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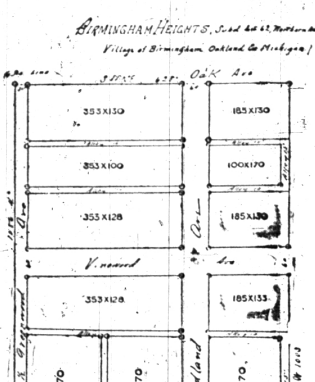

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WHIRLIGIG OF TIME

It Brings Many Strange Coincidences to the Life of True Man.

By WALTER JAMES DELANEY.

Coward! How that word rankled within the soul of Ralph Warden, and what a difference its utterance had made in his life! Looking back six months, it seemed to him as though that word had been the start of all his troubles, the evil star of his destiny.

He had lived at Jugita, a frontier town and a military post, since boyhood. Just as he came of age his mother had died. Through her brief period of illness it had been the friendly visits and kind ministrations of Ethel Lynd that had made her serene and peaceful. Ralph had grown to love the beautiful daughter of Colonel Lynd. He had fancied that she somewhat encouraged him, when a rude circumstance had brought down into ruins all his fair air castles of hope.

He recalled the day when Miss Lynd, her girl cousin, Lieutenant Vanderloot and three visiting school friends of Ethel were strolling near the river, when a homeless drunkard known about the district as Pauper Joe, reeled across their path. He chanced to joggle against Ralph. In his maudlin fury called him a name that was always wiped out with blood in that primitive section, and struck him.

For a moment the fire of resentment and indignation sprang to the eyes of Ralph. Then, clinching his fists, holding his breath, his face grew ashen as he stood rigid as a statue.

He fancied he noted a look of contempt cross the face of Miss Lynd. He heard a word spoken—

"Coward!"

Then the group passed on, but not until Lieutenant Vanderloot had stepped forward, vaunting his chivalrous strength in some sneer at Ralph, and with a cruel blow sent the poor wrech, Pauper Joe, to the ground.

It might have been over-sensitiveness, but Ralph fancied that Ethel and her friends purposely hurried on. He lingered. The same influence that had held his hand back from resenting an insult, now drove him to the exercise of a further humanity. It was he who lifted the stranded wreck to his feet, led him to a lodging house, and left enough money with its proprietor to care for his pensioner till he recovered from the effects of drink and injury.

Two days later Ethel left Junta, and Ralph had not met her in the meantime. Ethel was going on a long visit to a distant point where her father was making his annual round of the military posts.

"I kept my promise," said Ralph to himself staunchly, as he thought of the blight that had come over his fair love dreams. "I have lost Ethel, the story of that blow has got around town, and some think me a mean spirited craven; but I promised mother, and I have kept my word!"

It was on her death bed that Mrs. Warden had drawn her son to the sacred pledge regarding two things—drink and fighting. Her own father had been a victim to the wine cup. Ralph's dead father had suffered death in a hot border fight brought about by a mere trifling remark. Mrs. Warden had died with a satisfied smile, when her loyal son had promised never to raise his hand against another in temper or hate.

And the whirling of time had gone on. Ralph had drifted to another town. He was not very successful in getting work. One day a sudden resolution came into his mind; he would join the regular army. Thus it was that one year after this last sight of the only woman he had ever loved, he was a sergeant at Fort Danger, under the orders of the man he had considered a rival—a rival no longer, however.

"I wronged you once, Warden," admitted the lieutenant voluntarily the day Ralph came to the fort. "I thought you a poltroon, and said so. Later it leaked out to all of us about your sacred promise to your mother. I respect you for it. I think that discovery made pretty Miss Lynd edge away from me. No hearts broken, though, for I am now engaged to a girl who owns three ranches, and when my term of service is out, I am going to settle down to an easy life."

The whirligig of time brought about another strange happening—Pauper Joe, no longer a drinker, the fond, fervent friend of the man who had been kind to him, was also stationed at Fort Danger.

The place had been truly named. Situated on the edge of an almost impassible desert, the nearest fort two hundred miles distant, it was isolated among Indians who had the habit of a periodical blood-thirsty outbreak.

Another strange coincidence in the whirligig of time was the fact that Ethel Lynd was now at Fort Blain, where her father was making a governmental inspection.

