ABOUT PROPOSALS.

"It's jolly hard lines," Bailey Junior said, flinging himself down in Jack's armchair.

"What's hard lines?" I asked, thinking at the same time that although he had been Jack's best man when we were married he need not be quite so familiar with Jack's own particular armchair. I never like to see any one at home in Jack's chair, because, if I am left a widow, I mean to keep it sacred to Jack's memory.

"A fellow isn't allowed to see Baby Jones alone for five minutes."

"Why do you want to see her alone?" I asked, for the fifth Jones girl, to my mind, was still a child. Perhaps this was due to the fact that she is called "Baby," but Jack says it's because she's not allowed to have her 17th birthday until the two eldest girls are "off." Mamma Jones may be right; more than four girls out at one time is a great responsibility.

Bailey Junior, who had retained the suffix "Junior" ever since he went to school with his eldest brother, looked at me in surprise. "Why do I want to see her alone?" he replied; "because I want to propose, of course! a fellow can't propose with an audience."

"You propose!" I echoed. Propose to Baby Jones!"

"And pray why shouldn't I?" he asked. "Anything the matter with me?" He pulled down his cuffs and stuck out his brown riding boots on my new hearth rug. Bailey Junior prided himself on his bootmaker. "I can afford to keep a wife; Jack's married."

"Oh, but Jack's quite different," I said. "Any one can see in a moment that Jack's different. Besides, you'll never get the chance," I continued, remembering Mamma Jones' theory.

"Why the deuce not?"

"Because the four others have to go off first, and they must go in proper order. Jack says so."

"What's Jack got to do with it?"

"Oh, nothing," I answered; "but Jack's so clever; he always sees through things."

"Why have the others got to 'off' first?" Bailey Junior asked, "Baby's marriage hasn't anything to do with the others."

"Oh, yes it has; you don't understand."

"No, I don't; and I'm hanged if anyone else does. Why can't they begin marrying from the other end?"

"Because if the county knows that Baby's old enough to marry, that would make the others just too old, don't you see? It's a point of honor with the Baby to remain under 17 till the eldest girl's off."

"Phew!" said Bailey Junior, "now I see; that's why she's so closely guarded and why the eldest girl is always

"DON'T YOU LIKE HIM, BABY?"

thrown in my way; but I won't have her, I tell you. No Mamma Jones in the world will make me marry the eldest; none of your serving for Rachel business for me."

"That's right," I said, "but you'll have to wait for Baby until some other fellow does want the others."

"O, Lord!" he exclaimed, in a tone of voice which was scarcely complimentary to the eldest Miss Jones; "and I sail for India this day week."

"I'm awfully sorry," I said; "but that's the principle and code of honor in the Jones family. You can't pick out the best and leave Mamma Jones saddled for life with the plain ones."

Bailey Junior was silent, and I tried my best to think of some plan to help him out of his difficulty. It was of no use to suggest asking Baby Jones to spend the day with me and letting Bailey Junior meet her here, for the Jones girls never went about singly; they hadn't enough friends to go all around, so that if you asked one to tea two always came. They were such a devoted family.

"Dear little girl," he said, "sacrificed to her elder sisters. She'll be 30 before she gets her hair up at that rate. I wonder what her age really is?"

"She's probably got mixed herself," I said; "but isn't it up yet? It will be getting quite worn out."

"It's in a sort of maidenly plait," Bailey Junior said, reflectively, "awfully becoming, don't you know, but——"

"But it's time she wore quite long dresses, and put it right up, isn't it? A big girl old enough to be married in short skirts. Jack thinks it horrid."

"I think they're lovely," Bailey Junior answered, "so arched and slender; just think of the eldest girl's."

"Oh, no one does," I said; "she was put into long skirts before she left the nursery, and she was never allowed to play lawn tennis."

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Bailey Junior's furlough was up, and he went back to India without having proposed to Baby Jones. I met her six weeks later, and she told me she had had a letter from him asking her to marry him. She seemed much astonished that he should want to marry her and not her eldest sister. The Joneses are not an imaginative family, and such an unconventional proceeding had not suggested itself to the youngest of the family.

"Poor old Bailey!" I said. "He sat for an hour and a half talking to Belle"—that is the eldest girl's name—"the day he went to say good-by, hoping that you would come in; he was determined to propose to you before he sailed."

