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ROMANCE OF A LADY.

HEIRESS AND STABLE MAN AND CUPID.

Her Father a Fisherman—She Might Have Been a Countess, but Is Now Perfectly Happy with Her Humble Husband.

The recent marriage, at Swampscott, Mass., of the heiress of millions to her coachman, which shocked the town and caused surprise all through the United States, is the end of a romance, commonplace in many things, that had its beginning years ago, for Miss Addie L. Phillips and Bernard B. Kennedy had known each other from childhood. Miss Addie Phillips is the charming niece of the richest woman in town, Mrs. Warren Phillips. If she had not married young Kennedy there is no telling what the future might have had in store for her. Just as like as not, ten years hence she might have been a duchess or a countess, or, better still, the mistress of one of the richest American homes, for Mrs. Warren Phillips has millions in her own right, and not a child to leave it to. Had, therefore, her pretty niece been to her as her own child, and done in all things as the aunt wanted, there is no telling how many of these millions would have fallen to her. And yet—who knows?—would she have been happier? Time alone can answer that, but at present the bride and groom are blissfully care free of what the world thinks, for they are on their wedding journey, in spite of the fact that rumor has it they have been seen around Swampscott and that they are living at her old home at the corner of Humphrey and Orient streets, this city. It is probable that there would not have been a marriage, at least at present, if it had not been for sister Ella. Ella is a good little girl and pretty as a picture—prettier than her sister by far. She has black hair and eyes and lovely color, but she couldn't keep her tongue from telling all that her eyes saw, and there was not much that escaped them. It was last fall that she opened them wide, when she discovered that the coachman and the sister were very good chums, and when she understood that Adele preferred his company to hers a great many times, she ran and told her aunt, and her aunt was scandalized. Then there was much plain talk, and Mrs. Phillips tried to make her niece see things in a practical, common-sense light. After that she took very great care to keep her away from the coachman as much as possible. That is how it happened that nobody ever remembers of having seen her with him alone. She was not allowed to drive with him alone, but Ella, who did not care a rap for him, was driven around in the luxurious carriages, big and small, as often as she pleased. But then, when two people are in one great big house, and the aunt has lots of company and has to entertain them, there are plenty of chances for the girl who wishes to improve them, and she did. Miss Adele is a strong-willed girl. In defiance of older heads, she often did what she would. Probably she inherited her free and independent nature from her father, Nelson Phillips, who was a Swampscott fisherman at the time she was born. Finally the arduous life was getting too much for him, and after a time he became a prosy landsman and opened a fish market in Rochester, N. H., that paid him very well. It was not long before both he and his wife died. His death was made easier, though, by the fact that his sister, Mrs. Warren Phillips, agreed to take the children and care for them. Although of the same name, these two Phillips families were not related. All Nelson Phillips' life he had known the Phillips family his sister married into. There was an old man, Eben Phillips, who made out of old fish accumulated the millions that have made the Phillips name the most prominent one not only in Swampscott, but in many places. At his death about twelve years ago his millions, well invested, were left his children, Leonard, Charles, Dave, Warren, John and his two daughters, Mrs. Gage, living in California, and Mrs. Chase, wife of Dr. Chase of Swampscott. As Leonard was a friend to be trusted, and an able business man, he made him the guardian of his two daughters, and so, contrary to report, Leonard Phillips is no relation to his fair ward. Although Eben Phillips was a large loser in the great Boston fire, yet there was plenty of millions left, so that today the Phillipses own much valuable property in Boston, a large part of Swampscott, and nearly all of Pigeon Cove. Ella precipitated affairs by reporting to her aunt some passages of sweetness that she saw between the coachman and her sister, and there was a scene that night. Miss Addie's blue eyes flashed determination, she has talked to nobody during the year in regard to her matrimonial plans, she did admit to a friend after marriage that she had been engaged about a year. Her classmates remember now on the day of graduation she told them that she would do something that would surprise them before long. She certainly kept her word.

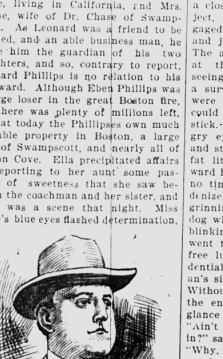
As to the now far-heard-of coachman. He is a native of Swampscott, having been born there twenty-three years ago. He was educated in the public schools there, but although he entered the high school he did not graduate, for the reason that his father died and he was obliged to do something to support his mother. So he went to work for John Phillips seven years ago. He lived with him in the family and was treated as an equal. John thought a great deal of him. He stayed there until Mr. Phillips' death, about two years ago, and then shortly afterward he went to Mrs. Phillips as her coachman. Everybody unites in describing him as a fine, manly looking fellow, whose countenance is stamped with honesty. He is of fine proportion and physique, and has thick blonde hair, slightly waved, and frank blue eyes. It has been reported that he has a brogue, but he has not. He was born within a few hundred feet of where his bride was, and has known her since she

ADDIE L. PHILLIPS.

was a little girl. Addie says he has been one of the kindest and best friends she ever had. In no way does she regard it that she is marrying out of her station, for she remembers that she is a fisherman's daughter and she knows that her husband's mother was a lady. In her own right the young bride has about $20,000 that her father left her as her portion.

