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THE GO-BETWEEN

By ALVAH J. GARTH

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"You are surely my friend, Tresham," projected Willie Burton.

"Not so much as I was," seriously replied Hugh Tresham. "I don't like the bright, flippant way in which you treat what you call your 'tiff' with a young lady for whom I have the highest admiration and respect."

"Surely you aren't hit yourself in that direction?" railed Burton derisively.

"We won't discuss that," replied Tresham with dignity. "You and I have known one another for a good many years and I am a passably loyal fellow, but the autocratic and indifferent way in which you treat the wounding of a trustful, sensitive heart hurts me."

"Oh! fix it up for me, ambassador royal!" spoke Burton airily. "Of course, I broke an engagement to take Vera to an entertainment and did some flirting with others under the provoking huffiness of the little scold, but that is no reason why she won't make a move towards a reconciliation. Honest, I'm sorry, and I think a lot of her. Tell her so, smooth it over. She's got a cool \$50,000 in her own right, is pretty as a picture and I'll marry her tomorrow if she's agreeable."

Tresham reached the Driscoll home to find Vera seated in a garden hammock. She greeted him graciously, but her brow furrowed, those charming lips lost their smile and there was no encouragement in her eyes as Tresham clearly and at once divulged the motive of his call. He said all he had promised Burton to say. The dark expressive eyes flashed with something like scorn.

"Do you not think that the penitential appeal of Mr. Burton should have come from his own lips direct?" she asked.

"I have fulfilled a mission to a friend," responded Tresham simply. "May I hear a reply message to him?"

"I will think over what Mr. Burton has said," was Vera's reply. Then the fair face cleared and she became the entertaining hostess complete with a man she respected and esteemed. Tresham sighed drearily as he left her presence. Its charm enhanced in his estimation the gulf of wealth between them, while emphasizing his convictions of the unworthiness of Willis Burton more decisively than before.

A week went by. Burton fumed and then sulked when he found that Miss Driscoll was not at all eager to take him back into her good graces. Then mysteriously it became known that the uncle of Vera, who operated a large manufacturing enterprise, had failed, and it was said that all of Vera's fortune had been lost in the crash.

It was just after then that Burton received a note from Vera, asking him to call. He did not reply and she was glad for reasons of her own. It seemed that a penniless bride was not the fancy of this very worldly and selfish young man.

Nobody looked down upon Miss Driscoll when she readjusted her life in accordance with a changed financial condition. She was a general favorite and preserved her wonted cheerfulness and exerted her helpful influence as before.

Willis Burton married into a newly rich family and flaunted the dazzle of money bags like the cat he was. Hugh Tresham set studiously, seriously at work to console Miss Driscoll.

But he did not proceed far in that direction, for very quickly and very clearly Vera indicated that she needed no consolation as to her lost lover. In fact, she began to evidence an interest in the affairs of the young lawyer and a pleasure in his companionship that caused both to bless the money disaster that had led to love and its choicest blessings.

Varieties of Potatoes.

One potato may be big enough to provide a meal for a good-sized family. People in Virginia like them that way. In northern markets, however, the demand is for potatoes of a modest size. In Europe potatoes are grown of different kinds for different purposes. Certain varieties are raised for cooking and others for starch making and distilling. Over there they have a so-called "stock potato," which is not used for human food at all. It is very large and coarse of texture. The yield to the acre is twice the ordinary, and the tubers, being exceedingly rich in starch, are great alcohol producers.

CLEANING UP

By MYRA E. MAJOR

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There were six boarders at the home of Mrs. Luella Goodwin and they were a congenial and pretty well satisfied sextette. There was a Mr. Ed Gray and his young wife, the two Misses Ward, spinsters, Gordon Lisle and Millie Forrester. The young man last named was an industrial engineer, the young lady an assistant bookkeeper, and with them principally the story has to do.

The Grays had just started out in married life. Gordon Lisle was at the time working on a salary and Miss Forrester was a beginner in her then existing position. She and the Grays were content to occupy rooms on the third floor, while Lisle had an apartment in the half attic. The Misses Ward, having an income from a small estate, were able to pay for more pretentious quarters on the floor below, but these grades of means did not affect the regard with which Mrs. Goodwin considered them. All were welcome to the double parlor on the first floor, and many pleasant concert evenings they passed, Mrs. Goodwin the delighted high priestess of so much harmony and comfort, Millie at the piano, Lisle accompanying her with his violin, the spinsters always called upon for an old time duet and the Grays in an ecstasy of enjoyment sentimentally holding hands.

It was when there was a break in this perfect circle that Millie grew sad and thoughtful and the others lost their former home interest. The young man had told his friends enough to indicate that he had lingered in the city to contest a lawsuit which involved a large amount due him from an engineering corporation. The case went against him and he was a very much disappointed man.

"Somehow I lost all the important papers in the matter," he told Millie sorrowfully the evening they parted. "I have got to go back to hard work, penniless and defrauded. It is a disappointment to have you go out of my life, Miss Forrester," he added with deep feeling. "For your company has been a pleasure and an inspiration to me. I have asked my sister, Mrs. Bartley, to invite you to her home, for she will miss you, too, and it will be a solace to me to realize that you two are sometimes thinking of me."

