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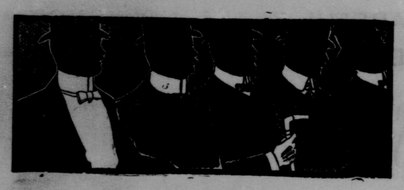
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Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Election of Carroll county, pursuant to and in accordance with the directions contained in Section 13, of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, that the Board of Registry for the several election districts and precincts of Carroll county, Maryland, will sit for the purpose of registering qualified voters and erasing the names of those disqualified, between the hours of 8 o'clock, A. M. and 7 o'clock, P. M., on

TUESDAY, October 3rd, and TUESDAY, October 10th,

A. D. 1905, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF

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(on which day no name can be registered) on

TUESDAY, October the 17th,

A. D. 1905, at the following places in the several precincts and districts, to-wit:

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District No. 1, Second Precinct.—In Eckenrode's Shop, on Church street in Taneytown.

District No. 2, First Precinct.—At Johnson Hollenberry's Storeroom, in Uniontown.

District No. 2, Second Precinct.—At the room adjoining Angell's Store, in Tyrone.

District No. 3.—At the Mystic Chain Hall, in Silver Run.

District No. 4, First Precinct.—At the old Hotel Property in Sandyville, owned by Louis W. Caple.

District No. 4, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom and Dwelling owned by Mrs. Mary A. Nelson, in Bird Hill.

District No. 5, First Precinct.—At the Misses Backer Building, in Eldersburg.

District No. 5, Second Precinct.—At the Storeroom of William A. Dorsey, Jr., in Berrett.

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District No. 12.—At the Firemen's Building, in Union Bridge.

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Excursion Rates and Special Trains to the Hagerstown Fair.

The Western Maryland Railroad announces the sale of Excursion Tickets to the big Hagerstown Fair, from October 10th to October 13th, inclusive, good to return until October 14th, inclusive. Excursion tickets will be good on regular and special trains, and the W. M. R. R. will have on Wednesday and Thursday of the Fair special service into Hagerstown from practically all points on their line. Full information can be obtained from posters and from local ticket agent. This is the 50th anniversary of the Hagerstown Fair, and the managers have determined to make this "Golden Fair" the greatest, best and most novel in its history. sep 15 4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

ELIZA SHREEVE,

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 subscriber, on or before the 11th day of April, 1906; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 11th day of September, 1905. CHARLES E. NUSBAUM, Administrator.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have otained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters Testamentary on the estate of

OLIVER J. HOOVER,

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 11th day of April, 1905; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 11th day of September, 1905.

REBECCA HOOVER,
GEORGE O. D. HOOVER,
Executors.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th, 1905,

all that valuable and productive farm containing

80 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 36 PERCHES

of Land, more or less, situated 3 miles from Sykesville, on the Liberty road, between Eldersburg and Freedom, and adjoining the Steele property, and those of Mrs. Baker and Mr. Newton Devries. This property is improved by a Two and One-half Stories Weatherboarded Dwelling House, containing 10 rooms; and a new Bank Barn, Wagon Shed and all other necessary outbuildings. It is well watered, has a splended Orchard of apples and other fruit, and enough Timber for the property. The land is fertile, under a good state of cultivation, and is exceptionally located, lying between two public roads, and near to churches, stores, and schools. This is one of the most desirable properties in Freedom district, and it is on the line of the proposed electric road between Baltimore and Frederick, and about 16 miles from Baltimore by turnpike. This section is noted as being the most fertile, beautiful and productive portion of Carroll county. The property offers a rare opportunity for anyone wishing a most desirable home or country residence.



And on the same day and at the same place the said trustees will offer at Public Sale at one o'clock, P. M., the following valuable Personal Property: 3 Good Mules, 2 Milch Cows, 1 Heifer, new six-horse Western Wagon, Hay Carriage and bed; 2 four-horse Wagons and beds; 2 Buckeye Mowers, Empire Grain Drills, McCormick Binder, 2 Sulky Plows, 2 spring tooth Harrows, 2 Feed Mills, Plows, Harrow, Harness and numerous other articles of personal property.

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By virtue of the power and authority contained in a mortgage from John T. Edmondson and Nancy J. Edmondson, his wife, to Elias G. Shipley, bearing date August 6th, 1900, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber J. H. B. No. 44, folio 241, the undersigned mortgagee will offer at Public Sale on the premises, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14th, 1905,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., all that valuable Real Estate conveyed by said mortgage, containing

39 ACRES, 1 ROOD and 35 PERCHES,

more or less, and improved with a fine New 2½-Story Weatherboarded Dwelling House, Stable and Grist Mill.

