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TO THE PUBLIC.

In view of the many inquiries that have been most naturally made during the past week, it becomes our duty to make a frank statement to the public.

Because of the fact that a number of persons are interested in the AMERICAN SENTINEL and job printing office; for the protection of all these interests the undersigned were by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, appointed Receivers, and will continue the publication of the AMERICAN SENTINEL and all the work of the office, under the same business and editorial management that existed before the death of Mrs. E. J. Rippard.

So far as the interests of the public are concerned there is no change whatever in the conduct of the office, and we solicit the continued patronage of subscribers and advertisers, assuring them that they will receive as in the past, faithful and efficient service.

E. O. GRIMES, Jr.,
W. L. SEABROOK,
Receivers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF

Valuable Real Estate,

In and near Westminster, Carroll County, Md.

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in the last will and testament of Henrietta A. Krouse, deceased, and an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, the undersigned executor of Henrietta A. Krouse, deceased, will sell at Public Auction, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, 8th OF SEPTEMBER, 1906,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., promptly, all the following described four parcels of ground with improvements thereon, situate within the corporate limits of the City of Westminster; one lot and improvements and two unimproved lots, near the City of Westminster, to-wit:

1st. All that lot of ground containing 3¼ Acres, more or less, situate at the extreme East end of said city, fronting on East Main street 630 feet, and part of said lot running back to Webster street, improved by a Two-story Log Weatherboarded Dwelling House, with back building, containing ten rooms and front hall, porch front and back, with water in kitchen; smokehouse, washhouse, cornhouse, stable and hog pen. This lot contains a large number of fruit trees, consisting of pear, apple, cherries, peaches, grapes, etc. This is one of the most beautifully located and most desirable lots in the City of Westminster for building purposes.

2nd. All that lot fronting on Main street 50 feet and running back 163¼ feet, adjoining properties of Miss Furlong and The Geo. W. Albaugh Real Estate & Brokerage Co. The improvements on this lot consist of a Two-story Frame Weatherboarded Dwelling House, containing six rooms, hall and side porch, hog pen and small chicken house, with water in the kitchen. This house is in good condition having been recently repaired, papered and painted.

3rd. All that lot situated and fronting on East Main street in said city 30 feet, and running back to an alley in the rear; improved by Two Weatherboarded Buildings, suitable for Dwellings or Stores, each house containing 4 rooms; also a wash house and stable. There is water in both of these houses and a number of apple and pear trees and grapes on the lot.

4th. All that lot situated on the corner of Webster and York streets, at the East End of said city, containing 8175 Square Feet of Land, more or less, improved by Two-story Weatherboarded Dwelling House containing four rooms and a side porch; also a hog pen. This lot contains a number of apple, pear, plum and cherry trees. This is a very desirable little property and very conveniently located.

5th. All that lot containing about Half an Acre of Land, more or less, on the Gorsuch road, about a quarter of a mile from West minster, adjoining properties of Jeremiah Starner and Howard Shipley; improved by a small Weatherboarded House, containing 4 rooms. This lot contains cherry, apple and pear trees and grapes.

6th. All that lot containing 3 Acres, 3 Roods and 12 Square Perches of Land, more or less, on the Gorsuch road, about a quarter of a mile from the City of Westminster, adjoining properties of Howard Shipley, Jacob J. Basler and others; unimproved. This lot is in good state of cultivation. The growing crops are reserved, not to be sold with the lot.

7th. All that lot containing 3 Acres of Land, more or less, unimproved, on Court street extended, adjoining properties of Geo. W. Albaugh, B. F. Shriver & Co., and others. This is a very valuable lot and well located.

All the above properties were owned and possessed by the said Henrietta A. Krouse at the time of her death and those in the city of Westminster, except the first named lot, are at present under rent, and possession will be given April 1st, 1907, the purchasers to draw the rents from and after ratification of sale.