ALLIGATOR'S FREE LUNCH.

"You can't take that in here," said the gatekeeper at the New York Zoo to a woman with a wriggling little animal in her arms. "It's against the rules." "Why, little Teddy wouldn't hurt a thing, and I'll promise you he won't leave my arms a minute. I can't let the poor thing go back home now, and I do so want to get in and see the animals." Now, it is a hard thing for a man to withstand the fascination of a pretty face, and when a dimpled, beseeching smile accompanies it—well, the young woman got into the Zoo, and little Teddy went in, too, leaving the gatekeeper hoping sincerely that nobody in authority would see the animal. It was a very diminutive creature, so small, in fact, that if she had chosen his fair owner might have hidden her handkerchief over him and taken him in without difficulty. The skies were bright, the animals all in a good humor, and Teddy seemed to enjoy it all immensely. The big elephant was in the pool taking his daily bath, and when, sucking up a trunkful of water, he treated the spectators to an elephantine shower bath, Teddy's joy knew no bounds, and his mistress thought surely he would break away. In the course of the afternoon they came to the shady rustic bridge which spans the slimy gulley where the huge alligator blinks his life away. The young woman had never seen such a fine specimen, and she was completely absorbed in the spectacle, forgetting even Teddy in her intense interest. Teddy was somewhat near-sighted, and wished to get a closer view of the great, scaly object, so with a gentle tug he disengaged himself from his mistress' arms and jumped headlong into the ditch. The alligator opened his sleepy eyes at this unwonted disturbance, and seeing a visitor lifted his head to make a survey. Teddy's eyes, meanwhile, were popping out so far that you could have knocked them off with a stick. The alligator cocked his hungry eye on the dumfounded animal, and struck with the tenderness of his fat little legs, wriggled leisurely toward him. So quickly that Teddy had no time to give a farewell yelp, the denizen of the swamps opened his grinning mouth and swallowed the dog whole. Then, licking his jaws and blinking his eyes, he rolled over and went to sleep, well content with the free lunch that had been so providentially provided. The young woman's silent distress was pitiful to see. Without a word she walked hastily to the entrance, and with a sheepish glance at the keeper she passed out. "Ain't that the lady who took the pup in?" said the keeper to his companion. "Why, sure it is," he made reply. "I wonder what she has done with him?"

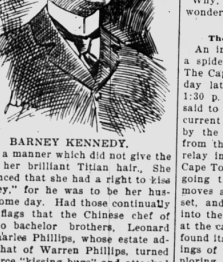


The Spider Made a Sensation.

An interesting story is told of how a spider figured in quite a new line. The Cape Town time-gun went off one day lately at 1:28 p. m., instead of 1:30 p. m. The cause may truly be said to be a wonderful one. The timecurrent for firing the gun is supplied by the Royal Observatory, and goes from there to an instrument called a relay in the Central Telegraph office, Cape Town. The action of this current going through the instrument main moves a light tongue, which is finely set, and this sends a current direct into the time-fuse which fires the gun at the castle. It appears that a spider found its way through one of the openings of the instrument, and while exploring he must have touched this tongue sufficiently to move it over, and thus fired the gun. The spider had been transferred from the instrument to the museum, where it is pickled and exhibited as a warning to others of its species not to meddle in matters that don't concern them.

The man who can get drunk and not make a fool of himself is a hero in his particular line. I have not met many heroes of this sort.

A PIG



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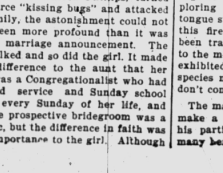

BARNEY KENNEDY.

and in a manner which did not give the lie to her brilliant Titian hair. She announced that she had a right to kiss "Barney," for he was to be her husband some day. Had those continually flying flags that the Chinese chef of the two bachelor brothers, Leonard and Charles Phillips, whose estate adjoins that of Warren Phillips, turned into fierce "kissing bugs" and attacked the family, the astonishment could not have been more profound than it was at this marriage announcement. The aunt talked and so did the girl. It made much difference to the aunt that her niece was a Congregationalist who had attended service and Sunday school almost, every Sunday of her life, and that the prospective bridegroom was a Catholic, but the difference in faith was of no importance to the girl. Although

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 8th day of August, 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 A. BROWN, deceased.

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

It is ordered that Monday, the 11th day of September 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 notice be given that by virtue of a license to sell and mortgage real estate, issued 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 township of Bloomfield, on Saturday, the 23d day of September, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest, of which the said Samuel Leach died seized, in and to the following real estate, situate and being in the town of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan, and more particularly specified and described as follows: The west half of the east half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-seven (27), town two north of range ten east containing forty acres of land more or less, also about ten acres of land lying on the east side of the above described land, being nine rods wide east and west and one hundred sixty rods long north and south.

