### A Mild Flirtation

By ALISON LEE

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For fully twelve months Alvin Downey, bachelor, aged thirty-five, had been wooing Marcia Foster, six years looking lady with some resources, was as a claiment to her hand, and was worth the winning of any sensible man.

"Give me time, Aivin," she had said. "I esteem you greatly, but I want to be sure that I shall not later regret an impulsive step."

So, meekly, patiently, Alvin Downey continued his semi-weekly calls until an invalid brother sent for him from a city a thousand miles away. Marcia told him she would miss him, and he went away feeling sanguine that absence would only make the heart fonda definite issue upon his return.

It was only after a dull week that Marcia began to appreciate the past companionship of Downey. She missed the auto rides, the weekly theater and movie shows. Then one day very nearly wrecking the fond hopes of Alvin Downey.

She was seated on the veranda when a young man came up the rose-lined obelsance that would have done credit to a Beau Brunnuel, He had dark, curly locks and "a love of a mustache," any impressionable young lady would have expressed it, bright, magnetic eyes and a most graceful bearing. He WILL MODEL ALLIED LEADERS dashed all features of romance, however, by announcing that he had a polishing compound to sell.

Marcia listened patiently to his exordium as to the merits of his wares, and good-naturedly purchased a package of the polish. She went into the house to get her purse, and when she returned fancled he looked weary, invited him to a seat, doubled her original order and was quite touched by the appealing way in which the handsome fellow expressed his gratitude.

"It may be the hard times, or people generally don't want polish," he ventured to remark. "You have given me quite a lift, and I thank you. I am not used to this line of work, and perhaps that is why I am not making a success of it."

Miss Foster was sympathetic and always inclined to be helpful. She named a number of neighbors, and told her visitor that he might tell them that she had directed him to them. His bright, thoughtful glance in response to her kindness really thrilled her. Without apparent purpose the young man drifted into the story of a foreign duke, he modestly claimed, had struck out for himself in a new of philosophic rather than purely milivestment and was stranded.

What followed that eventful day was a kind of a dream, a daze to Miss Foster after it was all over. Quite incldentally, it appeared she met the handsome polish vendor on the street a day or two later. He was limping. and in response to her inquiries, informed her that he had been laid up since his call at her home with a sprained ankle. Delicately she brought the situation to a point where the young man acknowledged that he was completely out of funds and she insisted on loaning him his needs until he got on his feet again.

She repented her action at the resentful look that came into his face. It expressed pride, humiliation, the sense of a deep affront. Miss Foster tried to atone for her impetuous action, and then Wilberford Beresford, as he called himself, appeared to recognize her gentle kind-heartedness and tears came into his eyes. He advised her how she could assist him.

There was a small, well-paying bustness, a stationery and book business in the town for sale. The owner was willing to take \$1,000 for the same. Now Marcia had been previously aware of the fact, and this caused her to give credence to other details presented by the wily schemer. He did not wish to borrow the money without security. After an exhibition of shame-facedness he produced a pawn ticket. It called for \$800, and for that amount Beresford claimed to have pledged a crested ring of his noble house set with several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds. If she would advance the money, he would send for the jewelry, and it would be ample security for the amount of the pledge and the business investment.

"You will be perfectly safe," he declared, "for I can get money from home within a month. I would not sell the ring. I have often thought it shall only be parted with when I wed the woman I love," and his ardent eyes made the fluttering Marcia blush and drop her eyes.

"I will have the money here for you as soon as the bank opens," promised the deluded spinster readily, but she never saw Wilberford Beresford

again. An officer from another city arrested him that night for bigamy and forg-

Marcia Foster shrank from the chasm into which she had so nearly fallen. She banished the swindler from her thoughts with a shudder, and when Alvin Downey came home her welcoming greeting told him that he would soon win a toving bride.

UNITED STATES GOT BARGAIN

Purchase of Florida From Spain for \$6,000,000 Was Decidedly Good Stroke of Business.

More than \$6,000,000 was paid by the United States to Spain one hundred years age for Florida,

In 1819, on the anniversary of the birth of the nation's first president, there was concluded between John Quincy Adams, then secretary of state, and Luis De Onis, minister plenipotenhis junior. She was an orderly, good- tiary of the king of Spain, an agreement and treaty whereby the United really attracted by the honest, open States became owner of what were way in which he proffered his petition | then known as the provinces of East and West Florida.

