

"NO MAN'S PORT"

By GENEVIEVE ULMAR

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"You're slipping, Boss," observed Mr. Ralph Warren, employer of Marvin Bros. "Down late mornings, sleepy till noon, out of the office half an hour before quitting time. It won't do. Watch your step!"

Boss was attentive, but unheeding. A month later, when someone asked Mr. Warren about the young man, the response came:

"Drifting. He was a pleasant, accommodating young fellow, but he bled his time away. Not vicious, nor dissipated. Just caught with the glare of the town and it dazzled him. Started wrong somehow in choosing his business career, and indolence and carelessness have done the rest."

"Slipping, drifting and then down and out!" These were the three formidable phrases that contended with well meaning, but happy go-lucky Marvin Boss and won the contest. He had come from a quiet country town where he would have been a success with his easy-going, smiling ways and familiarity with local business methods, and the city, instead of being an impetus to ambition, became a pleasant hunting ground for variety and enjoyment.

The last phase of Marvin's reckless experience became very manifest to him, as one chilly winter evening, homeless, out of money and work, he crept into the hallway of a public building and crouched behind a radiator.

"Looks seedy, but he's sober," observed one of two night watchmen a little later. "Here!" with a shake of Marvin's arm, "where did you come from?"

"It's not where I came from, gentlemen," remarked Marvin pleasantly, "but where I'm going to if you turn me out of this warm nest. I've had had luck. What do you do in cases like mine?"

"He looks of the right sort, only down at heel," observed the other officer. "I would say No Man's Port. He looks the kind Old Salty favors."

"All right, take him there," came the response. "See here, my man, you're grazing vagrancy and the municipal court, so go with my partner and see what Old Salty can do with you."

"And who is Old Salty, if I may ask?" propounded Marvin.

"Every man's friend who deserves a chance. He'll be your free landlord for a night, anyhow."

Marvin followed the officer. He was curious, interested as they reached a store.

"Here's another derelict to add to your fleet, Salty."

The queerest appearing man Marvin had ever met nodded and regarded this new recruit with one probing eye. He looked the retired old mariner complete. He had also only one arm and was battered up otherwise like some son of battle.

"You seem to need a meal and a bed," he observed to Marvin. "Dream over having found a free harbor and have a talk with me in the morning," and he led Marvin into another room where a frugal but wholesome table was spread, and then to one of the dozen partitioned-off compartments supplied with clean, comfortable cots. In the morning he questioned Marvin in a fatherly way and said:

"You talk right, now to get feeling right. The matter with you is that you have lost your bearings. Suppose I find them for you—will you try to do me credit?"

"If you mean a job," replied Marvin eagerly, "just try me. I've had my lesson."

Before the day was over Old Salty who was one of those philanthropists who do a good deal for humanity without saying much, had secured Marvin a position as attendant to a young man, a confirmed invalid, going South for his health. For five months Marvin applied himself diligently to his duties. He was well paid and when the invalid died his parents made Marvin a grateful present of a thousand dollars. He was a new and welcome Marvin when he reported to Old Salty. "You've stood the test," remarked the old mariner. "Now, then, to get

A DOMESTIC LESSON

By JESSIE E. SHERWIN

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"When Serena Bartlett married William Farson," observed Mr. Abel Ward.

"Better get it right, as you never do," objected Mrs. Dorcas Ward. "You mean Selma."

"I don't. Her name is Serena, as I have every reason to know. Think I've forgotten making out all kinds of documents for 'Serena, daughter of John Bartlett,' when he died and I was employed in the county clerk's office back there at Farmington?"

"SELINA—Selina! Poor spelling, Abel, as well as failing memory."

"This was too much for the self-opinionated Abel and he left the room, slamming the door after him.

"Always stubborn and always wrong!" he ground out, as expressing his opinion of his arbitrary wife.

"Guessing at things as usual and never getting them right!" commented Dorcas. "I hope I'm not in my dotage, that I can't remember a simple familiar name."

