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Asks 15 Years' Wages From Stepfather's Estate
Columbus, Ohio. — Milking cows, cleaning the barn and tilling the field for 15 years without compensation. That is what Margaret Hallen charges in a petition filed in common pleas court, asking that she be made a beneficiary in the estate of her stepfather, William Welsh.

Miss Hallen says when she was twelve years old her mother married Welsh. He promised, she alleged,

to give her a third interest in his estate if she would do chores on the farm. At his death, she says, her mother, as executrix, sought to carry out the agreement, but Welsh's son, Henry S., protested. The estate is valued at \$9,540.

In 1922 forest fires destroyed the equivalent of a ten-mile strip extending from New York city to Denver.

LOVED IN SPITE OF CATS
By CLARISSA MACKIE
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If the blue cat had not broken down at Meadows Point, this story would never have been written, and if a yellow cat had not crossed the road under the very nose of the blue cat, it would not have broken down at that moment. John Dormer tried to avoid hitting the flying feline, and only succeeded in ditching his car. Happily he was alone, but it was a shallow ditch, and it was muddy. There were blue flags growing there, and cattails. He hated cats, always had disliked them. Dogs he adored and owned several.

"Now, for the love of cats, somebody's got to help me. I'll go to the little house that belongs to the yellow cat," and he strode across the road and let himself into a beautifully kept front yard and proceeded around the path to a neat back porch where he rapped smartly on the door.

At once the door opened and a voice exclaimed, "Oh, do come in, and close the door. There, some of them will get out again!"

John Dormer, hater of cats, found himself the center of a feline mob. Cats everywhere—in chairs, on the hearth, sitting gravely on tables. One upon the clockshelf looked like a sphinx, but mostly they were under foot weaving around the floor!

In the midst of it all was this wonderfully pretty girl, in white linen sports clothes, her gray eyes shining, her cheeks pink with suppressed excitement, and fair hair becomingly ruffled.

"Oh, do you mind going for the doctor?" she appealed before he had an opportunity to state his own troubles.

"Certainly. Where is he?"

"There is only one around here. Just take my car—it's in the yard—go right down the street until you come to the millpond. It is the first house on the right—you'll see the sign. Tell him Mrs. Minch has had a bad fall."

"Fall downstairs?" he asked politely.

"Tripped over one of the cats. They will get under one's feet," she apologized.

"It'll be right back," promised John, and he kept his word, for the little car he found outside in the yard was of an expensive make, and it flew like the wind. When the doctor was closeted with the patient and the beautiful girl, John Dormer decided that if he was to get home that night, he must have help in pulling the car out of the ditch. So detaching himself from a dozen or so cats, he simply left the little house and went out in search of help. Half an hour later, the blue car, much the worse for a mud bath, was tearing its way home along the shore road. John Dormer, always a careful driver, had forgotten all about the speed laws for he was thinking about a pair of gray eyes and a charming face that he could not forget.

"Remember, old man," he told himself, "that that girl may be all right in every way, and I do admit that she is your ideal of what a perfectly adorable wife would be, even to her choice of cars; but man alive, why pick out a wife who would not be satisfied with one cat but must have twenty? Forget it!"

It is easier to say that than it is to put behind one a memory that clings. John Dormer, a most unimpressible young man, had never had a love affair, and his memory of the girl of the cats lingered tenderly. More than once he tried to banish it but the memory refused to go. It looked at him with appealing gray eyes, until he decided to give the blue car another tryout along the road to Meadows Point.

The little house was still there. Cats occupied the front porch, they sat on the window sills, they were draped on the fences basking in the sun. A little old lady sat on the front porch, and on the steps sat the adorable cat-girl with her lap full of black kittens. John decided that the cats belonged to her; the old lady actually poked some of them away with her cane.

That ended John Dormer's romance. So he told himself bitterly as he turned the car about and went back to town. No matter how fascinating a girl might be one surely couldn't marry twenty cats!

"I'll forget her in a week," decided John, firmly. At the end of the week he was introduced to her at a country club dance, and he had his fighting to do all over again. Phyllis Dare seemed to like him, sometimes she looked at him in a puzzled way as if trying to recollect where she had seen him.

"If I don't stand out from a bunch of mere cats, I don't care whether she remembers me or not," growled John jealously, but he danced with her every chance he could get. Once he asked her if she liked cats, and she looked up quickly, almost suspiciously, he thought.

"What a funny question to ask me," she said in reply.

"Is it amusing. Don't you like them?" he insisted.

"Not particularly," she replied in

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents in the week ending July 17, according to the state industrial accident commission.

Rockaway.—The Saitair hotel, formerly owned by Peter Seamore, has been sold to J. Naldrett of Beaverton, Or., who will remodel and modernize it under the name "The Driftwood Inn."

