

A Singular Test

By MARJORIE CLOUGH

Miriam Wotherspoon had ideas of her own respecting love—that is, love between the sexes. She was at the proper age when women or men are apt to think a great deal of love and marriage.

Miss Wotherspoon had noticed the increasing number of divorces with concern and thought of a divorce in her own case with horror. Therefore when she became engaged to George Chandler she occupied herself thinking of the probabilities or possibilities of their separating after marriage till her mind got into a condition of semimonomania. Believing that the chief cause of divorces is a want of genuine love, she resolved upon testing both her lover and herself to discover whether the bond between them was or was not true love. Absence she considered the best test and resolved to live apart from her fiancé for six months.

Chandler was a practical sort of fellow and was principally concerned in getting his affairs into shape to be married. When Miriam told him that she had resolved on a trip abroad to be absent a year he was astonished. When she gave her reasons he endeavored to dissuade her from her plan. Not succeeding, he finally gave his consent. When he saw her off on the steamer he said: "I know a better test than absence. Perhaps I shall apply it." Miriam begged him to tell her what it was, but he, knowing that she would not give over trying to get it out of him, refrained from mentioning it till just as the vessel was leaving the dock.

When Miriam had been gone six months Chandler wrote her that her absence had made no difference with his feelings toward her, and if she had experienced no diminution of her affection for him she would better return. She replied that she still felt the same toward him, but she had resolved at the time of her departure to remain away a year, and she thought their future happiness might be made more certain by her keeping her resolution.

It was about a month after this that a young American, Edward Treat, joined the party that Miss Wotherspoon traveled with. He seemed to take a desperate fancy to Miriam, and since he was a very attractive fellow, she found his attentions agreeable. Love springs in the path of tourists of opposite sex like daisies in a clover field. When there is nothing to divert the mind of young persons from loving they are likely to love. Sight-seeing—visiting ruins, works of art, gardens that have been cultivated for centuries—does not divert the mind from love. On the contrary, it encourages love.

Miriam, though she was somewhat troubled at a change she experienced within her, was confirmed in her opinion that she had been wise to apply her test. She began to doubt if her love for George Chandler was genuine, and one evening when floating in the moonlight on the bosom of Lake Como she was quite certain that it was not genuine. There are many degrees in the art of loving, and Treat was an adept. Besides, any girl who would fall to be impressed by the devotion of an attractive man on a moonlight night on the most beautiful lake in the world must have a heart of adamant.

Treat did not get to a proposal. Miriam warded him off from that. Though she was convinced that there was nothing about her love for George Chandler that might not be broken through, she was not ready to throw off the old and take on the new. Nevertheless she wrote her fiancé a letter which indicated that she had not the faith in the endurance of her love for him that she had supposed. Within another week she wrote him asking if it would be convenient for him to come over.

Chandler called for Genoa as soon as he could make his arrangements to be absent and joined his fiancée at Milan. He found her in a very muddled condition. She had confessed her engagement with George to Treat, and the latter had ceased his attentions until she had decided to break with her fiancé. She told Treat that Chandler was coming over and suggested that he go to Switzerland.

When George Chandler arrived Miriam was so glad to see him that new doubts arose in her bosom. She regretted that instead of sending for him she had not gone home to him. Nevertheless she felt that she had not stood the test, that she had proved her affection for him was not true blue, and she told him the whole story.

"I see nothing for me to do," he said, "but release you from our engagement."

"But I am not sure that I wish to be released."

"Miriam," he said, looking with a kindly expression into her eyes, "do you remember saying that I had a better test than yours?"

"Yes; I do."

"Well, I have applied it. Ned Treat is an old friend of mine. Hearing that he was coming aboard, I secured his promise to seek you and try to win you from me."

She gave him a look of astonishment, reproach, self-abasement, then collapsed on his breast.

"It's all right," Chandler added. "I'll see during our married life that you don't fall under the influence of a fascinating man. If that won't keep you from the divorce you dread it is at least all I can do."

Irrigation Meeting at Bridgeport Well Attended.

Over two hundred delegates attended the meeting of the Nebraska State Irrigation association which was held at Bridgeport last week, closing Friday evening. Nearly a hundred delegates were present from counties east of Scotts Bluffs and over a hundred attended from there. About fifteen delegates attended from Lincoln county.

Some important business was transacted at this meeting. Resolutions were passed to the effect that the reclamation service was holding more water than was necessary in the Pathfinder dam and the association recommended that the reclamation service be compelled to release from that reservoir water that was needed for irrigation purposes in this part of the valley each year. That the irrigators here pay a reasonable percentage of the maintenance each year the same as other districts do. Many other important resolutions were passed.