This property is on Morgan Run, on the road leading from Bird Hill to the Bartholow road, and adjoins the lands of James Bowers, Columbus Shipley, Lloyd Shipley, William Miller and others.

The buildings are new and the land is in a high state of cultivation.

Terms of Sale.—$100.00 to be paid in cash on day of sale; balance on ratification of sale by the Court; or these terms may be changed to suit purchaser, by applying to the undersigned, mortgagee.

ELIAS G. SHIPLEY, Mortgagee.

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A DELIGHTFUL HOME AT PUBLIC SALE

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I will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

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In a lonely graveyard, many miles away,
Lies your dear old mother 'neath the cold, cold clay:
Mem'ries oft returning of her tears and sighs;
If you love your mother, meet her in the skies

Chorus—

Listen to her pleadings, wand'ring boy come home,
Lovingly entreating, do not longer roam;
Let your manhood waken, heavy'nward lift your eyes:
If you love your mother, meet her in the skies.

Now the old home, vacant, has no charms for you;
One dear form is absent, mother, kind and true.
Evermore she dwells where pleasure never dies:
If you love your mother, meet her in the skies.

Now in true repentance to the Saviour flee;
He who pardoned mother, mercy has for thee;
Now He waits to comfort; He will not despise;
If you love your mother, meet her in the skies.

THE MESSAGE.

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From the New York Sun.

There was much comment among the former business associates of Nathan Cory when it gradually became known that the estate had proved but meager—insufficient indeed, for the maintenance of the family homestead, "The Planes," the condition on which he had named his nephew, Maurice Cory, as sole heir and residuary legatee.

In the conservative estimate of those acquainted with the old man's affairs he had been worth over and above his debts at least $1,000,000 when paralysis caused his retirement into confirmed and helpless invalidism. What, then, had he done with it?

This inquiry was of the highest importance to Maurice Cory, who found the prize for which he had contended so pertinaciously, so unscrupulously, turned into ashes on his lips in the very hour of triumph. According to the discreet hints of Mrs. Neames, the housekeeper at "The Planes" he must have quite lost that suave and benign poise which had been a main factor of his career when he was at length convinced that search had been futile and that further search would be unavailing.

On the other hand, Patty Neames, the housekeeper's daughter, indiscreetly assured her gossips that the poor man was driven half distracted by the whims and worries of his wife, a sickly creature at best, and now, luckily, in a sure decline. But, then, pretty Patty was a partisan, intemperate and passionate in her devotion to the one and her hatred for the other.

Judge Josiah Marcellus, on being apprised of the deficit, rubbed his nose in a dissatisfied way and then called his faithful retainer, Cronkite, into consultation.

"Here is a letter, Abe," he began, "from Maurice Cory, stating that as his uncle's estate has turned out to be so small he does not feel that he should be called upon to pay the income to Mary Vandiver which he agreed to pay in consideration of my withdrawing her opposition to the probate of the will. I hardly know what to do. I can of course reopen the proceedings, but if the estate has dimished so substantially it would hardly be worth while."

"Have you a case, sir?"

"In equity, yes. Mary is a niece of the late Mrs. Cory, and she was brought up as their adopted daughter. Suddenly, without apparent cause, old Cory made a will disinheriting her and leaving everything to Maurice, who, with his wife, had come to live at "The Planes."

Why, you will ask. I don't know why. Old Nathan sent for me, begging me to come without delay. But the morning I received his letter he was found dead in his room, mark you, not in bed.

"Though supposed to be unable to move hand or foot, he had managed in some way to crawl to a chair where the fatal seizure came while he was reading the Bible.

"And the girl?"

She left the house in great agitation immediately after the funeral, going to her aunt, Mrs. Ruthven, a poor widow. She talked incoherently, but the purport seemed to be that she was afraid to remain there longer.

"Before her aunt could glean any particulars she was taken with brain fever, from which she is still delirious. Knowing my sincere interest in Mary, Mrs. Ruthven came to me, and for lack of anything better I filed the protest in her behalf."

"A fishing excursion, sir?"

"Yes, but one which brought an offer of compromise so favorable that I felt constrained to except it."

"Such an offer, I should say, sir, would indicate some sort of fear on the other side."

"It would seem so."

"While its withdrawal would mean either that this fear had been eliminated or that the bulk of the fortune was really gone."

