Los Angeles Policeman Heir to $500,000 Estate

Los Angeles, Cal.—Receiving a message inquiring as to the whereabouts of Herbert R. Reynolds, described as beneficiary of a $500,000 estate in Philadelphia, police officials here discovered the man sought is a member of their force and called him off a beat he was traveling in Hollywood. Reynolds heard the news without enthusiasm and declined to tell reporters how it feels to be rich. He said the estate was that of his father-in-law, the late Mangus H. Brown.

She Has Had 19 Babies

Oconto, Wis.—The stork brought the nineteenth baby to the home of Peter Shallow, prosperous farmer of Little River, just north of this city. Of the nineteen children born to the Shallow family, thirteen are living. The family has had four sets of twins.

WITCH TEG'S SON

YACO, the son of old Witch Teg, who lived on the mountain side, wanted to be rich. He did not want to live in a cave with his Witch Mother, though she did everything within the power of her magic arm to make him happy.

It was not, however, in the power of Witch Teg to give gold to her son, or to any one else.

Stones she could change into animals or mountains into rocks and trees, and it was whispered she had changed more than one into the shape of a wild animal.

So when her son asked for gold that he might become rich and live in a palace Witch Teg knew she could not grant his wish.


"Soon I'll Be a Rich Man, Mother," He Said.

There was one thing she could do, and that was to help him get money, and this she did by changing the big rocks around her mountain cave into fat pigs which Yaco drove to the market and sold for gold.

Soon the gold began to pile up in the corner of the cave, for Yaco's pigs were the finest in the market and brought the highest prices.

"Soon I will be a rich man, mother," said Yaco one day, "and I shall live in a palace, and when you see me riding in my coach with four prancing horses you will be proud of your son."

Witch Teg listened with downcast eyes, for she began to understand that this selfish son had no thought of her, but would leave her as soon as he was rich enough to satisfy his greed.

If Yaco had seen his mother's eyes his answer to her question would perhaps have been more guarded, but he didn't, and so when Witch Teg asked, "And how shall I be able to see so fine a person as you will be when you drive out in such style? You cannot drive up the side of the mountain."

"Oh, you can sit at the foot of the mountain some day and I will drive past," replied the ungrateful Yaco. "You will not expect me to notice you, of course, for I could not have a witch for my mother, you know, and live in a palace."

"No, no," answered the witch, "that would never do." But she did not intend that her selfish son should leave her to live in a cave while he rode about in a beautiful coach ashamed to own her for his mother.

One morning when Yaco started for market the pigs he drove before him were the plumpest and finest he had ever driven down the mountain and Yaco thought of the gold he would bring back to add to his store.

Yaco did not know that his mother, before the sun was up and while the mountain was yet misty in the early morning, had gone part way down the mountain and, stretching out her bony arms and hands, had caused water to run over the rocks and form a brook.

If he had he would not have guessed the reason, but his witch mother was making sure her son could not leave her. She knew that all charms are broken when the one upon whom the spell is cast steps into running water.

Yaco she had formed from an ugly black rock that stood by her doorway, and now she would let him take his form again.

Slowly down the mountainside Witch Teg watched her son driving his pigs. For a minute Yaco stopped when he saw the water. Then, seeing it was not deep, he drove the pigs in. Before his astonished eyes they resumed their former shape—a heap of stones.

Yaco stepped in to touch the stones and instantly he became one of them, only big, black and ugly—just the shape he had been when Witch Teg changed him into the son of a witch.

The village folks at the foot of the mountain point out the black rock and call it the Witch's Son because it is shaped like the head of a man, but they do not know that once it was Yaco, the son of Witch Teg, who was ashamed of his witch mother.

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By HELEN ROWLAND

THE same woman may be a goddess to a boy, a temptation to a married man and a menace to a bachelor.

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No man is ripe for matrimony until his heart has been broken at least once; and the first girl who threw him over is an angel in disguise.

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Every man believes that woman's "sphere" is marriage; but that a girl should never, never think about it, except in the beautiful abstract, until some man mentions it to her.

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True love says, "Love me—or I suffer!" Infatuation says, "Love me—or I'll make YOU suffer!"

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Forty-five is the magic age at which a man has just begun to LIVE—when he still retains all his teeth, some of his hair, the outlines of his youthful figure, and most of his really worthwhile illusions, but has shed most of his egoism, his cynicism, his foolish dreams, and all his impossible expectations of life.

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Youth's idea of "success" consists in covering the course (of life) with the fewest possible strokes (of effort).

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In China, a wife can be divorced in half a minute—for talking too much. Oh, Reno, where is thy sting!

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Somehow, a girl in breeches only seems to look more girly!

"What's in a Name?"

By MILDRED MARSHALL

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day, lucky jewel

ELLA

ELLA is an elfin name. Its scource lies in Fairyland, where the elves, or white spirits, were supposed to be gifted shadowy beings given to influencing strangely the lives of mortals. Ella means "elf's friend."

The elf king was called Elberich. His fairy kindred and their popularity in England and Ireland established the use of elf names early in history. Everyone remembers Aelfgifu, the unfortunate Elgiva, whose beauty was like the fairy gift which her name signifies, and brought ruin upon herself and her husband.

Aelfwine (elf darling), daughter of the earl of Southampton, was Knut's first wife. A bishop of Lichfield was called Aelfwine, but he preferred to be addressed as Aelia. This is the first appearance of Ella, and it seems curious that it should have been of a masculine name.

