

IN THE DEPTHS

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The judge had given his charge and the jury had returned its verdict. The will of John Black, giving the bulk of his estate to Edward Rutter, was upheld. A chuckle of satisfaction escaped the lips of the fortunate legatee.

In strong contrast to his meek, furtive-eyed half cousin, was Marvin Walters, who had been the heir at law until the will was discovered. Not for a moment did he doubt that the instrument produced by a relative whom John Black had abhorred was a base forgery. However, one of the witnesses to the will was produced who swore to his signature. He had once been a servant of Black. The other alleged signature was that of Hugh Marston, who had at one time been an agent for the decedent. The whereabouts of this man could not be found, but several witnesses swore to his signature.

It was after eight o'clock in the evening and Walters faced a high wind accompanied by flitters of snow. What little means he possessed had been exhausted in litigation. He turned into the first pawnshop he came to, left his watch with the proprietor, took a street car and alighted at a transfer point. He stood waiting for a connecting car, scarcely noticing a little girl who crowded close to his side seeking shelter from the fitful wind, until just as the car approached she uttered a little cry.

"Be quick, the car is here!" spoke Walters, urging the child forward by the arm.

"But I can't," wailed the child. "My transfer. The wind has blown it away. Oh, find it, please! please, for I have no money to pay a new fare and it is two miles to home."

Walters urged the child toward the car platform. "Never mind the transfer, little one," he said, "I'll attend to your fare."

The child looked up with wondering, grateful eyes as he led her to a seat in the warm, comfortable car. He scanned her fragile form and pinched wan face with sympathy and interest. His kindly act had won her confidence and she answered his questions clearly. She had been to a distance with a note for the keeper of the men's furnishing store for whom her mother had made neckties.

"Mamma asked him to send her some new work," said the child, "but he had none now, and she is sick, and we haven't any coal, and she hasn't got any money to get medicine. Won't you get her some?" the little prattler asked artlessly.

Because he had become one of the lowly and poorly himself, the man's heart went out to the distressed and unfortunate. He left the car with his tiny companion, and she took his hand confidently and led him to a poorly-kept tenement building and to a room which she entered with the glad cry:

"Oh, mamma! there isn't any work for you, but I've found a great friend who'll pay my fare, and is going to get you some medicine."

The room was sparsely furnished. Upon a bed lay a young woman of twenty-five. She turned dull, glazed eyes upon the child and her cheeks showed the presence of a burning fever. She uttered some feeble incoherent words.

"Your mamma is very ill," Walters told little Flora. "Is there not some woman neighbor who would come and attend to her?"

"There is the lady who rents this room, but she would want money to nurse anybody," replied the child.

Walters located the woman. He gave her some money, instructions to care for the sufferer and, learning that she had a furnished room to rent, took the apartment. It seemed a relief to forget his own troubles and direct interest in the more vital ones of others.

Slowly Alice Warren came back to consciousness to learn of the good Samaritan who had reached her threshold. He is very attractive Walters, and her sad story drew him close into her life. She had lost a father and a husband within the same year and had been left homeless.

Walters set at work to remedy his life, but before the month was out made a discovery which changed the whole aspect of affairs. He was seated in the room Mrs. Warren occupied one day when he came to pick up a book lying on the table. As he opened it a quick recognition of his name. The owner's name was given on the fly leaf "Hugh Marston."

"Where did you get this book, my friend?" he questioned.

"It belonged to my father," was the reply.

"Is that his own handwriting?" questioned Walters, who took interest.

"Yes," he said from across the table. "A sharp examination of the part of Walters caused the speaker to halt for speech. The next moment he was poring over the signature of the will. Two days were estimated. Hugh Marston had been dead a month before the date of the forged will which bore his alleged signature, and the handwriting in the will was not that of Hugh Marston, as his daughter could testify.

It did not take long to furnish proofs in favor of the forgery and to gain restitution. Walters and Mrs. Warren shared in adversity. It was followed by a Europe, a life and a few more years.

BIBLES IN STRANGE BINDINGS

Almost No Limit to Variety of Covers That Have Been Afforded the Scriptures.

"A Bible zoo" sounds most puzzling, but it is nothing more startling than a collection of Bibles bound in the skins of a great variety of animals. We so often find that when a man's life is given to any particular work he is apt to be interested in the curious side of this same work. It is small wonder then that the king's printers of England should have a collection of Bible curiosities.

There are many Bible readers who delight in having their own particular Bible bound in a binding that is out of the ordinary. Hence not only the usual animals have been requisitioned for their skins, but the unusual ones as well—reptiles, fish and beasts of prey. Often these Bibles are used for Christmas gifts.