Baby Jones opened her big eyes wide. "Did he really? But he ought to have known that mamma said he was to marry Bella. I was sent out to do some shopping, and the others staid in their rooms and said they were out. I wonder why he didn't propose to Bella?"

"Because he was in love with you," I said. "Don't you like him, Baby?"

"Oh, yes," she said slowly; "he's nicely sunburned, and" (with a little sigh) "I do like his boots. But it's Bella's turn first."

She took Bailey Junior's letter and opened it.

"I must ask mamma," she said, "for the poor fellow seems quite anxious, and he's in such a hurry. He wants me to wire back yes or no. He needn't be so impatient when it's only me he wants."

"Baby," I said, coaxingly, "don't ask your mother until you have sent the wire. Mothers don't always understand these things."

Then I turned and left her reading the letter slowly to herself.

"Bella will be awfully cross," I heard her murmur; "perhaps he has an elder brother who wouldn't mind marrying Bella."

By the same post next evening I received two letters. The one was from Bailey Junior, asking me to plead his cause with Baby Jones. It was an ardent, romantic letter, showing a vast imagination and a limited understanding of the character of the future wife, and the cause was drawn from Baby Jones. It was not so romantic, but Jack says, it is full of common sense, and characteristic of the Jones family. It ran thus: "Wired back yes. But it cost me 30 shillings."—Westminster Budget.

SAMOAN GIRL.

She Was a Born Coquette, Usually with Many Suitors.

The Samoan girl is not only an athlete, she is a born coquette, says Woman's Life. From the time she is 10 years old she begins to make eyes from behind a beautifully carved fan. She is without sincerity, but romantic to the extreme. Yet, in spite of her romantic nature, the Samoan girl when angered is a match for a Samoan warrior in activity and strength. It has been said that the Samoan women and girls are even harder to deal with than the men. They are absolutely without feeling and are cruel to their captives. If a Samoan is fortunate she will wear a necklace of shark's teeth and earrings made of some metal. That is her costume. The shark's teeth are usually the present of the favored suitor, and it often is the case that a girl hardly in her teens will have many necklaces. The more shark's teeth a girl possesses the more admirers she has, and, therefore, the more is envied by her less fortunate sisters. The Samoan girl is not only skilled in the use of the native arms, but she is taught to carve, to embroider and sew. The bairpins worn by the Samoan girl are beautiful in their workmanship. They are made out of the wood of a cocoanut tree and are carved with a dead cocoanut leaf. This is most delicate work.

The Samoans are a great people for dancing, and during holiday season dancing is in order day and night. The girls take to dancing as naturally as they do to swimming, and a girl is taught to swim before she is taught to walk. They are graceful and readily learn any dance.

The Samoan girl has no choice of husbands. Her marriage is always arranged by her parents, and she accepts the inevitable. However, marriage does not prevent a woman from having admirers.

Cost of Moving Trains.

The rates charged for transportation of passengers by rail are being criticised and questioned in many quarters of the country. This has been stimulated by the fact that the government roads of Austria-Hungary in 1889 reduce 1 rates of fare from one-half to one-sixth, and yet the traffic so greatly increased that the gain in receipts was over $2,000,000 in two years. Prof. Parsons cites the cases of many eastern railroads that sell season tickets at a little more than half a cent a mile, and declares that they would not do so if it was not a fact that that sum more than covered the cost of transportation. He says that some companies, which he names, sell commutation tickets at seven-tenths of a cent a mile, and admit a profit of 50 per cent in the business. Prof. Parsons estimates that the average cost of moving a passenger train is 80 cents a mile, or about 14 cents a car, as is shown by the railway reports. "A moderate train of ordinary coaches will carry 400 or 600 persons, so that with well-filled trains the cost is not more than one-fifth of a cent a passenger a mile. All the expenses of railway traffic are taken into account in figuring the eighty-cent cost per train mile." Under government ownership he claims that "these expenses will be reduced at least a third, the cost per train mile will fall to 60 cents, and the cost of carrying a passenger one mile in a full train will be .15 of a cent."

A Good Samaritan.