It was late of a blazing hot summer afternoon, when as she sat in a breezy corner of the fort scanning the broad plain with a field glass, Ethel made out a horseman in the distance, going at tearing speed. She informed the officer in charge. Twenty minutes later there dashed into the fort a reeking horse. In the saddle was a man, tattered, sun-blistered, with a gaping bullet wound in one arm, and propped up in front of him another man, seemingly dying.

The rider was Ralph Warden, his helpless burden Pauper Joe. The horse reeled and fell to its knees. The rider toppled in a dead faint into the arms of two soldiers. They lifted Pauper Joe gently to the ground.

"Water, for the love of heaven!" he pleaded. Then, when the cooling draught had passed his fevered lips: "Care for him, the sergeant—the hero! I must tell the story quick, for I'm done for."

What a story it was! Fort Danger, surrounded by Indians, cut off from civilization, with only a week's supplies, was hemmed in. Most of the soldiers, desperate, mad for fight, had got at the liquor stores. They would fight like demons, but when the food gave out they were doomed.

Ralph Warden, Pauper Joe and two others had made the only attempt possible for relief—a dash across the arid desert. One man had gone mad from thirst and had died in his tracks. Another, fancying he saw water at the bottom of a ravine, had plunged headlong to death in his delirium. Indians had attacked them. Ralph had shielded Joe, grabbed him up to his saddle at the risk of his life, and—

"He was my only friend—a hero, the sole survivor," breathed Joe. Heaven "Heaven bless him!" and died.

Fort Danger was relieved and saved. It was Ethel who nursed Ralph back to life. It was Ethel who contritely told how she had wronged him, and later how she regretted losing him, and now, when his eager lips questioned her, she told, too, how she loved him.

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SPEED IN HIGH ALTITUDES

An Aeronautical Theory That is Borne Out by the Migrations of Birds.

Made Out a Horseman in the Distance.

The statement that a flying machine with a normal speed of 40 miles an hour would travel at a height of 5 miles at 150 miles an hour—made by Dr. Graham Bell, is supported by an ornithologist. Doctor Bell's view, which depended on a prolonged course of scientific inquiries, was that the speed of an aeroplane increased in more or less definite ratio as the height from the earth increased. The thinner the air the faster the aircraft.

That birds use this quality of the air now seems probable. Some of the migrants arriving in England have been observed to dive down from an incalculable height, as has often been observed in Heligoland. That the weak flyers should cross the North Sea in one dash has seemed an insoluble mystery, because it has necessitated the theory that they are endowed at that moment with a sudden access of power. May it not be that then only they find themselves in the thinner higher air? Swifts, which are the most rapid flyers of all, for the most part fly higher than other birds.

Cranes have been seen to cross the sun's disk at an estimated height of 5¾ miles, and others have passed over clear the highest mountain ranges. The verdict of one of the best students of migration is that "without ascending to a considerable altitude the migration of many birds would be simply impossible." That very poor flyer, the corn-crake, has traveled the seemingly impossible distance of 5,000 miles.

It is true that many birds have been observed to fly low during migration. Swallows especially have been seen migrating at a low elevation, and even to cover 100 miles an hour.—London Mail.

SERVANT PROBLEM IN GREECE

Something Over Which the Housewives of That Country Do Not Have to Worry.

At the risk of causing a wholesale exodus of American housewives the following information is given. It is true that a mass formed of such as that all women—housekeepers in particular—are rather skeptical about masculine statements on domestic matters. Nevertheless Percy F. Martin, an Englishman, who has lived a good deal in the country of which he writes, vouches for the reliability of that portion of his book, Greece in the Twentieth Century, which relates to women.

"Domestic servants," says Mr. Martin, "are neither difficult to obtain nor hard to keep in Greece. Few of those drawbacks to domestic service prevail there which characterize similar employment in England and the United States."

Wages are somewhat higher than those paid in other European countries, but they will seem of a beautiful reasonableness to the American mistress. A plain cook in Greece receives about $200 a year, while a "thorough" cook gets from $300 to $350 a year. Compare this with the $35 a month which the average cook reluctantly accepts when she consents to "try out for a week" in a small New York household where she finds modern conveniences which would amaze her Greek sister.

As for housemaids—restrain those sighs of envy, ladies!—Mr. Martin asserts that a "competent housemaid" receives about $8 a month "with board and lodging."

