

belong, made over to me, as its representative, freely and voluntarily, all the property that might come to him one day, the value of which was unknown to him, as well as to myself."

Father d'Aigrigny here looked at Gabriel, as if appealing to him for the truth of this statement. "It is true," said the young priest; "I made this donation freely."

"This morning, in consequence of a private conversation, which I will not repeat—and in this, I am certain beforehand, of the Abbe Gabriel—"

"True," replied Gabriel, generously; "the subject of this conversation is of little importance."

"It was then, in consequence of this conversation that the Abbe Gabriel manifested the desire to confirm this donation—not in my favor, for I have little to do with earthly wealth—but in favor of the sacred and charitable works of which our Company is the trustee. I appeal to the honor of M. Gabriel to declare if he had not engaged himself towards us, not only by a solemn oath, but by a perfectly legal act, executed in presence of M. Dumesnil, here present?"

"It is all true," answered Gabriel. "The deed was prepared by me," added the notary.

"But Gabriel could only give you what belonged to him," cried Dagobert. "The dear boy never supposed that you would make use of him to rob other people."

"Do me the favor, sir, to allow me to explain myself," replied Father d'Aigrigny, courteously; "you can afterwards make answer."

Dagobert repressed with difficulty his painful impatience. The reverend father continued: "The Abbe Gabriel has therefore, by the double engagement of an oath and a legal act, confirmed his donation. Much more," resumed Father d'Aigrigny; "when to his great astonishment and to ours, the enormous amount of the inheritance became known, the Abbe Gabriel, faithful to his own admirable generosity, far from repenting of his gifts, consecrated them once more by a pious movement of gratitude to Providence—for M. Notary will doubtless remember, that, after embracing the Abbe Gabriel with transport, and telling him that he was a second Vincent de Paul in charity, I took him by the hand, and we both knelt down together, to thank heaven for having inspired him with the thought to offer these immense riches to the Greater Glory of the Lord."

"That is true, also," answered Gabriel, honestly; "So long as myself was concerned, though I might be astounded for a moment by the revelation of so enormous a fortune, I did not think for an instant of cancelling the donation I had freely made."

"Under these circumstances," resumed Father d'Aigrigny, "the hour fixed for the settlement of the inheritance having struck, and Abbe Gabriel being the only heir that presented himself, he became necessarily the only legitimate possessor of this immense wealth—enormous, no doubt—and charity makes me rejoice that it is enormous; for, thanks to it, many miseries will be relieved, and many tears wiped away. But, all on a sudden, here comes this gentleman," said Father d'Aigrigny, pointing to Dagobert; "and, under some delusion, which I forgive him from the bottom of my soul, and which I am sure he will himself regret, accuses me, with insults and threats, with having carried off (I know not where) some persons (I know not whom), in order to prevent their being here at the proper time—"

"Yes, I accuse you of this infamy!" cried the soldier, exasperated by the calmness and audacity of the reverend father; "yes—and I will—"

"Once, again, sir, I conjure you to be so good as to let me finish; you can reply afterwards," said Father d'Aigrigny, humbly, in the softest and most honied accents.

"Yes, I will reply, and confound you!" cried Dagobert.

"Let him finish, father, you can speak presently," said Agricola.

The soldier was silent, as Father d'Aigrigny continued with new assurance: "Doubtless, if there should really be any other heirs, besides the Abbe Gabriel, it is unfortunate for them that they have not appeared in proper time. And if, instead of defending the cause of the poor and needy, I had only to look to my own interest, I should be far from availing myself of the poor, I am obliged to maintain my absolute right to this inheritance; and I do not doubt that M. Notary will acknowledge the validity of my claim, and deliver to me these securities, which are now my legitimate property."

"My only mission," replied the notary, in an agitated voice, "is faithfully to execute the will of the testator. The Abbe Gabriel de Reanpont alone presented himself, within the term fixed by the testament. The deed of gift is in due form; I cannot refuse, therefore to deliver to the person named in the deed the amount of the heritage—"

On these words, Samuel hid his face in his hands, and heaved a deep sigh; he was obliged to acknowledge the rigorous justice of the notary's observations.

