THE BOTTLE MESSAGE.

A Story Illustrative of the Value of an Advertisement.

By HAROLD OTIS. [Copyright, 1910, by American Press Asso-clation.]

Cruising in my pleasure boat off the coast of New Jersey, I was one day drifting with scarcely enough breeze to fill my sails when off the port bow I saw a bottle bobbing up and down in the water. When I came near it I noticed that the opening was covered with some substance of a bright red Steering the boat so that I

and brought it aboard. So many bottles containing messages are thrown overboard by persons at sea who have nothing better to do that I would not have taken much interest in this one had it not been carefully sealed with red wax. Under the wax a cork had been driven into the neck. I snushed the glass and took out a paper. Unfolding it, I found a



WE FOUND A LACQUERED GLOVE BOX.

check for \$1,000 signed by Myron B. Carr, payable to bearer. The following words were on the paper:

Find Hector Carr Garrett. Tell him to look under floor S. E. corner of the sum-mer house of Carr place, at Guifford, Pa., and he will find important papers. Check inclosed to cover expenses.

There was more than this on the paper, including the date and the name of a ship that was not expected to survive a storm. The date indicated that the bottle had been floating twenty months.

I am rich and lazy, with no object in life. Here was a problem for me to work out, and I hailed it with pleasure. As soon as I returned from my summer outing I deposited the check in my bank and was afterward notified that it had been paid. I took it for granted that Myron Carr did not know where one could find Hector Carrett, and this accounted for the liberal allowance made for the search. I thought out a system of advertising that would cover the whole United States and employed an agent in each and every state to make a special hunt within the state's limits.

I went myself to Guilford, Pa. The only information I gained there was that Myron B. Carr, a wealthy man, had been at sea nearly two years before and the vessel in which he had sailed had never been heard from. He left no wife. He had had but one child, a daughter, who had died. She had been traveling with her father at the time of her death. No will bequeathing Myron Carr's property had been found. Some indirect beirs had put in claims, but the estate was still in the possession of the inheritance court.

It occurred to me to take up the floor in the summer house and get the papers referred to, but if Myron Carr had intended such a course be would have written it on his message. I resolved rather to use every effort to find Hector Garrett that be might make the search himself. Meanwhile I felt bound to keep the secret.

I spent the thousand dollars found in the bottle and a thousand more without avail. Meanwhile I became so interested in the case that whenever at directories and found many Garretts. but never the one I was looking for.

Finally my agent in Maryland wrote me that a plumber named Hardy, having seen my advertisement, had come to him with a story that a few years before he and his wife, being childless, had adopted a boy baby from a foundlings' home. To the clothing of this child had been pinned a bit of paper on which was written in a wo-man's hand "Hector Carr Garrett," with the date of his birth. The child was now in his fourth year.

It is singular bow happy one may be made by a result that can be of came upon that which gave me an obno personal benefit to him. I was delighted with my find just as a scientist is delighted with a discovery on which he has long been working. I at once took a train for the town in Maryland where the plumber lived and was taken to his house. There I saw a bright

ents than the plumber and his wife.

They had kept the child's baby clothes, with the paper pinned to them. The clothes I did not consider likely to be of much value, but the paper, if was in the mother's handwriting. which was probable, might be of great Importance. I showed Hardy the pa per I had found in the bottle. He suggested that I go to Guilford and make the search, but I insisted on his going with me, offering to pay his expenses He accepted my proposition, and we set off together, leaving the child with

his foster mother. we arrived at Guilford in the after noon and, taking a cab, told the driver to take us to the Carr place. It was well known in the town, and we had no difficulty in finding it. It was—or, rather, had been—a fine house, surrounded by farge grounds. But it had not been occupied for some years and was in a dilapidated condition. The house was shut up, and there was no caretaker. We left the cab at the gate and walked to the summer house. It was, rather, an inclosed cottage. Having examined the floor and determined we pried up several boards in the corner designated. We found a larquered glove box, in which were several papers. One was addressed to "My Darling Son" and skened "Your unbappy mother, Julia Carr Garrett." The substance of the paper was this: Myron Blake Carr at the time of the opening of the narrative was a widower with an only child, Julia. When she was seventeen years old she attended a finishing school, near which was a man's college. One of the students of the college, Hector Garrett, met ber. The two were pleased with each other, and there were frequent meetings. One afternoon they met clandestinely for a ride. During wet clandestinely for a ride. During the following described rand adopted through with the center line of head and adopted through with the center line of the students and parallel with the center line of the stake out located and adopted through with the center line of the stake out located and adopted through with the center line of the stake out located and adopted through with the center line of the stake out located and adopted through with the center line of the scale of the contact and stake out located and adopted through with the center line of the scale of the same rather of the same rather of the same rather of the sam We arrived at Guilford in the after would pass near it. I reached for it

frequent meetings. One afternoon they met clandestinely for a ride. During the drive Hector dared the girl to go with him to a minister and be married. Yielding to an impulse of a high strung nature, she assented. She was no sooner married than, realizing what she had done, she was filled with regret. She dared not tell her father, Had she done so this story would not have been written. When she met her busband again be suggested that they wait till after be had been graduated, when they would both acknowledge the marriage. Thus two months

edge the murriage. Thus two months passed. Commencement arrived, and they went home, both keeping their secret.