Quite Another Thing.

"Talking about men doing housework, I know a fellow who spends the best part of his time in preserving." "What a mollycoddle he must be!" "No; he's a life-saver."

REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

Of WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL

The following is a partial list of Farms, City and Village Lots, and Real Estate generally which we have for sale. As our list is constantly changing, we request that parties will write us if they do not see what they want in this list.

No. 1.

Fine residence practically new, 7 rooms, bath, toilet, furnace, electric light, lot 112 ft. front, 300 ft. deep, good barn, city water, 3 blocks to electric. Terms to suit.

No. 2.

Vacant lot in Buell addition fronting on Woodward and electric. Fine building site cheap.

No. 3.

One of the best on the list. Bound to go soon. Two-story 7-room bungalow, bath, toilet, hot water, furnace, electric light, west side of street, cement walk, lot 50x120, one block from electric, everything new and modern; $3,100. What do you know about that?

No. 4.

Vacant lot on Willow avenue, 100 ft. front, 300 ft. deep, city water, fine lot of berries.

No. 5.

One thousand dollars cash and the balance on easy terms will buy 6 acres of excellent land on electric in Royal Oak village. Excellent for platting, 1,200 berries, 34 grapes, pretty little lake from which $250 worth of ice was harvested last season, ten cents and forty minutes to city hall, Detroit. Don't delay.

No. 6.

Here it is! Nine-room two-story cottage just finished, in fine location, lot 54x132, bath, toilet, furnace, electric light, five minutes walk from electric, good neighborhood, high and dry, $2,600. There now!

No. 7.

Delightful Maple avenue residence, .. rooms, bath, toilet, furnace, electric light, 140 ft. front, 206 ft. deep, 3 blocks from electric, fine locality, price right and terms easy.

No. 8.

Eight rooms, 1 1-2 story cottage, hot water heater, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, barn, lot 40x103, two blocks from electric and $2,600 cash will buy it.

No. 9.

Pine Lake cottage, 1 1-2 story, 4 rooms, lot 90x150, with good barn, one of the finest locations on this most beautiful portion of the lake region of Oakland county. Fine bathing, boating and fishing. Just the place to get rid of that tired feeling and patch up those nerves. Wait a minute, here's the price that will make you think it just fits your pocketbook. Go down in your jeans and buy it for $1,500.

No. 10.

Two and one-half story residence on Maple avenue, 12 rooms, furnace, city water, good barn, electric light, fine shade, about half an acre of land with fruit and fine desirable qualities of one of the finest homes in Birmingham. Two blocks from electric. Look it over, come across with a reasonable offer for cash and you'll see us help you get it.

No. 11.

Seven-room bungalow, latest improved, bath, toilet, furnace, hot and cold water, eelctric light, good big lot 60x180, nice barn, sewer, no better locality in town, 3 blocks from electric, 2 blocks from school, nice, new, cozy home for $3,800. Take it away on easy terms and be happy.

No. 12.

Fine new two-story residence, best locality, 2 acres of best land, (chickens and small fruit? Well!) 8 rooms, bath, toilet, furnace, electric light, sewer, small garage, cement walk, fine old forest trees for shade, five minutes walk from Woodward avenue and electric, and just think! Thirty-two hundred dollars will buy it subject to small mortgage. Talk about your snaps!

No. 13.

Modern two-story frame dwelling with all the conveniences in Rochester, Mich., lot 60x120 with good barn, in good residence portion, buildings insured for $2,000, three blocks from electric, and $1,100 above the mortgage will buy it.

No. 14.

Now listen. Prettiest little farm in seven states. Just outside village of Birmingham, 19 acres, 3 blocks from electric, 1-4 acre of berries, 3 buildings including barn, chicken house and fine, modern 7-room dwelling, with city water and all conveniences such as bath, toilet, furnace, electric light. Ideal place for city man with ideas regarding a little farm on the side. And we can assure you that the price and terms won't frighten you if you mean business. No? Well; you just ask Whitehead and see.

No. 15.

Here's another. House and store in pleasant little country village three miles from electric. An acre and a quarter of good land. Six room two-story house with cellar, well, cistern, and barn; all in good shape. Fine chance for some one with small means, to make a good living and something besides in a country trade in rich farming community, and the terms are so easy that they won't worry you and the price is only $1,600. Just scrape together enough to buy a small general stock and there you are.