Any person desiring to look at or examine any of the above described properties can do so by calling on the executor, or Oliver P. Yingling, at the late residence of the said Henrietta A. Krouse, on East Main street, in said city.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash upon the day of sale or on the ratification of said sale by the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, and the residue in two equal payments of six and twelve months from the day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers; the credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by notes of purchaser or purchasers, with approved security.

BENJAMIN F. CROUSE,
Executor.

Roberts & Crouse, Attorneys.
aug 17 4t Phineas A. Gorsuch, Auct.

SPECIAL REAL ESTATE OFFERINGS FOR SALE.

No. 1. A beautiful Country Place, one of the best and most attractive in Western Md., located within one and a half miles of Westminster on the Baltimore Pike, known as the "Burt Farm," about 60 acres of improved farming land, buildings well located, in fine condition, with every modern convenience.

No. 2. A highly improved and fertile farm, of 76 acres, with new and well located buildings, situated on the "Bachman's Valley Road" about four and one half miles from Westminster, Md. Excellent water, improvements and fruit.

No. 3. An excellent dairy farm of 75 acres, with good buildings, and convenient to the Railroad, within one and one half miles of Westminster; an excellent orchard and a very fine spring of water at the buildings.

No. 4. A small farm of about 12 acres, near Westminster, fertile and highly improved, both soil and buildings, suitable for trucking or poultry farm.

No. 5. A good farm of 130 acres, with about 50 acres in timber, fertile and improved, located about two miles from Manchester, and eight from Westminster, in the Bachman Valley District, suitable for general farming and dairy purposes.

No. 6. A fine residence located on Fair Ground Hill, adjoining the city limits, a modern house of nine rooms, city water, good garden and orchard, about one half acre of ground. The buildings are in good condition.

I have besides the above properties a number of other farms, lots, and town residences for sale, and to any one interested in properties would be glad to give full particulars if you apply.

W. FRANK THOMAS,
Real Estate Agent, Westminster, Md
aug 24 3t e o w

A FINE RESIDENCE FOR SALE.

I offer my fine Dwelling House on West Main street, Westminster, at Private Sale. It is a weatherboarded ten-room house, with front, side and back porches and all modern conveniences, water, &c. Terms to suit purchasers. Call on or address,

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aug 17 3t Westminster.

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My wife, Mary E. Hyle, having left my bed and board, without just cause, I hereby notify all persons not to trust her on my account, as I will pay no debts of her contracting.

DANIEL E. HYLE,
August 24th, 1906. Carrier No. 1.
aug 31 3t*

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TERM COMMENCES, Thursday, September 20th. Early application necessary for admittance.

R. W. SILVESTER, PRESIDENT.
jy 20 8t COLLEGE PARK, MD.

Commissioners Notice.

HEREAFTER, and until further notice the County Commissioners of Carroll county will meet at their office in Westminster, EVERY MONDAY for the transaction of business.

By order, FRANCIS L. HANN,
feb 10 05 Treasurer.

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ADMINISTRATORS' SALE OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY!

In the City of Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned administrators of Grove A. Shipley, deceased, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises herein described, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1906,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following properties in the following order:

(1.) All that Leasehold Property containing 3 ROODS AND 3 PERCHES OF LAND, more or less, improved with

2 Frame Buildings,

situate on the south side of John street, extending back to the W. M. R. R., and adjoining the property of F. Thos. Babylon and the vacant lot of Jos. B. Boyle, being the same property described in a lease from Geo. E. Hoppe et al., administrators, to Grove A. Shipley and recorded among the land records of Carroll county, in Liber G. A. M. No. 63, folio 322. The ground rent on this property is $8.80 per annum.

(2.) All that Leasehold Property known as

The Montour House,

fronting 60 feet on West Main street and running back 198 feet to an alley. This Hotel Property is situate in the most desirable part of the city, No. 61 West Main street. The ground rent thereof is $18.00 per year. John H. Six, the proprietor of the Montour House, holds a lease from Grove A. Shipley for this property which expires April 1, 1909, therefore possession cannot be given to purchaser until April 1, 1909, but the monthly rent will be payable to the purchaser from the ratification of sale.

