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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

NO. 4057 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

Rebecca A. Stull, plaintiff, vs Emerson B. Stull, defendant.

The object of this suit is to procure a divorce a Vinculo Matrimonii, by the plaintiff from the defendant.

The Bill states that the plaintiff and defendant were married on the 24th day of February, 1892, in Carroll county, Maryland; that though the conduct of the plaintiff to the defendant has always been kind, faithful and above reproach, the said defendant has without just cause or reason abandoned her, and that such abandonment has continued uninterruptedly for more than 3 years and is deliberate and final, and the separation of the parties beyond any reasonable expectation of reconciliation; that said parties have two infant children; that the defendant is a non-resident of the State of Maryland.

It is thereupon, this 17th day of July, 1903, ordered by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity, that the plaintiff cause a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once in each of 4 successive weeks before the 18th day of August, 1903, giving notice to the said defendant of the object and substance of this Bill, warning him to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 7th day of September next, to show cause if any he has why a decree ought not be passed as prayed.

WM. H. THOMAS.

True Copy—Test:
JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

NO. 4059 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity.

David W. Burns, et al. vs. Martin Luther Burns, et al.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for the sale of certain real estate, situate in Carroll County, in the State of Maryland, of which Daniel Burns, late of said county, was seized and possessed at the time of his death and the distribution of the proceeds thereof among the parties entitled thereto according to their respective rights and interests.

The Bill states that Daniel Burns departed this life, intestate, in Carroll County aforesaid, on the 26th day of May, A. D. 1903, seized and possessed of a certain lot or parcel of land, situate in the City of Westminster, Carroll County, aforesaid, and correctly described in the certified Copy of the Deed therefor from William J. Case and wife to him, filed as part of said Bill and marked "Exhibit No. 1."

That the said Daniel Burns left the following named children and grandchildren surviving him, as his only heirs at law, to whom the aforesaid real estate descended and vested on his death, intestate as aforesaid, to-wit:

(a) Daniel W. Burns, a son, who is intermarried with Emma J. Burns, both adults, residing in Carroll County, Maryland.

(b) Martin Luther Burns, an adult son, residing in Alexander County in the State of Illinois; and a non resident of this State.

(c) Frederick D. Burns, a son, who is intermarried with Mary Burns, both adults, residing in Dallas County in the State of Iowa and non residents of this State.

(d) Andrew D. Reese, Horace G. Reese, who is intermarried with Edna Reese, Mary C. Phillips, who is intermarried with Oliver E. Phillips, Anna R. Reese, Virginia Reese, who is intermarried with Thomas E. Reese, Elizabeth I Reese and Margaret F. Reese, adults; and Ruth D. Reese and Agnes Reese, infants, children of intestate's deceased daughter, Sarah C. Reese, and all residing in said Carroll County.

(e) Anna May Smith, who is intermarried with David P. Smith; William H. Burns, who is intermarried with Allie S. Burns; Corda Irene Burns, Amy Roop Burns and Ida Blanche Burns, adults, and Katharine Rebecca Burns and Charles Lewis Burns, infants, children of intestate's deceased son, John H. Burns, all non-residents of this State and all residing in Platt County, in the State of Illinois, except the said Anna May Smith and her said husband, who reside in Calhoun County, in the State of Iowa.

That said real estate is not susceptible of partition without material loss and injury to the parties entitled to interests therein as above stated.

It is thereupon, this 18th day of July, 1903, ordered by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity, that the plaintiffs, by causing a copy of this Order, to be inserted in some newspaper, published in said Carroll County, Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the 17th day of August, 1903, give notice to the said absent defendants of the object and substance of this Bill, warning them and each of them to appear in this Court in person or by Solicitor on or before the 7th day of September next to show cause, if any they have, why a decree ought not to be passed as prayed.