No. 16.

Right in the central part of the village and valuable for business or residence. Lot 43x80, good comfortable, old-fashioned house, will rent for $20 per month, but bless your heart, the land without any house at all is worth more than we are asking for it. If you're from Missouri, you are just the fellow we want. Come on and we'll show you.

No. 17.

Lot in Campbell's sub-division, 60x150, new house, nice neighborhood, city water, furnace, etc., $2,300. Terms so easy that you can't help pay for it if you just pay a little more than rent would come to. Then you would soon have a home of your own.

No. 18.

Nice little home on Willits street, seven-room house, cellar, cisterns, city water, good lot, 70x120, and $1,425 above the little mortgage will buy it.

No. 19.

Good house and lot on Highland avenue in the bustling village of Highland Park, house insured for 1,500. Will exchange for small farm property or $2,600 will buy it.

No. 20.

Farm of 147 acres in Oakland township, 125 cleared, 15 acres oak timber, house and barn, price $45 per acre, one-half cash, balance on easy terms.

No. 21.

Good farm of 154 acres in Orion township, 70 acres under plow and balance in young growing timber, two miles from Orion village, half mile from D. U. R. house and barn, all kinds of soil. Will exchange for house and lot in Royal Oak or Birmingham, or will sell for $45 per acre on easy terms.

No. 22.

Good cottage on Watkins street, full basement, barn, chicken house, lot 60x178, some fruit trees, wants to sell bad enough to let it go for $1,500.

No. 23.

Fine new brick house, nine rooms on large lot on Pierce street. Bath, toilet, furnace, electric lights, cement walk, two blocks from electric, $2,700 above little mortgage, will land it and you'll have a home as good as any of 'em.

No. 24.

Twenty-five acre farm, 1 1-2 miles from Rochester electric, small house, barn, two sheds, excellent land in high state of cultivation, easy terms, $3,000.

No. 25.

Nice cosy cottage on Purdy street, two blocks from electric, good large lot, in fine location, cheap at $2,500.

No. 26.

Here's another $2,500 home on Willits near electric, eighty feet front and 103 deep, seven room house, good cellar, beautiful maples shade the premises, and it is true that you couldn't build the house for the price asked. One of the many good things in our list, if not the best.

No. 27.

Forty acres on D. U. R., gravelly loam, good natural drainage, seven fine building sites, flowing well can be obtained where desirable, 17 miles from Detroit, just the place for subdividing into the small farms every one is crazy about just now, and $200 per acre will buy it if you come quick with cash.

No. 28.

Bully little farm of 45 acres, 2 acres timber, 4 acres orchard, 1 1-2 miles from electric, good house and barn, delightful shady location, right among the high priced ones and $125 per acre with small payment cash and balance on land contract if desired. Think it over.

No. 29.

Here's a little farm for your life; 25 acres, extremely fertile garden soil, 2 acres strawberries in bearing, 9-room, 2-story brick house improved, (every convenience), all necessary outbuildings, new green-house, school and church within ten minutes walk, beautiful avenues of maples, one mile from electric. You can't find fault with this lovely place and you won't quarrel over the price when you once go over the premises.

No. 30.

Yep; here's your chicken farm! seven and one-half acres on electric about 25 miles from Detroit, 10 room house, bath, toilet, furnace, grate, electric lights, flowing well, barn, chicken houses, 60 fine fruit trees just coming into bearing and $5,000 will buy it.

No. 31.

Ten minutes walk from electric, cement walk from Woodward, 3 2-3 acres with small buildings, (you would want to build anyhow, and the buildings are not considered in the price,) just outside village limits, finest location, $3,000.

No. 32.

Pretty little place half mile outside the village on electric line grounds, best example of landscape gardening with trees, shrubs, etc., 7 1-2 acres right among the high priced Bloomfield Hills district, with River Rouge bordering the premises.

No. 33.

Five acres vacant on Willow avenue, just outside corporation, 15 minutes walk from car, cement walk, fine for platting, will sell all for $600 per acre or any part of it to suit. Will sell lots 60x135 from $2.00 per front foot up, according to location.

No. 34.

