In Hearts of Papier Mache

By TROY ALLISON

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The papier mache dog on top of the rosewood writing desk glared at the rabbit compounded of the same fiber and tried to growl.

"It's contrary to the laws of nature for you to perk yourself right under my nose that way," he complained.

The rabbit made an effort to flick one ear and disdained to answer.

"In real life you would take precious good care to keep out of my reach," the canine growl continued.

"Oh, I really don't know," the rabbit giggled; "you would be nothing more than a floppy, overgrown puppy. I don't know that it would take any great amount of ambling to keep out of your way." She held her one fore paw with the limp grace which she had often admired in her distant cousin, the kangaroo.

"I see you are a cripple also," she smirked, with a polite interest. "You have lost a portion of your hind leg. Our present propinquity is probably due to our discrepancies."

"I don't know how you make that out," he snorted, with masculine obtuseness.

"That's easy enough," she sniffed. "My right side is really the handsom-

HE INSISTED UPON HER HEARING HIS EXPLANATION.

est, but after the parlor maid broke off one of my fore paws she got to putting that side next to the wall. I observe that you are wounded on the left side, and that it is your left side that is turned toward the wall." She peered round him with her glass bead eye.

"There may be something in your theory," he admitted. "When we were sound in body we had our best sides to the world and our backs to each other. I never knew you existed even."

"What a benighted state of ignorance for your mind to be in! Do you belong to her?"

"Most assuredly I do," in his most pompous manner. "She has had me for months. She told him she never would part with me. I will never forget how pleased she was the night she drew me from the grab bag at the fair. It was the day after they became engaged. I really believed they were the happiest people I ever saw."

"Tell me all about it," she coaxed. "I delight in romances."

"Are you hers, too?" he questioned suspiciously.

"Oh, that's all right! It's perfectly proper to tell me," she assured him. "I belong to her also, so you see it would all be in the family. If you hadn't been sitting with your back toward me until you lamed your leg you would have known that she had only been engaged four months when she got me."

"You don't say! And I never knew it!" he exclaimed in surprise.

"She won me at a euchre party, the rabbit continued, taking a nibble at the highly painted papier mache carrot that the manufacturer had thoughtfully placed in her mouth. "I was the booby prize, you know."

"Yes, I'm sure I should have guessed it," permitting his masculine jealousy to render him ungracious.

"You needn't be so snappy," said the rabbit, taking another bite of carrot, and wondering if it would have tasted better painted with yellow ocher instead of Naples yellow.

"I'm surprised that she didn't win the first prize," he muttered in an abstracted way that she probably mistook for a query, for she answered readily.

"She might have if she hadn't been so much in love. Every time she happened to be at a table playing against him she would simply throw away tricks. I was sitting on the parlor mantel, and I distinctly saw the rest of the people wink at each other."

"Well, I suppose people will be foolish at times." He gave a condoning sigh.

"I had a lovely poem attached to me me when I was presented to her." The rabbit showed some symptoms of pride in the reminiscence. "My mind was never very retentive, but to the best of my memory it ran something like this:

"Be quick like the rabbit,
If you see a trick, grab it."

"How atrocious!" he sneered in disgust. "I'm glad I never tried to write poetry, but I'm sure I could have beaten that."

"Oh, I dare say yours would all be mere doggerel," she giggled.

He tried to swell with indignation and grieved that he was not made of rubber or of some substance that would lend itself to his mood.

"I suppose you don't know how their affair ended."

"Do tell me," she entreated. "The parlor maid arranged my head in such a position that I was never able to see anything except the ceiling."

"That's a trial," he conceded. "My head turns, too, but I was placed where I could see everything going on. I think she really places me here to guard the contents of her desk. My eyes are turned at the exact angle necessary to read every letter she writes or every one that she takes out to answer."

"Do go on and tell me what was the cause of trouble with the sweet dears," said the rabbit impatiently.

He chewed his real feather muzzle reflectively. "It was as sudden as a whirlwind," he finally narrated. "He wrote her a note telling her he couldn't keep an engagement to take her to the theater one night. She happened to be on the car the same night and saw him a few seats ahead of her with another girl. Gee! I never read such a scorching letter as the one she wrote him that night. She sat up till 1 o'clock to finish it. I just knew it was going to make trouble. I spent the whole night wishing I could get to it and chew it up, for it was a positive certainty that it would cause trouble."

"And well it might! Men were always perfidious creatures!" hissed the rabbit, winking an angry tear from one glass eye and a sympathetic shower from the other.

"Now, you hold on," the dog advised loftily. "Females always would jump at conclusions. Wait till you hear it all. I never saw any one so unhappy as she was. She positively wore the polish off this desk weeping on it."

"To think that her happiness should have been destroyed at one blow by such villainy." And the small rabbit mouth quivered so she could scarcely hold the carrot.