WM. H. THOMAS.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE

Personal Property,

In Westminster District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a deed of trust from Samuel E. Graham and Ida B. Graham, his wife, to E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., and W. Frank Thomas, dated the 14th day of July, A. D. 1903, and duly recorded among the land records of Carroll county, the undersigned, trustees, will offer at Public Sale, on the farm and premises on which the said Samuel E. Graham now resides, belonging to The Westminster Savings' Bank and formerly known as the Erb Farm, situated in Westminster district, in Carroll county, Md., about half mile from the public road leading from the Baltimore and Gettysburg Turnpike and the Meadow Branch Turnpike, and about 3 miles from the City of Westminster, on

SATURDAY, 8th DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1903, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following described Personal Property, to-wit:

4 Mares, 1 Mule, 6 Cows, 1 four-horse Champion Wagon, 1 four-horse Wagon Bed and Sideboards, 1 six-horse Wagon and Hay Carriages, 1 set of Hay Carriages, 18 feet; 1 Falling Top Buggy, 1 Surrey and Pole, 1 Dung Sled, 1 New Empire corn drill, hay tedder, Rose fodder and feed cutter and shredder, new Champion horse rake, Milwaukee mower, 2 Roland chilled furrow plows, corn coverer, single shovel plow, 3-legged corn plow, new Columbia Oriole harrow, Bickford & Harman grain drill, (Farmers' Favorite); Penna. corn plow, double worker; Osborne cultivator, spike harrow, springtooth harrow, horse power and tools, triple block roller, Syracuse furrow plow, Universal plow, Pony corn sheller, circular saw for wood, cross-cut saw, 60 ft. gum belting, grindstone, dinner bell, 2 sets single harness, set double harness, collars, halters, chains, and many other articles not mentioned.

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	9 55	5 15	.....Big Pool.....	8 46	12 37	8 46
	10 07	5 25	.....Clear Spring.....	8 34	12 25	8 34
	10 35	5 55	Ar.....Hagerstown.....Le	8 08	12 00	8 07
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	4 31	9 20	.....Hanover.....		9 45	5 39
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And from the height the answer sweet
Floats faintly o'er the rippling wheat—
Bob—white!

The elder flowers in snowy showers
Upon the velvet turf are falling,
And where they lie the soft winds sigh,
The while the fluted voice is calling—
Bob—Bob—white!

And far across the yellow grain
The wafted echo swells again—
Bob—white!

The purple mist by sunbeams kissed
Drifts upward toward the morning's splendor;
And through the haze of shaded ways
The vibrant lute pipes low and tender—
Bob—Bob—white!

And fainter, sweeter, softer grown
The answer on the breeze is blown—
Bob—white!

The shadows sleep in hollows deep;
The dewy papaw leaves are thrilling;
The silence broods o'er the solitudes,
Unbroken, save one pure note trilling—
Bob—Bob—white

So pure, so clear, so sweetly rare,
The answer steals upon the air—
Bob—white!

O song of youth! of love and truth!
Of mellow days forever dying!
Still through the years my sad heart hears
Your tender cadence sighing, sighing—
Bob—Bob—white!

And far across life's troubled ways
The echo comes from boyhood days—
Bob—white!

That Sweetheart of Mine.

They were not a romantic looking couple, both approaching the mark which the world unfeelingly calls middle age. Both were slightly inclined to embonpoint.

They were traveling between Little Rock and Fort Smith. She was thinking busily of the number of pounds of sugar necessary to a given number of baskets of cherries awaiting her house-wifely care, and he—well, his mind was concerned with cherries, too, but they were cherries in the blossom, the snowy boughs of the trees that had shaded a little village lane.

Underneath the boughs stood a girl and a boy—how well he remembers the face of the girl, the pink of her cheeks, the blue in her eyes, the brown of her hair, he could feel yet the sting of that braid of hair as she switched it roughly in his face when he tried to steal a kiss.

He stole a side look at his wife's plain, wholesome features, and sighed. He even wondered why his dream of the cherry tree lane had never come true—why he had— Just then the train slowed up at a little side station and he became aware of an unusual bustle on the platform. His wife said, with some little excitement in her voice:

"John, I do believe a theatrical troup is getting on here."

John dimly remembered that Flora had always called him "Jack" as he answered lazily:

"Well, my dear, what is it? There is plenty of room, isn't there? I don't see any immediate need for my being interested," and relapsed into the region of past delights again—"what a mischief Flora had been." He was rudely jolted back to the present again by a severe pinch from Mrs. John.

"For goodness sake, John, did you ever see such a get-up?"

"Eh—what did you say, Margaret? Get up where?" and following the direction of her eyes he looked down the aisle.

Ye gods, was he dreaming? It was Flora, Flora in the flesh; in fact, more so than when they had last met; not quite the Flora of the cherry tree, but unmistakably his early sweetheart—the star of a barnstorming troupe.

She came up the aisle talking loudly to a dejected looking individual whom she addressed as "Tommy." Her dress was brown, and the feather in her hat—a hat too large for traveling—was green as a Brazilian parrot's wing.