This territory included not only all of the present state of Florida, but part of what is now Georgia and Alabama, and it was bought for \$5,000,-000 and the settlement of some claims which amounted to \$1,024,741,44, a

total of \$6,024,741.44. The language of the remarkable document between the two nations is clear and precise and differs from other treaties to a marked extent. The two men who drew it up were past masters in statesmanship, politics and er, and determined to bring affairs to diplomacy; also, each was the most advanced thinker of the country he represented.

Spain wanted to get rid of her American possessions before they were taken away from her. She was proud, but recognized the fact that she was in something transpired that broke the no position to wage a long and posroutine of her loneliness, and came sibly unsuccessful warfare to hold her colontes.

America wanted the land in this continent held by Spain, but was willing to acquire it by purchase rather walk, removed his hat and made an than conquest, and with both sides ably represented by the best talent, it was not long before a satisfactory conclusion was reached.

American Sculptor in France Has Been Given the Task of Putting History Into Clay.

Joe Davidson, the American sculptor, now in France, is engaged on a most interesting commission, according to the Manchester Guardian. He is modeling a series of bronze busts of the chief allied military and political leaders. Many have already sat for him, and many, including Haig and Lloyd George, have yet to give sittings. One of the sculptor's recent successes was a bust of Marshal Foch, done in clay, from which the bronze work will be completed. Only two periods of time, totaling five hours, were available for Davidson.

But that proved sufficient, Half way through, the marshal inspected what had been done and smilingly remarked: "Sculpture is not so difficult. after all." He also recalled with some pride that Gustave Dore's illustrations to Poe's works were made in his (Foch's) house. He was only a captain then. The sculptor's description his life. He was the younger son of of his sitter is interesting: Foch's country, had made an injudicious in- tary type, but the deep set, plercing eyes and strong though nowise brutal mouth, nose and chin show that the thinker is equally a man of action and decision. From the point of view of physiognomy, a subject of absorbing interest.

Famous Old Tavern Closed.

The rising tide of prohibition has swept away another uncient hostelry, the Blue Anchor, at Front and Dock streets, Philadelphia, claimed to be the oldest tavern in Pennsylvania, and one of the two or three oldest in Amer-

The Blue Anchor is one of the landmarks of the city. Its walls bear the inscription that the inn was founded in 1682, shortly after the landing of William Penn, when Dock street was Dock creek. As a tavern and bar the building on this site has been operated continuously for 237 years.

Chroniclers of Dock street say that the original building was burned in the later years of the eighteenth century, and that the present building dates from about 1789. The inn was long known for its fish dinners.

Heroic Preacher.

In a little cave on a hillside, also under shell fire, a war correspondent found a preacher secretary tending his little group of wounded. The men had fallen too fast that day for the ambulances to carry them all, and so he had picked up a dozen of them, one by one, and carried them back across the shell holes to his little cave in the hill, where he thought they would be safe. All night long, while the guns roared, he made his lonesome journeys out, bringing in new wounded and carrying water to those who cried out for it.-Red Cross Magazine.

Crops Worth Billions.

The cereal crops of the United States were worth over \$7,000,000,000 to the farmers who raised them in 1918. The product of these crops, all together, was a little under the total for 1917, but, while the prices of some of the cereals were lower in 1918 than in 1917, the prices of others were sufficlently higher to make the total value of the cereals greater in 1918 by more than a quarter of a billion dollars,

Bubonic Plague in Argentina.

A report from Buenos Aires states that the government of that country is sending a commission to the province of Juluy for the purpose of fighting the epidemic of bubonic plague. which is reported to be serious. The Santiago dispensary reports 605 cases of typhus fever and 13 deaths,

## Proving His Valor

By OTILLIA FRANCES PFEIFFER

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When Ernest Druse came back from the war, bearing the scars of several wounds, a record for exceptional girls of Rockton went fairly wild over him. He was hero, idol, and petted and feted favorite, while stay-at-homes became back numbers, for the time at

"He makes me tired!" observed Val Newcomb to a coterie of friends.

"He's a monopolizer so far as the company and attentions of the ladies are concerned; that is sure," remark ed one of the group.

"Valor, courage and all that sort of stuff! You'd think he had won the war all by himself!" jeered Val. "His last captivation is Esther Wilde Seems to think all he has to do is to look at a girl and she is his own special property."

"Um! Sour grapes, eh?" was suggested, which Val took with manifest Ill-nature and walked away muttering to himself.

