# CONVERSION

By DONALD CHAMBERLIN

Iaving occasion to visit a town in izona, where there were no hotel commodations worthy of the name. I ked a man I met on the street if he ald tell me where I could find a lodg-; in a private house.

'Reckon I kin, stranger," he said. ome right along with me."

Ie took me to his own house and roduced me to his wife, a woman th as honest a countenance as ever aw in man or woman. Several pretchildren were playing about who idently had the care of a good moth-

I was given a fine supper, and en the wife took the children upifrs to bed the husband and I sat oking and chatting together. 'I believe," I remarked, "that you

ople out here have settled down and come more like those in the east an you used to be."

'Reckon we have. When I drifted to these parts we was all bad except sprinklin', and they was mostly wimen and children."

Surely you were not one of the bad es." I objected.

He took his pipe out of his mouth d looked at me, apparently wonderg if he had better trust me with a nfession. I knew his thoughts and my expression invited confidence. "Stranger," he said, "I was one o' goldurnedest, meanest, snivelin', down critters in the territory. I as mean enough to rob a graveyard old bones. But I wasn't afraid o' othin', and when it come to a fight I as thar. Fact is, I was regarded so sp'rit that nobody dast interfere ith me. Two sheriffs tried it and iled, and after that I was let alone I I got so bad that the people couldn't and me, and the committee got after e. That ended my career as a des-

"Evidently," I put in, "they didn't ang you or you wouldn't be here tellig the story now."

"My story hasn't begun. One day hen I was about as bad as I could git went into a house for a meal, which intended to pay for by takin' anyning valuable I could lay my hands n. I run across a young woman and sked her if she could give me a meal vittels. 'You just come right in ere,' she said, 'and make yerself at

"Waal, that gal cooked me as fine a neal as I ever eat in my life. Anyway, tasted as good, for I was hungry. nd there was somepin about the gal s cooked it that I liked, and when I vas eatin' it she was sittin' right oposite me and askin' me all sorts o' uestions as innocent-like as if she was alkin' to a respectable party. When got through with the meal what do ou suppose I did? I just told her hat I was Bill Hathaway, the noted esperado, and I wanted her to hand out any valuables there might be in he house without troublin' me to ind 'em.

"Somehow she didn't look frightened, is most wimmen would look under the ircumstances. She got up without ayin' a word, went upstairs and come lown with a woolen sock with some coins in the toe and put it on the table before me. Then she looked at me, not with that hateful look I had been used o from wimmen I'd robbed, but with sorryful look, as much as to say, Poor feller, what an awful life you're eadin' and how uncomfortable you'll be some day danglin' from the end of a rope!

"Somehow I couldn't stummick that sort o' thing. I jist opened the stockin', and instead o' takin' anything out I put my hand in my pocket, tuk out a fist full o' loose change and some bills, rammed 'em into the stockin' and shoved it toward her, tellin' her that she'd given me a bangup good meal and deserved to be well paid for it.

"She turned the stockin' over, dumped all the money in it on the table, counted out what she'd had in it before I put in anything and shoved my amount back to me.

"'We don't take pay from strangers here," she said, "and if we did we wouldn't take money that had been gained by robbery.'

"I'd had all sorts o' things said to me, but somehow I'd never had anything like that. They was all either afraid of me and cringed or hated me and spitfired at me. I got up from my chair and went out o' that house like a whipped cur.

"When the men folks come home and found that Bill Hathaway had been there they organized a committee to run me down. It was a long chase, but they finally cornered me. I was full o' tricks, and since none o' those that tuk me knowed me by sight I tole 'em they'd got the wrong man. So they talked together and agreed to take me to the gal I've been tellin' you about for identification.

"They brought me before the house with my arms tied behind my back and a rope around my neck. The gal came out, and they asked her if I was the man that had been to the house before. When she saw the rope she paled a bit and, pretendin' that she wanted to git the dust outer her eyes to see better, drew her apron across 'em But I knowed it was to get rid of moisture. She looked at me pitiful. and at last she said:

" 'No: that ain't the one. The other was a villain. This one is a good man. If he's ever done anything I'm sure he has repented."

"Hist!" he said, putting a finger to his lips "She's comin' downstairs."