The pink was in her cheeks as in the days of the cherry tree, but it had a suggestion of permanency unlike the flitting roses of fifteen years ago, and her hair—surely Flora's was brown, while the green parrot's wing shaded a voluminous pompadour of golden yellow.

John was not sure by this time whether he was the most afraid she wouldn't recognize him, or most hoped she wouldn't—but it mattered little, she did.

In a moment she was bearing down upon them like a ship of Tarshish in full sail and was shaking him warmly by the hand and talking as only Flora could do.

"Surely this is Jack Benton? I couldn't be mistaken, though you have grown a lot stouter since we met. Don't you remember Flora Marcey? If you don't, then a man's memory for an old sweetheart is a pretty thin thing."

Poor John could feel Margaret stiffen at the last sentence, and groaning in spirit he introduced his wife to Miss Marcey whose volubility made up for any awkwardness that Mrs. Benton's manner might have caused.

"Jack and I were old sweethearts at Fort Smith. Lord, what larks we used to have in the old days after school and coming home from choir practice. I never thought of going on the stage in those days, but talent will not be suppressed—and here I am. It looks like fate, our meeting like this, doesn't it?"

John shuffled nervously and cursed fate inwardly and presently the chatter went on again.

"Where are you living? Still at Fort Smith. Well, I never; our circuit closed fifteen miles from there and I'm going to take a holiday. I believe I'll just drop down on you folks for a month's change. If the old place is as slow as it used to be, it will make an elegant place to rest."

Benton looked beseechingly at his wife, but she appeared oblivious to the fact that he was still on the face of the globe. He hesitated a minute and then remembering the boy and girl friendship he glanced at his wife and said defiantly:

"We should be awfully pleased to have you."

And Mrs. Benton astonished him by adding with suspicious friendliness:

"Yes, do come; we shall be perfectly delighted."

With more astuteness than her husband would have given her credit for Mrs. B. had come to the conclusion that a dose of an old sweetheart—when she is as impossible as Flora—is almost as good for a man as an occasional dose of rhubarb.

Flora came—John Benton saw—but Mrs Benton conquered.

Forth from Flora's voluminous baggage came gowns fearfully and wonderfully constructed from materials which might just have arrived from an Italian bazaar. The hat with the green feather was not a circumstance in the creations which crowned Flora's yellow pompadour when she impersonated the heroine in some glowing melodrama—and she wore them all at Fort Smith.

On Sundays Mrs. Benton systematically manufactured excuses to remain away from service, and John, who liked to see women garbed as soberly as Quakers, was compelled to slink down the aisle in the wake of a purple gown and a green and purple velvet Gainsborough hat.

Four weeks went by and still Flora showed no signs of an early flitting. Mrs. Benton absolutely refused to offer suggestions, so in a moment of desperation Benton bethought himself of an old-time feud between his mother and Flora, which dated back to his and Flora's school days. He wired his mother at once, "Need you here immediately; do not fail me," and well did he know that the first available train would bring the faithful soul. At dinner that day he casually announced that he expected his mother that night or the next morning, at least.

In the afternoon Flora received a mysterious message—presumably Marco—which demanded her immediate presence elsewhere, and by 5.30 the Benton household knew her no more.

The next morning found John in bed with a racking, nervous headache.

As Mrs. Benton waited upon him in her quiet, restful way he wondered how he could have been fool enough to fancy himself tired of such a woman. Catching her hand and pressing his cheek against it boyishly, he said reproachfully:

"Margaret, how could you—what made you act so, and try to keep her?"

With a spice of mischief in her calm gray eyes she smoothed his head and answered:

"Well, you see, John dear, I had noticed in you a growing tendency of talking in your sleep—you seemed to have restless dreams about a mysterious 'Flora,' who was connected in an odd way with cherry trees and equally youthful things. So when I met Flora, it occurred to me that at last I saw a way to restore your dreamless sleep and my own peace of mind, which—I don't mind telling you now—was fast slipping away. I'm a homeopathist, you know—and—well, some poisons are their own antidotes, when given in proper quantities. Was I right, John?"

He kissed her hand and said:

"As you always are, darling; but don't you think you gave me an unnecessarily large dose?"

She shook her head laughingly.

"You see I didn't want to risk a repetition."

"The hanging committee is now at work," explained the artist to his friend from the West, "Great Scott!" gasped Rattlesnake Reuben, are they goin' ter lynch some o' you fellers?"

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