In a Minnesota village on the northern Shore of Lake Superior, among a population of Indians and hardy Norwegian farmers, there lives a man, according to the New Voice, whose life is at once a mystery and a blessing. In that sparsely settled region many of the advantages of civilization are rare, and none more so than the services of a qualified physician. For almost a hundred miles along the coast there is none save this man, who for almost twenty-seven years, refusing all compensation for his services, has gone among Indians and whites alike, through winter storms and summer heats, alleviating the distress of those who suffer, and this with a skill that might have won him fame and fortune in any city. He does not appear to be a rich man; yet, in addition to his own services, he spends freely to those in need both medicine and nourishment. No one knows why he has adopted such a life, but in the hamlets along the coast, and far back in the forest, the country folk hold him blessed.

Proof Positive.

"Jolyer won't be a candidate for office," said the first political reporter. "Nonsense!" cried the second. "Nonsense? What do you mean? You heard him say so yourself." "Yes; but then he asked us all to have a drink." —Philadelphia Record.

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WHAT THE LAW DECIDES.

The special title acquired by an assignee of a mortgage assigned for the purpose of foreclosure only is held, in Taylor vs. Carroll (Md.), 44 L. R. A. 479, not to vest in or devolve upon his administrator upon his death.

The duty to put a label containing the word "Poison" on every poisonous liquid or substance, though imposed by the statute in general terms, is held, in Wise vs. Morgan (Tenn.), 44 L. R. A. 548, not to extend to medicines compounded upon the prescription of a physician, though they contain poison.

The permanent alimony granted to a woman on divorce is held, in Mason vs. Hooper (Wis.), 44 L. R. A. 725, to be not necessarily limited to an allowance payable at stated periods, sufficient for her support, but to be allowable in a gross sum out of the husband's estate, in addition to a monthly allowance.

SOLID SHOTS.

You cannot follow Christ's footprints till your affections are fixed on Him.

The memory of yesterday will often furnish the best prophecy of tomorrow.

It is vain to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and to go right on cudgeling the saints.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 7th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of SAMUEL LEACH, deceased.

Eugene Brooks, the executor, having filed his resignation and final account and asked for the allowance thereof, and for the settlement of the estate, and John Leach having filed his petition for the appointment of himself as administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of said estate.

It is ordered that Monday, the 4th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said final account and resignation and petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Nov10-Dec1 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 7th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of HELEN BELLARBY, deceased.

On application of Alexander Leitch, administrator of said estate, for the examination and allowance of his final account, the assignment of the residue and the settlement of the estate.

It is ordered that Tuesday, the 5th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Nov10-Dec1 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
of the Probate Court for said county of Oakland held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac on the 7th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of GEORGE L. BELLARBY, minor.

On reading and filing the petition of Joseph Bellarby, the guardian of said George L. Bellarby, praying for license to borrow four hundred and twenty-five dollars by mortgaging the real estate of said minor, for the purpose set forth in said petition.

It is ordered that Tuesday, the 5th day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Nov10-Dec1 Judge of Probate.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of ISAAC H. BURGETT, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 12th day of November, A. D. 1898, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 16th day of December, 1898, and on the 14th day of May, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day at the exchange Bank, in the Village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

EDWIN A. STARR, }
JOHN BENJAMIN, } Commis'rs.
Nov17-Dec15

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PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. H S Jastema, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. Everyone invited.

BAPTIST—Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—In the matter of the estate of JAMES GRINLEY, deceased. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 19th day of October, 1899, by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises, in the village of Birmingham, on Saturday, the 9th day of December 1899, at one o'clock p. m., all the right, title and interest, of which the said James Grinley died seized, in and to the following real estate, situate and being in the village of Birmingham, Oakland county, Michigan, and more particularly specified and described as follows: Lot twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28) of Merrill's Plat of the village of Birmingham, Michigan.

ALMERON WHITEHEAD,
Oct27-Dec8 Administrator.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 16th day of October, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of MARGARET E. SULLIVAN, deceased.

On application of Galucia C. Gibbs, the administrator, for the examination and allowance of his final account and settlement of the estate.

It is ordered that Monday, the 20th day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Oct27-Nov17 Judge of Probate.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
the Probate Court for said county of Oakland held at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 20th day of October, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of MATHEW JARRIS, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of David Hanna, the administrator, praying for license to sell the real estate of said deceased for the purpose of paying debts.