After the sale of the Montour House the undersigned administrators will offer for sale, at the Montour House, as follows:

10 Shares of the Capital Stock of the Citizens' Water and Power Company of Westminster, Md.

16 Shares of the Capital Stock of the Land Improvement, Loan and Manufacturing Company of Westminster.

5 Shares of the Capital Stock of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association of Westminster.

Also the following Goods and Chattels: 1 Manhattan Gaming Table, 1 Cook Stove, several Beds, lot of Tables and Chairs, 1 Wagon, 1 Buggy, 1 Cart, lot of Lumber and other articles which will be exhibited on day of sale.

For further information apply to Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney, or either of the undersigned administrators.

Terms of Sale of the Leasehold Property.—One-third cash upon the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the Orphans' court, and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in 6 months and the other in 12 months from day of sale, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser, the credit payments to be secured by notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from day of sale. A credit of 6 months on all sums of $5.00 and upwards will be given on all other property.

ELIAS G. SHIPLEY,
GEO. ALFRED SHIPLEY,
Administrators.

Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney.
au 24 4t Elias N. Davis, Auct.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF SEVEN DESIRABLE PROPERTIES

In and near the City of Westminster, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity, passed in cause No. 4285 Equity, wherein Elias G. Shipley et al. are plaintiffs and Lloyd B. Shipley et al. are defendants, the undersigned Trustees will offer at Public Sale, on the premises below described, on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 1906,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following properties of which Grove A. Shipley died seized and possessed, in the following order:

(1.) All that lot of land situate on the south side of Liberty street, fronting 40 feet on said street and running back 173 feet to an alley and improved with a large two-story BRICK HOUSE.

Said property is No. 85 Liberty street and now unoccupied.

(2.) All that lot of land containing 8514 Square Feet, fronting 43 feet, more or less, on West Main street, improved with a small House now occupied by people and situate between the Westminster Steam Laundry and David Petry property.

(3.) All that lot of land containing 5016 Square Feet of land, more or less, fronting 33 feet on West Main street and known as No. 182 West Main street, improved with a two-story frame Dwelling House, and occupied by Margaret A. Shipley.

(4.) All that lot of land known as No. 79 Pennsylvania avenue, in Westminster, fronting on the avenue 31 feet more or less, improved with a two-story Brick House, and adjoining the property of John Geiselman.

☞ Immediately after the sale of property No. 4 the undersigned Trustees will offer for sale in front of said lot No. 4, on Pennsylvania avenue, the following out-of-town properties:

(5.) All that parcel of land about 1¼ miles north of Westminster, near the Sullivan road, containing 1 Acre and 27 Square Perches, more or less, with a right of way leading to Sullivan road, improved with a two-story frame House, known as the Yingling Property and adjoining the lands of Silas Bish and Bessie Diffendal.

(6.) All that part of a tract of land on the Liberty road, about 3 miles beyond Warfieldsburg, containing 10 Acres, more or less, known as the Gipsy Hill Property, improved with a frame weatherboarded House, being the same land conveyed by Wm. A. McKellip, trustee, to Grove A. Shipley by deed recorded in liber F. T. S. No. 45, folio 528.

(7.) All that part of a tract of land on the Salem road, about 1 mile from Salem school house in Freedom district, containing 10 Acres, 2 Roods and 31 Perches, more or less, all in fine TIMBER, adjoining the lands of Geo. A. Shipley, McClellan Wagner and Henry Knauf.

For further information apply to Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney, or the undersigned trustees.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash upon the day of sale or on the ratification of said sale by the court, and the residue in two equal payments of 1 and 2 years from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser; credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by notes of purchaser, with approved security. The rents from these properties will be payable to purchaser from and after ratification of sale.

ELIAS G. SHIPLEY,
GEORGE ALFRED SHIPLEY,
LLOYD B. SHIPLEY,
Trustees.