"But, sir," cried Dagobert, addressing the man of law, "this cannot be. You will not allow two orphans to be despoiled. It is in the name of their father and mother, that I speak to you. I give you my honor—the honor of a soldier!—that they took advantage of the weakness of my wife to carry the daughters of Marshal Simon to a convent, and thus prevent me bringing them here this morning. It is so true, that I have already laid my charge before a magistrate."

"And what answer did you receive?" said the notary.

"That my deposition was not sufficient for the law to remove these young girls from the convent in which they were, and that inquiries would be made—"

"Yes, sir," added Agricola, "and it was the same with regard to Mlle. de Cardoville, detained as mad in a lunatic asylum, though in a full enjoyment of her reason. Like Marshal Simon's daughters, she too has a claim to this inheritance. I took the same steps for her, as my father took for Marshal Simon's daughters."

"Well?" asked the notary.

"Unfortunately, sir," answered Agricola, "they told me, as they did my father, that my deposition would not suffice, and that they must make inquiries."

At this moment, Bathsheba, having heard the street-bell ring, left the red room at a sign from Samuel. The notary resumed, addressing Agricola and his father: "Far be it from me, gentlemen, to call in question your good faith; but I cannot, to my great regret, attach such importance to your accusations, which are not supported by proof, as to suspend the regular legal course. According to your own confession, gentlemen, the authorities, to whom you addressed yourselves, did not see fit to interfere on your depositions, and told you they would inquire further. Now, really, gentlemen, I appeal to you; how can I, in so serious a matter, take upon myself a responsibility, which the magistrates themselves have refused to take?"

"Yes, you should do so, in the name of justice and honor!" cried Dagobert.

"It may be so, sir, in your opinion; but, in my view of the case, I remain faithful to justice and honor, by executing with exactness the last will of the dead. For the rest, you have no occasion to despair. If the persons, whose interests you represent, consider themselves injured, they may hereafter have recourse to an action at law, against the person receiving as donee of the Abbe Gabriel—but in the meanwhile, it is my duty to put him in immediate possession of the securities. I should be gravely injured, were I to act in any other manner."

The notary's observations seemed so reasonable, that Samuel, Dagobert and Agricola were quite confounded. After a moment's thought, Gabriel appeared to take a desperate resolution, and said to the notary, in a firm voice: "Since, under these circumstances, the law is powerless to obtain the right, I must adopt, sir, an extreme course. Before doing so, I will ask M. l'Abbe d'Aigrigny, for the last time, if he will content himself with that portion of the property which falls justly to me, on condition that the rest shall be placed in safe hands, till the heirs, whose names have been brought forward, shall prove their claim?"

"To this proposition I must answer as I have done already," replied Father d'Aigrigny; "it is not I who am concerned, but an immense work of charity. I am, therefore, obliged to refuse the part-offer of the Abbe Gabriel, and to remind him of his engagements of every kind."

"Then you refuse this arrangement?" asked Gabriel, in an agitated voice.

"Charity commands me to do so."

"You refuse it—absolutely?"

"I think of all the good and pious institutions that these treasures will enable us to establish for the Greater Glory of the Lord, and I have neither the courage nor the desire to make the least concession."

"Then, sir," resumed the good priest, in a still more agitated manner, "since you force me to it, I revoke my donation. I only intended to dispose of my own property, and not of that which did not belong to me."

"Take care, M. l'Abbe," said Father d'Aigrigny; "I would observe that I hold in my hand a written, formal promise."

"I know it, sir; you have a written paper, in which I take an oath never to revoke this donation, under any pretext whatever, and on pain of incurring the aversion and contempt of all honest men. Well, sir! be it so," said Gabriel, with deep bitterness; "I expose myself to all the consequences of perjury; you may proclaim it everywhere. I may be hated and despised by all but God will judge me!" The young priest dried a tear, which trickled from his eye.

(Continued on page 8.)

