

## BEES AND MATRIMONY

By M. QUAD

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Certain persons were always wondering why Baker did not smile or laugh, but he was born that way and couldn't help it.

When Mrs. Baker died, after many years of quiet life, she left a daughter, Minnie, seventeen years old. Minnie was totally unlike her father. She saw the humor of things. She was inclined to be cheerful and gay. She had always laughed more or less, and her father had become used to it, as she had to his solemnity.

When the mother died the daughter took up the housekeeping, and two years had passed when she and Frank Williams fell in love. Frank was a pushing, industrious young man, and he could at least have given her as good a home as she had. He was rather afraid of the solemn faced father, but had now and then called at the house and been well received.

Young Williams had opened a commission house. The farmers brought him in stuff to sell, and he shipped it to the city. When he was receiving or shipping, his goods covered a good part of the sidewalk, but no one complained. One day as Mr. Baker was strolling about he approached the commission house just as a farmer had unloaded four big baskets of eggs.

There was room for Mr. Baker to avoid those eggs, and he would have avoided them but for a big rat. The rodent ran from under the sidewalk to a lumber pile, and Mr. Baker's attention was thus distracted for the moment. He walked along with his head turned over his shoulder when his foot struck one of the baskets, and he fell forward with a crash. As was afterward ascertained, he broke all his previous records by breaking twenty-one dozen of the eggs.

When he managed to extricate himself from the mess he was covered from head to heel with the white and yellow yolks of the eggs.

The farmer was one that could see the humor of things, and, though the loss of the eggs would be his, he fairly roared with laughter at the upset. No one could remember ever seeing Lemuel Baker in a temper, but he was mad now as he rose up amid those eggs. Hearing the laughter at the door, young Williams came out of his office, and, instantly recognizing his prospective father-in-law, he began to laugh too.

"You scoundrels, you villains!" roared Mr. Baker as he stood dripping with the yolks.

It was when he heard the victim's voice that young Williams came forward and expressed his sympathies.

"Go away, sir; go away!" was shouted at him. "You had those eggs placed there on purpose to trip me up. Look at me! My clothes are ruined. Don't ever enter my house again or I will give you a lawsuit!"

At the back end of Mr. Baker's half acre lot he had placed three hives of bees. There had been no trouble with them, and they had paid in honey for their keep. One day as the owner sat on his front veranda in his shirt sleeves looking down the village street and Minnie was upstairs in her room grieving over the events which had caused a separation between the lovers a wandering cow appeared upon the scene. She looked over the back fence of Mr. Baker's lot, and she saw cabbages, cornstalks and other good things to eat. She also took notice that the fence was old and shaky. She was tempted and yielded. She crashed over the fence between two of the beehives and brought them both tumbling down, and the crash was heard for a block around. The bees went for her.

Mr. Baker was the next victim, and he hurried through the front gate and went downhill toward the peacefully flowing river. His yells brought out the rest of the population, and as fast as they appeared at their doors or gates the bees gave them all proper attention. It was figured later on that at least 200 people, besides the cow, received scars to show that they had fought gallantly and well. Mr. Baker kept on to the river. Amid his pain and excitement he recollected that bees and water are enemies. To get rid of the bees he must have the aid of the river. He could not swim a stroke, and the water was deep, but when he reached the bridge over the rail he dived.

The cow had no river to plunge into, and she had to keep on, bellowing at every jump until she fell exhausted. As fate would have it, young Williams was at hand to plunge into the river to the rescue of the man who had disappeared beneath the surface, and it was mostly by his efforts that a rescue was made. He it was who commanded a wagon and got Mr. Baker home, and he it was who got the doctor and helped him to extract almost numberless stings.

And who was it that rubbed and bandaged and sat through the hours of many a long night when the doctor became worn out? Who was it who spoke sympathetic but cheering words to the man in bed and speaking at only long intervals? It was young Williams, of course. He took charge of the case after the doctor had made two visits, and he let his business go hang to render good for evil. Three weeks had passed, and the bees' victim could at last swing his legs out of bed. It was then that he called young Williams to him and told him that he was forgiven.

Then there was a wedding.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1916.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

C. M. York who spent the past week in Omaha has returned home.

Miss Irma Johnson has accepted a position as saleslady at the Block store.

Mrs. Edwin Barraclough will entertain the J. F. club on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 19th.

Julius Hahler has returned from a business visit in Kansas City and Omaha.

Miss Josephine O'Hara, who has been ill for several weeks is slightly improved.

Grant Applegate, of Cheyenne, is visiting this week with his sister Mrs. Chris Paulson.

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Miss Gladys White will leave in a short time for Winnebago to spend several months with relatives.

A social dance was held at the Chas. Osgood farm the first of this week and attended by a number of local people.

E. K. Buck who purchased the Harry Shoe Shop the first of this week, returned to Omaha Tuesday afternoon.

D. B. White left the first of this week for Alliance to attend the county clerks' convention.

Clyde Brown will leave next week for York to spend the winter with his grandmother.

Mrs. Andrew Falk left Tuesday evening for Cheyenne to attend the funeral of her nephew and spend ten days there.

If you are looking for a bargain in a Piano come and see the Schiller at the Walker Music Co. in Clinton's.

Emil Falk, of Cheyenne, was called here the first of this week by the death of his brother the late Oscar Falk.

J. M. McDonald who was called to Columbus by the death of his sister the first of this week has returned home.

Mrs. N. F. Buckley will entertain the Pan Hellenic society this afternoon in honor of her guest Miss Ruth Heacock of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Paulson and family have returned from Sutherland where they attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Applegate.