"Possibly you are right, but what then?"

"Why, in either event it would hardly be worth while to reopen a contest which at its best was merely a fishing excursion, especially if your acquaintance would give you a free hand to carry out a private inquiry."

"You mean——"

"I mean that a man of Nathan Cory's characteristics would not have sent an urgent message for you unless he had something important to communicate. May it not have been to tell you the secret motive of his strange will?"

"A deep old fellow," mused the Judge. "Cautious, timorous, anxious to avoid trouble of all kinds, he had a way of working out his own will despite difficulties. I remember I used to say he reminded me of Polonius, he was so prone by indirections to find directions out.

"There is no doubt that he loved Mary; that he distrusted Maurice. Might he not, then, have planned to conciliate, to disarm, his nephew, by giving him what appeared to be the substance——"

"But in reality was the shadow? Ah, sir, the inevitable deduction from what you say is the conclusion I had already arrived at, that the fortune has not diminished; it has disappeared."

"I recollect now," continued the Judge, "that directly after Maurice came to live with him old Nathan began to sell his securities. I thought nothing of the secrecy he enjoined, it was so natural. I supposed, of course, that he was about to make other investments.

"But now—it may be that he did adopt the whimsical, desperate device of securing the girl's safety, his own ease of mind, by hiding away the bulk of his property for her ultimate benefit. But what then?"

"She is temporarily if not permanently incapacitated from throwing any possible light on the subject. He himself died without leaving a clue—"

"Are you sure of that, sir? Assuming our theory to be correct, would not his anxiety to do that very thing account for the superhuman effort which enabled a man already paralyzed, with the hand of death heavy upon him, to rise from his bed—"

"He was thinking of his latter end. He was seeking divine aid—"

"After having done his utmost, sir. Think of his predicament. Even if writing materials had been at hand, and he had been able to use them, he would not have dared to leave a letter behind him. In that limited time, with the means within his control, how could he convey a hint, unintelligible except to one of your acumen——"

"Well, how could he?" demanded the Judge impatiently, "and what would that hint signify? I am sick of theorizing, Cronkite; I want results——"

"And results I hope to furnish you," said the detective with a smile, "after I have dutifully searched the Scripture—that particular copy thereof, sir, from which the old gentleman was deriving ghostly solace in the hour of death."

II.

Maurice Cory sat in the library at The Planes, deep in gloomy reflection. Exhaustive inquiry among the banks and institutions with which his uncle had dealt and in which he had held investments had convinced him that the old man during the last year of his life had converted into money nearly a million dollars' worth of securities. What had he done with this vast fortune?

He had not reinvested it, in all probability. Maurice had been able to trace the cunning expedients by which his uncle had realized on his holdings without attracting notice; but in no case could he find an item of expenditure of any sort, outside of the stated sum set apart yearly for household and personal expenses. The money had been hoarded, not spent.

It was maddening. The whole house had been ransacked, and yet not a dollar had been found. And here he was, saddled with an unsalable estate, fruitful of expenses he could not afford; as rich as Dives in name, as poor as Lazarus in fact, suffering the tortures of the one, and cut off from the consolations of the other.

And more, his wife Alicia from being burdensome was becoming unbearable. He had presented the situation to her frankly, and she had refused to believe it.

In addition to his own bitter disappointment and distraction, she, of all persons, must upbraid insanely, incessantly. It was too much; he would not endure it.

The door opened and closed so softly that Maurice did not notice it; but at the repetition of a mocking laugh, he looked up at first angrily, and then appealingly.

"Have you also come to torment me, Patty?" he asked.

"I was laughing at myself," retorted the girl," to think that I was so silly as to put my faith in one who retreats and sulks at the first difficulty——"

"Would you like me to rip out the house?" Maurice demanded.

"I'd like you to rip out something, if only an oath, to show that you are alive. But it's thought, not ripping and tearing, that marks the difference between the man that rules and the beast that obeys. Why haven't you put yourself in old Nathan's place and reasoned out how and why and where he hid the money——"

"Why haven't I second sight——"

"Oh, even I can see through a millstone. Your uncle wasn't a lunatic; therefore, he didn't destroy the money. He wasn't a miser, therefore he didn't hoard it for the mere jop of possession. Why, then, did he hide it away from you, his heir?"