From this city W. V. Hoagland, J. G. Beeler, W. P. Snyder and Engineer Jay Smith attended. All these men were on the program and took an active part in the meeting. Mr. Hoagland was chairman of the resolutions committee and gave an address and Mr. Beeler also gave an address.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Attorney Whitehead of Mitchell, president; W. V. Hoagland, vice-president; J. E. LeBlanch Secretary. Mr. LeBlanch was re-elected.

A conference of the men from the eastern part of the district is planned to be held in January. The place of meeting has not yet been decided upon but will be given out later. There is a possibility of its coming to North Platte.

Fine Address on Philippines

Over a hundred were present at the K. of P. hall Friday evening to hear the lecture of Dr. C. C. Wallingsford on the Philippines. The lecture was very good and the pictures were especially interesting. Nearly all the members of the Spanish War Veterans camp were present and many of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. members attended, as well as a few from outside.

The pictures of the Philippines were exceptionally interesting as they were entertaining as well as instructive. Dr. Wallingsford also had some nice pictures which he took in Japan. At the close of the meeting upon the motion of J. E. Evans, a vote of thanks was extended to Dr. Wallingsford for his lecture.

Dawson County Settles Damage Suit.

The suit of Mrs. Isabelle Smith against Dawson county for \$19,300 was settled out of court last week for \$6,325. The county built a new bridge and laid out a new road thereto, falling to close the road which lead to the old bridge which had been dismantled or torn out. Smith, while driving an automobile at night, not knowing of the new bridge or the condition of the old, drove into the old bridge, his car went down and he was killed.

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The case of David Norris vs. the Union Pacific company was up for hearing Friday afternoon in the county court. The case was argued all afternoon and the court then took it under advisement.

Last week Maxwell voted bonds in the sum of seven thousand dollars for the purpose of installing an electric light plant. The vote was forty-four for and two against.

Miss Bessie Smith left Saturday morning for Wellfleet to attend the county teachers' association meeting. Miss Smith is president of the association.

Miss Elizabeth Hinman spent Sunday visiting friends in Grand Island.

Miss Edna Sullivan was reported on the sick list the latter part of last week.

J. G. Beeler returned Friday evening from Bridgeport where he attended the irrigation meeting last week.

The Holcombe Cattle Co. have negotiated for a ranch twenty-five miles south of Laramie, Wyo., which is on the Colorado and Wyoming state line. This ranch contains 19,000 acres, has three streams of running water and considerable land under irrigation.—Brady Vindicator.

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Order of Hearing on Final Settlement
The State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss.

In the County Court:
In the Matter of the Estate of William Shrear, Deceased:

To the creditors, heirs, legatees and others interested in the estate of William Shrear:

Take notice, that Lester Walker has filed in the County Court, a report of his doings as administrator of said estate, and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing the 18th day of December, A. D., 1914 before the Court at the hour of 9 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and except to and contest the same.

Notice of this proceeding and the hearing thereof is ordered given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said County, for 3 consecutive weeks prior to said date of hearing.

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Dated North Platte, Nebraska, November 16th, 1914.
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Notice of Sale of Land Upon Execution

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued by George E. Prosser, Clerk of the District Court of Lincoln county, Nebraska, upon a judgment rendered in the district court of Buffalo county, Neb., which has been heretofore filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in favor of John Smith and against M. J. Graham, full name Marion J. Graham, I have levied upon the following described real estate as the property of said Marion J. Graham, to-wit: All of section 5, in Township 16, north of Range 29, West of the 6th P. M., Lincoln County, Nebraska, and I will on the 19th day of December, 1914, at 2 o'clock P. M., central time of said day at the east front door of the court house in the city of North Platte, in said Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell said real estate subject to a mortgage of \$2000.00 and accrued interest thereon, at public auction to the highest bidder for cash to satisfy said execution upon which there is due the sum of \$549.92 with 7 per cent interest from November 6th, 1913, and \$40.75 cost together with accrued cost.

Dated at North Platte, Nebraska, November 16, 1914.
A. J. SALISBURY,
Sheriff of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

Auction Sale of School Lands

Notice is hereby given that on the 22nd day of December, 1914, at one o'clock p. m. at the office of the county treasurer of Lincoln county, the Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings, or his authorized representative will offer for lease at public auction all educational lands within said county upon which forfeiture of contract has been declared as follows:

E½ and N½ NW¼ 36, 12, 29, Barker Company.

E½ 36, 16, 29, R. H. Kirby.

FRED BECKMAN,
Commissioner of Public Lands and Buildings.
December 1, 1914.

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