It is strange to think of a huntsman in the wilds of Asia killing the bear, or a sailor in some northern sea catching the seal, that gives the skin with which a Bible shall be eventually bound to grace the desk of some fastidious woman or an eccentric millionaire. Yet such is often the case, and rather expensive luxuries they are.

One Bible is covered with a long, thick, soft hair, so shaggy that the shape of the book is hidden. This was taken from no less a beast than a grizzly bear. Another is made from the skin of a serpent, which seems not at all inappropriate when we recall that to the Oriental the serpent has always been the symbol of wisdom. A gray, beaded surface, quite resembling glass, is presented by another binding which upon inquiry we find came from a man-eating shark. Delicate, indeed, is the soft, snowy, fluffy cover given by a white lamb. There is a badger Bible and a skunk Bible, the latter looking for all the world like a lady's muff. After a moment's study we recognize in a reddish-brown binding the skin of a squirrel. The Persian sheep, the Himalayan sheep and other foreign varieties of the family have been called upon to furnish Bible coverings. Goat skin tanned is morocco leather. But there are some people who like a binding with the fur left on the skin. It is a fine shaded gray and seems substantial. But most curious of all is a Bible bound in the skin of a giraffe. Of course, no more delightful binding can be imagined than seal.

And even though none of us might care for Bibles bound in any of these curious covers for our Christmas gifts, still it is interesting to learn what a few of the "other half of the world" delight in.

Hilda, Abbess of Whitby.

In 1915 the world held its breath, mute with horror. The Zeppelins had swooped down over Whitby, on the coast of Yorkshire. A cry of vengeance went up when it was learned that half of the ancient abbey of Whitby had been destroyed. Founded in the seventh century, it was Hilda's abbey. The majestic ruins through all the ages could be seen as you climbed the quaint little seaside town of Whitby. Its red-tiled houses seemed to lead directly and only to that abbey on the heights. Hilda was a princess of the blood royal, but early dedicated herself to the religious life. King Oswy gave her a grant of land and she erected the celebrated convent, or abbey, of Whitby. Of her sanctity and of her learning the men in high places in church and state who sought her advice and prayers attest in full measure. Caedmon, the earliest English poet, tarried in the monastery for monks which she erected near her own convent to reform the religious life of friars. The famous council of Whitby was held in the monastery. Could not the Zeppelins have spared the sacred and almost perfect ruins of a holy spot like Whitby abbey?—Chicago Journal.

Increased Use of Coffee.

Whether prohibition has or has not increased the use of coffee, it is at least a fact that the people of the United States are now consuming more coffee than has been their custom and are paying far greater sums for it than ever before. A statement by the National City bank of New York shows that the quantity of coffee brought into the United States in the calendar year 1919 will probably be greater than ever before, notwithstanding the fact that the cost is about three times as much as formerly. The imports for the ten months ending with October approximate 1,140,000,000 pounds, against 940,000,000 pounds in the same months of last year, and 1,122,000,000 pounds in the corresponding months of 1917, the former high record years in importation.

Reorganizing Chilean Army.

Announcement of plans for a further reorganization of the Chilean army has recently been made by the minister of war. The plans are to operate along three distinct lines. First, an organization of a number of division bodies is to be made for the purpose of stimulating interest in and development of military hero-narratives. Second, an attempt is to be made to increase the standing army to 25,000. Third, a number of military schools are to be built which are to have a practical character. To aid in bringing about the latter a number of Japanese military rail-road authorities have been retained.

Gasoline Locomotives Now

Gasoline locomotives are now safe to use in coal mines. They have been invented in England and are being placed inside of the mines to get their exhaust through shafts.

Quail Season Closes Sunday.

The open season for shooting quail will close next Saturday, February 13. Hunters have been in the field many days since the opening of the season last February, and in most instances report the birds were found in plentiful numbers. It is expected that the Nimrods will use the intervening days before the close of the season to advantage in searching for the birds.

The season for fox hunting also comes to a close next Sunday, February 15 comes on Sunday so the last day for those who delight in scouring the fields will be Saturday.

Equipped with its own electric lights, a camera has been designed to enable police to photograph finger prints.

By no means the least of Italy's deficiencies in raw materials is lumber. It is a problem to obtain lumber supplies adequate to the country's needs, while at the same time requiring the serious inroads made upon its forest resources during the war.

Three houses have been wrecked and considerable damage done to several others by high water at Wrightsville Beach, near Wilmington, N. C., during the past three days. The entire beach has been whipped severely by the water, which is said to be the highest in several years.

