

the New Boy and said she had no more paper. I doubt if any of the rebuffs his gallantry may have received in after years ever cut Speckle as that wink did.

Matters hastened from bad to worse in the town. The days came and went as days will, but over Mary Eliza's throne there was the shadow of the New Boy. The crisis came at last when in a meeting of the city council Mary Eliza boldly proposed admitting the New Boy to the town. Her action was greeted by indignant howls and hisses and Speckle blushed to the roots of his red hair.

"Very well," said Mary Eliza, "if you don't have him in then I won't be in either. Him and me'll start another town over in his yard."

"You can just go and do it, then! We won't have that Chicago dude hanging around here any longer!" howled councilman Sanders, knocking over his chair.

To this all the rest echoed a wrathful assent. It was the utterance of an old grievance.

Mary Eliza arose with great dignity and began to pack her wares into her carpet-bag. She made no display of ill humor, and talked cheerfully of her new town as she wrapped up her candies in tissue paper; the boys stood by and watched her, they did not believe she would go. But Mary Eliza departed even as she had come, with her carpet-bag in her hand and her Japanese parasol tilted gaily over her head, while Speckle held the gate open for her, feeling that his illusions were vanishing fast.

"I'll send over for my box in the morning, Speckle, and you must all come over to our town and buy things, and we'll come over and buy things at yours," she called after him.

The treachery, the infamy of her desertion never seemed to have occurred to her. It was as though Coriolanus, when he deserted Rome for the camp of the Volscians, had asked the Conscript Fathers to call on him and bring their families!

"She'll be back tomorrow all right enough," said Speckle.

But on the morrow the New Boy came for the piano box, and by noon Mary Eliza was fairly installed across the street, making paper neckties for the New Boy and canvassing the neighborhood for the New Boy's town. There could be no doubt that she had transferred her allegiance.

The Speckleville boys went resolutely to their stores and bought and sold and made a great show, but they had little heart in it all. They missed the cream puffs and the paper ties, and they missed something else more than these—something they could not name. If Speckle had chanced to confide in his young uncle, who was in the rapturous tortures of his first love affair, he would have been told that it was the "eternal feminine" they missed, and he would have been as much in the dark as before.

Mary Eliza had put herself at the head of everything, and now nothing went on without her. After the manner of her kind, she had come where she was not wanted, made herself indispensable, and gone again, taking with her, oh, so much more than her parasol and chocolate creams!

Everything went wrong in Speckleville that afternoon, and after the day was over the citizens of that passing village were quarreling violently, not, as in former times, because every one wanted to do something in a different way, but because no one wanted to do anything at all.

"It's all your fault, Speckle. We ought never to have had her in, and we wouldn't if it hadn't been for you."

"Well, now she's gone," protested

Speckle, "so why can't we go on like we did before?"

No one attempted to answer. It was scarcely a wise question to ask.

"I always told you she'd spoil the town, Speckle, and now she's done it," said Jimmy Templeton.

"Well, you fellows seemed mighty glad to get her after she came, anyway, and you needn't put your lip in, Temp; you loafed around her store like a ninny," retorted Speckle, who felt that his persecution was more than he could bear.

Jimmy was not in the mood to endure a jibe at his weakness and by way of an answer he biffed Speckle one on the side of his nose, and it required the united strength of their fellow citizens to part them.

"I'm not going to stay in your old town any longer. I can have more fun in my own yard, and I'm going to take my things home," announced Dick Hutchinson, as he began pocketing the properties of his museum.

"I'll be darned if I do either!" cried Jimmy Templeton. "And I'll thank you to give me my pins out of your old tin box, Mr. Speckle."

Speckle had woes enough without a run on his bank, but when Providence helps a man to trouble it is usually generous and dishes out all manner of calamities, regardless of what he may already have on his plate. Speckle sat there until he had paid out the last pin from his spice box. The boys all fell to packing their belongings as though fleeing from a doomed city, and they ceased not from making unkind remarks as they did so. Even Reinhold Birkner gathered up his chisels and monuments, all save one big block of granite that was too heavy for him, and that he left by his store box like a white tombstone. Under Speckle's very eyes his town vanished as many another western town has done since then.

"It's all your fault, Speckle!" bawled Jimmy Templeton, as he vaulted over the back fence, and Speckle, after having said all the swear words he knew, went off to the barn to smoke innumerable corn-silk cigarettes and to wonder at the queer way things are run down here.

After he had taken his milk that night he heard Mary Eliza laughing as she played tag with the New Boy under the electric light, and he sat down with his empty pails in his deserted town, as Caius Marius once sat among the ruins of Carthage.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

Elizabeth A. Knox, as Executrix of the estate of Caroline Hartwell, deceased, vs. Henry S. Reed, et al.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANTS.

To Henry S. Reed and Minnie L. Reed:—You and each of you will take notice that on the 20th day of July, 1899, the above named plaintiff filed her petition in the court aforesaid against you and each of you, the object and prayer of said petition are to foreclose two certain mortgages executed by you to the Clark & Leonard Investment Company and by it assigned to this plaintiff upon the following described premises to-wit: Commencing at the N. E. corner of the S. E. quarter of the S. E. quarter of Section thirty-six, 36, Township ten, 10, N. of Range six 6, E. of the 6th P. M., then running W. six hundred and ninety-one, 691, feet on the N. line of the said S. E. quarter of the S. E. quarter thence running twenty-nine and 1/100 feet on a line parallel to the E. line of said S. E. quarter to the starting point, thence S. three hundred 300 feet on a line parallel to the E. line of said S. E. quarter, thence W. one hundred and twenty-eight 128 feet on a line parallel to the N. line of said S. E. quarter, thence N. three hundred 300 feet on a line parallel to the E. line of the said S. E. quarter, thence E. one hundred and twenty-eight, 128, feet to the point of beginning, the same being Lots one, 1, two, 2, three, 3, four, 4, five, 5, and six, 6, Block three, 3 Windsor Addition to the City of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of two certain promissory notes and interest thereon, said notes being dated June 12, 1894, for the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, \$1,500, and One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, \$150.00, respectively with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum till due and ten per cent per annum after maturity, said notes being due on the 1st day of June, 1899, that default has been made in the payment of said notes and interest and there is now due upon the said notes and mortgages the sum of \$1,584 with interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the 14th day of July, 1899, for which sum with interest as aforesaid, plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

Plaintiff further prays that a receiver may be appointed to take charge of said premises and to rent the same, collect the rents and profits thereof, to pay taxes and keep said premises insured and to hold the balance subject to the order of the court, and plaintiff proposes for said receiver the name of A. E. Moeller and as sureties for said receiver and for said plaintiff the names of J. R. Inkster and H. S. Freeman. Said application for a receiver is based upon the affidavits of H. B. Sawyer, G. R. Kimmel, H. W. Davis, A. W. Miller, E. P. Hovey, A. D. Kitchen and W. I. Fryer.

You and each of you are required to answer said petition on or before the 11th day of September, 1899, and hearing on application for appointment of a receiver will be had on said last named date at the hour of 9 A. M., of said day or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard by the court or a judge thereof.

Dated Lincoln, Nebraska, July 22, 1899.
ELIZABETH A. KNOX, as Executrix of the estate of Caroline Hartwell, deceased.
By HARWOOD and AMES & AMES, her attorneys.

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