#### The Christian Era. The Ideal and The Christian era which we now use was fixed by Dionysius (surnamed The Little), a Roman abbot and one of the The Practical most learned men of the sixth century Its epoch, or commencement, is the

first day of January, on the fourth

land before the close of the eighth cen-

tury. Before its adoption the usual

course in Latin countries was to dis-

tinguish the years by their number in

the cycle of indiction, or tax levying

A Pleasant Time.

It was Thursday afternoon, and the

housemaids were in great evidence on

one of the trolley cars. Presently one

of them came in and took her seat and

ting opposite her. Leaning across the

"Hello, Annie! Where you livin'

"Oh, I'm workin' away out in the

"Ain't it turrible lonesome out there?"

"No. not a bit. You see, the house is

on a corner, and there is a church on

the next corner and a fire engine house

on the opposite corner and a police

station on the other corner. Yesterday

there was a funeral in the church, and

the fire engine was called out three

times, and two men was run into the

station, all in one day. Then the cou-

ple I lives with don't git along very

plenty doin' all the time, an' I never

git a bit lonesome."-New York Trib-

Force of Habit.

"Funny things happen, even on street

cars," stated old Dad Bing. "Tuther

day I got on one that was entirely

empty, and at the next corner it stop-

ped and let another gent on. He was

a middle aged person with a faraway

"'I don't aim to be inquisitive, pod

ner.' says I. 'but if it's a fair question

Hazel Twige.

instruments with which to discover

water under ground. The twig has at

various times been credited with many

marvelous powers. Not only could it

discover water, but concealed lodes of

metal. especially silver, were betrayed

by the hazel, which according to tra-

dition, was guided by the pixies who

guarded the treasures of the earth. In

France the divining rod of hazel was

used in the pursuit of criminals, while

in many of the methods of investigat-

ing the future the burning of hazel-

A Magnetic Island.

tic sea, may be regarded as a huge

magnet. Although the power of at-

traction is not so great as to draw

nails and bolts out of approaching

ships, the magnetism works a good

deal of damage in that it deflects the

needle of the compass so that it can-

not be depended upon. The effect is

perceptible at a distance of nine and a

His Guess.

traces of light have been detected in

the ocean at depths of more than 3,000

feet by an English oceanographical ex-

pedition. Mr. Bacon-Some of those

rareless mermaids left the gas burning.

Ever Happen to You?

Bill-It is said there are 925 separate

operations in the manufacture of a

watch that sells for a dollar. Jill-

Well, there are more than that when

one has stopped and a fellow is trying

A Truthful Sign.

ever know that large ears are a sign of

generosity? Miss Beauti-Of course,

Mr. Longear. They are a sign that na-

Made Sure of the Pie.

A young girl who carried her din-

ner was observed to eat her ple first.

When asked why, she replied, "Well,

if there's anything left it won't be the

Worldly Wise Parent.

Daughter-Ma, Mr. Bankleigh is com

ing here tonight. If he should ask me

to marry him, how shall I answer)

Mother-Promptly, my child.-Boston

There is no piety in keeping an un-

just promise.-German Proverb.

ture has been generous.

pie, will it, now?"

Transcript.

Mr. Longbear-By the way, did you

to make it go.-Yonkers Statesman.

I reckon.-Yonkers Statesman.

Mrs. Bacon-This paper says distinct

The island of Bornholm, in the Bal-

nuts played a part.

half miles.

like a fresh caught fish.

fore!

why don't you set down?'

era.-Philadelphia Press.

aisle, she said:

subu'bs now."

year of the one hundred and ulnety-By EDITH V. ROSS fourth olympiad, the seven hundred and fifty-third from the foundation of Itome and four thousand seven hun-Wickersham was a literary genius. dred and fourteenth of the Julian pebut an undiscovered genius. There are riod. It is usually supposed to begin geniuses whose work any one may recwith the birth of Christ, but there are ognize as something that appeals to various opinions with regard to the him strongly, but he would not stop year in which that event took place. to ask why. Even such a gift may be The system accepted by the Christian a long while in securing recognition, world is that of Usher, which makes the date of the birth of Christ four and the chances seem to be largely in years before the Christian era. The favor of its never attaining it. The time for the Christian era was intropublic is the final judge in such matduced in Italy in the sixth century ters, and the public is often slow it. and began to be used in Gaul in the making a decision. eighth century, though it was not generally followed in that country until a century later. From extant charters it is known to have been in use in Eng-

When Wickersham first began to write he was told that he must write something original. This was exactly what he was fitted to do, and he did ft. He was disappointed in the result. Those who had advised him to produce original matter forgot to remind him that he must educate a clientele to appreciate the novelty. Meanwhile the literary space in the periodicals and other mediums was occupied by the commonplace.