"I've got to devise some kind of a move to make myself solid with the girls," he soliloquized, sourly, "It was fair sailing with Esther until that khaki wonder put in an appearance. 1 don't mind the general lot, but Esther is the pick of them all, has money beauty and social position, and I'm not going to give up my hopes and dreams so easily. I'm going to set my thinking machinery at work and see if I can't devise some scheme to get the upper hand of this audacious military mar-

It was two days later when Val visited a drinking place in the slum portion of the town, and was engaged in an earnest, low-toned conversation with a rough appearing denizen of the place for some time.

"Think you can carry out the program?" was his final interrogation of him of low brows and furtive, evil eyes "Trust me for staging the act according to rule," was the confident re-

"All right. Don't disappoint me Tuesday night from eleven to twelve." Now Val had invited Esther to a local entertainment for Tuesday eve ning and had prevailed upon her to accompany him.

At the close of the entertainment they sauntered homeward slowly. It was an exquisitely perfect June night and Val kept his eye out closely, scanning tree and bush for the lurker he expected to help him "stage a real ac of valor."

He was simply courteous to Esther and did not seek to press his atten tions, for which Esther was truly grateful, but all the time he was congratulating himself over the inevitable homage and admiration that would be

There was a precious heirloom in the Wilde family, with which all Rockton was familiar. It was a diamond sunburst, which Esther always wore on important occasions. Val made sure that it was in place upon this par ticular evening. Its value was very considerable and he knew that its loss would be deeply mourned by the fair girl he hoped to make his bride.

"Oh, dear!" suddenly exclaimed Es ther, shrinking back in terror. A man wearing a half-mask over his face, had sprung from behind a tree. In a twinkling he had despolled Esther of the leweled ornament.

"Stop, you ruffian!" shouted Val. disengaging Esther's arm, leaping upon methe audacious robber and flinging him to the ground.

"Go easy, mister!" snarled the latter, and, leveling a revolver, he struggled to his feet. "Be careful!" quavered Esther. "He

is going to shoot." The footpad did shoot. Two sharp reports rang out. The highwayman

turned and fled. "I will restore your property if I have to follow that miscreant to the

ends of the earth!" vaunted Val. "Don't risk your life-" began Esther, but with an injunction to hurry home to safety Val dashed in hot pursuit of the thief, and both were lost to sight.

Esther did not enter the house when she reached it, but stood at the garden gate, peering anxiously down the street. She was quite solicitous as to the welfare of her courageous champion, although not one whit perturbed at the loss of the ornament. Then she expressed a sigh of relief. At the end of half an hour Val came into view. His attire was all awry, his collar torn out of place.

"A deadly struggle and a desperate villain!" announced Val. "He escaped me, but not until I had wrested from him your precious property," and Val extended the sunburst.

"Precious!" repeated Esther, with a slight smile. "Oh, Mr. Newcomb! Why did you so foolishly risk injury for a mere trifle? This is only a substitute paste imitation which I have been wearing while the real ornament is be

Val Newcomb wilted. All the same he felt he must have demonstrated a bravery Esther could not fail to ad mire. She gave him full meed of praise until his bribed emissary, while under the influence of liquor, let out

the details of the secret compact. Then Val Newcomb quietly left town for the engagement of Esther and Ern est had been announced that same day FOR SALE

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, S. Land Office at Broken Bow. Ne-braska, March 27, 1919. braska, March 27, 1919.
Notice is hereby given that John A.
Scott, of Dickens, Nebraska, who, on
February 10, 1916, made homestead entry North Platte 96312, Broken Bow,
No. 011885, for Sly Sly Section 26,
Township 12 North, Range 32 West, 6th
Principal Meridian, has filed notice of
intention to make three year proof, to
establish claim to the land above described, before Wm. H. C. Woodhurst, U.
S. Commissioner at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 15th day of May, 1919.
Claimant names as witnesses: I. T.
Broder, of North Platte, Nebraska, Wm.
Facka, of Dickens, Nebraska, Wendell
McCrum, of Dickens, Nebraska, Wendell
McCrum, of Dickens, Nebraska, Wendell MACK C. WARRINGTON,

Order of Hearing on Final Settlement. The State of Nebraska, Lincoln Coun-

ty. SS.
In the County Court:
In the matter of the Estate of George
W. Rose, Deceased.
To the creditors, heirs, legatees and
others interested in the estate of
George W. Rose
Take notice that Mary A. Rose has
fled in the county court a report of her Take notice that Mary A. Rose has filed in the county court a report of her doings as executrix of said estate and it is ordered that the same stand for hearing the 25th day of April, A. D. 1919, before the court at the hour of 10 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 three consecutive weeks prior to said date of hearing.