It was a sample of the weekly, sometimes daily, quarrels and bickerings in the Ward family. At the end of twenty years of quite comfortable and harmonious domestic life, Abel and Dorcas were forming a habit of contrariness and contradiction that bade fair to wreck the family institution. It had been accentuated more recently by involving Lella, their only daughter, in the general ensemble. She was away at school approaching a creditable graduation, and it and her first love experience were marred by the temperamental idiosyncrasies of her parents. Her prospective fiance was Gerald Eyre. Abel had liked him from the first, and took pride in believing that he came from "the well established Eyre family" whom he had heard of when a lad. That was enough to arouse the perverse spirit of Dorcas. She made Lella miserable by expressing a dislike for the lover whom Abel favored, and whom she told he was thinking of the Ayres, not the Eyre family, which led to the usual battle of discussion and variance.

Abel was so wrought up that when he arrived at the office he made a confidant of his partner as to the nagging spirit of his wife in general, and the Serena-Selina incident in particular.

"All right, go and see this Serena lady and get her to establish your claim. Prove thereby to your wife that you are correct. Follow up that system a few times, and you will probably break up her really unpleasant disputatious pastime."

Now it was singular in a way, though quite natural, that the same thought should have occurred to Mrs. Ward. That was why at the same hour husband and wife arrived at the home of their old-time acquaintance, forty miles distant by rail. Dorcas looked suspicious and Abel confused as they met unexpectedly on the porch of the lady's home, but before they could explain or recover mutual equality, she who was now Mrs. Parsons, appeared at the door of the house. She was attired in mourning, looked sad and troubled, but she welcomed these old-time friends in a pleasant way, showed them into the parlor and looked questioningly at them as she noted that they were palpably embarrassed.

"May as well tell just what we came for," blurted out Abel, and he recalled the object of the visit. He concluded with the words:

"Just tell Dorcas that it's Serena, will you?"

"No, Selina!" interposed his persistent helpmeet.

"You are both in error," continued Mrs. Parsons.

"Then what is it?" challenged Abel.

"It is, and always has been, Cyra-thea."

Abel sort of shrunk down in his chair and Dorcas cast a vague look at him, as if he had cheated her out of a treasured possession.

"Will you let me say something that is in my heart, dear friends?" suggested the lady seriously. "It is plain that you are entering a perilous experience in wasting your time and hurting one another's feelings, prompted by trivial matters on which you disagree. I speak from experience," and the speaker sighed sorrowfully. "My husband and I parted about a year ago as a result of our petty quarrels. He died away from home, and the reproach of it will make me unhappy to the end."

"I say, Dorcas," spoke Abel, as they got outside, "that young Eyre may not belong to the family I supposed, after all."

"As you like, Abel," responded Dorcas in a penitential tone. "We are both liable to mistakes, you know."

"Suppose we quit making them?" suggested Abel, giving the arm of his better half an affectionate squeeze.

"I think we had better do so," replied Dorcas, meekly, "and we will begin by agreeing that Eyres or Ayres, our prospective son-in-law, is a worthy young man and will make Lella a good husband."

"Sort of a lesson—a warning in what Ser—I mean Cyra-thea, says eh?" submitted Abel.

"Yes, Sel—I mean Cyra-thea, has set me thinking," acknowledged Dorcas humbly.

SEES BACK OF THE CLOUDS

Uncle Hiram Refuses to Be Downhearted Because the Weather is Not Just Right.

"Yes, this is a lovely day," my gloomy friend says to me, looking out at the dark, lowering clouds and the steadily falling rain, and meaning, of course, exactly the opposite of what he says; but then, said Uncle Hiram, I say to him:

"Well, we've been having lots of beautiful weather, haven't we?" and that is really the way it strikes me.