Mrs. M. Williams, of Omaha, came here last week to make her home. Mr. Williams has been employed here as Union Pacific brakeman for several weeks.

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Mrs. Gerald Stack, of Denver, arrived here Tuesday evening. She was enroute to Chicago and was joined here by her husband who accompanied her there.

A steak fry was held at the Lonsomhurst bungalow the first of this week which was attended by twelve guests. Paul Ottenstein acted as chef and prepared a very enjoyable supper.

Frank Whyte, of this city and Pearl Davis, of Portland, Ore., were married at the Presbyterian manse Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Robert White. They will occupy the Ralph Ford residence during the winter.

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Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation for the month ending Nov. 30 last were 11,058,542 tons, an increase of 1,043,282 tons over the preceding. This establishes a new record for unfilled orders of the corporation.

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### Lutheran Announcements.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school service.  
11 o'clock Morning Worship: "A Veteran's Parting Words to a Dear Comrade."

4 p. m. Young People's Missionary service.

6:45 Luther League.  
7:30 Evening worship: "What it Costs to be True."

The "Jehoida Chest" will be set out again to receive this month's offering for the building fund. May this month's exceed that of last. It was then \$402.

Misses Helen and Veronica Stuart, of Lexington, are expected here next week to visit at the Stack and Tighe homes.

J. H. Connor, chief clerk to Supt. of M. P. and M. Railroad was here Wednesday while enroute to Ogden to spend a week or more.



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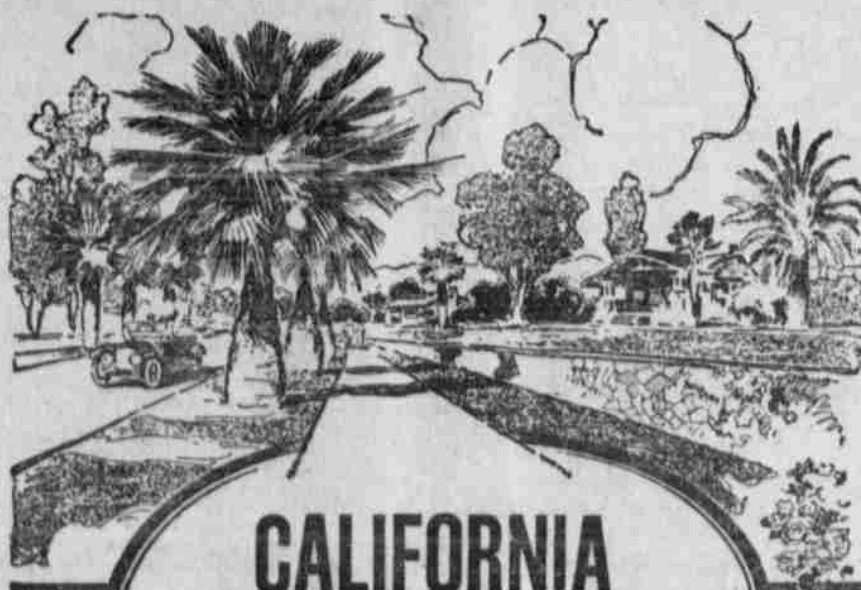
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**Sheriff's Sale.**  
By virtue of an order of sale issued from the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, upon a decree of foreclosure rendered in said Court wherein Florence M. Hershey is plaintiff and Oliver A. Ridenour et al are defendants, and to me directed, I will on the 23rd day of December, 1916, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the east front door of the Court House in North Platte, Lincoln County, Neb., 1916, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said decree, interest and costs, the following described property, to-wit:  
South Half (S½) of Section Ten (10) and the North Half (N½) of Section Fifteen (15), Township Eleven (11), North of Range Thirty-Three (33), Lincoln County, Neb.  
Dated North Platte, Neb., Nov. 27, 1916.  
A. J. SALISBURY,  
Sheriff.

**Notice of Petition.**  
Estate No. 1446 of Claus Gruenan, deceased.  
In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.  
The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said Estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the probate of an Instrument, purporting to be the foreign will of Claus Gruenan and the appointment of Louisa Gruenan, as Administratrix, with Will annexed in said Estate, which has been set for hearing herein on December 15, 1916, at 9 o'clock a. m.  
Dated Nov. 17, 1916.  
GEO. E. FRENCH,  
County Judge.

**Sale Under Chattel Mortgage.**  
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated on the 20th day of September, 1916, and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of September, 1916, and executed by P. H. Lonergan and Lucy Lonergan, husband and wife, to Julius Hahler, to secure the payment of the sum of \$957.50 with interest at 8 percent per annum from date thereof, and upon which there is now due the sum of \$973.45, default having been made in the payment of said sum, and no suit or other proceedings at law having been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof, therefore I will sell the property therein described, viz: two symplex moving picture machines with stands and equipments complete, all electric wiring, wires, lights, bulbs and sockets, together with all chandeliers, and electric supplies and fixtures, all chairs, stoves, piano and all musical instruments, pictures, paintings and their frames, all stage curtains, stage fixtures and appliances, all electric fans, all opera chairs, being 248 opera and 100 folding slat chairs, and all other personal property and fixtures owned by us or either of us and now used in and about the Pat Theatre in running and operating the same, situate and being in the two story brick building on lot 14, of the Lutheran Subdivision of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 115 of the original town of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, at public auction at the front door of the said described premises, known as the "Pat Theatre" in the city of North Platte, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of December, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon (central time) of said date.  
**JULIUS HAHLER,**  
Mortgagee.