TAKE IT FROM DAD

By Frank H. Cheley

Are All Politics Rotten?

The Smithhoughs, father and son, were seated in their usual after-dinner corners, Bob at his books and father with his trade journal, magazines and papers.



"Dad, I'm going to be a lawyer after all." Bob's opening shot!

"So," replied dad, laconically.

"I was going in for public life—possibly be a senator," said Bob, seriously, "but I've about come to the conclusion it is not desirable after all. Dad, are politics rotten?"

"Been reading the papers a bit eh, Bob?" queried dad. "Well, I can hardly blame you for coming to such a conclusion with all the graft and scandal in high places, yet, Bob, the law is a very highly respected profession and just because here and there, now and then, a man high in public office sells his birthright for a mess of pottage you must not conclude that all of our vast army of public officials are crooks, by any means. America is what she is today as a nation, largely because of her type of government; a type of government which makes possible tremendous initiative on the part of officials, plus the fact that we still have vast natural resources easily exploited and wealth is so comparatively easily attainable by fair means or foul.

"Remember how we all enjoyed the box of salted nuts the other evening. They were unusually fine until you bit into a rancid one and then you didn't want any more. It would have been too bad to have concluded that you would never eat salted nuts again because of one bad one to a box.

"Let's go a little further, Bob. The strength of American life is the quality of its citizenry. Most men are honorable and honest. Of the probably more than one hundred thousand public officials, a large part of the leaders of which have a legal training, there is a very small per cent but that have rendered their day and time and constituency thoroughgoing honorable service, many, at large personal sacrifice. Here I was just now reading a splendid quotation from Roosevelt that has an exact bearing on the point.

"'In our history there is now practically no mention of any great financier, of any great business man, who merely made money for himself. If at some crisis in the nation's history that financier rendered a great national service, or if he identified himself in useful fashion with some great movement for good, whether in art or philanthropy or otherwise, then his name remains. But even under these conditions it remains as a secondary value. America's contribution to permanent world history has been made by the statesmen and soldiers whose devotion to the country equaled their efficiency, by men of science, men of art, men of letters, by sane and honest reformers and social workers, who did great work and treated that work as in itself a great reward.'

"The history of our growth and development as a nation is largely the story of the lives of high-minded men who have devoted themselves to the service of their fellows in some one of the thousand ramifications of our public life.

"True it is, my boy, that we have an oversupply of 'small fry' in the legal profession, but it is also true in the other professions. Human nature is no different in politics than in business or medicine or the other sciences.

"Some one has told us that the real value of great lives is to fertilize the imaginations of our youth. When you think politics, think of the great game that Washington played with his Continental congress; think of the great game that Lincoln played with millions of human lives at stake. Think of the great and fascinating game that Herbert Hoover played to feed the starving children of the world. Do not let your ideals and conclusions be reached by dwelling too much on the petty graft and mistakes of the greedy and overly ambitious few.

"True American citizenship means loyal service to God and country. Boys of sterling quality must be trained to enter politics—yes, to become fighting politicians; live-wire citizens who do their share of the public work, and Bob, you don't need to wait until you are a senator. Be a good straight-shooting, hard-hitting politician in school; in your club; in your camp; yes, in your gang.

"We must recognize that there are defects in our land and weaknesses in our systems; that our plan of things is not perfect; that all our institutions can be bettered; and that only by preparation and co-operation to make America the great democracy where there is less and less fear, more and more confidence in each other and a united hope for even better things, will a new day come.

"Good and bad politics, Bob, bring up another point, too, that it is well to consider. Good politics is simply loyalty. Everybody likes the fellow who stands up for his family and his school, his friends, his team, and his country—all of that is not so hard to do."

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Help!

Young Thing (at the library)—I want a copy of Liver.

Librarian—My dear, this isn't the butcher shop.

Young Thing—Maybe not, but I was told to get a copy of some kind of meat here.

Librarian—Maybe you mean Bacon Young Thing—You guessed right first time, so let me have Bacon for my little boy friend.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Never Is a Long Word

By ROSE MEREDITH

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"WHY not?" demanded Jim Blake, when Dorothy Lane refused to marry him after she had worn his ring for two happy years. "Is there somebody else?"

"No—that is, not exactly," she blushed furiously, "but one's ideas change, Jim—"

"Right," declared Jim crisply, "and I am glad you have changed your mind now, and not waited until after we were married."

"I knew you would feel that way," she said, relieved, and drawing off the modest diamond she was wearing, she proffered it. "I am sorry, Jim," she said gently.

"What for?" He eyed her, nothing loverlike in his attitude.

"Sorry it has ended this way—"

"That is up to you, Dorothy."

"Here is the ring, Jim."

He looked at it for a moment, hesitating; then he accepted it and slipped it into a pocket. "If you don't want it—of course I may give it to some one else—some day."

