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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters Testamentary on the estate of ALBERT SCHAEFFER,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscribers, on or before the 18th day of March, 1904, they may otherwise by law be excluded, from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 18th day of August, 1903.

MARY C. SCHAEFFER, GEORGE E. SCHAEFFER, aug 21 4t Executrs.

In the District Court of the United States

For the District of Maryland. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of Elmer C. Beaver, a Bankrupt.

To the creditors of Elmer C. Beaver, of Westminster, in the County of Carroll and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1903, the said Elmer C. Beaver, was duly adjudicated a bankrupt by Hon. Thomas J. Morris, Judge of said Court; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy, 232 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland, on the 5th day of September, A. D. 1903, at 11 o'clock, A. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, JR., aug 21 3t Referee in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States

For the District of Maryland. In Bankruptcy. In the matter of William C. Bollinger, a Bankrupt.

To the creditors of William C. Bollinger, of Manchester, in the County of Carroll and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of August, A. D. 1903, the said William C. Bollinger, was duly adjudicated a bankrupt by Hon. Thomas J. Morris, Judge of said Court; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., Referee in Bankruptcy, 232 East Main Street, Westminster, Maryland, on the 5th day of September, A. D. 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, JR., aug 21 3t Referee in Bankruptcy.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County.

Estate of Elizabeth Jane Baile, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 11th day of August, 1903, that the sale of the real estate of Elizabeth Jane Baile, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Nathan H. Baile, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said executor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 2nd Monday, 14th day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 1st Monday, 7th day of September, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Six Hundred Dollars. ($600.00.)

WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL, JACOB REINHART, L. CALVIN JORDAN, } Judges.

True Copy.—Test: JOSEPH D. BROOKS, aug 14 3t Register of Wills.

NO. 4068 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting in Equity. Ex-Parte.

In the matter of the Trust Estate of Henry Richter.

John T. Richter, Trustee, plaintiff, vs. Henry Richter, defendant.

Ordered, this 11th day of August, in the year 1903, that the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, take jurisdiction in the trust estate of the said Henry Richter, and that said trustee settle said trust estate, under the supervision and control of the said court, and it is further ordered that John T. Richter, the trustee in the above cause, give notice to all persons having claims against Henry Richter, to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, on or before the 19th of October, A. D. 1903, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for four successive weeks before the 14th day of September, next.

WM. H. THOMAS.

True copy—Test: Jas. H. Billingslea Clerk. au-14 4t

NO. 4069 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity; Ex-Parte.

In the matter of the trust estate of G. Moritz Zepp.

Edward O. Weant, Trustee, plaintiff, vs. G. Moritz Zepp, defendant.

Ordered, this 4th day of August, A. D. 1903, that the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, take jurisdiction in the trust estate of the said G. Moritz Zepp, and that the said trustee settle said trust estate under the supervision and control of the said Court; and it is further ordered that Edward O. Weant, the trustee in the above cause, give notice to all persons having claims against G. Moritz Zepp to file said claims, properly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, on or before the 14th day of October, A. D. 1903, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for four successive weeks before the 7th day of September next.

I. THOMAS JONES.

True Copy, Test: JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk. au 7 4t

NO. 4066 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting in Equity; Ex-Parte.

In the matter of the Trust Estate of Walter H. Waddell.

Joseph A. Waesche, Trustee, plaintiff, vs. Walter H. Waddell, defendant.

Ordered, this 3rd day of August, in the year 1903, that the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, take jurisdiction in the trust estate of the said Walter H. Waddell, and that said trustee settle said trust estate under the supervision and control of the said Court, and it is further ordered, that Joseph A. Waesche, the trustee in the above cause, give notice to all persons having claims against Walter H. Waddell, to file said claims, properly authenticated, with the clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, on or before the 1st day of October, A. D. 1903, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for four successive weeks before the 5th day of September next.

I. THOMAS JONES.

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By virtue of a Deed of Trust from Henry Richter to John T. Richter, dated February the 3rd, A. D. 1903, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, the undersigned, trustee, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

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It stops where the roses blandly nod
Through the quaint old garden gate,
Then goes with a placid, patient plod
Where the sidewalks hold it straight.
It halts again at the public square
For an unbegrudging rest
And a friendly chat with the comers there,
For each cross street is a guest.
Then lazily to the blacksmith shop,
Where it has to pause once more
To see how the blazing cinders flash
From the forge just by the door.
From there to the bridge across the brook,
To hear what the rippies say;
Then on to the walnut shaded nook
Where the sages sit all day.

Main Street goes on with a calm content
To the summit of the hill,
Then yields to the soothing blandishment
Of the countryside, all still.
It rambles out where the meadows spread
And the soft, green grasses creep,
And there, on a blossom-spangled bed,
Main Street has gone to sleep.

—W. D. Nesbit, in Chicago Tribune.

THE MEGAPHONE.

J. A. T. Lloyd, in T. P's. Weekly.

There were only forty between them, and he was twenty-one, and she was much the older of the two. The boy was playing with the girl's racquet, and both of them had forgotten all about the people who were munching sandwiches and drinking claret cup in their immediate neighborhood.

"And so, Mr. Audley, your regiment is really going out on foreign service this week?"

"Yes," said Audley shortly. He didn't in the least want to talk about the regiment just then, but the girl persisted.

"Oh, do tell me all about it Mr. Audley, the inside things, I mean, what you really do with—what is it—your half company?"