"I shall never forget you," answered Millie with truth and emotion, and she broke down in tears after his departure.

Once a week after that on invitation Millie was an evening guest of Lisle's sister. They became true friends and more so than ever when on one occasion Mrs. Bartley told Millie that she was the only girl Gordon had ever loved and Millie, overcome, confessed that he had won the affection she had never before revealed. In heart to heart sympathy those two read the frequent letters the brother wrote to his sister and they sent back messages of hope and cheer.

Mrs. Goodwin, the kindly landlady, took her first vacation in twenty years and by a mere coincidence exactly at the time that Millie was apportioned hers. A helpful impulse came to the latter after she had decided that she would remain in the city during the two weeks' spell of leisure. Mrs. Goodwin had been kind and motherly toward her and Millie set at work to repay all her friendly consideration. The portly landlady did her best, but amid her multitudinous duties she neglected cleaning house that spring. The vacant room that Lisle had occupied had not found another tenant.

In a systematic way Millie started to have a grand surprise for Mrs. Goodwin when she returned. Mrs. Gray gave her what assistance she could and the cleaning up program was good practice for the bride of a year and gave Millie a new insight as to household work.

Somehow it saddened, yet engrossed her to work in the room that Lisle had occupied. It had not been touched since his departure and he had left some framed pictures on the wall, there was an old straw hat in a closet and in wastebasket pencil sketches of bridge and conduit work that he had mapped out. On a window ledge Millie came upon a faded rose bud. She wondered if it was one she had worn in her hair and gave to him one evening.

Millie did not evade a thorough renovation of the neglected room. There was a wardrobe chest of drawers set in a niche and all of these she dislodged and scrubbed and made sweet and clean. As she was setting one back in the place her eyes fell upon a crushed package of papers wedged in behind a lining board and the bottom of the wardrobe. She drew it forth. Ten minutes later, hurriedly dressed and all in a flutter, Millie hastened from the house to seek the sister of the man she loved.

"These must be the missing papers your brother so often told me about," spoke Millie breathlessly. "Oh! if so, do they not mean something to him?" and Mrs. Bartley uttered a glad cry as she looked them over.

"Oh, Millie!" she cried joyously. "They are the precious documents, indeed! We must wire Gordon at once. You glorious girl! You have restored his fortune and!"—she paused and bestowed upon Millie an interrogative glance.

"Yes," replied Millie frankly and fervently, "and love, true and lasting, as it was his long ago."

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NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.
Estate No. 1710 of Frank L. Lawrence, deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.
The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate take notice that the Administratrix has filed a final account and report of her administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on July 9, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m. when you may appear and contest the same.
Dated June 12, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.
Estate No. 1706 of Albert M. Seibert, 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 has filed a final account and report of his administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, which have been set for hearing before said court on July 9th, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m., when you may appear and contest the same.
Dated June 9, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT.
Estate No. 1558 of Mary Duggan, deceased.
In the County Court of Lincoln county, Nebraska.
The State of Nebraska: To all persons interested in said Estate, take notice that the administratrix has filed a final account of her administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, and petition for determination of her share and distribution, which have been set for hearing before said court on July 9th, 1920, at 10 o'clock a. m., when you may appear and contest the same.
Dated June 9th, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF REFERENCE SALE.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order issued to me by the District Court in and for Lincoln County, Nebraska, in an action therein pending wherein John Arthur Simms is plaintiff, Gertrude Simms, Elsie Sedale Boyle, nee Simms, John Boyle nee Simms, Sarah Inez Wilson nee Simms, Charles Wilson her husband, Leslie D. Simms, single, Elmer Cleveland Simms, single, Charles Herbert Simms, a minor, Joe Wright Simms, a minor, Harry Ezra Simms, a minor, Junia Clara Simms, a minor, are defendants, I will on the 19th day of July, 1920, at the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. of said day at the east front door of the Court House in the City of North Platte, Lincoln County, Nebraska, sell in auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, situated in the County of Lincoln and State of Nebraska, to-wit: South half of Southwest quarter (8% of SW 1/4), Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter (NE 1/4 of SW 1/4), Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4), of Section twenty-eight (28), Township eleven (11), Range Thirty (30); the North half of the Southeast quarter (N 1/2 of SE 1/4), the South half of the Northeast quarter (S 1/2 of NE 1/4) of Section twenty-eight (28), Township eleven (11), Range Thirty (30).
Dated this 14th day of June, 1920.
JES-5W O. E. ELDER, Referee.

NOTICE OF PETITION.
Estate No. 1765 of Bernard Miller, 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 probate of an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased and for appointment of George Taylor as Executor of said Estate, which has been set for hearing herein on July 2, 1920, at 9 o'clock a. m.
Dated June 5, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

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NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that the assessor in and for the Birdwood Irrigation District, Lincoln County, Nebraska, has completed the assessment for said district and has delivered the same to the secretary. The Board of Directors is hereby called to meet at the office of the secretary on the 8th day of Section 25, Township 15, Range 33 west, Tuesday, July 6th, 1920, to act as a Board of Equalization and to hear objections to the assessment.