Cold, dark, rainy days don't worry me a bit; not the least little bit. On such days I recall the bright sunny days that have gone before, and dwell on them. In fact I store up out of them enough sunshine to last me through a longer period of stormy weather than any I have ever met yet. As I look out of my window at the present moment, why, back of the clouds that to my gloomy friend seem so dark and dismal I can see the white fleecy clouds of yesterday and the blue sky and the bright sunshine and I know that we shall actually have all those things again soon. There never was a storm yet but what cleared off some time, was there? Never! And this one will be gone before you know it.

As a matter of fact, I like weather, it doesn't disturb me, not a bit; it's just an appetizer for the bright days that I know are sure to come.

First American Composer.

Judge Francis Hopkinson, signer of the Declaration of Independence, jurist, inventor, artist, poet, essayist, scholar, organizer, composer and first graduate of the class of 1757 of the University of Pennsylvania, is known as the first American composer. Judge Hopkinson was especially noted as a composer of fetching songs for the harpsichord. In 1788 he published seven songs dedicated to his friend, George Washington. In the quaint fashion of his day, he wrote: "However small the Reputation may be that I derive from this Work, I cannot, I believe, be refused the Credit of being the first Native of the United States who has produced a Musical Composition. If this attempt be not too severely treated, others may be encouraged to venture on a path yet untrampled in America, and the Arts in succession will take root and flourish among us."

Odd Phone Experiments.

One of the greatest blessings and sometimes one of the greatest worries is the telephone. But it is not always looked upon as a source of amusement—by trying the transmitter on various parts of the body even this is obtained.

If you put the transmitter on the chest and speak in the usual tones the listener will hear the message almost as clearly as if it were sent in the usual way.

Again, if the transmitter be pressed firmly against the kneecap the message is heard quite as distinctly, but it is only faintly audible if the transmitter be put to the heel.

The members of the Gleaner class of the Christian church were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Banks on Tuesday evening of this week. The evening was spent in music and games. Mrs. Dimmick showed much skill in the chopping of a cherry tree and won the prize, a neatly framed picture of George Washington. Mrs. Bryant was consoled with a box of candy. Before lunch was served Mr. Scott, superintendent of the Sunday school, called and in a few well chosen words commended the class on the way it was living up to its name. The next class meeting will be the first Tuesday in March.

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Sale Dates.

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Feb. 16—C. P. Essleg.
Feb. 17th—Henry Frash, Feb. 17th.
Feb. 18th—Geo. Schrecongost, February 18th.
Feb. 19th—Fred Len, February 19th.
Feb. 20th—Ed Galvin, Feb. 20th.
Feb. 23—Hog sale, Western Nebraska Breeders' Ass'n.
L. O. Lloyd, February 24.
R. C. Doeke, February 25th.
February 26—E. S. Froman.
Charles Shinn, February 27.
R. Nolde March 3d.
March 9th—John Wing.
March 10—H. Frazer.
R. T. Welliver, March 16th.
March 23d—R. S. L. Vass.
March 26—Cattle sale, Western Nebraska Breeders' Ass'n.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate No. 1718 of Patrick H. McEvoy, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is June 12, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is August 5th, 1920; that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on March 12, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on June 12, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.

(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
1916 County Judge

NOTICE OF PETITION

Estate No. 1729 of George Brown Carr-right, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate take notice that petition has been filed for the appointment of John Carr-right as administrator of said estate which has been set for hearing herein on March 5, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.

Dated February 3, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
1917 County Judge

NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of the estate of Adolph Scherz, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

To the heirs and all persons interested in said estate: Notice is hereby given that a petition for the appointment of Frieda Scherz, as administratrix of the estate of Adolph Scherz, deceased, and also an application for an allowance for Frieda Scherz, as widow of said deceased, has been filed in this court and that said petition and application for widow's allowance will be heard before the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in the Court House in the City of North Platte, in said County, on February 28, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time any person interested may appear and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of said petition and application should not be granted.

Dated at North Platte, Nebraska, February 6, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
11027 County Judge

Col. H. M. JOHANSEN,
AUCTIONEER.