As usual the boy obeyed her, speaking more or less at random on things in general, from the goose-step to skirmishing order, from the exact position of the men's razors at a kit inspection to the latest details in his own new kit. And the girl listened, slightly bored, but wondering how long she could keep him in hand. Honestly she didn't want to spoil his last few days at home, even by the kindly process of letting him down easily, being a sister to him and all that sort of thing. And as for anything else, even at nineteen, Miss Violet Vicars knew a great deal too much for that. She knew that apart from his hundred a year, his six feet and one inch, and his coming and anticipated seniority, Richard Audley had absolutely nothing now or in the future. Still he was very, very nice, and in a vague way Miss Vicars felt sorry that she couldn't afford him.

"I thought I'd bore you, Miss Vicars, but you made me do it. I wanted to talk to you about something quite different, and it may be my last chance. You see, I have to go up to town the day after tomorrow, and Miss Vicars—Violet—can't you see? Oh, I say you're not angry with me?"

Miss Vicars had half risen, but as her eyes fell upon the flushed, puzzled face bending eagerly forward, she sat down again.

"You will listen to me, won't you Violet? I have a sort of a right to speak after—after—oh, you'll never, never know what you've been to me. But I—"

"Oh, please, Mr. Audley. I do know, but Lady Synclair is bearing down on us with that new man with the monocle."

In spite of the presumptive tenseness of her own dramatic situation, Miss Vicar's voice was not without a note of alien interest, in which Mr. Audley could find no share.

The newcomer was introduced by their hostess, who, after a few rambling remarks and a close scrutiny of Audley's face, very properly left the trio to their own devices.

At this period of her life Miss Vicars felt the responsibility of ten thousand pounds in her own right and an ultra-ambitious mother very acutely. She knew that what semi-distant philosophers called the trivialities of life must be entered into with only external carelessness. Internally she must analyze, judge, weigh, and above all, know a little beforehand just what she was going to do or say next. With Dicky it had usually been very simple, because he was frankly ineligible. Even his miserable hundred a year had been "rescued from the creditors" of his grandfather, a ruined Irish peer.

But the new man with the monocle, of whom her mother had already talked to her, long and earnestly, was something quite different. To begin with, the acumen acquired in her own season, added to the vigorous suggestions of her mother, told her that Mr. Stuart Smith—she felt a little dubious about the legitimacy of the hyphen—was exactly the sort of man who was likely to arrive. She knew that he had inherited a large fortune from an unmentioned relative in Australia, and that he had purchased a periodical to which he was an occasional contributor. She knew that, setting aside these fundamental virtues, he was the sort of man who made people listen to him. Personally, she did not feel quite so sure about him. He wore, she thought, his dark, curly hair a little self-consciously, and there flashed, at all events, one ring too many on his long, white fingers.

In the meantime her two companions ignored each other's existence, each after his own fashion. Dicky by staring angrily at his tennis shoes. Mr. Stuart-Smith by talking over his rival's head. Occasionally Dicky, from motives of animosity rather than intelligent interest, plunged into the conversation; when he did so, he always addressed Miss Vicars directly.

"I say, Miss Vicars, why do you all make such a fuss about the reading and writing fellows? I never heard of any one doing himself proud about the other R—except Colenso," he added vaguely.

Now, to Dicky, the associations of the maligned bishop's name were simply hacked desks, inky fingers and the despised regime of a preparatory school. To Mr. Stuart Smith, on the other hand, the name suggested many phases of thought. And he rambled lightly on from the awakening of the clerical conscience to the tractarian movement, from the popularizing of the Darwinian theory in England to the reactionary mysticism of Parisian symbolists.

"Opinion," he said, "is like a pendulum and obeys the same laws;" and he forgot to mention Schopenhauer as his authority. Then he said he was getting tiresome, and Dicky nodded sagely at his tennis shoes.

On the whole, Miss Vicars was pleased; getting out of her depth occasionly, without showing it, was good practice, and then he was never really heavy. Dicky said something morose about missing the hunting, and Mr. Stuart-Smith gave his views on the popularizing of sport all over Europe. He talked easily and well, but Dicky's expression was openly contemptuous, and then, for the first time, his enemy said something that really hurt him.

"Do you know, Miss Vicars, Mrs. Vicars has been kind enough to ask me to Moat House for a couple of days. And I simply hadn't the moral courage to refuse." He looked her searchingly in the eyes as he spoke, and she smiled in answer, though her words were conventional enough. Already this man was beginning to dominate her; already she was beginning to be uncertain as to what to do or say next. And already Dicky Audley had been thrust aside as a regrettable impossibility; he had always been that, she told herself, half angrily. Like all well brought up girls, Miss Vicars was apt now and again to snub her conscience, a necessity which the flight of years usually removes.

"Mrs. Vicars wants me to play ecarte with her after dinner," he continued. "I believe I am to have the honor of driving you home in Lady Synclair's dogcart, as Mrs. Vicars went home in her own carriage sometime before I was introduced to you." For the first time he spoke a little lamely, as though the crudity of the arrangement must be of necessity as obvious to the girl as it was to himself. Still, she only smiled acquiescence, and he talked hurriedly about ecarte, of which he claimed almost complete ignorance.

He could, however, afford to be magnanimous now, and he turned to Dicky, who had been looking forward all the long afternoon to that drive home, his last chance. "All that sort of thing is more in your line, I should imagine, Mr. Audley?"

Dicky said he didn't care about cards. He was no longer frowning at his tennis shoes, but standing in front of them, straight as an arrow, with a new hardness in his face that drew Miss Vicar's attention away from her talkative admirer. She didn't know anything about Schopenhauer, and she didn't care anything about Darwin, but it came to her like a

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