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Jake Had an Alibi

By M. OWEN ATKINSON

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WHEN they ran the sound rushes of Fleur La Barba, that once famous screen star's career was ended. Jake Rauch shook his head sadly. "Business is business," he said. "For ten years I pay her a salary like a president's. I guess she won't starve."

On the silent screen, La Barba had been charming. She invariably portrayed a beautiful and innocent young lady pursued by the villian. But when she opened her cupid's bow lips, out came a voice like the rasp of a file. You knew instantly that Miss La Barba was neither young nor innocent.

Jake Rauch was fat, bald, kindly, shrewd, and happened to be president of Superba Pictures Incorporated. He was noted for three things: He always changed the title of a picture before it was released. He had the happy faculty of being able to pick the unknown young ladies who became next year's stars. He was afraid of scandal.

Jake was a business man. He believed in making a profit—Superba Pictures Incorporated usually netted him ten or twelve millions a year. Miss La Barba was no longer of service to Superba studios. Out she would have to go. Business is business.

Miss La Barba arrived smelling of gardenias and looking like something on the cover of a magazine. Jake broke the news tactfully.

"You're fired!" he announced. "Your voice is terrible! Next week your contract runs out. I ain't goin' to sign it again."

Knowing Miss La Barba, Jake ducked and waited for the storm to break. It came with a crash. "What!" shrieked La Barba. "You're throwing me out? After all these years I worked for you, you turn me into the street without a nickel."

"Now listen," said Jake soothingly. "Two thousand a week I've been paying you. Ain't you got money in the bank?"

"Money in the bank? What do you think I've been living on? Do you know what a house in Beverley Hills costs? And my car, my horses!"

Jake shrugged eloquently. "Am I responsible if you live like a queen? I've got to think of my stockholders, ain't I?"

Miss La Barba became suddenly cold. "You'll pay for this," she cried, her voice more rasping than ever. "I'll ruin you! I'll make you the laughing stock of Hollywood."

Miss La Barba began to scream. "Help! Help!" she shrieked. "Police! Murder! Help! Mr. Rauch is trying to murder me."

Jake's eyes bulged. He sat frozen in his chair. He knew now. Scandal. Presently the office force would rush in and find the hysterical La Barba shrieking that Jake had tried to throw her out of his office. After that would come screaming headlines in the newspapers.

Miss Williams, Jake's secretary was the first to arrive. Her cool impersonal glance took in the situation. She like' old Jake, liked working for him. Swiftly, deftly she tried to sooth the screaming actress.

The door burst open. In rushed Danny Shea, the publicity man. His newspaper trained eye gathered in the details with flashlight precision. "My G—d!" he cried. "Wha. a story!"

The next to arrive was Maurice Lavine, vice president of Superba Pictures, smooth, oily, sleek—and envious of Jake Rauch's reputation and job.

"Jake!" he cried with pretended horror. "Shame on you!" He crossed to La Barba and patted her tenderly on the shoulder. "What is it, little girl?" he asked sympathetically. "What has he been doing?"

"The beast!" sobbed Miss La Barba. "He tried to throw me out." For the first time in her life she was really acting. "I came to see him about my contract. He—Oh, it's too terrible. I don't want to talk about it."

"Hey, wait," called Jake. "Don't I get a chance to say anything?"

"Such a shame!" said Lavine.

Miss La Barba's eyes gleamed triumphantly behind the tears. Already she could see her picture on the front page of all the papers. She would use that pose with her legs crossed.

"Wait a minute," Jake hadn't moved from his chair behind the broad-topped desk. "Everybody talks so I can't get in a word. Don't anyone want to listen to my alibi?"

"Alibi?" Lavine jeered. "How could you have an alibi when you are both in the room together? No, no, Jake, my friend, you aren't going to get out of this so easy."

"I didn't touch her!" Jake insisted. "I haven't moved out of this chair. I was sitting here quietly all the time she was here in the room. I got an alibi to prove it."