Sale Dates:

February—
Feb. 16, A. E. Burgess, general farm sale, three miles south of Maxwell.
17th, E. M. Robbins, ten miles southeast of town.
18th, H. D. Lewis, general farm sale, 1 1/2 miles southwest of Maxwell.
19th, A. H. Turpen, general farm sale 10 miles northeast of North Platte.
21st, Casper Rauch, general farm sale at the old stock yard barn.
23d, Western Nebraska Breeders' Association, North Platte livery barn.
25, Leo Mustard, general farm sale southeast of North Platte.
26th, Scott Shaner, general farm sale, two miles southeast of Bignell.
28th, Combination sale at the North Platte Sale Barn.
March—
11th, W. H. Towers, general farm sale, southeast of Maxwell.
15th, Landholm & Anderson hog sale at the North Platte Sale Barn.

Land and Stock Sale.
On March 9, 1920, Mrs. Bartholomew & Son will hold a stock and land sale, 120 acres of land, in Sec. 2, T. 16, R. 32, and Sec. 36, T. 17, R. 32, located 12 miles south of Tryon, 20 miles northwest of North Platte and 2 1/2 miles west of Tryon mill route. Now is the time for those interested to look this land over, while the snow is on, as it will be sold upon the above date regardless of the weather.

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Notice of Final Report.
Estate No. 1689 of Mary Vosepka, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.
The State of Nebraska, To all persons interested in said estate take notice that Vlasta Vosepka, the administratrix of said estate, has filed a final account and report of her administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, and for a decree of heirship and distribution of said estate, which have been set for hearing before said court on Saturday, February 28th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear and contest the same.
Dated January 31, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
13120 County Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate No. 1715 of Joseph J. Bowker, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss: Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is June 5th, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is January 30th, 1921, that I will sit in the county court room in said county on March 5th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on June 5th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
Dated January 31, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
13120 County Judge

ORDER FIXING CLAIM DAYS.
In the Matter of the Estate of Frank L. Lawrence, Deceased.

Now on this 30th day of January, 1920, it is ordered by the court that the executor be allowed one year from this date in which to settle said estate, and creditors will be allowed until the fifth day of June, 1920, to file their claims, after said date, claims will be forever barred. That on the 5th day of March, 1920, and the 5th day of June, 1920, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., of each of said days, the court and the executor will attend at the county court room in said county, to receive, examine, hear, allow and adjust claims. That notice of this order be given creditors and all persons interested in said estate by publication of a notice for four successive weeks immediately preceding the 5th day of March 1920 in the North Platte Tribune, a legal semi-weekly newspaper printed and published in Lincoln county, Nebraska.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge

Notice of Final Report
Estate of James H. Robinson, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said estate take notice that the administrator, with the will annexed, has filed a final account and report of his administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such administrator, with the will annexed, which have been set for hearing before said court on February 20, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear and contest the same.
Dated January 24, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
127113 County Judge

NOTICE OF PETITION
Estate No. 1722 of George E. Rogers, 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 appointment of Mary Rogers as administratrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on February 20, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.
Dated January 23, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
127113 County Judge

NOTICE OF PETITION
Estate No. 1721 of Sheldon C. Mecomer, 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 appointment of Nettie Mecomer as administratrix of said estate, which has been set for hearing herein on he 20th day of February, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.
Dated January 22nd, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
127113 County Judge.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
Notice is hereby given that the mayor and council of the City of North Platte, Nebraska, will receive bids for paving Paving District No. 2 in said city according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the city clerk. Said bids to cover paving 470 square yards of surface with one course concrete, 8 inches uniform thickness. Engineer's estimate \$1500.

Bids must be on file with the city clerk on or before eight o'clock p. m., February 17th, 1920, at which time the bids will be opened. They must be on the proposals in the specifications furnished by the city clerk and accompanied by a certified check for \$75, payable to the city treasurer of the City of North Platte. Said specifications and proposals furnished upon application to city clerk.
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