It is ordered that Monday, the 20th day of November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said petition, and that all persons interested in said estate appear at the time and place aforesaid and show cause, if any exists, why said petition should not be granted; and it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Oct27-Nov17 Judge of Probate.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of BIRD A. TIBBILS, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 11th day of October, A. D. 1899, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 25th day of November 1899, and on the 11th day of April, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day at the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

AMERON WHITEHEAD, }
ALANSON PARTRIDGE, } Commis'rs.
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STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 11th day o November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MOSES K. TABER, deceased.

On application of Mary C. Taber, the executrix, for the examination and allowance of her final account and the settlement of the estate.

It is ordered that Saturday, the 9th day of December next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Nov17-Dec8 Judge of Probate.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Default having been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 7th day of January, 1893, executed by Joseph Sikora, Jr., and Rosa Sikora, his wife, of Royal Oak, Michigan, and William Schwas, of Troy, Michigan, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the county of Oakland in Liber 125 of Mortgages on page 219 on the 20th day of January, 1893. And whereas, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of one thousand six hundred and twenty-eight and 70/100 dollars ($1628.70) of principal and interest and the sum of one hundred thirty dollars ($130.00) as attorney fee stipulated for in said mortgage and allowed by law together with the costs of foreclosure, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the city of Pontiac in said county of Oakland, that being the building wherein is held the Circuit Court for said county) on **Thursday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1900,** at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of that day; which said premises are described in said mortgage substantially as follows, to-wit: All that piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Royal Oak, county of Oakland and state of Michigan, described as the east half of the southeast quarter of section two (2) fifty-four (54) in town one (1) north of range eleven (11) east, Michigan.

Dated October 11, 1899

WILLIAM SCHWAS, Mortgagee.

JOHN H. PATTERSON,
Attorney for Mortgagee.
Business address, Pontiac, Mich.
Oct13-Jan5

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
the Probate Court for said county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac on the 28th day of October, in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of EDITH B. HALL, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Anna E. Hall, praying for the probate of an instrument in writing, heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be last will and testament of said deceased.

It is ordered that Monday, the 4th day of November next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for proving said instrument. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
[A TRUE COPY] Judge of Probate.
Nov3-Nov24

A LITTLE ABOUT A LOT!

Of new goods that have just come. We are anticipating a very large trade during November and December, and the large purchases we have made are arriving show that we intend to be able to supply our patrons with just such goods as winter weather requires and Dame Fashion demands. In our Cloak Dept. we have received some 90 new garments, in Fur Capes, Jackets, Boas and Fur Sets, ranging in price from $5 to $50. Every fur garment guaranteed. There are a number of new Golf Capes at $5, $7.50 and $10. Yesterday there arrived 50 new Jackets to sell at $10. They're the best we ever shown at the price. Made of Washington Kersey, Skinner satin lined, with facing to the button hole, with fine rows of silk stitching. The colors are Modes, Tans, Blues, Browns and Black. We've at last received another shipment of Golf Suits. They are hard to get for the reason of the scarcity of golf cloth. They start $16.50 to $20. Big piles of new Fleeced Wrappers, with 5½ yard flounce, to sell at $1.00. They are creating much favorable comment.

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We have too many Jackets and to reduce stock quickly we will offer our entire stock at reduced greatly prices,

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Your choice of

16	Jackets, regular prices	$ 4.00 to $8.50,	for $3.98
14	" " "	8.00 to 12.00,	for 5.98
26	" " "	10.00 to 16.00,	for 8.49

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Flaked Beans, ditto.
Good Stove Polish, **2c** per cake.
Big size Stove Polish, **5c** per cake.
21 pounds Granulated Sugar for **$1.**
10 bars Queen Anne Soap for **25c.**

Fine Prunes, **6c** per pound.
Fine Evap. California Peaches, **10c** per lb.
McLaughlin's XXXX Coffee in lb. packages, **8c.**

Diamond Dust Soap Powder (as good as Pearline), Nine O'Clock Tea, or any other 5c package for **3c**. Ask for it

Long Tom Smoking Tobacco, 2 ounces, full weight, 5c package for only **4c.**

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