

A Prompt Suitor
By CECILLE LANGDON

"This is no place for you, Miss Denzil," said Walter Richards, and Edna Denzil regarded him askance. "If you will allow me to call upon you this evening I will tell you why."

Young Richards spoke in a low, impressive tone and as Edna nodded as if in assent, went into the front office of Moore & Allen, drew what salary was coming to him and left the place. Edna followed him with her eyes. She confessed to a slight pang of jealousy as Richards met a flashy, bold-faced girl of her own age who had been of late quite a frequent visitor to the office. On several of these occasions Miss Martine made it a point to parade her fancied beauty and fascinations for the benefit of the young clerk and student.

There was some mystery about this Miss Martine that neither Edna nor Richards had fathomed. When either of the partners consulted with her it was behind closed doors. She wore a certain air of audacious superiority, indicating that her visits to the firm were of great importance.

Edna puzzled her mind all the rest of that afternoon as to the reason why Walter Richards had given up his position. She has liked him from the first moment she met him. He was courteous to the point of gallantry. He had walked home with her on several occasions and Edna was attracted and pleased by his quiet, gentlemanly ways. She was glad that she had assented to his calling upon her, for he was about the only friend she had made since coming to the city.

It was seven o'clock when Richards appeared at the home where Edna boarded. "If you don't mind," he said, "suppose we take a stroll to the park, where we can find a quiet spot to talk over things," and Edna was nothing loth.

She went up to her room and reappeared dressed for outdoors, the handbag she usually carried in evidence. Richards insisted on relieving her of this. He selected a remote bench when they reached the park.

"You have probably been surprised and mystified as to my leaving Moore & Allen so abruptly," he spoke. "You also perhaps wonder at what I said about the office being no place for you. I am going to explain. I have a long, hard road ahead of me before I become a full-fledged lawyer, and I may not readily find another place, but I have learned enough concerning the devious and tricky ways of my former employers to know that every hour I remain I am imperiling my reputation for the future."

"You amaze me!" murmured Edna. "Last week they asked me to assist in deluding a client whom they were willing to sell out for a money consideration. This Miss Martine who comes so often to the office is, I am assured, a mere adventuress whom they intend to use in some plot, the details of which I have not yet learned. But I shall learn," concluded Richards, with determination. "As to yourself, I hope you will believe that I am deeply concerned in your well-being, and if I can find you another position, with more honorable men, I trust you will resign from your present one."

Edna murmured a vague assent. He was so earnest, so sincere, somehow the fervor of his apparently unselfish interest in her touched and influenced her. Then at the door of her home Richards handed her back her handbag and asked permission to call again at the end of the week.

Edna had pleasant dreams that night. She decided to trust to Richards as to changing her position. Just as she was ready to start for the office next morning she made a discovery that annoyed and worried her. She had carried in her handbag with her other belongings, a key to the office door and one to a metal cabinet where Moore & Allen kept their private papers. They were both missing. She had left the house about a square behind when Richards met her.

"I hope I have not made you anxious," he said, "but did you miss your office keys?"

"Why, yes," assented Edna.

"Here they are," said Richards extending the missing articles.

She awaited him expectantly the following Saturday evening. There was a noticeable vivacity in his manner as she greeted him. "I have a strange story to tell you, Miss Denzil—rather Edna. Now do not become offended, because I hope soon the right to call you that. I took your keys purposely."

"Oh, Mr. Richards!" cried Edna in a tone of dismay.

"Yes, to visit the office and pry into the private papers of Moore & Allen. I found what I suspected. A wealthy man named Richard Tate had employed them to look up a half niece. They found that she had died years ago, but plotted to have Miss Martine assume her identity, benefit by the claim and share her ill-gotten gains with them. When I revealed all this to Mr. Tate he became grateful for our interest in him. He has offered me a position at two thousand a year, and oh, Edna! don't you think that enough to marry on and settle down in a dear little home of our own?"

