

THE SECRET POCKET

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"You delightful young man!" commented Mrs. Laura Delevan sincerely. "But look at your raincoat!"

"It is nothing, considering the service rendered," bowed Rodney Cleve, and he was the courtly gentleman complete as he lifted his hat and drew aside discreetly, as the lady reached the steps of her palatial home and rewarded his attentions with an admiring glance.

Never since the days of good old Queen Bess of Merrie England, when Sir Walter Raleigh set the example young Cleve had now followed, had a more delicate compliment been paid to womankind. Coming down the street, Cleve had seen the Delevan automobile halted with a jar directly in the middle of the road.

"Something broken," announced the chauffeur, and Cleve stepped to the curb. Mrs. Delevan, fair and forty, had pushed open the door of the machine.

"Can you not get nearer to the curb, John?" she inquired petulantly.

"Impossible, ma'am," came the definite reply. "The power is gone and it's something serious."

Rodney Cleve knew Mrs. Delevan by sight. For two months she had been a bugaboo in his life without knowing it. He had met her niece, bright, pretty Patty Delevan, who lived with her, at several social functions, had fallen deeply in love with her and had received some encouragement in return, but Patty, while she had allowed him to see her home on two occasions, had parted with him at the vestibule door and had never invited him to call. Then a friend had enlightened Cleve.

"Mr. Delevan is a high and mighty descendant of the very oldest Puritan stock," this informant said, "and Mrs. Delevan is a social leader. As to Patty, they guard and guide her as if she were some princess, crowd off the fellows, circumscribe her list of acquaintances and frown on the least sign of an attachment."

It was no marvel, therefore, as Cleve found himself in a position to serve this formidable ogress that he was inspired to a remarkable act. He had whipped off his raincoat swiftly; he had spread it out from the curb to the step of the automobile, had extended his hand and the lady had thus safely evaded the soil and wet of the muddy street.

His heart fluttered as he snatched up the coat and shook it into folds and carried it away with him. There was no sense of affection or the ridiculous, for he had followed a precept of his father, drilled into him since childhood.

A stickler for propriety, the elder Cleve had made a record as a gracious, courtly gentleman of the good old kind.

It was a few days after the incident of the stalled automobile that Mr. Cleve called Rodney into the library.

"I haven't forgotten that this is your birthday, Rodney," he said, "and my tailor suggested a practical present, and he removed from a box an overcoat built on lines in exquisite harmony with the prevailing dictates of fashion."

Rodney expressed pleased approbation and gratefulness. Then, discovering a small slit on the inner arm of the garment, he inquired:

"Here is a new wrinkle to me. What is this for?"

"A pocket for the dainty hand of any young lady to whom you may happen to be escort when the weather is cold," explained Mr. Cleve.

Rodney sighed inwardly. Would the fair hand of Patty Delevan ever nestle there?

A week later, passing the opera-house, Rodney recognized Mrs. Delevan in the line of those purchasing advance seats. Again the courteous impulse came into play. The ogress smiled graciously as he stepped to her side.

"You will have to stand in line for half an hour at least," he spoke. If you will step into the lobby where it is warm, I will see that you get what tickets you want through my friend in the box office."

"Of all the admirable young men," murmured Mrs. Delevan, as Cleve returned.

Could he be of any further service? She was going only a few squares to her husband's office. He would be glad to be her escort, and as walks were slippery would she take his arm?

Quite naturally, as she did so, her hand slipped into the secret pocket. How original! what a cozy conception! She really must introduce him to her husband after all his kindly attentions, and Cleve felt that he had certainly acquired a footing in their good graces.

It was a vast step forward when later an invitation came from Mr. and Mrs. Delevan to a social function at their home. Wise, delighted Patty never intimated to her aunt that they had met before. Mutually hopeful, they allowed matters to drift.

Into that same secret sleeve pocket Patty's dainty-gloved hand slipped one evening, as was his wont, as they were headed for an entertainment. Patty's fingers came in contact with a tiny pasteboard box.

"There is something in the pocket," she began.