"No nice girl would want to wear a ring that was bought for another." There was a tinge of contempt in Dorothy's voice.

"No?" queried Jim. "Why bother about whether a ring is new or second-hand, when one does not question love itself? Have you first love to offer any other man?"

"I may never marry," haughtily.

Jim smiled his nicest smile, though his lips were white, and little crinkles came around his blue eyes.

"Never, Dorothy?"

"Never! Men are—im—impossible."

"Never is a long word," he remarked as he went away.

As the door closed after his erect form, Mrs. Lane came into the room. Dorothy was staring at the door into the hall.

"What is the matter, my dear? Where is Jim?"

"Gone," said Dorothy, with a stiff little smile. "I never want to see him again!"

"Dorothy! Never is a long word."

"So Jim says."

"You are too foolish to quarrel," sighed Mrs. Lane, bending to stir the fire on the hearth. "Has Jim been neglecting you?"

"Mercy, no, mother. I just don't want to marry him—I cannot make up my mind to settle down as a poor man's wife and work in poverty."

"How many of them would have married the man they did if they had not loved?"

"Oh, I don't know, mother."

"They all made love matches. Jim is not a poor man. I am afraid the attentions of Lydia Rockwood's cousin, with his fine car and his lavish expenditure of money have quite turned my little girl's head," said Mrs. Lane, slipping her arm around Dorothy's waist.

"Mother!" she protested warmly, but she did not deny it.

"Samuel Rockwood is nice enough, dear, but he is an exceedingly selfish man and I am afraid his wife would be very unhappy. Perhaps if she loved him very much she might endure him."

"Endure two country houses, a yacht, a place in Florida, any number of motor cars, oceans of clothes!" ejaculated Dorothy.

"Weighed against the great love of a rising young architect," countered her mother dryly. Then she added in a speculative tone, "There may be some truth in what Mrs. Curtis told me this morning. I hardly believed it, and that is why I was anxious about Jim."

"Why—what did Mrs. Curtis say?"

"Nothing much, only that they admired Jim so much, and they were glad that Violet seemed to appreciate him; she insists upon including him in all their invitations. I don't believe they know about your engagement."

"It is broken. But, mother, Violet Curtis has said she would never marry a poor man, and she could marry almost any one—she is so lovely—" she paused.

"Perhaps she has changed her mind, dear. Anyway, it is all right now for poor Jim. He is free, you say? But he might not change very readily—or forget, for he is so devoted to you, dear child."

"Don't mother—I sent him away!"

"Not your heart—that did not send him away."

"He is gone." Dorothy's voice was frightened now, and she clutched her mother's arm.

"It is a relief to you, Dorothy, dear?"

The girl bowed her head and cried softly. "I thought so, but somehow, it seems lonesome without him. I told him to go away—that I never wanted to see him again! Or something like that—perhaps I said I would never marry. I said 'never,' anyway."

"Forever is a better word, Dorothy," said Jim's dear voice from the doorway. "I made up my mind that you couldn't send me away like that, and so I came back, and I am going to stay forever and ever." By that time Mrs. Lane had slipped out of the room, and Jim had drawn Dorothy down to a low seat before the fire. "Dolly, will you be my suburban wife?" he whispered. "Poor and happy as the day is long? Will you?"

"Forever and ever!" declared Dorothy enthusiastically.

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Bids must be made upon the blank proposal form which, with specifications and plans will be furnished by the Commission upon application and cash payment of $1.00, as hereafter no charges will be permitted.

No bids will be received unless accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Five Hundred ($500) Dollars, payable to the State Roads Commission.

The successful bidder will be required to give bond, and comply with the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, respecting contracts.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bills.

BY ORDER of the State Roads Commission this 8th day of April, 1930.

G. CLINTON UHL, Chairman.
L. H. STUART, Secretary.

S. Scott Beck, Solicitor.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

T. Arthur Skirven, Lillian C. Skirven, his wife; Charles H. Skirven, Clara K. Skirven, his wife; Frank Skirven, Mabel N. Skirven, his wife;

vs.

Percy G. Skirven, widower; Julia R. Skirven, widow; Thomas Harry Skirven, Dorothy Ann Skirven, infants; Edmund H. Skirven, Dorothy H. Skirven, his wife; The Chestertown Bank of Maryland, a body corporate.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, In Equity, No. 2612.

The object of the Bill filed in the above entitled cases is to procure a Decree for the sale of the Real Estate of Thomas W. Skirven, late of Kent County, deceased.