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS

September 8th, 1919
Board met pursuant to adjournment present full board and county clerk. Claims were allowed as follows:
O. M. Shaly, blade man, \$125.00.
Harold Oldfather, auto hire, \$2.50.
W. M. Purdy, engine man, \$100.00.
Sundry persons, river work, \$264.25.
J. F. Ware, bridge work, \$16.00.
A. P. Kelly, supplies, \$322.31.
Wm. Anthony, road work, \$30.50.
Hershey Auto Co., mdse., \$145.05.
Henry Anthony, road work, \$22.50.
N. D. Wells, road work, \$6.00.
H. E. Eddingfield, road work, \$9.00.
Robt. Ream, road work, \$5.00.
C. P. Carson, road work, \$24.00.
G. H. Dougherty, road work, \$15.
Mrs. H. R. McMichael, expense county poor, \$33.18.
Howard Peckhan, river work, \$28.
Frank Ebele, road work, \$4.00.
W. W. Young, mdse., \$50.55.
W. T. Elliott, river work, \$56.00.
Fred Tobias, bridge work, \$45.50.
C. C. Long, hauling hay, \$49.00.
W. W. Young, lumber, \$254.72.

North Platte L. & P. Co., \$71.77.
Standard Oil Co., oil, \$132.42.
Sundry persons, road work, \$104.50.
G. W. Diener road work, \$46.35.
Standard Oil Co., oil, \$109.75.
North Platte L. & P. Co., \$30.22.
J. D. Adams, graders, \$1,142.00.
J. P. Blomquist, grader work, \$62.50.
J. D. Adams, repairs, \$15.00.
Wiley Moore, road work, \$17.40.
H. Hibbs, road work, \$3.00.
Wesley Cockle, road work, \$14.00.
J. D. Adams, repairs, \$8.96.
Nourse Oil Co., oil, \$33.45.
W. H. Bristol, road work, \$119.40.
North Platte L. & P. Co., \$90.44.
J. D. Adams, maintainer, \$370.00.
W. H. Merrick & Co., mdse., \$77.72.
J. D. Adams, grader, \$485.00.
Mrs. Emma Puiver, care of poor, \$277.15.
Floyd Boss, dragging, \$73.40.
J. D. Adams, grader tongue, \$60.20.
Elda Beal, services, \$40.00.
National Refining Co., oil, \$3.00.
John Discoc, road work, \$10.80.
North Platte Mills, mdse., \$9.00.
J. W. Hunt, services, \$8.00.
Petition presented to board to

change voting place in Osgood precinct from school house to experimental farm. Considered and change allowed.
Adjourned to September 15th, 1919.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. John Ell are spending the week with friends in Paxton.

Mrs. Jack Husband left Tuesday for Atlantic, Iowa, for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Haggerty, of Denver, were the guests of friends in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Haney and daughter Ruth, of Hyannis, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Mary Brower.

Miss Helen Alden left yesterday for Grand Island for a short visit with friends, while enroute to Lincoln to resume her studies at the university.
Mrs. James Kennedy returned to her home in Willow Island Tuesday after spending a few days in town visiting friends and looking after business matters.

Mrs. E. R. Mills returned the first of the week from a short visit with relatives in Iowa.

Leo Tighe went to Lexington this morning for a few days visit with his sister, Mrs. Wilfred Stuart.

Loren Hastings left yesterday for Lincoln where he will attend the state university this year.

In the base ball game played Monday night between the Catholics and Lutherans the former won by a score of 4 to 1.

How are you going to pass the long evenings this fall and winter? Why not keep your boys and girls at home with a new Edison, "The Phonograph With a Soul." Prices from \$129.00 up to \$285.00. Terms, DIXON, the Jeweler.