Notice of Administration In the county court of Douglas county, Nebraska, in the matter of the estate of Edward J. Donceken, deceased: All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration thereon, and that if they fail to appear at said court on the 25th day of April, 1898, at 9 o'clock A. M., to contest the said petition, the court may grant the same and appoint administrators on said estate. Augustus H. Donecken or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof. IRVING F. BAXTER, county judge.

W. A. SAUNDELS, Attorney, Merchants National Bank Bldg. SHERIFF'S SALE—By virtue of an order of the court of the district court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 10th day of May, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock, A. M. of said day at the EAST front door of the county court house, in the city of Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale as follows, to-wit: Lot four (4), block three hundred and six (366) of the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded and all being situated in Douglas county, state of Nebraska. Said property to be sold to satisfy Harry J. Twining, plaintiff herein, the sum of Fifty-six and 7/10 (\$56.70) dollars judgment, with interest thereon at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum from September 27, 1897, together with an attorney's fee of five and 6/10 (\$5.60) dollars which said amounts are first lien upon said above described property.

To satisfy the further sum of sixteen and 06/10 (\$16.60) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs, according to the judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, state of Nebraska at its September term, A. D. 1897. In a certain action then and there pending, wherein Harry J. Twining's plaintiff and The American National Bank of Omaha, Nebraska a corporation organized under the laws of the United States, Samuel S. Curtis and Kate Bird Curtis are defendants. Omaha, Nebraska, April 15th, 1898. JOHN W. McDONALD, Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska. W. A. Saundels, attorney.

Twining vs. Am. Nat. Bank et al. Doc. 61, No. 25, Ex. 1, P. 242. 4-8-5

J. T. PATCH, Attorney, Room 22 Patterson Block. In the District Court of Douglas county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Charles B. Evans, deceased. To Lydia E. Spaulding and Roger C. Evans: You are hereby notified that the District Court of Douglas county, Nebraska, made the following order in the above entitled action, to-wit:

Now this cause coming on for hearing on the report of the administrator of the above estate of the sale of the W. at one-half of Lot E. fifteen (15) Pelham Place, an addition to the city of Omaha, Nebraska, for the purpose of paying debts and expenses of administration in pursuance of a license granted by this court on the 13th day of November, 1897, and it appearing by said report that said one-half lot was sold on the 13th day of April, 1898, to Emma C. Bohm for the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) cash in hand paid; it is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate be notified to appear before me at Court Room No. 7, of the District Court of Douglas county, Nebraska, on the 10th day of May, 1898, at 10 o'clock, A. M., of said day to show cause, if any why said sale should not be confirmed and a deed executed to the purchaser therefor, by service of this order, publication of same to be in the weekly AMERICAN on non-residents. Dated this 10th day of April, 1898. J. FAWCETT, Judge. Doc. 61, No. 326. 4-15-4

W. H. RUSSELL, Attorney, 116 New York Life Building. SHERIFF'S SALE—By virtue of a writ of the district court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will, on the 31st day of May, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day at the EAST front door of the county court house, in the city of Omaha, Douglas county, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale as follows, to-wit:

The east one-half of the southwest quarter (E. S. W. 1/4) and the west forty-nine and 36/100 (49.36) acres of the west one-half of the southeast quarter (W. 1/2 S. E. 1/4) all in section number eight (8) and the north sixteen (16) acres of the west twenty-four and 68/100 (24.68) acres of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter (N. E. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4) of township sixteen (16) north of Range thirteen (13) east of the sixth Principal Meridian containing one hundred and forty-six and 36/100 (146.36) acres more or less as surveyed, and recorded, all situated in Douglas county, state of Nebraska.

Said property to be sold to satisfy Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Co. party, plaintiff herein, the sum of four thousand eight hundred and thirty-six and 67/100 (\$4,836.67) dollars judgment, with interest thereon at rate of ten (10) per cent per annum from May 14th, 1896.