Ivan L. Hoff, Attorney,
F. Albert Crawford, Auct. aug 31 4t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

SARAH R. BROWN,

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 28th day of March, 1907; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 28th day of August, 1906.

MARION SOPHIA COANE,
ELLA LOUISE BROWN,
aug 31 4t Acting Executrices.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters Testamentary on the estate of

WILLIAM H. HULL,

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 27th day of March, 1907, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 27th day of August, 1906.

ELIZABETH C. HULL,
aug 31 4t Executrix.

INTIMATIONS OF FALL.

When the branch is all bare,
When the blossom is fair
And the meadow grows sullen and brown;
When the cars seem each day
To run only one way,
And that is the way to the town—
Then you yearn for the life
That means bustle and strife
And sylvan delights become tame,
And a voice far away
Seems to whisper and say
That it's time to get into the game.

When the breeze now and then
Hints of autumn again
And the blood feels a quickening thrill;
When a leaf here and there
Flutters forth on the air
From the sycamore up on the hill;
When the shrill katydid
In the foliage hid
Has begun its incessant acclaim,
There's a warning complete
And uncommonly sweet
That it's time to get into the game.

—Washington Post.

The Tender Conscience of Nathan.

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A Countryside Story of a Storekeeper, With an Automobile Annex and a Fire Insurance Test.

BY JOHN P. GUCKES.

Nathan Wishman was the squarest man in Eastgrove township.

He ran the feed store and coal and lumber yard at the junction of the Eastgrove pike and the Habermehl road. Within a few hundred feet of his place of business stood his home, sheltering a wife and two children.

Nathan's word was as good as a government bond. Nathan's honesty was a household saying in four townships.

When he sold a bushel of oats it contained thirty-two quarts and not thirty-one. His coal always came twenty-two hundred and forty pounds to the ton, whether the buyer weighed it or not.

If a man ordered ten pounds of timothy seed and turned his face away from the scales he didn't get nine pounds and fourteen ounces. And no matter whether a man was rich or poor, or bought one load or twenty, Nathan's prices were the same. They always included a fair profit and nothing more.

'You're entirely too conscientious for your own good,' complained his wife. 'If you had raised the price of coal two dollars a ton during the strike no one would have complained and we would have been a few hundred dollars richer.'

'A few hundred richer in pocket, perhaps,' agreed Nathan, 'but a few thousand poorer in our own estimation and that of the poor people of whom we took advantage. No, Martha, I would rather be poor and have a clear conscience than be the richest man in the world and feel that what I had I had taken from others.'

'You'll potter along all your life and never make a successful businessman,' snapped his wife. 'People don't expect you to be an angel in business.'

'No, not an angel but an honest man, and that's all I am.'

The Wishmans found it hard to make ends meet at times. Taxes and insurance premiums and interest on the mortgage came around with alarming frequency, and it was about all that Nathan could do to pay them promptly and lay aside a few hundred dollars a year against paying off the mortgage some day.

When automobiles began to spin along the pike, Nathan saw that he might add to his slender income by laying in a supply of gasoline and disposing of it to motorists. There was scarcely a place between him and the city, thirty miles below, which sold gasoline, so that he had a good trade from the start.

Every day an automobile or two stopped to replenish its supply. Nathan charged only twelve cents a gallon for the fluid, and the people who bought it did not hesitate to tell him that it was a low price.

'It's enough for me,' Nathan would reply. 'I'm charging what I think is right and I don't care what other dealers do.'

His wife remonstrated and the neighbors called him unbusinesslike.

'The people from the city that buy from you could easily afford to pay more and would do so,' they said.

To which Nathan replied: 'If I charged any more I would be cheating them. The profit is pretty high already.'

One day a big, red automobile came limping along the pike. The chauffeur stopped at Nathan's store and inquired, 'Where can I get some gasoline around here? I've pretty nearly run dry.'

'Right here,' answered Nathan.