Newberg.—Martin Garland, 27, of Rex, Or., was drowned in the Willamette river about 2 1/2 miles north of Newberg Friday night in an attempt to rescue Mrs. Joseph Trande, who went beyond her depth while in swimming.

Salem.—A permit to operate in Oregon was issued by the state corporation commissioner here Saturday to the Pacific Flour Export company, a Delaware corporation. The capital stock is \$100,000. F. L. Shull of Portland is attorney in fact for Oregon.

Salem.—The California embargo on Oregon cherries, with the exception of those produced in The Dalles and Milton-Freewater districts, will have little effect upon shipments from this state, according to statements made by officials of local fruit packing concerns Saturday.

Garibaldi.—On account of continued dry weather Harry E. Morgan, general manager of the Whitney company, has closed the two logging camps of the company east of Idaville. The camps will remain closed until sufficient rain has fallen to remove fire danger.

Salem.—A. W. Norblad, Astoria attorney and ex-member of the state senate, Saturday was appointed by Governor Pierce as special prosecutor for Clatsop county. He will have charge of all prohibition and narcotic drug cases. J. O. Erickson is the district attorney there.

Corvallis.—Students earned \$41,360 last year by means of work obtained through the employment and housing bureau in the "Y" hut, under Mrs. Lula Howard, the annual report shows. Students listed for work numbered 625, while requests for workers by employers totaled 2456.

Freewater.—Harvesting operations in this vicinity were halted Sunday on account of the heavy rain Friday night and Saturday. It is estimated that approximately 40 per cent of the wheat harvest is finished and remarkably good yields are being reported, considering the dry season.

Salem.—Investigation of stocks and bonds sales in the state of Oregon with a view of determining whether the transactions are legitimate or are conducted for personal gain and without regard for the rights of unsuspecting purchasers, was ordered by Governor Pierce here Saturday.

Eugene.—The historic Scott trail over which hundreds of early pioneers of Lane county and other counties of western Oregon crossed the summit of the Cascade mountains on the last log of their wearisome journey across the plains, is now being reopened by a force of forest trail builders.

Bend.—Production of nearly full capacity will be resumed at the Shevlin-Hixon company's sawmills here a week from Monday, it was announced here by General Manager J. P. Hennessy. The increase in production is being made with the view of filling the yards during good weather, it is explained.

Harrisburg.—Hop picking in the yards about Harrisburg is slated to begin about August 1, about three weeks earlier than usual. One or two growers report that there are several patches of hops in their yards that are ready to be picked now. The price to the pound for picking has not been announced.

Salem.—Governor Pierce announced Saturday that he would make the trip to Clear Lake, Lane county, July 31, for the purpose of investigating the feasibility of obtaining water from that lake for municipal supply. Sam A. Kozar, secretary of state, and Jefferson Myers, state treasurer, also will be members of the party.

Eugene.—Holstein breeders of Lane and Linn counties held their annual picnic at the Wildrose dairy farm near Coburg Friday. W. E. Meyer, northwest field representative of the breeders of Holsteins, said it was the best of a series of meetings held by breeders of these cattle in the Pacific northwest this year.

Prineville.—Crook county farmers who have been conducting experiments in sugar beet culture have met with remarkable success, so far, according to Carl E. Kirker, field representative of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, who was here Saturday to investigate the damage done to fields here by the lease hopper, which made an attack during a few days of hot weather recently.

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He Was Wise.
"Well, shall we take the jury as it stands?" said the lawyer, speaking from experience. "Better fire the married women, counselor," advised the accused. "They always convict on the slightest circumstantial evidence."

The Origin of Buggy.
The name buggy, applied to a small vehicle without a top, drawn by one horse, is of Hindu origin. The Hindu name is "baghi." After British occupation the officers altered the pronunciation to "buggy" for light traps.

"Golden Fleece."
In the mountains of the Caucasus are several torrents which wash down tiny particles of gold. The people place fleeces of wool in the waters to intercept and retain the gold. Thus the "Golden Fleece."

How to Preserve Ironware.
New ironware should be boiled before used for cooking. Add some potato parings to the water and the process of getting the new ware into proper condition will be hastened.

No Double in Friendship.
We can never replace a friend. When a man is fortunate enough to have several, he finds they are all different. No one has a double in friendship.—Schiller.

Japanese Jiu-jitsu Experts.
Some of the Jiu-jitsu experts of Japan know every artery, bone and nerve in the human body, and how to make them inoperative.

Dancing Taught Early by Spartans.
The Spartans had a special law which compelled them to train their children in dancing from the early age of five years.

For Community Interest.
It is hard for a man to take money from his friends for any service. This suggests how all men should be related.—Thoreau.

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