

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

August Johnson, of Hershey, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday.

Dr. Morrill, Dentist, office over Wilcox Department Store.

Mrs. I. M. Elson, of Hershey, was a visitor in this city the first of the week.

Mrs. Peck will leave tomorrow for her home in Chicago after visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Ottenstein for some time.

25% reduction on everything but diamonds at AUSTIN'S Jewelry Store.

Andy Scharmann has sold his residence property on south Maple street to Mrs. Marion Miller, of Hershey, for a consideration of \$6,500.

**A Joyous Idealist**

By ALVAH JORDAN GARTH

(28, 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)

"Look up," rallied John Lane cheerily. "You'll get over the eyelids in ink if you don't take a glib at the sunshine and the blue sky once in a while."

The life of the office brought his hand down on the broad, bent back of the bookkeeper with a brotherly slap, and then faced him all smiles and good nature.

"Don't be like a quadruped hunting for acorns and never looking up to see if it's an elm or an oak he's under," proceeded Lane.

The aged bookkeeper looked up with clearing face.

"Confidentially," observed the bookkeeper, smiling now. "I wasn't mooning or blue, but I was trying to figure out how I was going to spare enough from monthly stipend to pay for a double cradle."

"You don't mean—" cried Lane boisterously.

"Twins, yes, I do," nodded the other animatedly. "Girls, Saturday night."

"Isn't it strange, now," exclaimed Lane. "Double cradle? Got a friend who has one, anxious to get rid of it."

The bookkeeper followed Lane as he moved away with a gleam of marked suspicion in his eye. Looking back for five years, he could recall many and many instances where this sower of happiness had sprung into the breach to face the needs and troubles of others. Always he seemed to be most providentially equipped to act as almoner or practical adviser. When Ned Dolby, a clerk, had broken down in health and had to be sent to Colorado, Lane had bobbed up miraculously with a railroad ticket. "Stand in with the official, see?" he had intimated with an audacious smile.

Right now he lifted from his desk a bouquet done up in paper and with it advanced to the desk of Miss Ava Reade, the stenographer.

"For mother," he whispered rapidly. "Getting better and better every day, I hear."

"Yes, thanks to you," replied Miss Reade with humid eyes. "The operation you paid for has saved her life. I hope our constant prayers bring you blessings. And now you go and rob your garden—"

"Nonsense! Ridiculous! Thousands left—one solid mass of bloom!"

As to those acres of flower bloom, as to the friends who had overcoats to give away in winter and double cradles and railroad tickets, this assuring romanticist glibly over his imaginary friends and possessions too airily for the office force to explore the real facts. With his more artless beneficiaries Lane was rich, lived in a regal home probably with extensive grounds, seeing that a bouquet on every suitable occasion was readily forthcoming.

If pretty Ava Reade ever suspected that this great souled philanthropist was given to exaggeration, she adored him all the more for the sacrifice, the unselfish devotion to humanity that must be the sole mainspring of his generosity. She was the first to show solicitude when one day, word had come by phone that he was ill. By the end of the week it was said that he was under the care of a physician. Ava went to the cashier and asked for Mr. Lane's home address.

"Queer," remarked the cashier, looking over his books, "but Lane never gave us that. Never had occasion to ask him, for this is the first time he ever missed a day." Ava mentioned this to her mother. The old lady immediately went to a kitchen shelf where she kept odd pieces of string and waste paper.

"Yes, I saved it," she said, unfolding the paper that had surrounded the flowers Lane had sent. "I noticed his name written on in pencil and a paper bearing the name of a laundry. Here it is."

It was late Saturday afternoon when Ava started out to visit the laundry. The people there gave her the address of Lane, and Ava looked surprised and almost dismayed. The fictions of her stanch and helpful friend were apparent as she located a poor tenement and was shown to a room one floor below the attic. From inside came a babel of juvenile glee.

Upon a couch in the stuffy, sparsely-furnished room lay Lane, pale and attenuated, but smiling bravely and encouraging half a dozen ragged, unkempt little ones to continue feasting upon ice cream and cakes set on a table. In one of the windows was a little rude box filled with growing flowers. This, then, was his royal abode that two by four window space, his "solid mass of bloom."

Ava glided to a corner of the hall and had a good cry. Then she hurried home. There her mother joined her with companion tears. Thence both departed in a tively carriage an hour later, to remove John Lane from discomfort, and almost squallor, to their own neat, comfortable home.

"Fraid of the world, but couldn't help it," confessed Lane, and as always his van face full of sunshine. "So many needed what I earned more than myself. And see the friends I've made. You two alone are enough to fill a lifetime with joy. Don't you see there's nothing worth caring for in life but love, and my heart is full of it for all humanity."

"Particularly for you, Ava," he supplemented next day. "What say?"

What Ava said gave to Ava's mother a loving and beloved son-in-law before the year was over.

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. Elsie Haffley left Wednesday for Hershey.

Helen Jeter left Wednesday for Chicago.

Mrs. Ray Morgan, of Hershey, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

First Class Private James W. Rowan who has been connected with the local army recruiting office was transferred today to Grand Island where he will take charge of the Army Recruiting office.

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**Tuesday, Oct. 5th, 1920**

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COL. H. M. JOHANSEN, Auctioneer R. C. LANGFORD, Clerk

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