The said board to remain in session as long as necessary not to exceed ten days during which time all objections to the assessment and valuation will be heard and determined.
Dated this 7th day of June, 1920.
J15-2 MARY C. McNEEL, Sec'y.

Notice of Additional Land to be Included in Birdwood Irrigation District.

Notice is hereby given to each and every owner of land in the Birdwood Irrigation District that on the 12th day of January, 1920, Catherine Boyle filed at the office of said district a petition praying that the said district be changed so as to include the following described land, to-wit:

Part of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 consisting of fifteen acres; part of N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 consisting of fifteen acres; part of N 1/2 of NW 1/4 consisting of fifteen acres; part of N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 consisting of fifteen acres, consisting of fifteen acres, making a total of sixty acres of Section 5, Township 14, Range 32 west of the 6th P. M. in Lincoln County, Nebraska, which are contiguous to the Birdwood Irrigation District, and which constitute one tract of land, said petition prays that the aforesaid lands be included in the district and be irrigated from the canal and the water apportioned of said district the same as lands now embraced within the boundaries of said district.

All persons interested in said petition will appear at this office on Tuesday, July 6th, 1920, and show cause in writing why prayer of said petitioner may not be granted.
Dated this 15th day of June, 1920.
J15-3 MARY C. McNEEL, Sec'y.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Minnie Cornet, Deceased.

To the Heirs and all persons interested in said Estate:

You are hereby notified that on June 10, 1920, E. R. Goodman, as executor of said estate, filed in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, his account and application for the distribution of said estate, and the assignment of the real estate therein, to-wit: part of Lots Five (5) and Six (6) of Block Five (5) of Gamble's Addition to the Village of Hershey, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and that said account and application will be heard before said court on the 6th day of July, 1920, at nine o'clock a. m., in the county court room in the court house in the city of North Platte, in said county, and you are hereby cited to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be approved and allowed, and said estate distributed and assigned.

Dated North Platte, Nebraska, June 10, 1920.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
(SEAL) County Judge.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Anna Margaretha Meyer, Deceased.

To the heirs and all persons interested in said estate:

You are hereby notified that on June 9th, 1920, Edward R. Goodman, as executor of said estate, filed in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, his account and application for the distribution of said estate, and that said account and application for distribution will be heard on the 5th day of July, 1920, at nine o'clock a. m. in the county court room in the court house in the City of North Platte, in said county, and you are hereby cited to appear at said time and place and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be approved and allowed and said estate distributed.

Dated at North Platte, Nebraska, June 9, 1920.
(SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
J15-4 (SEAL) County Judge.

ORDER OF HEARING.

In the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. McKnight, Deceased.

To all persons interested in the Estate of Mary E. McKnight, late of Lincoln County, Nebraska, take notice that each of you are hereby notified that Carl F. Wilson has filed his duly verified petition in the county court of Lincoln County, Nebraska, alleging that Mary E. McKnight, in her will, bequeathed to him the real estate on or about the 21st day of March, A. D. 1899, seized in fee simple of the following described premises situated in the County of Lincoln, State of Nebraska, to-wit: Lot numbered eight (8), in Block numbered fourteen (14), in the village of Curtis, according to the recorded plat thereof, leaving her surviving her husband, Robert A. McKnight, and the following named children and no other issue or descendants, to-wit:

William S. McKnight, a son, over twenty-one years of age; Sidney McKnight, a son, over twenty-one years of age; Anna McKnight, a daughter, over twenty-one years of age; Robert Harrison McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age; Charles McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age; Clarence McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age; Claude McKnight, a son, under fourteen years of age.

That said petitioner, Carl F. Wilson, is the owner of said premises, in fee simple, having derived title thereto by direct conveyances from the heirs of said deceased, and by means conveyance from Barbara E. Elson and husband, D. D. Elson; that more than two years have elapsed since the death of said deceased and no application has been made in the state of Nebraska for the appointment of an administrator either by her heirs or by persons claiming to be creditors of said deceased; that said deceased resided in the county of Lincoln and state of Nebraska, at the time of her decease and died therein; by reason whereof jurisdiction to administer her estate appertains to the county court of said Lincoln County.

Said petitioner prays this court for a determination of the time of the death of the decedent, Mary E. McKnight, a determination of the heirs of said Mary E. McKnight, the degree of kinship and the right of the real property belonging to the said Mary E. McKnight, deceased, and for all other and proper relief.

It is therefore ordered that said petition be heard and determined by this court at the county court room in the city of North Platte, county of Lincoln, and state of Nebraska, on the 13th day of July, A. D. 1920, at 2 o'clock P. M., which time and place are fixed by this court for the hearing thereon.

It is further ordered that this notice shall be published in the North Platte Semi-Weekly Tribune, a legal semi-weekly newspaper in said county for three successive weeks prior to said hearing.
Dated this 10th day of June, A. D. 1920 (SEAL) WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
J15-5 County Judge.

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