The Bill states:

1. That Thomas W. Skirven, late of Kent County, deceased, was, at the time of his death, seized and possessed in fee simple of certain tracts of land situated in the Sixth Election District of Kent County on the road from Chestertown to McClain's Corner, comprising what is known as "The Thomas W. Skirven Home Farm," containing in the aggregate 189 acres of land, more or less and being the property described in several deeds to the said Thomas W. Skirven as follows: One from John T. Skirven and Mary A. Skirven, his wife, dated July 21, 1879, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent County aforesaid, in Liber D. C. B., No. 5, folio 307, etc., containing 184¾ acres of land, more or less, as will appear by reference to a certified copy of said deed which is filed herewith, prayed to be taken as a part hereof and marked "Complainants' Exhibit No. 1, and also in a deed from The Vestry and Wardens of St. Paul's Church, dated May 1, 1876, and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in said Liber D. C. B., No. 5, folio 514,etc., containing 2 acres of land, more or less, a certified copy of which deed is filed herewith, prayed to be taken as a part hereof and marked "Complainants' Exhibit No. 2" and also in a deed from I. C. Taylor dated December 26, 1873, and recorded among the aforesaid Land Records in said Liber D. C. B., No. 5, folio 550, etc., containing 2¼ acres of land, more or less, a certified copy of which deed is filed herewith, prayed to be taken as a part hereof and marked "Complaintants' Exhibit No. 3."

2. That being so seized and possessed of said real estate, the said Thomas W. Skirven departed this life as aforesaid leaving a last Will and Testament, dated August 12, 1904, duly admitted to probate and recorded in the office of the Register of Wills for said County in Wills Liber C. S. H., No. 1, folio 152, etc., under which said last Will and Testament the said Thomas W. Skirven devised the aforesaid land, together with other property, to his wife, Angeline S. Skirven, for her use and benefit during her natural life or so long as she might remain his widow and after her death provided as follows:

"ITEM: And from after the death of my said wife, I do hereby grant, will, devise and bequeath unto each of my children a one-sixth share in my estate to be equally divided among them share and share alike as tenants in common. And in the event of any one of my said children dying without any child or children or the survivors of any child or children then the said share which would have gone to such child the same shall be divided among the surviving heirs of my said deceased son. My six children are as follows: Percy G. Skirven living in Arlington, Baltimore County, Maryland, Thomas Arthur Skirven living in Chicago, Chas. H. Skirven now living in Kent County, Maryland, Edmund H. Skirven living in Chicago, Harry Skirven now living with me in Kent County, Maryland, and Frank Skirven also residing with me in Kent County, Maryland."

All of which will appear by reference to a certified copy of said last Will and Testament filed herewith, prayed to be taken as a part hereof and marked "Complainants' Exhibit No. 4."

3. That Harry Skirven, one of the children of the said Thomas W. Skirven, died on February 9, 1929, leaving no last Will and Testament but left surviving him as his heirs at law his wife, Julia R. Skirven, and his two infant children, viz.: Thomas Harry Skirven, and Dorothy Ann Skirven.

4. That Angeline S. Skirven, the widow of the said Thomas W. Skirven, departed this life on the 21st day of October 1929.

5. That Percy G. Skirven, Edmund H. Skirven, Frank Skirven and Mabel N. Skirven, on the 30th day of September 1919, executed a Mortgage on their interest in the above mentioned property to The Chestertown Bank of Maryland, said mortgage being recorded among the Land Records for Kent County aforesaid, in Liber A. P. R. No. 5, folio 398, etc., a certified copy of which Mortgage is filed herewith, prayed to be taken as a part hereof and marked "Complainants' Exhibit No. 5."

6. That the said Percy G. Skirven is a resident of Baltimore City, State of Maryland; that the said Julia R. Skirven, Thomas Harry Skirven, infant, and Dorothy Ann Skirven, infant, are residents of Kent County, Maryland; and that Edmund H. Skirven and Dorothy H. Skirven, his wife, are residents of the City of Chicago, State of Illinois.

7. That the said real estate is not susceptible to partition without material loss and injury to the parties entitled to an interest therein as above stated, and that in order to make division of said interests, it will be necessary that said real estate be sold and that the proceeds thereof divided amongst the parties according to their respective interest and they recommend the appointment of S. Scott Beck, of Chestertown, Maryland, as Trustee to make said sale.

It is thereupon, this 9th day of April, 1930, ordered by the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, that the Plaintiffs, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in said Kent County, once in each of four successive weeks before the 12th day of May next, give notice to the said Edmund H. Skirven and Dorothy H. Skirven, his wife, non-resident defendants, warning them to appear in this Court in person, or by Solicitor, on or before the 26th day of May next, to show cause, if any they have, why a Decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

ROBERT A. SHALLCROSS, Clerk.

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Chapter 632. Acts 1915.

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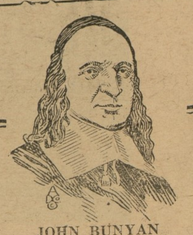
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