"Oh, yes," said Rodney animatedly. "It is an engagement ring."

PADEREWSKI AT THE PIANO

Description of Great Master's Playing Well Called a Gem of Humorous Composition.

The death recently of Ed H. Smith recalled the humorous editorials which made his little newspaper, the Chota News, noted. The one which first drew attention to it follows:

"We heard the Polander, Paderewski, play the piano in Kansas City last night. The fellow is deceitful. He makes you think all the time that he is going to play a tune, but he never does. He flirts all around a tune, but never touches it. His hair looks like a wig, but it isn't. He deceives you in a hundred ways. He makes the sweetest sounds you ever heard that were not a tune. He has his piano so trained that the doggone thing will keep right on playing when he is not touching it. He reaches out slowly and strokes it, drawing back his elbows like a man brushing a girl's hair. You see the moonlight and you're there with your girl, but somehow she don't love you. We know the sorrow of that, and that's why we don't like Paderewski. There are troubles enough in the world without hearing Paderewski. A man don't want to feel like he had thrown the mutilated remains of his grandmother in the sewer. If this is Paderewski's last visit to America we're glad of it. But we wouldn't take \$100 for what we heard."

LOOKED AS IF HE KNEW

Good Reason Why Soldiers Urged Lieutenant to Take Military Policeman's Word for It.

A colored detachment under a white lieutenant was making its way through the shattered territory near Dunsmuir during the thick of the Argonne drive. At a crossroads it encountered a traffic-directing M. P. who halted the column.

"Sorry, sir," he said to the officer in charge. "You are not allowed up that road. We have information that it is about to be shelled by the enemy."

The officer carefully examined his orders. "My instructions read differently," he declared. "I cannot believe that this is the road to be shelled. Have you any verification?"

At this moment a shell burst within a hundred yards, tearing up the earth and sending debris flying in every direction. The entire landscape was obliterated, and a dead silence, broken only by the crash of falling stones, ensued. Then, out of a cloud of settling dust, arose one faint, terrified voice:

"Fo' Gawd's sake, lieutenant, please take de gemman's word fo' it!"—The Home Sector.

Business Welcomes Radio Circuits.

With the new radio circuits in operation between America and the far East, it is comforting to know, even if one has infrequent occasion to communicate with Japan, Hawaii and the Philippines, that the new service is considered quite reasonably inexpensive. One may communicate with Manila from the California stations for 6 cents a word, and with Hawaii for 3. Even if the rates were higher, however, the new circuits would be welcomed by American business interests, for the development of trade, as well as the transmission of news, has been seriously handicapped by lack of facilities for communication. The United States will get a better news service in consequence, do more business, and may feel also, according to naval officers, that the national defense system has been strengthened at a weak point.—Christian Science Monitor.

Airship Construction.

Some interesting facts regarding the work required in building a large modern airship are given in a recent issue of the Engineer, which states that the general problems of design are closely allied to those of naval architecture, although the airship designer must be a highly skilled mechanical engineer and also must have a knowledge of textile technology. For the work on construction, owing to the multiplicity of parts required, a very efficient shop organization is necessary. In a rigid airship structure, excluding the machinery, there are 20,000 different parts, a total length of structural material of 20 miles, 60 miles of wire and more than 2,000,000 rivets.

Ruskin's Birthplace for Sale.

No. 54 Hunter street, Brunswick square, London, the birthplace of John Ruskin, is for sale by private treaty. In the early days of the nineteenth century, says the London Telegraph, John James Ruskin came to London from Edinburgh to enter the wine trade. In 1818 he married his cousin, Margaret Cox, and February 8, 1819, the author of "Sesame and Lilies" was born. The house in Hunter street, which is now distinguished by a commemorative tablet, is of the substantial Georgian type so well known in Bloomsbury and was erected at a time when that district was particularly in favor among city merchants.

Suspicious.

"As he came in, I noticed his face was lighted with a wonderful glow and his eyes were shining."

"Say, where could he get anything to make him all lit up that way?"