EUGENE BROOKS,
Aug31-Sep22 Executor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE—In the matter of the estate of HANNAH SMITH, deceased. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 7th day of August, 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 township of Bloomfield, on Saturday, the 23d day of September, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest, of which the said Hannah Smith died seized, in and to the following real estate, situate and being in the town of Bloomfield, Oakland county, Michigan, and more particularly specified and described as follows: The west half of the east half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-seven (27), town two north of range ten east containing forty acres of land more or less, also twelve acres of land lying on the east side of the above described land, being nine rods wide east and west and one hundred sixty rods long north and south.

EUGENE BROOKS,
Aug31-Sep22 Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE—In the matter of the estate of HANNAH SMITH, deceased. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 7th day of August, 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 township of Birmingham, on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest, of which the said Hannah Smith 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: All the following piece of land situated in the village of Birmingham, Oakland county, state of Michigan, to wit: Commencing at the southwest corner of a piece of land heretofore sold by Amos Davis to John P. Cartwright, thence southeasterly along the Detroit & Birmingham Plank Road thirty-five and one-half rods, thence westerly at right angles with the plank road to the lands owned by the Detroit & Milwaukee Railroad, thence northwesterly along the line of the said railroad company's land to the southeast corner of said John P. Cartwright's land, thence westerly along the said Cartwright's line to the center of the plank road to the place of beginning, containing two acres of land more or less, excepting and reserving from the above description a strip of land heretofore sold to Albert W. Campbell for street purposes and ten feet wide as flowers street; also excepting a piece of land heretofore sold to William Milton, Commencing at the southwest corner of the intersection of Bowers street and Saginaw street, running thence southeasterly along the east line of Saginaw street one hundred and fifty feet, thence westerly at right angles with Saginaw street about one hundred eight feet and six inches to the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad, thence northerly along the line of said railroad to the south line of Bowers street, thence westerly along the line of Bowers street to the place of beginning. Also the following described parcel of land, to wit: Commencing at the southwest corner of a piece of land heretofore sold to William Milton, running thence southeasterly along the line of said Milton's one hundred and five feet, thence easterly and at right angles with Saginaw street about seventy-eight feet and four inches to the Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad, thence northerly along the line of said railroad to the south line of Bowers street, thence westerly along the line of Bowers street to the place of beginning. Also the following described parcel of land, to wit: Commencing at the southwest corner of a piece of land heretofore sold to William Milton, running thence southeasterly along the east line of Saginaw street one hundred and fifty feet, thence westerly at right angles with Saginaw street about one hundred eight feet and six inches to the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad, thence northerly along the line of said railroad to the south line of Bowers street, thence westerly along the line of Bowers street to the place of beginning. Also the following described parcel of land, to wit: Commencing at the southwest corner of a piece of land heretofore sold to William Milton, running thence westerly along the line of said Milton's lot, thence south two feet and four inches, to the place of beginning.

ALMERON WHITEHEAD,
Aug31-Sep22 Administrator.

CHANCERY SALE—In pursuance and by virtue of an order and decree of the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland, in chancery, in the matter of the estate of Michael Sullivan, made and dated on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1899, in a certain cause therein pending, where in Caroline C. Gibbs, administrator of the estate of Margaret E. Sullivan, deceased, is complainant, and Cornelius Sullivan, administrator of the estate of Peter L. Sullivan, deceased, Cornelius Sullivan, Henrietta Sullivan, Hettie Sullivan, Mary Sullivan, the unknown heirs of Michael Russell, Robert Park, George Hettie Willow Bowe and Albert Hettie are defendants. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house, in the city of Pontiac, in the county of Oakland, and State of Michigan, said Court house being the place for holding the Circuit Court for said county, on Monday, the 9th day of October, A. D. 1899, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, all that certain piece or parcel of land in township of Troy, Oakland county, Michigan, known and described as follows: Forty acres of land off from the south end of the west half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-one (21), town two north of range eleven east, Michigan.

Dated at Pontiac, Michigan, this 16th day of August, A. D. 1899.

FRANK I. COVERT,
Circuit Court Commissioner,
Oakland County, Michigan.
JOHN H. PATTERSON,
Solicitor for Complainant.
Aug24-Sep29

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 August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Probate Judge.

In the Matter of the Estate of ALEXANDER SOLTS, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Flora B. Kidder, deceased, praying for the specific performance of a contract made by the deceased with Alexander Solts and Edwin A. Kidder, the same being a private sale, upon petition.

It is ordered that Monday, the 11th day of September 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 newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Aug31-Sep7 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 8th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of ALVIN D. SHAFER, deceased.

On application of Almeron Whitehead, administrator, with the will annexed, for the examination and allowance of his final account and the settlement of the estate.

It is ordered that Thursday, the 14th day of September 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 EXCELSIOR, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
[A TRUE COPY.] Judge of Probate.
Aug31-Sep7

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 8th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARTHA J. YOUNG, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Charles A. Ashcroft, praying for the probate of a instrument in writing, heretofore filed in this court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said de ceased.

It is ordered that Saturday, the 2d day of September next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for proving said instrument; and it is further o dered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM EXCELSIOR, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

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