

HOUSES IN THE AIR

By ALDEN CHAPMAN

"Oh, Lesbia! run—run. The man is killed!"

Old Aunt Celia uttered the words in a shrill cry of excitement and alarm. She hobbled slowly after her niece, Lesbia Darrow, as the latter dashed down the porch steps and out to the street.

Thrilled by what she had viewed, chilled with apprehension, Lesbia breathlessly paused at the side of the road to gaze down in dread and horror at a crumpled-up human figure.

It was that of a man slightly older than herself. Only a moment before she had noticed him crossing the road. An automobile holding four reckless young men had rounded the corner, never sounding the horn's warning, and when their machine struck the man and threw him to the curb they dashed on unheeding.

Old John Barton, a neighbor, came limping to the spot as Miss Celia nearly fainted, and clung to a tree to support her trembling form. He knelt beside the prostrate figure. Then he looked up with a colorless and troubled face.

"He is pretty badly hurt, I'm afraid," he announced.

"Bring him into the house at once," spoke Lesbia instantly.

The doctor was called on the telephone by Mr. Barton and looked serious as he reported an arm broken, a bad gash at the back of the head and one lower limb sprained. He looked over the clothing of the patient. There was nothing found except a purse containing a few dollars and some printed cards having only the name Alton Drake, with no address. There was no hospital in the little town, and Aunt Celia, always sympathetic and generous hearted, insisted on sheltering the unfortunate stranger until he was in a condition to indicate who he was and where he came from. For two days and nights he lay in a deep coma, then a fever supervened. It was not until a week had passed that he was fully restored to sensibility. He looked intensely grateful and interested when the doctor told him of his environment and the kind souls who had sacrificed their poor means and time to see that he was cared for. The physician told him that it would be several weeks before he would be able to get about, and recommended hospital treatment.

"Not if these dear ladies will let me stay here," objected Alton Drake. "I haven't had a home for many a year, doctor, and this seems like one, indeed. I shall see that these people are well paid for their trouble."

"I don't think the gentle souls have ever thought of that," responded the physician. "They are not of that kind."

"Truly, indeed, I have fully realized that," murmured the invalid gratefully.

He was strong enough to discuss with Aunt Celia the event of retaining him as a regular boarder till he recovered, and she showed, and he knew, that the opulent sum he named in reimbursement meant a great deal to her. He was attended diligently, and as he came back to normal and she formed a decided liking for him.

"We haven't had time to do any of our old-time dreaming since he came," observed Lesbia, as she and her aunt sat in the gloaming. Her tones were low and cautious, for she had noticed that their patient was asleep in the next room.

"You want to get back to the old enjoyment of building houses in the air?" smiled Aunt Celia. "Dear! dear! what funny castles we have constructed!"

It had been a favorite and pleasurable enjoyment for those two lonely souls to pass a visionary hour imagining and then planning what they would do "when their ship came in." It always ended in a new home such as carried on their longings for a domestic palace. Aunt Celia craved a sun parlor, Lesbia's desire was a cozy little library. Once started now, they bubbled like two innocent children over their dream toys.

"Oh, dear! Mr. Drake is awake," suddenly exclaimed Aunt Celia.

They could catch the echo of distinct chuckling, and then the words: "I'll remember that vision house when I get well, see if I don't!"

It was not until he was able to get about readily that he told them who he was—"a lonely bachelor with some money," and he sent for a portion of the same the day he said good-by and left them, promising that they should see him again before fall.

Often they thought of him after he had departed, constantly Lesbia's thoughts held his bright, pleasing ways in memory, and one lovely morning he drove up in an automobile. "Want to show you something, ladies?" he halted them, waving a paper roll. "See that—it's a house just built and all finished, and it's yours!"

There it was, the palace they had planned, and a few hours later the auto conveyed them to the house they had so often held in ecstatic vision.

"There's only one thing more I wish to say," observed Drake. "I'd like to stay here, if you'd have me. I'm asking you, Miss Morrice. Could you consider a proposal from a lonely old bachelor? Why doesn't she answer? What does that mean?" he persisted, as Celia hove her head behind.

"It means 'love,'" responded Aunt Celia clearly.

RIGIDLY EXCLUDE FRESH AIR

French Seemingly See No Reason Why It Should Ever Be Admitted to Bedroom.

Europeans do not like fresh air, writes Theodor Roosevelt in Average Americans. They feel a good deal like the gentleman in Stephen Leacock's story who said he liked fresh air, and believed you should open the windows and get in all you could. Then you should shut the windows and keep it there. It would keep for years.

I have been in many rooms in France where the windows were nailed shut. The beds also are rather remarkable. They are generally fitted with feather mattresses, and feather quilts. Very often they are arranged in a niche in the wall like a closet, and have two doors, which the average European, after getting into the bed, closes, thereby rendering it about as airy and well ventilated as a coffin. I remember my own billet in one of the towns where we stopped. As I was commanding officer, it was one of the best and was reasonably warm. It was warm because the bazaar was next door. Literally in the next room, as all that separated me from a cow was a light deal door by the side of the bed. The cow was tied to the door. When the cow slept I slept; but if the cow passed a restless night I had all the opportunity I needed to think over my past sins and future plans.