Then Wickersham was told that what "publishers wanted was something on a subject which the people were discussing. It was explained to at once discovered an acquaintance sit- him that advertisement was essential, and a work on such a subject was largely self advertised. So Wickersham chose a theme that was uppermost in the minds of the public and treated it in an original fashion. Again he was disappointed. He could not find a publisher. Why? "My dear fellow," explained an editor, "you lean to one side of the question. Your work will offend every one on the other side." Another said, "You are constant. ly firing over the heads of the people." Wickersham was in despair. All his

instructions had come to naught. Then when his failure was complete he had no more sense than to get married. His wife was as pretty as a well. So, take it altogether, there's peach, very practical and had the faculty of making herself liked. When she married Wickersham be had had for months a book on the stands the publication for which he had paid. There was no sale for "The Wanderer," and the copies which were beginning to get soiled were being returned to the publisher.

"I think I will try to do something with that book to get it introduced," said Mrs. Wickersham to her husband.

look in his eye, and instead of taking "Have you read it?" "Read it? No. It wouldn't do any good for me to read it. What is wanthis choice of seats he grabbed a strap and hung there, swaying and flapping ed is to sell it."

Mrs. Wickersham had an intimate friend, Mrs. Singleton, who was at the head of the literary department of a "'Why-why,' says he, 'I could do women's club. She took the book to that, couldn't I? But, no, alas! It is this lady, asked her as a favor to read too late to change the habits of a lifeit and recommend it to her friends. time. I never saw an empty seat be-Mrs. Singleton happened to be one calculated to appreciate Wickersham's "So saying, he clung and swung clear genius. She did more than recommend downtown, and I went along just to look at him."-Kansas City Star. the book to her friends; she delivered a lecture on it one afternoon in the clubhouse. Anything Mrs. Singleton said about a book was not disputable Hazel twigs long have been used as

among the members of the club. Presently there sprang up a demand for "The Wanderer." This demand occurred in the city where Mrs. Singleton reigned as literary queen. A few of the women who read it appreciated it, but it mattered not to those who failed to do so, for since Mrs. Singleton had put her stamp on it none of the others would dare condemn it, for they would thereby condemn themselves for lack of appreciation. The calls for "The Wanderer" at the stands increased, and presently a new edition was necessary to supply the demand.

One morning Wickersham woke up

to find himself famous. Mrs. Wickersham was famous, too, not only for being the wife of a famous man, but because she was the first to discover his genius, Mrs. Singleton being the second person. Mrs. Wickersham bore her honors modestly. She did not take the trouble to read her husband's book, for she would no more understand it after the public had put its stamp of approval on it than before. There was no necessity for her to read it. When persons congratulated her on her husband's success and her own discernment of his genius she looked modest and said nothing. What is there for a person to say when complimented? Anything said is calculated to do harm rather than good. Mrs. Wickersham stood pat. Among the many persons who congratulated her there was not one who knew that she had never read word of her husband's book.

Mrs. Wickersham got out all her hus band's unpublished manuscripts and offered them to publishers. They were Eight years a Government Veterinarsnapped up greedily. A taste for Wickersham's work was gradually growing upon the public, and the sale of his books increased proportionately. Meanwhile he wrote a new one and one day informed his wife that he had given it to a publisher for publication.

"At what royalty?" asked the lady. "Royalty? I don't know. I suppose the usual royalty."

"Albert." his wife exclaimed, "you are the stupidest man in America!" Then she visited the publisher in question and returned with a contract to pay her husband double the usual

Wickersham remained famous for a time. Then his fame began to wane. Some said he had written himself out. Others declared that it had been a mistake to consider him a genius at all. This doesn't matter to his wife, since she is cutting the coupons off the bonds she bought with the money reaped when her husband was a star, and it Residence Red 636 makes no difference to her now that his star has set.



"Yes, mother's right here; but how's everything, Tack relational

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb.

March 22, 1915.

