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ON THE DOOR STEP.

AN OLD MAID'S STORY.

Miss Campbell was from Philadelphia, and she did not approve of sitting out on the front door steps. Even on hot August evenings, when every sensible person on the avenue was out in the open air, wooing whatever breezes there were to be found, she sat in solitary state in her stuffy little bedroom or in the boarding house parlor. It is a serious thing to be a consistent martyr to one's principles.

One day Miss Campbell read in the afternoon paper that the extreme heat had driven fashionable London to its doorsteps—that even within the sacred precincts of Mayfair "doorstep parties" were the thing, and that honored Algernons and Mauds smoked their cigarettes and drank their cooling beverages out of doors, regardless of the passing crowd. That evening driven to it by a longing for fresh air, Miss Campbell decided to be English. It was a good time for her venture, for she was the only one at home. Most of the boarders had gone to the park; the rest were bicycling. She had the doorstep all to herself. Really, it was not so dreadful after all. The kindly dusk hid all but the light waists or gowns of the women on the steps opposite, while the men were distinguishable only by the spark at the ends of their cigars. With a little thrill of self-congratulation Margaret Campbell realized that no one would know that she had departed from her principles.

"I suppose I am old-fashioned," she thought. "John used to say so when I was only twenty, and ten years of lonely life have hardly improved me."

The warm breeze fanned her cheek. She settled herself comfortably back on the cushions that she had brought from her room and lazily watched the phantom-like passersby. Troops of laughing girls and boys hurried along the sidewalk, followed by lover-like couples, creeping as though to retard happy moments spent together. Bicycles sped silently past in the street, their lamps flashing like gigantic fireflies; carriages rolled by, heralded by the muffled hoofbeats of their horses; and from time to time, automobiles whizzed by, weirdly.

A solitary man came up the street. He stopped at the foot of the steps and then sat down not far from Margaret.

"Do you mind my smoking?" he asked barely turning around.

Miss Campbell started; the voice seemed curiously familiar. "Not at all," she replied a little stiffly, "it will keep away the mosquitoes." Then she felt herself blushing at the foolishness of the remark, for there were no mosquitoes to be kept away. Ten years ago, one happy, never-to-be-forgotten summer, she had been often asked that question, and had made the same rejoinder, much more appropriately.

The man did not look at her while he lighted his cigar, and she, absorbed in thought, missed the brief illumination of his features which followed the kindling of the match. There was a long silence, broken at last by the newcomer.

"Rather cooler," said he, as though continuing a conversation.

"Yes" answered Margaret, still more puzzled by the voice. This was not one of Mrs. Lee's boarders. She must hear him speak again. It was not right that a stranger should make her tremble so.

"Were you ever at Long Branch?" she asked abruptly.

The man turned toward her and she could feel that he tried to penetrate the darkness and see who it was that was speaking. Margaret was not the only one who had been agitated by a voice. Her heart beat almost audibly.

"Margaret, is it you?" he cried.

"Yes, John," she answered, with strange self-possession. She noted this herself and marveled that she should do so at such a moment. How could she think about how she was speaking when she had not seen him for ten years. "How came you here?"

"I came up the wrong steps," John answered, slowly. "I am glad, since they have brought me to you."

It ought to have been bewildering—this unlooked-for appearance of the man who had gone out of her life so long ago, never to return. Yet Margaret took it as a matter of course.

"If you are glad, why didn't you come before? I have wanted you so."

"I didn't know where you were," faltered John.

"Then it was all a mistake?"

"All a mistake, dear, and I have come back to you."

He had risen, but now he sat down by her side and reached out to take her hand. Margaret let him have it gladly, and they sat together and talked, as they used to talk. It was as though they had never been parted. Margaret did not ask for explanations, and John did not give them. Yet she felt that they understood each other.

There was a merry burst of laughter, a confused sound of voices; half a dozen people around her were all talking at once.

"Why, here's Miss Campbell," cried a lively girl, overflowing with good spirits, "Miss Campbell, who never sits on doorsteps."

"Gone back on your principles, Miss Campbell?" asked a frisky youth who was an incorrigible tease. "I am amazed."

Margaret stood up dazed. The young people had appeared suddenly. "Yes, the heat drove me out, and I am glad that it did," Mr. Young, for an old friend found me quite by accident. Allow me to introduce him. John—" she looked around, but John was not there.