In another town an excellent billet was not used by the officers because over the bed were hung photographs of all the various persons who had died in the house, taken while they lay in that bed.

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Notice.
Young Bros. & Co.; Daniel C. Young; Eben Young and P. S. Young, partners in business in St. Louis, Missouri, under the firm name of Young Bros. & Co.; T. B. Weber & Co.; John Dowd and E. M. Dowd; Mary K. Nichols; Lot 1, Block 116 of the Original Plat of the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, 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 5th day of May, 1929, Julius Pizer, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which is to quiet title in the plaintiff herein, Julius Pizer, to Lot 1, Block 116, of the Original Plat of the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, against each and all of said defendants and against all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate or any part thereof and to exclude each and all of said defendants from any right, title, interest, lien or claim in and to said lot and lands.

And plaintiff prays in said action that one certain mortgage executed by C. M. Miller on the 16th day of May, 1871 for \$536.88 to the defendants herein, Young Bros. & Co. and recorded in Book "A," Page 57 of the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on said Lot 1, Block 116, North Platte, Nebraska, be decreed and adjudged to be paid and satisfied and cancelled upon the records of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

And plaintiff further prays that a certain mortgage executed by A. J. Miller and C. M. Miller on said Lot 1, Block 116, North Platte, Nebraska, dated May 20th, 1871, running to Daniel C. Young, Eben Young and P. S. Young, partners in business in St. Louis, Missouri, under the firm name of Young Bros. & Co., for the sum of \$536.88 and recorded in Book "A," Page 59 of the Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, be adjudged and decreed to be paid and satisfied and that said mortgage be cancelled upon the records of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

And plaintiff further prays that a certain mortgage executed by A. J. Miller and C. M. Miller on said Lot 1, Block 116, of North Platte, Nebraska, on the 30th day of May 1871, for the sum of \$955.23 and running to the defendants, T. B. Weber & Co. and recorded in Book "A," Page 61 of the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, be adjudged and decreed to be paid and satisfied in full and said mortgage be cancelled upon the records of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

And plaintiff further prays that a certain mortgage executed by A. J. Miller and C. M. Miller on said Lot 1, Block 116, of North Platte, Nebraska, dated August 22nd, 1874, for the sum of \$650.00 running to John Dowd and E. M. Dowd and recorded in Book "A," Page 253 of the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, be adjudged and decreed to be paid and satisfied and said mortgage cancelled upon the records of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

And plaintiff further prays that a certain mortgage executed by A. J. Miller and C. M. Miller on the 6th day of April, 1877, on said Lot 1, Block 116, North Platte, Nebraska, for the sum of \$2,000.00 running to the defendant, Mary K. Nichols and recorded in Book "A," Page 544 of the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, be adjudged to be paid and satisfied in full and cancelled upon the records of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

And plaintiff further prays that his title in and to said Lot 1, Block 116, be quieted as against each and all of said mortgages and against Lot 1, Block 116 of the Original Plat of the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate or any part thereof, and that they be decreed to have no right, title and interest in and to said premises or any part thereof and for general equitable relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 21st day of June 1929.

Dated May 30, 1929.

JULIUS PIZER, Plaintiff,
By Halligan, Beatty & Halligan, Attorneys.
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You are required to answer said petition on or before the 28th day of June, 1929.

Dated May 10, 1929.

ANNA V. METCALF,
By Halligan, Beatty & Halligan, Her Attorneys.
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Notice to Creditors.
Estate No. 1750 of Mary Norris, 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 September 4th 1929, and for settlement of said Estate is April 30th 1921; that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on June 4th 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on September 4th 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
Wm. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

Notice to Creditors.
Estate No. 1751 of David Jones, 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 September 11, 1929, and for settlement of said Estate is April 30, 1921; that I will sit at the county court room in said county, on June 11, 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on September 11, 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
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Notice to Creditors.
Estate No. 1752 of Henry B. Plant, 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 September 18, 1929, and for settlement of said Estate is May 13, 1921; that I will sit at the county court room in said county on June 18, 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m., and on September 18, 1929, at 9 o'clock a. m., to receive, examine, hear, allow or adjust all claims and objections duly filed.
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in Lincoln County, Nebraska, and recorded in the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in Book 42 of Mortgages, Page 307.

And plaintiff prays that said U. S. Live Stock Co. be adjudged and decreed to have no right, title or interest in said mortgages for the reason that said defendant, U. S. Live Stock Co., for a valuable consideration sold, assigned and transferred each and all of said real estate Mortgages to the plaintiff herein.

That in addition to the relief heretofore prayed for, plaintiff further prays that the defendant, Will Outtrim, be also adjudged and decreed to have no lien or interest in and to the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 16, Range 32, by virtue of one certain mortgage executed by John E. Ghrist to said Outtrim for the sum of \$675.00 on July 15th, 1912, and recorded in the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in Book 41, at Page 307.