Dated March 15th, 1919.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, mis-3 County Judge.

poses hereinafter mentioned.

1. The name of the corporation shall be Star Bottling and Mercantile

shall be Star Bottling and Mercantile Company.

2. The principal place of transacting this husiness shall be in the city of North Platte, Nebraska.

3. The general nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation shall be the manufacture, purchase and sale of carbonated beverages and ciders, and to buy and sell at wholesale, crushed fruits, syrups fruit. ages and claers, and to buy and sell at wholesale, crushed fruits, syrups, fruit, groceries, cigars and tobacco, and such other goods and merchandise as said corporation may, by a resolution of the board of directors from time de-cide to handle, and said corporation may do such other business as is neces-sary to carry out the main purpose of

may do such other business as is necessary to carry out the main purpose of this corporation, and for that purpose said corporation shall have the power to buy, sell and convey, lease, sublease and let such real estate and buildings and appurtenances as may be necessary and incidental to the proper and profitable conducting of said business, and may do and perform such other acts and things as may be incidental and necessary to the main powers of the corporation.

4. The date of the commencement of the business of said corporation shall be April 1, 1919, and it shall terminate business on the 1st day of April, 1969.

5. The amount of capital stock authorized is \$75,000.00, \$40,000.00 of which is fully paid in, the balance to be paid in as the Directors see fit to issue.

edness to which this corporation shall at any time subject itself, shall not ex-ceed two-thirds of its paid up capital 7. The affairs and business of the corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors, President, Vice-President, General Manager, Secretary

The highest amount of indebt-

Dated March 17, 1919.

JULIUS PIZER.

RAY C. LANGFORD.

HARRY M. PORTER.

J. J. HALLIGAN.

ORDER FIXING CLAIM DAYS
Estate No. 1612.
In the Matter of the Estate of Earl E.
Butler, Deceased.
Now on this 12th day of March, 1919,

Now on this 12th day of March, 1919, it is ordered by the Court that the Administrator be allowed one year from this date in which to settle said Estate, and creditors will be allowed until the 24th day of Sept., 1919 to file their claims, after said date, claims will be forever barred. That on the 24th day of Sept., 1919, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each of said days, the court and the administrator will attend at the county court room in said county, to receive, examine, bear, allow, and adjust claims. That notice of this order be given creditors and all persons interested in said Estate and to reject any and all bids. As ALLEN. County Clerk GEO. E. JOHNSON. State Engineer.

Estray Notice

Taken up on section 31, township 12, range 30, on or about the 9th day of March, 1919, by the undersigned, who there resides a team of geldings, one and all persons interested in said Estate, and county, receive, examine, bear, allow, and adjust claims. That notice of this order be given creditors and all persons interested in said Estate, and to reject any and all bids. As ALLEN. County Clerk GEO. E. JOHNSON. State Engineer.

Estray Notice

Taken up on section 31, township 12, range 30, on or about the 9th day of March, 1919, by the undersigned, who there resides a team of geldings, one a dark brown the other a light brown, one with blazed face and wire cut on right front foot, no brands or collar marks. Both animals about five years old. Owner call, prove property and take animals away. E. B. CAMP, m25m2

North Platte.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, W. M. SAS

County Judge.

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L. LIPSHITZ.

NOTICE Gothenburg South Side Irrigation Com-pany, Gothenburg. D. F. Hinkley, Gothenburg, and all others interest-

Gothenburg, and all others interested.

You and each of you are hereby notified that a hearing will be held at the State Engineer's office, located at 410 State Capitol building in Lincoln, Lancaster County, State of Nebraska, on the 15th day of April, 1919, at two o'clock F. M., for the purpose of declaring cancelled and forfeited all pretended claim or rights purporting to have been granted under water appropriation Docket No. 681, dated October 26, 1834; located in water division No. 1-A; the point of division being, "On the South bank of the stream in the NW% of Section 30, Township 12, Range 26 West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska," and the land covered by said appropriation is described as follows:

Parts of Sections 5, 4, 3, 9, 16, 11, 16, 15, 14, 13, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 25, Township 11, North Range 26; parts of Sections 19, 29, 30, 29, 28, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, Township 11, North Range 26, parts of Sections 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 24, Township 19, North Range 25, Parts of Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35 and 36, Township 10, North Range 24, and parts of Sections 1 and 2, Township 9, North Range 24, all west of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln and Dawson Counties, Nebraska, or those portions of the legal subdivisions of the land above enumerated not covered or claimed by other irrigation for the irrigation thereof, amounting in all to about twenty-five thousand acres. ation for the irrigation thereof, amounting in all to about twenty-five thousand acres.