Jake lifted his right hand.

It held a fat black cigar. The cigar had over an inch of fluffy white ash.

Test of a Man

My first test of a man is, whether he has a feeling for distance in him; whether he sees rank, gradation and order everywhere between man and man; whether he makes distinctions; for this is what constitutes a gentleman.—Nietzsche.

The Pastor Says

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Use of Ducking Stool Common in Old Times

The ducking stool was never in the New England colonies very common. It was used more extensively in the Southern colonies, especially Virginia. But wherever it was used it was reserved for one purpose; to reprove scolding women. In New England there were not many places where the ducking stool was especially favored, though it may be that the magistrate who ordered a woman ducked, "when the weather became more seasonable," may have given a hint as to the reason.

There is a record of a woman who was unfortunately drowned while being ducked. The ordinary practice in ducking was to submerge the duckee for about a half minute. She was then brought to the surface for air and asked if she repented; if she began again where she was when she was interrupted, she was dropped into the pond again, and this process was kept up until she promised to be good.

Frequently it was surprising how much water was necessary to quench the fire of feminine tempers. The woman who was drowned had been ducked several times and finally her unaccountable silence inspired the duckers to investigate, whereupon she was found to be dead. This was considered to be unfortunate but her own fault.—Boston Herald.

Claim Definite Proof of Mother Earth's Age

Halley, of comet fame, tried to find out the earth's age by calculating the time it took the rains and rivers to wash the salts from the lands into the oceans. Geologists likewise calculated the time it took for rivers to deposit their deltas, for the Niagara to gouge out its gorge and for the geological strata to be laid down. But all such methods were defective. Like hour-glasses, neither the rivers nor the sands ran uniformly.

In uranium physicists claim to have at last found a reliable self-recording clock, says the Los Angeles Times. Disintegrating, it gives off gases and the final residue is lead, the rate of disintegration being definitely known. After three billion years an ounce of uranium would not weigh an ounce; nearly one-third of an ounce would be represented by lead. As uranium is always found associated with .306 per cent of its own weight in lead, it is easy to calculate that some three billion years have elapsed since the first lead was formed.

Registering Trade Marks

Trade marks were first registered under laws of the United States in 1870, under the act of July 8, 1870. During 1870 there were 121 registrations under that law, the first thereof (No. 1) under date of October 25, 1870, by Averill Chemical Paint company of New York. Prior to the enactment of such law protection was sought to be secured in a few instances through taking out patents for designs for trade marks. The act of July 8, 1870, within a few years was declared void by the United States Supreme court (trade mark cases) as unconstitutional. The subsequent act of March 3, 1881, was superseded by the act of February 20, 1905, which was supplemented by the acts of May 4, 1906, and March 19, 1920, all of these three now in force.

Another Record

There was a tremendous crash. Farmer Jones, who was working in one of his cowsheds, rushed out into the farmyard, and, looking up into a nearby tree, he saw a small airplane lodged in the topmost branches.

"What do you think you're doing?" he asked the airman, who had, fortunately, escaped injury and was in the act of climbing down the tree.

"I was trying to create a new air record," returned the other sadly.

"And you've succeeded," exclaimed the farmer. "You're about the first chap who has climbed down a tree without first climbing up."

Thunderstorms and Buds

There is a common belief that a loud thunderstorm will cause the young buds on trees to grow so rapidly that the difference in the rate of growth is noticeable even to the casual observer. Scientists do not believe that the noise of loud thunder has any particular influence on the rate of growth either in the plants or the buds. Thunderstorms are usually accompanied by rain, and if the buds come out rapidly after a thunderstorm it is due to the shower which accompanies the storm rather than the thunder.

Famous English Pottery

The pottery made at Barnstaple, England, is known as Barum ware. The first productions were small jugs which came under the notice of a London firm and which helped develop the business. In 1885, Queen Victoria purchased some of this ware. The designs consisted mainly of foliated and bird ornament, of conventional scrolls, flowers, fishes, etc. Originally the colors were only white and red, but later rich combinations of yellow, blue, green and others were used. The pottery is of ordinary earthenware.