And also that said defendant, Will Outtrim, be adjudged and decreed to have no lien or interest in and to the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 16, Range 32, in Lincoln County, Nebraska, by reason of a certain mortgage executed by Austin S. Ghrist, single, to said defendant, Will Outtrim, for \$600.00 dated August 13th, 1912, and recorded in the Mortgage Records in Book 40 of Mortgages, at Page 300.

And that said defendant, Will Outtrim, be adjudged and decreed to have no lien or interest in and to the Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 16, Range 32, in Lincoln County, Nebraska, by virtue of a certain mortgage executed by Austin S. Ghrist, single, to Will Outtrim for \$600.00 on August 13th, 1912, and recorded in the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in Book 40, at Page 299, for the reason that each and all of said three last described mortgages were duly and legally foreclosed and barred in an action instituted in the district court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, wherein Anna V. Metcalf was plaintiff and Will Outtrim and others were defendants and wherein said Will Outtrim was duly and legally served with summons.

That in addition to the relief heretofore prayed against him that the defendant, Frank Wille, be also adjudged and decreed to have no right, title or interest in and to the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 16, Range 32, in Lincoln County, Nebraska, by reason of a mortgage executed by John E. Ghrist to Will Outtrim on the 15th day of July, 1912, for the sum of \$675.00, duly recorded in the mortgage records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, in Book 41, at Page 307, which said mortgage was by said Will Outtrim assigned to C. E. Marquis and by said C. E. Marquis to the defendant, Frank Wille, for the reason that said mortgage was duly and legally barred and foreclosed in an action instituted in the district court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, wherein Anna V. Metcalf was plaintiff and said defendant, Frank Wille and others were defendants and wherein summons was duly and legally served on the defendant, Frank Wille.

That in addition to the relief heretofore prayed against him, the defendant, C. E. Marquis, be adjudged to have no right, title, lien or interest in and to the Northeast Quarter of Section 29, Township 16, Range 32, in Lincoln County, Nebraska, by reason of a certain mortgage executed by John E. Ghrist to Will Outtrim for the sum of \$675.00 on July 15th, 1912, and duly recorded in Book 41 of the Mortgage Records of Lincoln County, Nebraska, at Page 307, and by said Will Outtrim duly assigned and transferred to the defendant, C. E. Marquis, for the reason that the said C. E. Marquis has sold, assigned and transferred all of his right, title and interest in and to said mortgage to the defendant, Frank Wille.

And plaintiff further prays that her title in and to all of said above described land be quieted as against each and all of the defendants herein and against said Northeast Quarter and the Southwest Quarter and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of Section 29, and all of Section 21, and the South One-Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 19, all in Township 16, North Range 32, West of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, and all persons claiming any interest of any kind in said real estate or any part thereof and that said defendants and each and all of them be decreed to have no right, title or lien in and to said premises or any part thereof and for general equitable relief.

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NOTICE.
North Platte, Neb., April 29, 1929.
At a special meeting of the stock holders of the Wilcox Department Store held at their place of business in the City of North Platte on the date aforesaid, all stock being represented, the following business was had and done.

J. Q. Wilcox moved that Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation of the Wilcox Department Store as amended March 29th, 1929, be amended to read as follows:

Article IV:—The amount of the authorized capital stock of the corporation is \$100,000.00 divided into shares of \$100.00 each, \$60,000.00 of which stock shall be common stock and fully paid up when issued and \$40,000.00 of which said stock shall be preferred stock, which said preferred stock shall be sold at not less than par, at any time after the adoption of this amendment when so ordered by the board of directors. Said preferred stock shall draw eight per cent cumulative, annual dividends, payable annually, prior to declaring or paying any dividends on the common stock of the corporation, and on the dissolution of the corporation said stock shall be paid in full. The preferred stock shall have equal voting power with common stock but shall not participate in profits beyond its fixed preferred cumulated annual dividend of eight per cent. And the directors of the corporation shall have the option to retire part or all of said preferred stock at any time after ten years from the issuance thereof at \$105.00 per share and accumulated dividends. Fully paid up shares of stock for the amount of stock fully paid shall be issued and not otherwise and which said shares so fully paid up shall be non-assessable.

That Article 4 of said Articles of Incorporation of the Wilcox Department Store, as amended March 29th, 1929, as now existing be annulled, repealed, cancelled and set aside.

Said motion was seconded by R. F. Cotterell and was submitted to a vote of the stock holders by the president and there were cast for said amendment 300 votes and against said amendment No votes. Whereupon the president declared said amendment duly carried and Article IV as heretofore existing repealed, cancelled, annulled and set aside.

State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, ss: We, whose names are hereto subscribed as officers of the Wilcox Department Store, certify that on the 29th day of April, 1929, at a special stock holders meeting of said corporation, the foregoing amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Wilcox Department Store as shown by the records of said corporation was adopted.

J. Q. WILCOX, President.
M14-4w Attest: R. F. Cotterell, Sec'y.

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