You and each of you are hereby notified to apear at said hearing and

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show cause why said appropriation
hereinbefore specifically described
should not be forfeited and cancelled.
STATE BOARD OF IRRIGATION,
HIGHWAYS AND DRAINAGE,
By GEO. E. JOHNSON,
State Engineer, Secretary.
Dated this 11th day of March, 1919.
(SEAL) m14A12.

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 Occidental Building and Loan Association, a Corporation, is plaintiff, and Leon Gee Hess, et al are defendants, and to me directed, I will on the 19th day of April, 1918, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the east front door of the court House in North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said decree, interest and costs, the following described property, to-wit:

Lot six (6), Block seventy-seven (77) in the original town of North Platte as surveyed, platted and recorded.

Dated North Platte, Neb., March 15th

Dated North Platte, Neb., March 15th 1919. A. J. SALISBURY, M18A15. Sheriff. Notice of Incorporation of J. S. Davis Auto Company.

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 three consecutive weeks prior to said date of hearing.

Dated March 15th, 1919.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, Marked of Attachment.

State of Nebraska, County of Lincoln, SS.

A. M. Blume, first and real name unknown, will take notice that on the 12th day of March, 1919, I. L. Miltonberger, a justice of the peace of Lincoln county. Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$25.18 in an action pending before him wherein Derryberry & Forbes, Inc., is plaintiff and A. M. Blume, first and real name unknown, is defendant; that property of the defendant consisting of moneys in the hands of the Masonic Lodge of North Platte, Nebraska, has been attached under said order.

Said order is continued to the 8th of moneys in the hands of the Masonic Lodge of North Platte, Nebraska, has been attached under said order.

Said order is continued to the 8th day of April, 1919, at 2 o'clock p. m.

DERRYBERRY & FORBES, Inc., m14-3

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, in pursuance of the Statutes of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska, do associate themselves in business as a body corporated in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter mentioned. nd Secretary

nd Secretary.
Dated this 13th day of January, 1919.
J. S. DAVIS.
MARY E. DAVIS.
J. J. CRAWFORD.
W. J. TILEY.
J. E. FILLION.
J. R. LAIN.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior. J. S. Land Office at Broken Bow, Ne-braska, March 18, 1919. Notice is hereby given that Oliver C. Jucas, of North Platte, Nebraska, who, on November 29, 1915, made homestead entry, North Platte No. 06271, Broken Bow No. 011865, for the Wig SWig, Sec-tion 2, Township 15 North, Range 30 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, has west of the 6th Frincipal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before William H. C. Woodhurst, U. S. Commissioner, at North Platte, Nebraska, on the 9th at North Platte, Nebraska, on the sta day of May, 1919. Claimant names as witnesses: Frank Eberly, John Weldon, John Saunders, Frank Hood, all of North Platte, Ne-

MACK C. WARRINGTON,

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed bids will be received at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, until 3 p. m., on Saturday, April 19, 1919, at North Platte, Nebraska, for grading, surfacing, and incika, for grading, surfacing, and inci-dental work on the North Platte-Suth-erland Project No. 10, Federal Aid

Road.

Bids will be opened at the office of the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, at their office in the Court House, North Platte, Nebraska, promptly after the time for receiving bids has closed.

The proposed work consists of constructing approximately 19.1 miles of structing approximately 19.1 miles of structing appromimately 19.1 miles of earth road, with stretches of gravel

urfacing.
The approximate quantities are:
98,171 cu. yds. of earth excavation.
4,652 cu. yds. mile hauling gravel.
Certified check—5 per cent of amount

f bid. Plans and specifications for the work Many be seen and information may be secured at the above office, or at the office of the State Engineer, Lincoln, Nebraska. The State and County reserve the right to waive all technicalities, and to reject any and all bids.

A. S. ALLEN, County Clerk.

GEO. E. JOHNSON, State Engineer.