Colonial Paper Money

Massachusetts began to issue paper money in 1690; South Carolina, 1702; Connecticut, 1709; New York, 1709; New Jersey, 1709; Rhode Island, 1710; New Hampshire, 1709-10; North Carolina, 1712-13; Pennsylvania, 1739; Virginia, 1755, and Georgia, 1755.

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Mrs. Harry Higman and two sons, James and Henry, returned home on Monday of last week, after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Booth, of Media, Pa.

Mrs. Morgan King, of near Middletown, Del., visited her sister, Mrs. George Smith, last Sunday.

Mrs. Lester Kauffman, of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of her aunt, Miss Marie Vansant.

Mrs. Ira W. Bender, Syracuse, N. Y., spent the past two weeks with her niece, Mrs. C. S. Church.

Miss Arlene Gale had her tonsils removed last Monday at Dr. J. J. Jones Hospital, Wilmington.

Mr. Warner Porter, of Trenton, N. J., visited his mother, Mrs. Eva Marvel, this week.

Mrs. C. S. Church, Mrs. Ira Bender and Mrs. W. C. Myers were guests last Friday of Mrs. Ernest Rawlings, of Dover.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rasin and little daughter, Jane, are spending ten days with her father, Mr. Daniel Jefferies, of Chincoteague, Va.

William E. Pippin returned home last Sunday after spending a few weeks at Camp Ocean Wave, Piermont, N. J.

Miss Helen Reynolds and Mr. Clifton Clark, of Wilmington, visited the latter's aunt, Miss Marie Vansant, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lew Benedict, of Manluis, N. Y., were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Church.

The Sunday Schools of Asbury M. E. Church, Holy Cross Chapel and Trinity M. E. Church, South, joined and held their annual picnic at Tolchester last Thursday, July 31st.

Mr. I. Hollins has purchased Mr. James Moore's property on E. Cypress St. and Railroad Avenue, formerly owned by the late John D. Moore.

Miss Mattie G. Hazell returned home last Wednesday, after spending two weeks with friends in Collingswood, N. J., and Holmesburg, Pa.

A hail storm visited our community on Tuesday afternoon of this week. Although the hail stones were of considerable size, no serious damage has been reported. This storm, however, apparently broke the heat wave, under which we have been suffering the past two weeks.

STILL POND

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Toulson of Upper Darby, Pa., spent last week end with his mother, Mrs. Susie Toulson.

Miss Sadie Burgess, of Baltimore, Md., spent several days this week with Miss Lillie Parrott.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Norris and children spent several days this week in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. W. Tomb, of Wyoming, Pa., visited her father and aunts here this week.

Mr. R. G. Warren, of Baltimore, Md., visited his mother here this week.

Mr. Charles Norris spent Monday of this week in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Kate Howard and Miss Louise Pennington spent Thursday of this week in Baltimore, Md.

After being and invalid for a number of years Miss Emma Meeks passed away Wednesday morning at the home of her brother, Mr. Frank Meeks.

Mrs. Crane, of Baltimore, Md., is spending some time with her friend, Mrs. Paul Giddens.

A number from here have been attending the fair at Harrington this week.

Mrs. R. D. Moore and little daughter, Margaret Ann, of Chestertown, Md., spent last week end with her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harper and family.

Little Miss Marianna Holloway, of Salisbury, Md., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hopkins at the parsonage.

Work on construction of the bridge over Kent Island Narrows, in Queen Anne's county, will begin shortly, it was announced at the office of the State Roads Commission this week.

The contract was awarded to the Mullan Contracting Company last Friday. The bridge, which is on the road between Love Point and Queenstown, will be constructed of timber and be more than 700 feet in length. The structure will have a draw-span of steel with a clearage of fifty feet. The cost will be about $51,000.

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