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By SAIDEE E. BALCOM (Cupyright, 1915, by the Western News-paper Union.)

There were there sulters for the hand of proving little Date; at least that number of young men resident at Wooster or its vicinity who called regalorly apon her once a week.

"I rection Mina has her pick of a very fair hunch," observed her sensible homespan father to his neighbor, "They are all likely young fellows, and It would be a pretty particular girl who couldn't be suited with some of the crowd."

"Which one do you favor?" was propounded.

"That's not for me to say," replied Mr. Dule. "I've always followed the principle with my children that when they get ready to leave the home nest I won't interfere, and I won't begin with our youngest. Of course *Val Worden is the best off of the group. His father left him a neat little farm. Then young Ned Bradley is getting a good salary at the Empire plant. "And that Vernon fellow?"

John Dule shook his head dubious-"Tell you," he answered, "Bert Vernon is a fine young man. He's smarter than the others, and sort of more refined, but he's barely started in the law, and all his prospects are way ahead. Between you and me, Minafavors him, I think. He writes poetry and talks if, and gets it into the minds of the girls he knows until they're all sentiment. Well, I've got my own affairs to look after, and I must let Mina attend to hers. You know the hig case brought against me by Seth Dover is about ready for court."

"Yes, I have heard it comes up next week. Think you're going to win it?" "Vernon says so. He says it all depends on a possible flaw in the Dover claim. It's pretty hard to think I may lose every foot of land I've toiled so hard to get, just because my father forgot to record a release deed 20 years ago. Hain't I paid the taxes and been in possession all these years? Don't Dover know he is leaning on a measly pettifogging trick to dispossess me? Well, I'm trusting to the smartness of young Vernon to keep me in possession of my land, and I know he will do his best for me. The other side is trying to get a delay."

Each one of the three young men named was well known and liked in the community. Val Worden was a great, strapping fellow, manly appearing and handsome, with muscles of iron and a fearless and confident-bearing. When he came to/see Mina he walked ten miles,

"I reckon I'd better get a pedome ter and keep track of the odd thousand miles I've got to tramp to even give Mina a hint of how much I like her," he told Bradley, with whom and Vernon he was on the very best terms although tacitly they were rivals, "Well, I don't see much chance for myself," acknowledged Ned. "Fact Is, Val, we don't stand much show with Vernon in the field. I can't help admiring blm. He is certainly as smart as they make them." "He's a fine fellow and a genuine friend," deciared Worden, "and the best mun wins!" Val was welcomed on Saturday evenings, and made it a point to pitch in and help in the heavy work about the Date place. He no more minded the long tramp his coming involved than if he were a professional sprinter. Bradley, who was a natural-born mechanic, won the old farmer's good will by defily putting his imrvester and other vehicles in order. Vernon, outside of dividing his fund of information with the family, did all the hard sums for the children. "Worden all feet, Bradley all hands, Vernon all brains," was the torse way n which Mina's sister expressed her estimate of the three suitors. One Satinday afternoon Vernon was In his office when Worden, who happened to te in town for his regular call on. Mina, dropped in and shortly afterward Bradley followed suit, They were chatting familiarly when Vernon's elerk rushed into their presence, pale and excited. "Oh, Mr. Vernon," he panted, "Seth Dover is in town and he's wild with drink, and he's bragging that he'll fix Mr. Dale so he'll make him postpone the case Monday till he can get some more witnesses he needs. He's got a crowd of rowdles with him-" "I'll see that Mr. Dale is kept safe out of that ruffian's way," announced Worden, and made a bolt for the door, never doubting that he could outdistance the rioters. "And I'll have no bolsterous hoodums alarming, Mina." said Bradley stanchly, and started out to intercept he enemy. Vernon's share was to perfect the ase so near to a hearing. He was dad when he learned that the nimble feet had conveyed a warning in time to Mr. Dale, and that Bradley with his deft hands had met and beaten back the disorderly crowd. He was gladder still as with a sense of rare confidence he went over the case he was working on. He felt sure he would succood. Which he did, and he saved Mr. Date kis property. And Mina, right in the court room, crying with joy threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. "That settles it," observed Worden. 'and he deserves her." "And she surely will be very happy." added Bradley, "and what more can you and I ask?"

Farm Bureau Notes

as also offered for best female on is show. This was won by Norton teward on Doile 52nd, over Alired ringer on Galaxy's Gom, the Chamonship Calf Club formabe.

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Commencing at the North East Corner of the North West Quarter of Section Two in Township One, North of Range Twelve, West of the 6th P. M. running thence south to the boundary line of the Republiess Valley Rairold Company, thence south west along said line 200 feet, thence North to the Town line between Town One and Two, thence Fast along said line 205 feet to place of beginning. Webster to unity, Nebraska. tasufficient amount thereof to pay the

obts and expenses amounting to about 28.50, for the reason that there is not enough r sufficient amount of personal property in achands of the Administrator J. J., Boobe, clonging to said estate of said Ezra liques pay said debts allowed against said estate. lowances and costs of administration.

It is therefore ordered that all persons inrested in sald estate appear before the un ersigned Judge at Chambers, in Hastings, dams County, Nebraska, on the lith day of anuary 1920, at the hour of One O'clock P. to show cause if any there be why p cense should not be granted to said J. L. cebs, administrator to sell so much of the bove described real estate of said decodent s shall be necessary to pay said debts and openses.

It is further ordered that a copy of this der be served upon all persons interested said estate by causing the same to be pubshed once a week for four successive weeks the Red Cloud Chief. a legal newspaper rinted and published in said Webster Couny. Nebraska.

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