"You were all alone, Miss Campbell," volunteered Mr. Young. "Fast asleep and dreaming, I declare."

Miss Campbell pulled herself together nobly. "So I was," said she. "Good night, everybody," and she turned around and went into the house. The others followed, with the exception of the two youngest and happiest.

"Poor Miss Campbell," whispered the girl, with keen intuition. I think she was dreaming of her lover."

"Nonsense, Jennie; that's all your fancy. Miss Campbell is as prosaic as

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In the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Leech and George Leech, executors of the last will of Nathaniel Leech, for a license to sell real estate belonging to the estate of said decedent, for the payment of legacies.

Upon reading the petition heretofore filed in the office of the clerk of this court, in the above entitled matter, and it appearing by said petition that at the time of the decease of Nathaniel Leech, testator therein named, he was seized in fee of the following described real estate in the state of Nebraska, to-wit:

Lot No. 21 in block No. 1 of Kennards addition to the city of Lincoln, in Lancaster county in said state of Nebraska, and the west half of the southeast quarter of section 21 in township No. 29 north, of range No. 4, east of sixth meridian in Dixon county, Nebraska, and the east half of section No. 32 in township No. 10 north, of range No. 4 east of sixth meridian in Seward county, Nebraska, and of the southeast quarter of section No. 15 in township No. 13 north, of range No. 2 east of the sixth principal meridian in Butler county, Nebraska; and it further appearing by said petition that the last will of said decedent has been duly admitted to probate in the county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, and that there have been proven and are known to said executors, no debts against the estate of said decedent, but that by the terms of said will, specific legacies to divers persons and in divers sums, amounting in the aggregate to more than \$10,000 are charged upon and against above mentioned real estate, and that said executors and petitioners are by said will particularly directed and enjoined to sell and dispose of said real estate and all other estates and properties, of which the said Nathaniel Leech died seized, and out of the proceeds of such sales to pay, discharge and satisfy said legacies and every of them, and pay the residue of such proceeds if any to a residuary legatee in said will named:

Therefore, it is ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before one of the Judges of this court at chambers, at the court house of Lancaster county in the said city of Lincoln on the 12th day of November 1900, at 2 o'clock P. M., and show cause if any there be why license should not be granted to said executors and petitioners as prayed to sell all and singularly above mentioned descriptions of real estate for the purpose of procuring funds with which to pay the said several specific and residuary legacies of said decedent, as in said will mentioned.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this notice be published for four successive weeks prior to time fixed for said hearing in the Courier, a newspaper published and of general circulation in said county of Lancaster.

It is further ordered that the clerk of the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, be and is hereby directed to enter this order on the Journals of said court.

Witness my hand at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of September, 1900.

EDWARD P. HOLMES,
One of the Judges of said Court.
AMES & AMES, counsel of petitioners.

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Legal Notice.

Mary I. Taylor, defendant, is hereby notified that on the 24th day of September 1900, William G. Taylor, plaintiff, filed in the district court of Lancaster county Nebraska, his petition against said defendant, alleging that he is and for more than six months last past has been a resident of said Lancaster county. That in September 1899, he was married to the defendant in St. Louis, Missouri. That more than two years ago the defendant without just cause wilfully abandoned the plaintiff and for more than two years last past defendant has without just cause wilfully deserted and absented herself from said plaintiff. Plaintiff prays that he may be divorced from said defendant. The defendant is required to answer said petition on or before the 5th day of November 1900.

William G. Taylor,
Chas. O. Whedon, Attorney for Plaintiff

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Notice to Creditors.—E 1482.

In the county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of Sarah E. Freeman, deceased.

To the Creditors of Said Estate:

You are hereby notified, that the county Judge will sit at the county court room in Lincoln, in said county, on the 15th day of January 1901, and again on the 15th day of April, 1901, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 15th day of October, 1900, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from said 15th day of October, 1900.

Notice of this proceeding is ordered published four consecutive weeks in The Courier of Lincoln, Nebraska, a weekly newspaper published in this state.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court this 14th day of September, 1900.

(SEAL) FRANK R. WATERS,
County Judge.

By WALTER A. LEESE,
Clerk County Court.

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