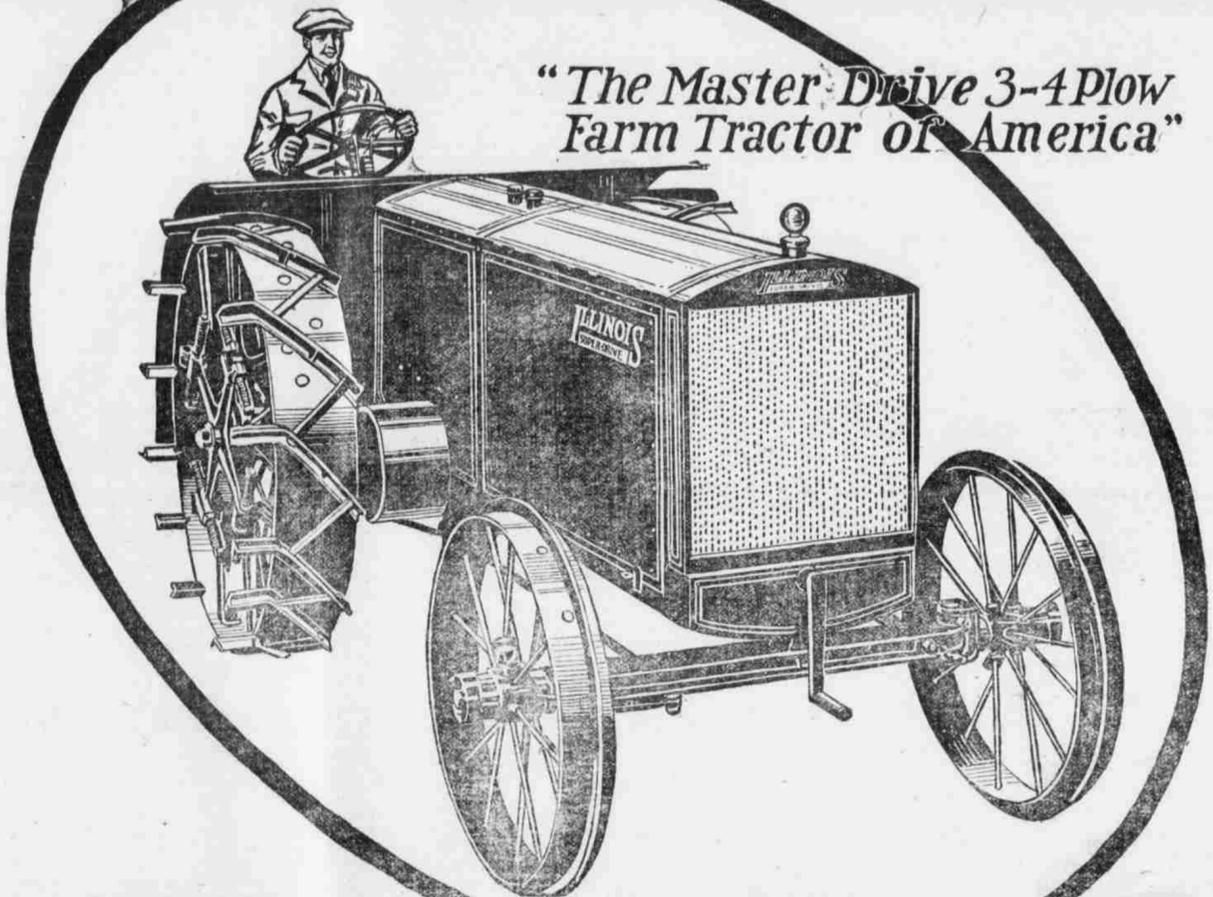
Miss Maude Warrington left Tuesday for Pasadena, Cal., after spending the summer here with her sisters Mrs. Chas. Calhoun and Miss Vona Warrington. Miss Warrington has been teaching in Long Beach, but has accepted a position in the city schools of Pasadena for this year.

Legal Notice.

Eber H. Smith, Claud C. Smith, Exa Haze Smith, Lots One and Two in Block 7 of Penniston's Addition to the City of North Platte, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate or any part thereof defendants, will take notice that on the 6th day of September, 1919, Alice O. Coe, plaintiff, filed her petition in the District Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a decree of said Court quieting and confirming said plaintiff's title to the above described real estate and to enjoin each and all of said defendants and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said premises from asserting any interest herein adverse to said plaintiff. You and each of you are required to answer said petition on or before the 20th day of October, 1919.

ALICE O. COE, Plaintiff.
By Hoagland & Hoagland and Carr, Her Attorneys. 8903

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