To satisfy Saloma Bowman defendant herein the sum of eight hundred and ninety-six and 15/100 (\$896.15) dollars judgment, with interest thereon at rate of ten (10) per cent per annum from May 3rd, 1895. And to satisfy said Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company, plaintiff herein, the further sum of one hundred and thirty-nine and 96/100 (\$139.96) dollars judgment for taxes paid thereon by said plaintiff in order to protect its lien thereon with interest on forty-six and 36/100 (\$46.36) dollars from July 3rd, 1894, at ten (10) per cent per annum, and interest on the sum of ninety-three and 91/100 (\$93.91) dollars at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum from December 27th, 1895.

To satisfy the further sum of one hundred and eighty-two and 31/100 (\$182.31) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs, according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its May term, A. D. 1896, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company is plaintiff and Julia E. Vandercook, James E. Vandercook, The Mutual Investment Company, J. In L. Pierce Receiver of the Mutual Investment Company and Saloma Bowman are defendants. Omaha, Nebraska, April 15th, 1898. JOHN W. McDONALD, Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska. W. H. Russell, attorney.

Mich. Mut. Life Ins. Co. vs. Vandercook et al. Doc. 34, No. 181. 4-15-8

Burlington Route A Map of the United States SEND me 15 cents in stamps and I will mail you a map of the United States, three feet four inches wide by four feet long. Printed in six colors. Mounted on rollers. Shows every state, county important town and railroad in the United States. J. FRANCIS, General Passenger Agent, Omaha, Neb. Don't Tobacco Quit and Smoke our Life Away. To quit tobacco, easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Care guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Rte. 1, Chicago or New York.

Is Marriage a Failure? A Novel Written by Mrs. Agnes Vivers Swetland, M. D. This is one of the latest publications, being somewhat of a romantic order, and is entertaining from beginning to end. For sale by booksellers generally. Cloth, \$1.00. Paper, 50c. If your bookseller does not have it in stock have him order it for you, or send price to the publisher's agent, the CUT PRICE BOOK STORE 1615 Howard Street, OMAHA, NEB.

HAVE YOU READ If Christ Came To Congress BY W. W. HOWARD, The Most Sensational Book Ever Written! IT ECLIPSES ALL OTHER EROTIC EFFORTS. The wickedness of the Capital City exposed and its disorderly houses mapped out. Has been read by President Cleveland and his Cabinet, and by Senators, Congressmen and their families. It is the boldest exposure of vice and corruption in high places ever written. Read it and learn about your high officials, your Senators and Congressmen and their mistresses, and the desecration of our National Capital. STARTLING DISCLOSURES made known for the first time! Read and learn. Over 15,000 copies sold in Washington in three weeks. The best seller out. Now in its third edition. PRICE 50 CENTS. 4 PAGES, Illustrated. Sent Postage Prepaid on Receipt of Price. AMERICAN PUBLISHING CO.

The Priest, the Woman, And the Confessional BY REV CHAS. CHINIQUY, \$1.00. Remit by bank draft, postal or express money order, or by registered letter to the AMERICAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

AN UP-TO-DATE, ABSOLUTELY CORRECT, BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED Atlas of the World Especially prepared to meet the wants of Farmers, Merchants, Mechanics, Clerks, Students, Women, and all who desire a complete work at the minimum cost. Nearly 70 Comprehensive Maps. 140 New and Superb Illustrations. A Whole Library of Itself, of vital and absorbing interest to every member of the household. Population of each State and Territory, of all Counties of the United States, and of American Cities with over 5,000 Inhabitants. IT CONTAINS much special information regarding any Nation, Province, State, City, Town or Village desired. The knowledge is rarely obtainable from a school geography, which necessarily has only a few general facts and the location of important cities. Railroad maps are notoriously incorrect and misleading, hence the puzzled truth-seeker, where large libraries are inaccessible, is without relief unless he is the happy owner of a knowledge-satisfying, pleasure-giving People's Atlas. All Countries on the face of the earth are shown. Rivers and Lakes are accurately located. All the large Cities of the World, the important Towns and most of the Villages of the United States are given on the Maps. It gives a classified List of all Nations, with Forms of Government, Geographical Location, Size and Population. This beautiful Atlas is bound in heavy paper cover, and will be sent to any address upon receipt of 50 CENTS. AMERICAN PUBLISHING CO