Aelia, as it was then spelled, named the sponsor for the execution of Ragnar Lodbrog, and it was Aelle of Deira whose name caused Gregory the Great to say that "Alleluja" should be sung in those regions.

Ella is much used in this country, but her significance is so little known, that her popularity must be attributed to harmony of sound.

The opal is Ella's talismanic gem, but the fairy, which popular superstition declares is imprisoned within the stone, must be a good fairy, for Ella is promised many friends, success and much happiness. Friday is her lucky day and 2 her lucky number.

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

CITY FLOWERS

THERE may be flowers in the fields,
But sometimes on the city street
Amid the surge of weedy yields
A rare bloom I chance to meet—

Some flower of childhood on the way
Of pain, with eyes like violets,
Whose laughter eases the dark day
Of all its trials and regrets;

Some flower of womanhood that goes
Down to the arid depths of care,
And like some lovely human rose
With beauty veils the sorrow there.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Marshfield.—Work on the Coos bay jetties will start soon after July 1, when the big rock quarries on North Coos river will be delivering the first rock.

Mill City.—The daily vacation Bible school of the Presbyterian church now has an enrollment of 125 pupils, and all are taking an active interest in the work.

Salem.—There was a small gain in all lines of insurance written in the state during the year, according to the sixteenth annual report of Will Moore, insurance commissioner.

Salem.—The state of Oregon suffered a fire loss in 1923 of approximately $10,000,000, according to the annual report of Will Moore, state fire marshal. This sum makes a per capita loss of $11.25.

Madras.—Rain which fell here has increased the farmers' prospects for a fair crop materially. Although more rain is needed to make an average yield, farmers have more hope than they had the past month.

Newberg.—The safe of the post office and store at Springbrook, two miles from Newberg, was rifled at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon of currency, believed to have aggregated $500.

Marshfield. — The Winchester Bay Lumber company is making extensive improvements in its mill with the object of enlarging its output. Log and deck machinery are the principal installations, and a Johnson shaper attachment is being put in to save lumber.

Clatskanie.—Preliminary plans were made at a meeting in Birkenfeld last week toward organization of a pioneers' society of the Nehalem valley. Only those who took up government homesteads in the Nehalem prior to 1890 will be eligible, according to present plans.

The Dalles.—Wasco county saved itself $40,000 on one bit of highway work alone, when it rejected a contractor's bid for construction of the Wrentham Market road and decided to do the work itself, a check of County Roadmaster Marx's figures showed Saturday.

Sheridan.—Bids for the local Southern Pacific station agent will close on June 26. On that date the oldest person in the service of the company bidding for the post will receive the assignment. The vacancy was created by the transfer of R. K. Montgomery to Independence.

Eugene.—Donley Turvey of Medford was killed Sunday afternoon when a motorcycle and sidecar in which he was riding ran off the grade near Mapleton, west of Eugene, according to reports received here. E. T. Stanwood, who was riding with Turvey, suffered minor injuries.

Eugene.—Frank E. Taylor of Thurston will be Lane county's next sheriff, succeeding Fred G. Stickels, whose resignation takes effect July 1. Members of the county court stated that they had agreed upon the appointment of Taylor, but that the official order had not yet been made.

Eugene. — Lane county's bumper crop of cherries is finding a market in many parts of the Pacific coast section. Several local buyers are shipping to Los Angeles and other parts of California, while one is shipping large quantities to the canneries at Salem and to other points on the coast.

Clatskanie. — Donaldson Bros. of Shelton, Wash., have purchased the Clatskanie Electric company plant and equipment and will take possession immediately. The Clatskanie Electric company was a subsidiary of the North Pacific Public Service company of Tacoma. Donaldson Bros. are former owners of the Shelton plant.

Eugene.—Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Woods of this city Sunday celebrated their 63d wedding anniversary at their home at College Crest. The day was not marked by any special entertainment, but was quietly observed by the aged couple, who had invited a few friends to their home. Dr. and Mrs. Woods were married at Mecklin, Mo., June 22, 1861. Dr. Woods is 85 and Mrs. Woods 82. They are the parents of Major LeRoy Woods and L. L. Woods, both of this city.

Marshfield.—Governor Pierce, according to Jack Kronenberg of Bandon, will see that the Coquille-Bandon highway does not lack for funds to complete it, although Coos county has failed in voting match money to equal the state's expenditures this summer. Bandon has been isolated while other portions of the county have been well served through various bond issues. It was expected the failure to vote bonds to match the state funds might embarrass the work.

Superstition and the Owl.

The owl, with its curdling cry, has always been regarded with superstition as a forerunner of calamity. The Indians shrink from the cry of the horned owl. Shakespeare refers to it as the bird of evil omen.

Dowries for Titled Foreigners.

It is said that the daughters of 500 of America's richest men have married titled foreigners and that their aggregate dowry falls little short of three-quarters of a billion dollars.—Indianapolis News.

Chinese Scale.

Chinese scales in music were called pentatonic or five-toned scales. Each tone was name thus: Emperor, Prime Minister, Subject People, State Affairs and Picture of the Universe.

He Probably Used a Flivver.

The first man has been discovered again, this time down in Patagonia. We wonder whether he rode there from Java in an airplane or on a raft?—Detroit Free Press.

Philadelphia Made Pattern.

Philadelphia was the first of modern municipalities whose plan was prepared for a particular site, and the rectangular plan there adopted has guided city planning in America ever since.