.....30	" " " ".....30
Corn Flakes.....10	" " " ".....10
Schilling Best soda.....8	" " " ".....8¼
Schilling baking powders, 5 lb.....1.90	" " " ".....1.75
Fine salt 37c, freight 13c.....50	" " " ".....50
Rock salt.....1¼	" " " ".....1¼
Cream of Tartar, 1 lb.....45	" " " ".....40
Fruit coloring, 2 oz.....17	" " " ".....15
Coffee extract.....5	" " " ".....5
Mustard dry, best.....65	" " " ".....50
Lemons, per dozen.....30	" " " ".....30
Pure honey, 1 quart.....50	" " " ".....45
Maple syrup, 1 quart.....50	" " " ".....50
Molasses, best.....1.10	" " " ".....60
" Black Strap.....48	" " " ".....45
Cream brick cheese.....26	" " " ".....25
2 lbs. Limburger.....50	" " " ".....50
Barataria Shrimp, 1 lb.....18	" " " ".....15
Kipper Herring, 1 lb.....33	" " " ".....25
Select oysters, 8 oz.....20	" " " ".....20
Diamond C soap.....6½	" " " ".....6¼
Rex lye, can.....10	" " " ".....8½
Japan tea, choicest.....55	" " " ".....50
" " choice.....35	" " " ".....25
Solid Pack tomatoes.....14	" " " ".....12½
Maine Sweet corn.....15	" " " ".....12½
Copenhagen snuff, 6 oz.....35	" " " ".....25
Mail order stores' total.....\$18.57¼	
Plus freight estimated.....50	
\$19.07	Our total.....\$17.53
	We save you.....\$1.04

Now friends how does this look to you? Of course they promise you a trade souvenir for your trade if you guess what it is. Chances are it is a good one, that you can buy for a lead three cent piece with a hole in it in any reliable store. How fortunate if you should win the souvenir.

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Barley.....6½	" ".....7½
Salsoda.....2	" ".....2¼

Now these are about all the choicest bargains we can see, and the other goods are listed for the same prices as ours and a good many are a good deal higher as you notice in our comparison list.

Enough said, hope you will catch on.

Yours to live and let live

J. F. Wesely

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Dated this 28th day of October, 1909.

Chas. Schaefer,
Administrator of estate
of Maria Schaefer

J. K. Weatherford,
Atty. for administrator.

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