"Now, there you go again," he growled. "Just wait till I finish this story. After he had stayed away for weeks he came walking in one day and said in a very dignified manner that he insisted upon her hearing his explanation, because he didn't care for any one to consider him a dishonorable cad."

The rabbit's eyes bulged with excited interest, and she intimated with a breathless manner that she wished him to continue.

The dog enjoyed his auditor's suspense. "There was the simplest kind of solution to the affair. A cousin of his had passed through the city unexpectedly, and he had been obliged to take her across on the ferry to make connection with her train. I had confidence in him all along, and you ought to have seen her smile of rapture when she heard his explanation. She was standing right beside this desk, and in her nervousness her fingers fell upon me with a tight clutch. He saw how she felt, and he did just what any man would have done. He walked right over and took her in his arms. She forgot to put me down, so I got crushed against his breast. That's the way I lost my leg, but 'twas well worth it," he sighed. "That has been months ago."

"The poor, sweet dears!" the rabbit breathed sentimentally. "I'm so glad they lived happily ever afterward," and screwed her head over on his shoulder in satisfied comfort.

When the maid dusted the desk next morning she grinned with appreciation.

"They are the most unnatural creatures," she said, twisting their heads until they gazed into each other's eyes as if there had never in the world been a feud between dog and rabbit. Then she took them and started out of the room.

"She said her baby moight loike to play with them."

A Bit of Chalk.

Did you ever microscopically examine a tiny bit of powder scraped from a piece of common chalk? Not one person in ten thousand has the least idea of the number and curious forms of the minute shells that can thus be brought into plain view. The largest of these shells is not more than the one three-thousandths of an inch in length, yet they are as perfect as the pearly titans of the beach that are large enough to hold a half gallon of water and that when empty roar like a cyclone. Some are shaped like squids and cuttlefishes, others like "sand dollars" or sea urchins, but by far the larger majority will remind you of seashells that you have seen at one time or another. One very common form of these infinitesimal structures is shaped exactly like the common conch shell, but it has been estimated that at the least calculation it is 2,000,000 times smaller.

A careful examination of different samples of any one specimen of chalk will generally show that there are from 300 to 500 species of minute shells in every conceivable shape and form, the very minutest specks among them being as curiously and wondrously made as those of larger caliber.

A Warning.

"Be mine!" he cried in a voice surcharged with anguish. "If you refuse, I shall die!"

That was forty years ago, and the heartless girl refused him. Yesterday he died. Girls, beware!

The most beautiful geraniums that we saw in bloom the past winter were some that were kept all the time in a north bay window where the sun never reached them. All the bulbous plants—hyacinths, narcissuses, jonquils, lilies, as well as violets, chrysanthemums, ferns and palms—will do better at the north window than at the south one in the sun.

There has been a warm controversy on in Michigan over the robin, the fruit growers voting the bird a pest and nuisance, while all the rest of the people are friends of the bird. While we find the robin quite a thief, so far as fruit is concerned, we still believe he does more good than harm, and even if he does not we are willing to pay something for his cheery presence and song.

Agreed.

"I'd hate to feel," she said, "that I was the wife of a man who had bought me simply for my beauty."

"Yes," her friend replied. "I don't blame you. Being married to a blind man would be awfully disagreeable, I should think."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Mystery of the Popular Novel.

"We are apt to think," says the New York Evening Post, "that the selling of poor novels by the hundred thousand is a modern phenomenon in the book trade; but, in fact, it is not entirely new. In one of the group of Hawthorne's letters he says: 'What is the mystery of these innumerable editions of "The Lamplighter" and other books neither better nor worse?—worse they could not be, and better they need not be when they sell by the hundred thousand.' The question is a little pathetic when we remember that Hawthorne a little before this time had spoken of himself as the least read author in America. It shows, too, that the mystery of the popular novel was as great then as it is today. One could understand why a thrilling tale of cheaply concocted adventure might captivate the multitude, but the curious point is that some of the high sellers are simply dull and respectable. These things, too, lie on the knees of the gods."

A Stitch in the Side.

A "stitch in the side" is the popular and expressive term for a sharp stab felt in the side, an acute spasm, producing pain, like the thrust of a needle, which is felt especially in the intercostal muscles. Probably its simplest form is due to muscular cramp connected with respiration and frequently brought on by violent exercise after a full meal, in which there is a greater accumulation of carbonic acid than can be readily assimilated or carried off. Such slight stitch is often removed by stooping; hence the old time popular remedy was to make the sign of the cross upon the foot.

Such a stitch is also associated with pleurisy, and then it is caused by a stretching of the not uncommon adhesions between two pleuritic surfaces. At other times the source is neuralgia. In any case to persist in muscular exertion when the stitch is severe is to take a great risk.

Credit With Pawnbrokers.