Notice is hereby given that Frank W. Steel, of North Platte, Nebr., who, on Feb. 5, 1912, made Homestead entry No. 05368, for E½ of E½, Section 22, Township 14, N., Range 29, W., 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year Proof to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at North Platte, Neb., on the 17th day of May, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: Jess Long, Chris Schick, Ed Stevens, C. C. Cumpston, all of North Platte, Neb., m23-6w

Register.

nelius Sullivan, Deceased.

of E. S. Dawson praying that Admin-W. R. Fitch as Administrator. Ordered that April 16, A. D. 1915, at

9 o'clock a. m. is assigned for hearing said petition, when all persons interested in said matter may appear at a county court to be held in and for said County, and show cause why the m2-3w prayer of petitioner should not be granted; and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Sem-Weekly Tribune a legal weekly newspaper printed in said County for three successful weeks, prior to said day of hearing. Dated March 23, 1915.

GEORGE E. FRENCH, County Judge.

IN THE COUNTY COURT

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J. E. EVANS, Register. m12-4w

#### JOHN S. SIMMS, M. D., Physician and Surgeon

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Order of Hearing on Petition for Set-tlement of Account.

State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss.

In the County Court.
In the Matter of the Estate of Christian

Marquette, Deceased. On reading and filing the petition of

Frederick Marquetthe praying a final settlement and allowance of his account, filed on the 27th day of Febru-ary, 1915, and for his discharge as ad-ministrator.

Ordered that March 27, A. D. 1915. at 9 o'clock a. m., is assigned for hearing said petition, when all per-Order of Hearing on Petition for Appointment of Administrator.

State of Nebraska, Lincoln County, ss In the County Court,

The Fetate of Core not be granted and that notice of the On reading and filing the petition hearing thereof, be given to all perpendency of said petition, and the sons interested in said matter by pubistration of said estate be granted to lishing a copy of this order in the North Platte Tribune, a legal semiweekly newspaper pringed in said County, for three successive weeks, prior to said day of hearing. Dated February 27, 1915.

GEORGE E. FRENCH, County Judge.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of Interior
U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb.
February 24, 1915.
Notice is hereby given that Ragnivald S. L. Voss, of North Platte, Nebraska, who, on December 7, 1911, made Homestead Entry No. 05237, for W4, and N4 of NE4 and S4 of SE4, Section 28, Township 12 N., Range 31 W., 6th Principal Meridian, has alled notice of intention to make final three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 24th day of April, 1915.
Claimant names as witnesses: Carl Broeder, D. W. Kunkle, O. L. Watkins, Martin Hanan all of North Platte, Nebraska.

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Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb.
Notice is hereby given that Harrison
P. Esler, of North Platte, Neb., who, on
Sept. 14, 1911, made Homestead entry
No. 05255, for N½ of NE¾, Section 22,
Township 15, N., Range 30, W., 6th
Principal Meridian, has filed notice of
intention to make final three year proof
to establish claim to the land above
described, before the Register and Receiver at North Platte, Neb., on the 7th
day of May, 1915.

Claimant names as witnesses: William Harriman, George Alexander,
William Reynold, Dennis Breen, all of
North Platte, Neb.

J. E. EVANS,

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J. E. EVANS, Register.

Probate Notice In the Matter of the Estate of E. W.

Crane, Deceased. In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, March 11, 1915.

Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before the County Judge of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at the County NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at North Platte, Neb.
March 27, 1915.
Notice is hereby given that John M.
Crandall, of North Platte, Neb. who on January 10, 1912, made Homestead entry No. 65355, for the E14 and NW14
Section 14, Township 12, N., Range 31, W. 6th Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver, at Northe Platte. Neb., on the 21st day of May, 1915.
Claimant names as witnesses: W. C. Masters, Hugh Songer, Carl Broeder, John W. Fowler, all of North Platte, Neb.

J. E. EVANS,

Court room in said County, on the 9th day of October, 1915, at 9 o'clock a. m. each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims, and one year for the Administrator to settle said estate, from the 11th day of March, 1915. This notice will be published in The North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, a newspaper printed in said County, for four weeks successively, on and after March 12, 1915.

J. E. EVANS,

GEO. E. FRENCH, Court room in said County, on the 9th

GEO. E. FRENCH, County Judge.