"Because he didn't want you to have it. Because he beguiled you, when you thought you were beguiling him. Because he put it somewhere, where you shouldn't find it, but Mary Vandiver should——"

"Curse him! Perhaps you're right. He was always fond of her in his heart, no matter what jobs we might put up against her. But even so, you don't think he told the girl——"

"No; when she left she was genuinely sad and dejected; afraid to stay here, yet uncertain where to go and how she was to live——"

"He didn't tell any one else; if he had, we should have heard——"

"But he may have tried to do so. Why did he get up the night he died, making an effort incredible under the circumstancs, so the physicians said? He realized that death had overtaken him before he had carried out his design—don't you remember he was expecting Judge Marcellvs in the morning? And so he dragged himself up in the desperate hope of communicating some secret way——"

"Yes; and failing to conjure up one, he died in the odor of sanctity—the Judge wouldn't have begun that contest had he known. We come to the Bible, and there we stop."

"You onght to do more than stop," cried Patty, fiercely; you ought to search, examine, scrutinize every page, verse and word of it, to see if he didn't make some mark, pointing out an apt reference. You know how familiar he was with the text. You know how fertile he was in expedients. No wonder he smiled in death. He believed that he had again outwitted you."

"Where is the book?" demanded Maurice. "Bring it to me instantly. You little witch, there may be something in what you say——"

"Ah, but I haven't it," Patty replied, tantalizingly.

"You haven't it? Where is it, then? You keep track of everything in the house——"

A curious smile played around the corners of Patty's lips, as she drew nearer to her master, a smile that denied the obvious relation between them, which asserted that another existed, giving the mastership to her.

"Maurice Cory," she said, slowly, "when are you going to keep your promise?"

"My promise——"

"Yes; you know what I mean."

"How can I, while Alicia is alive? God knows I wish she wasn't——"

"Then why isn't the wish the father of the thought?"

"The thought—you wouldn't have me——"

"I wouldn't have you," repeated the girl bitterly. "It's self, self, self, the one and only thought with you. You didn't shrink from plotting Mary Vandiver's death before your uncle's will had removed her apparently from your path, but now, when it is a mere matter of keeping your word, of showing your appreciation of my subjection to you, body and soul, why, then snivel 'you wouldn't have me.' Yes, I would have you, and you will, too, if you want to find the money. The Bible is in your wife's possession. I gave it to her myself. I told her——"

"You told her, you cat——"

"I told her that you were planning to destroy it. It contains the record of your marriage, you remember——"

"Damnation," moaned Maurice.

"In her state, with her suspicions, she will cling to it, she will keep it from me, until death."

"Until, but not after, Maurice," whispered Patty beguilingly. "Don't be angry with me for a little ruse that makes for our happiness. We need each other, you know we do. Are you going to draw back, to hesitate, because an obstacle as light as breath shuts us from our paradise? Are you going to——"

"Hark! What is that?" cried the man nervously, springing to the window and drawing the curtains. "A carriage driving from the house. Did you hear one come? Was there any one to go? Call one of those cursed servants, will you? I must find out——"

As blithe as the dawn Patty hastened from the room. As somber as the night she returned presently, standing over Maurice with the majesty of despair.

"She is gone," she said, "your wife Alicia, with a strange man, pretending to be a physician. She is gone, taking the Bible with her."

"Gone, with a strange physician? How could that be? How did any one know she was ill?"

"I have talked too much," the girl admitted, with undaunted mein.

He struck her full in the face, and still her gaze met his unflinchingly, replete with the consciousness of power lost and the conviction of power to be regained.

III.

"That was a bold stroke of yours, Abe," said Judge Marcellus, "to personate a physician and inveigle Mrs. Cory from her husband's house."

"More lucky than bold, sir," the detective replied modestly. "The village gossip about her being ill gave me the clue as to what to do; but as soon as the poor woman saw me she herself insisted on my taking her away. There has been considerable bedevilment going on there, sir.'

"You may well say 'poor woman,'" rejoined the Judge earnestly, for she has been deeply wronged. However, I have removed her to a place of safety. I shall make it my task to secure full justice for her. But the Bible Cronkite; the Bible she entrusted to you? Has it thrown any light on the mystry; has it given you a line? toward the missing fortune?"

"If I might first have a word with Miss Mary, sir, I could answer that word with more confidence."

"What do you want to ask of her?"

I want to know whether her uncle ever gave her a keepsake; one which she prizes; one which it pleased him to have her wish."

"Tut, tut," said the Judge, bustling his things together, "I suppose the quickest way is your way; so come along. I have heard from Miss Ruthven that Mary is now sitting up. It can't harm her to see two old fellows for a moment."

And off they hurried, the detective with the Bible under his arm, dog-

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