That men can and do establish a line of credit with pawnbrokers is a proposition beyond belief to the man who has been offered only $20 on a watch that cost $75. The fact remains, however, that all pawnbrokers have favored patrons on their books who can always get the amount of money they want upon almost any old thing that takes the shape of jewelry or other "hockable" personal property. A local sport tried to raise $50 on his split second stop watch the other day and was offered $30 less than the value of the case melted. A friend who has an established credit took the same watch to the same pawnbroker and got $75 on it without a question being asked. It was the man, not the watch, that made the loan possible.—Philadelphia Record.

Setting Her Right.

Noah Webster, the learned compiler of the well known dictionary, was an unconventional man who loved his unconventional friends, but his wife was a stickler for propriety. Once, says the Idler, the good lady left home on what was supposed to be a prolonged visit, but some interference caused her to return unexpectedly, and she found her husband in his shirt sleeves, holding carnival over strong waters in company with a number of friends also in shirt sleeves. The shocked lady gazed at this disreputable gathering for a moment in silence. Then she said, "Well, I am surprised!" "No, my dear," said the lexicographer mildly, "I am surprised. You are astonished."

Bait.

Isaak Walton is the patron saint of all good fishermen. Here is his advice as to bait: "Let your bait be as big a red worm as you can find, without a knot. Get a pint or a quart of them in an evening in garden walks or chalky commons after a shower of rain, and put them with clean moss well washed and picked and the water squeezed out of the moss as dry as you can into an earthen pot or pipkin set dry, and change the moss fresh every three or four days for three weeks or a month together. Then your bait will be at the best, for it will be clear and lively."

Strange Provision of Guardianship.

The following is a literal transcript of the second clause of a will filed and probated in a Wisconsin county a few years since: "I hereby compit the guardianship of all my children until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty-one years unto my said wife during her life and from and after her decease unto my much esteemed friend, ——, his executors and assigns."—Green Bag.

Ginger.

If every man would put as much ginger into his work as a pig puts into motion when it scratches its back against a board fence, there would be fewer failures in this world.—Utica Herald.

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NELS NELSON

of Blackduck, county of Beltrami, state of Minnesota, has on October 8 1903, filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2153, for the purchase of the E½ NW¼ and E½ SW¼ of Section 9, in Township No. 2 North, Range No. 9 E., W.M.; and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at The Dalles; Oregon, on the 17th day of March, 1905.

He names as witnesses: August Wolden, of Bemidji, Minnesota; Ernar Willa, of Portland Oregon; Louis Nelson, of Deschutes, Oregon; S. W. Curran, of Vlento, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 17th day of March, 1905.

d22f5 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

[Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878]
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, Nov. 21, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

FRED URBAN,

of Waynoka, county of Woods, Territory of Oklahoma, has on April 12, 1904, filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2265, for the purchase of the S½ SW¼ and lot 4 of Section No. 7, in Township No. 1 North, Range No. 11 E., W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Geo. T. Prather, U. S. Commissioner, at his office in Hood River, Oregon, on the 3d day of March, 1905.

He names as witnesses: Arthur R. French, Archie C. French, Albert M. Caldwell and Bert L. Woodey, all of Waynoka, Oklahoma; Edmund C. Miller, Gifford D. Woodworth and Ralph French, all of Hood River, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 3d day of March, 1905.

d22f25 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

[Timber Land Act June 15, 1878]
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, Nov. 1, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

CHARLES A. HOY

of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2430, for the purchase of the lots 3 & 4, section 18 and lot 10 of section No. 7, in township No. 1 north, range No. 9 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Geo. T. Prather, U. S. commissioner at his office in Hood River, Oregon, on the 3d day of February 1905.

He names as witnesses: Lewis E. Morse, Charles Castner, Isaac C. Nealeigh, William F. Rand, all of Hood River, oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 3d day of February, 1905.

n24f26 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

[Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.]
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, October 27, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892,

CARRIE J. CLARK

of Hood River, county of Wasco, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 2232 for the purchase of the lots 3 and 4 and SE¼ NW¼ and NE¼ SW¼ section No. 6, in township No. 2 north, range No. 10 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before George T. Prather U. S. Commissioner at his office at Hood River, Oregon, on the 3d day of February, 1905.

She names as witnesses: Indson H. Ferguson, James Ingalls, Lewis W. Clark, Charles L. Rogers, all of Hood River, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are advised to file their claims in this office on or before the said 3d day of February, 1905.

n24f26 MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

[Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878]
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, Nov 11, 1904.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

JAIRUS W. CRANE

of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2441, for the purchase of the lots 3 and 4 and N½SW¼ of section No. 33, in township 2 north, range 9 E. W. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before George T. Prather, United States Commissioner at his office at Hood River, Oregon, on the 3d day of February 1905.

He names as witnesses: Glen Fabrick, Isaac C. Nealeigh, Lewis E. Morse and William F. Rand all of Hood River, Oregon.

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