One day news came to Julia that her husband had been thrown from a horse and killed. This deprived her of her husband's guidance, and she was obliged to make her own decisions. She acted as any young girl might have done who was afraid of her father. She continued to keep her secret. Learning that she was to become a mother, she secured permission from him to go away for a time, ostensibly on a visit to a friend. Where she went the paper did not state, but it told how a negro woman had left the child, a boy, with the name his mother had gives him pinned to his clothing, at a foundlings' home.

Julia Garrett returned to her father, who was still ignorant of her marriage or the birth of her child. The burden she bore broke down her health, and her father resolved to take her with him on a trip around the world. The young widow's health was not improved by the journey. She continued to lose ground, and when on the other

lose ground, and when on the other side of the globe she died. Before her death she must have told ber father of her marriage, that there had been an heir born to his property and that she had hidden the paper. This hiding of the document took place before she went abroad.

I compared the bandwriting with that which had been attached to the foundling's clothes. They were identical. Both were written in a peculiar fashion, all the letters being made with sharp angles.

The other papers in the box were a certificate of marriage between Hector Garrett and Julia Carr; also a certificate of the birth of their son Hee tor, signed by the physician in attend

I told Hardy that there was ample evidence to place his foster son in the possession of such preperty as had been left by the shipwrecked Myron Carr. There could not likely be a will unless Carr bad malled one from a foreign port before starting on his last water journey. But since the boy was the only child of Carr's only child be would inherit the property as the only direct beir.

Not wishing to act alone in a matter in which I had no legal right to act at all, I persuaded Hardy to go with me to deposit the papers we had found with the proper officer of the inheritance court, and I hired an attorney a strange town or city I fell into the to attend to the minor interests. The habit of looking into the directory of property was about \$200,000. The the place with a view to finding my judge after hearing my story offered man. I looked through hundreds of to appoint either me or the child's foster father his guardian, and Hardy insisted that I would be the better man for the purpose. He also suggested that the boy who would inherit a for-tune should be brought up in a different atmosphere from that of a plumber's home. I offered to take little Hector and assume his guardian ship if Hardy insisted and if his wife was willing to give up the child. Hardy did insist, and Mrs. Hardy, for what she considered the good of the child, gave a reluctant consent.

And so it was that while lazily cruis-Ing along o'er the broad Atlantic I came upon that which gave me an object of interest and turned the life of a foundling from the career of a plumber to that of a clergyman. All this happened years ago, and Hector Garrett is now an honor to his calling.

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IN THE CIRCUT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY. Pacific Railway and Nav-igation Company, Plaintiff

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To Willie G. Du Bois and John B. Du Bois, Defendants: In the name of the tate of Oregon: You are hereby required o appear and answer the complaint lied against you in the above entitled auss on or before August 20, 1910, and if you fail so to appear and answer, plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief prayed or in the complaint, to wit, for judgment or the appropriation to plantiff's use of he following described real property situate a the County of Tillamook and State of pregon:

and beyond the above described trace land.

For an assessment of the damages of the defendants for such appropriation and for judgment for plantiff's costs and disbursements.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable George H. Burnett, Judge of the above entitled court, made July 2nd, 1910. The time prescribed in the said order for the publication of the said summons is six weeks. The date of the first publication of the summons is July 7th, 1910.

SNOW and McCamart.

Attorneys for Plantiff.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY. Pacific Rallway and Navi-gation Company, Plaintiff

55 deg, 30' West, a distance of 247.5 feet to the Southeast corner of the tract of laud herein described; thence South 55 deg, 30' West, a distance of 140.5 feet; thence North 34 deg, 30' West, a distance of 366 feet to the South bank of Nehalem Bay, thence Easterly up said South bank of Nehalem Bay, following the meranderings thereofte a post set for the Northwest corner, of the tract of land deeded by the Wheeler Lumber Company to Cora E. Wheeler; thence South 34 deg, 30' East, a distance of 349.8 feet to the beginning. Said right of way herein described containing, 32 acres. Said center line being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point of intersection of said center line with the Bast line of said section Three (3) said point being 14 feet South of the meander corner in said Section line on the South bank of Nehalem Bay, and being identical with Station 1224x88 of said Company's railway survey numbers; thence Southwesterly on accurve to the right. having a radius of 5875.55 feet the course of the tangent to said curve being South 57 deg. 31 West, a distance of 384 feet; thence Southwesterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 1910.08 feet, a distance of 54 feet to a point in the Bast line of the tract, above described, said point being Southwesterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 1910.08 feet. a distance of 54 feet to a point in the Bast line of the tract above described, said point being identical with Station 1220x50 of said Railway Company's survey numbers and the initial point of this description; thence continuing Southwesterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 1910.08 feet. a distance of 142 feet to a point in the West line of above described tract said point being identical with Station 1219x08 of said company's railway survey numbers.

For an assessment of the damages of the defendants for such appropriation, and for judgment for plaintiff's costs and disbursements.

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