After nine days of wind and rain in Jacksonville, Fla., the worst deluge in a generation has ended and clearing skies this morning gave promise of an early return of fair weather. The St. John's river at many points in the vicinity of Jacksonville, was over its banks from one to two feet and sections of the business district near the waterfront have been slightly damaged by excess of water.

Legal Advertising

FINAL DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Friday, February 27, 1920, I will make to the Probate Court

of Kershaw County my final return as Administrator of the estate of Luther Raley, deceased, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.

W. M. RALEY,
Administrator.
Camden, S. C., Jan. 24, 1920.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

All persons indebted to the estate of J. W. Freshley, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.

H. E. FRESHLEY,
Qualified Administrator.
Camden, S. C., January 14th, 1920.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

All parties indebted to the estate of Miss Susie Elliott, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties, if any, having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.

ELLEN H. TIDWELL,
Qualified Administratrix.
Camden, S. C., January 20th, 1920.
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NOTICE OF ELECTION

State of South Carolina,
County of Kershaw.

A petition signed by one third or more of the qualified electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of twenty one years having been filed with the County Board of Education asking for an election in School District No. 30 to determine whether a special tax of four (4) mills shall be levied on all the taxable property for school purposes and the petition having been granted we the undersigned trustees will hold an election at Thornhill School House on Friday, Feb. 13th, 1920. After giving notice of same for two weeks in a newspaper and posting in at least three public places in the district. Polls will open at 8 a. m. and close at 4 p. m. Those who reside in the district and present their registration certificates and tax receipts will be allowed to vote in this election. Election will be conducted under the rules of general election.

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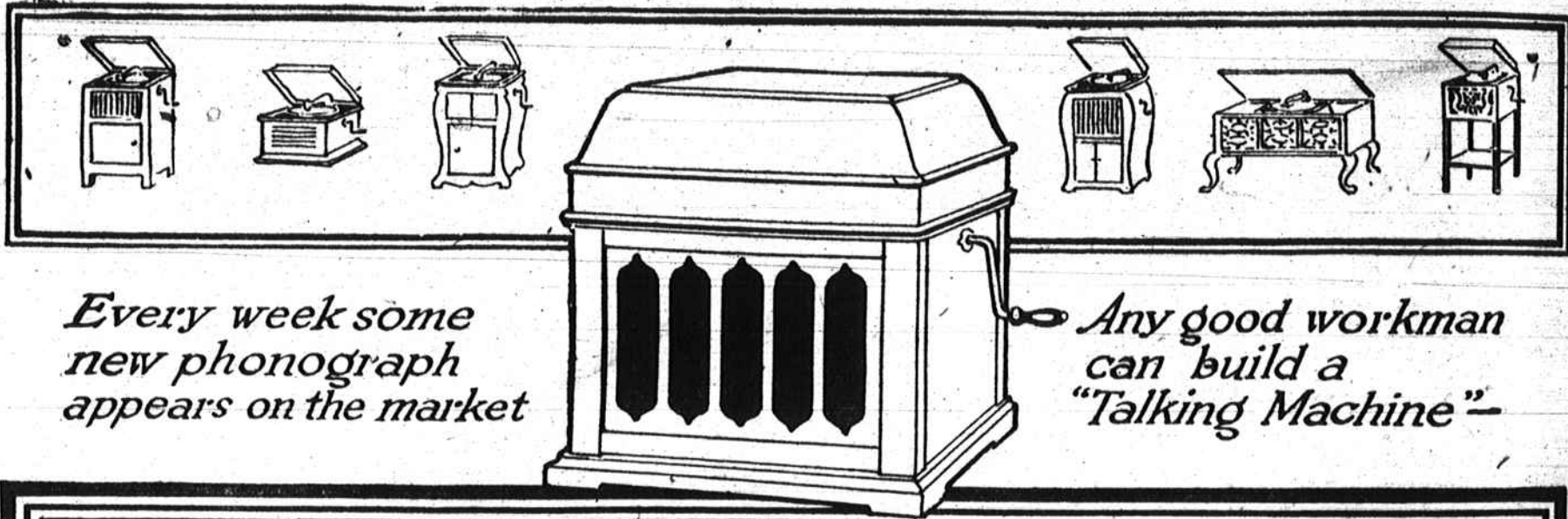
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Notice is hereby given that one month from this date, on Saturday February 14th, 1920, I will make to the Probate Court of Kershaw County my final return as Administrator of the estate of

Mrs. Emma J. Alford, deceased, and on the same date I will apply to the said Court for a final discharge as said Administrator.
L. D. ALFORD,
Camden, S. C., January 13th, 1920.



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