The Shorn Lamb.

"Why did Wilkins decide to stay in the army?"

"He didn't see any other way of getting an overcoat this winter."—The Home Sector.

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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, County Judge

NOTICE OF PETITION

Estate No. 1729 of George Brown Canright, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, ss: To all persons interested in said estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the appointment of John Canright 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, 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, County Judge

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate No. 1716 of Christina Cobagen, 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 12, 1920, and for settlement of said estate is January 30, 1921; 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, 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 12th, 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.

WM. H. C. WOODHURST, 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 livery barn.
25. Lee 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, 1120 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 mail 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 Voselka, deceased, in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said estate take notice that Vlasta Voselka, 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, 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 executrix 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 executrix 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

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AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NORTH PLATTE EQUITY ASSOCIATION

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That at a special meeting of the stockholders of the North Platte Equity Association, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska, held at the office of the company in North Platte, Nebraska, on the 31st day of January, 1920, A. D., after due notice had been given to the stockholders thereof in conformity with its Articles of Incorporation, by-Laws and the laws of the State, at which the regular meeting of the stock of said corporation was represented, the following amendments were adopted as shown below:

Article III of the Articles of Incorporation was amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III.
"The general nature of the business to be transacted by this corporation shall be to buy, sell, trade and deal in, at wholesale and retail, groceries, provisions, food supplies, farm and dairy products, vegetables, produce, pottery and crockery, fresh, salt and smoked meats, fish, oysters, and sea food products, live stock, poultry, and domestic, foreign and manufactured food products, grain, hay, feed, straw, seeds, poultry feed, lumber, cement, coal, all kinds of machinery, electrical and hardware specialties, gasoline or gas engines and motors, automobiles, steam engines, boilers, electrical motors, farm machinery, farm equipment, dairy supplies, vehicles, and machinery and appliances of every kind, nature and description, and articles and articles used in furnishing and equipping of banks, theatres, churches, schools, residences and other public and private buildings, dry goods, clothing, wearing apparel and textile fabrics of every kind, hats, caps, millinery, boots, shoes, furnishing goods, fancy goods, and all articles and articles of like general character and description, bread, cakes, pies, crackers, biscuits, pastry, ice-cream and other or similar food products, and to provide and maintain a restaurant, inn or eating house; and to do all things incident to the general transaction of the character of business hereinbefore enumerated and implied, including the right to own, lease and operate grain elevators, hay barns, refrigerators, stables, pens, slaughter houses, abattoirs, cold storage plants, bakeries, and garages; to make and perform contracts of any kind and description, and in carrying on its business, or for the purpose of attaining or furthering any of its objects, to do any and all things which a natural person could do and which, and which now or hereafter may be authorized by law; and in the purchase or acquisition of property, business, or rights of franchises, or of other working capital, or for any other object in or about its business or affairs, to incur debt and to raise, borrow and secure the payment of money in any lawful manner, including the issue and sale or other disposition of bonds, warrants, debentures, obligations, negotiable and transferable instruments and evidences of indebtedness of all kinds, whether secured by mortgage, pledge, deed of trust or otherwise; and to own, lease and sell such personal and real property as may be necessary and useful for the transaction of the business and the accomplishment of the purpose of this corporation."

"We, Edgar M. Dawson, and Harry M. Johnson, President and Secretary of said meeting, do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct statement of the proceedings of the stockholders at the above named meeting, and we do hereby execute, sign and acknowledge the same, for and on behalf of said corporation, this 31st day of January, 1920.

EDGAR M. DAWSON, President.
HARRY M. JOHNSON, Secretary.

State of Nebraska, County of Lincoln, ss: Be it Remembered, that on this 31st day of February, A. D. 1920, before me, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Edgar M. Dawson and Harry M. Johnson, each being to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn did say that they are the President and Secretary respectively of the North Platte Equity Association, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its stockholders, and that they acknowledged said instrument to be a voluntary act and deed of said corporation, by them voluntarily executed.

W. T. CRODMAN, Notary Public