Excellent farm of 160 acres on new State road, 20 acres orchard, 15 acres timber, buildings insured for $5,000, only 3 1-2 miles from electric, will sell eighty acres without buildings separately if desired. Farms in this locality have sold within the past six months for $300 per acre cash, but you can buy this one for much less.

No. 35.

When you buy a farm you consider quality, locality and price, don't you? Well; here is one which should suit the most fastidious on all these points. About 160 acres, one mile from electric on Woodward, no waste land, 30 acres small timber, balance of land in high state of cultivation, 10 room brick house with furnace, all necessary buildings such as barns, hog house, silo, etc., two finest flowing wells, new wire fences, tile drains, and $150 per acre is a price that will move it off the market in ten days, so you'd better hustle.

No. 36.

Farm of 110 acres, good 1 1-2 story house, 2 barns, right in the neighborhood of high-priced farms, well fenced and drained, no waste land, 2 miles to electric, 1 mile to school, and the price is fifty dollars an acre less than farms of an inferior quality have been sold for in the immediate neighborhood and $2,000 cash will buy it with balance on land contract on very easy terms.

No. 37.

Now, here's a farm for $75 per acre and of course you will say it must be a poor one to sell for that, in these times of high prices. Now just to show you how easily you can be mistaken, listen to this: One hundred and sixty acres, fine, productive land in good locality with comfortable buildings, barns rebuilt and a mile of new wire fences, 2 miles from electric and nice country village, 80 acres heavy loam and 80 lighter sandy loam. Pretty little creek runs through the lovely meadows. There; we knew you would be interested. Detroit 15 miles.

No. 38.

A classic among the farms. About 160 acres in the Bloomfield Hills district, ten rods from electric with the lovely River Rouge winding among the fields the entire length of this productive land. Fine stone and cement houses (3), and ample barns. Will sell any portion or all of it, to suit purchasers. It is impossible to properly describe this desirable property. You should see it to fully appreciate the beauties of the location. We're here to show you, any day, any time.

No. 39.

If you could hear of a good farm of about 70 acres for $2,500 you'd sit up and begin to reach for things, what? Well, here you are: 10 acres orchard, fair farm house, new cement barn, 1,000 peaches, rolling land, large pit of first class gravel, a little over a mile from electric. Huh! That gravel pit will pay for the whole outfit in two years. Fact.

No. 40.

Southfield farm of 96 acres, new 8-room house, 2 barns and chicken house; all buildings in first class shape, stream runs through middle of farm, 2 acres orchard, no waste land, 3 miles from electric, $90 per acre or will exchange for Birmingham improved.

No. 41.

Nine-room house, good barn with underground stable, two wells, four acres of timber, 3 acres good orchard, 3 miles from electric, terms easy, eighty acres good middle rolling farm land in desirable locality, less than a mile from thriving village of Southfield and $5,000 will buy it and you can have your own way about terms.

No. 42.

Fine location on Woodward avenue, good two story frame house and barn, both nearly new, city water, sewer, plenty of room for nice little garden, $2,500.

No. 43.

Sixteen acres in high state of cultivation, good 9-room house which needs but little expenditure to make modern improved, barn and chicken house, wire fences, good drainage, pretty little wood lot six acres, fine old maple, walnut, elm, etc., Birmingham one mile, quarter mile to little River Rouge, ten minutes (auto) to electric. The price is—say, we won't tell you right out in public. If we did everybody would want it at once; but it's right. What? Is that so! Well, now you just ask Whitehead.

No. 44.

Seven-room bungalow, vitrified brick veneer, 1 1-2 stories, toilet, bath, Peninsular furnace with hot-water coil, city water, electric light, Cabot shingle stain, all new and up-to-the-minute in every particular, first class construction of A1 material throughout and located in the new Birmingham Heights, 1-2 block from electric on Woodward.

No. 45.

A bully good Troy farm of 120 acres lying on both sides of the Flint line electric, 8-room house in fine shape and five other ample and first class buildings, flowing well furnishes enough water to supply a dozen such farms, best new Page wire fences, 6 acres good orchard, cow barn for 23 head with cement floor and stanchions, school 10 rods, churches and stores 1 mile, 17 acres beautiful woods, hickory and walnut, no waste land, no foul seed, price is low enough to be very attractive and 25 per cent of purchase price will swing it.

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