In a few minutes he had filled the automobile tank.

'I'll pay for that. How much is it?' said an elderly gentleman in the tonneau, evidently the owner of the machine.

'Eight gallons, ninety-six cents,' replied Nathan.

'Hem, that's cheaper than in the city,' returned the stranger, fumbling in his pocketbook. 'I haven't anything less than a twenty-dollar note. Have you the change?

'I think I have,' said Nathan.

He took the crisp new bank-note, went into the office and in a minute returned with the proper change?'

'There you are, sir,' said he counting it out. 'Stop again if you need gasoline when along this way. Good day.'

The automobile puffed away and Nathan returned to his office. He picked up the twenty-dollar note from where he had laid it upon his desk in haste.

It was so nice and new and crisp that he felt it for several seconds before consigning it to his cash drawer.

Then he discovered a surprising fact. Instead of one twenty-dollar note, there were two, stuck closely together.

Without a second's hesitation, Nathan jumped up and ran out into the road with the intention of calling back the owner of the automobile. But it had already passed out of sight.

'That's unfortunate!' he exclaimed. 'But the man'll be back when he discovers that he's given me two notes instead of one.'

Then he went into the house and explained the occurrence to his wife.

'That's not your lookout if he gave you too much money,' said she. 'Just forget all about it and let me have the extra twenty-dollar note. I can make good use of it to buy the children coats this fall. Dear knows! they need them bad enough.

'Martha! I'm surprised at you!' exclaimed Nathan. 'That would be dishonest. This money doesn't belong to us.'

'That's just like you!' retorted his wife. 'Dishonest! Pooh! I'd just like to know how that man who gave it to you made it. People that ride around in automobiles don't always make their money honestly.'

'That may be true, but it doesn't give us the right to be dishonest.'

'Oh well! Suit yourself! The chances are that the man has so much money that he will never miss what he gave you. Of course if he doesn't come back in a day or two you can keep it.'

'I will keep it for him till he does come back, if it's one day, or two, or a year,' said Nathan. 'I'm not going to take what doesn't belong to me.'

'All right! If you want to be so foolish, do it!' exclaimed his wife angrily.

So Nathan took the twenty-dollar note, placed it in an envelope marked, 'This belongs to a man who owns a large, red automobile. June 3rd, 1905,' and put it in the bottom of the cash drawer in his safe.

Week after week passed until three months had gone, and the owner of the red automobile did not return for his money. As Nathan's wife had prophesied, he evidently had so much that he did not miss it.

But every day Nathan looked up and down the pike for some sign of the red automobile.

He was standing at the store door one morning in September when an automobile flew by at a rapid rate. In the front was seated the chauffeur to whom Nathan had sold the eight gallons of gasoline some months before; in the tonneau, the very man who had given him the extra twenty-dollar note in mistake.

'Heh! Heh! Stop!' shouted Nathan, dashing madly after the flying automobile. 'Stop! Stop! Stop!'

The machine had gone a full quarter of a mile beyond Nathan's place before it was brought to a halt in answer to his cries.

'What is it?' demanded the man in the rear quite impatiently as Nathan came up.

'It's this,' said Nathan. 'You're the man that bought some gasoline of me in June. You gave me too much money. Turn around and come back. I've got it in my safe for you.'

'Impossible!' replied the man. 'I do remember buying some gasoline of you. I recollect that I gave you a twenty-dollar note and that you gave me the change. That was all right.'

'Yes! yes! but you gave me two twenties,' said Nathan earnestly.

'No, you're mistaken,' laughed the man. 'I couldn't have done that.'

'Yes, you did. Come back. That twenty's been worrying me ever since, and I want to return it.'

'Turn her around, Charley,' instructed the owner of the machine with a smile. 'If this man insists on making me a present of twenty, I guess it's worth while to go back after it.'

In a few minutes Nathan had the pleasure of returning the twenty-dollar bill to its rightful owner.

'Thanks, my man,' said the stranger. 'Twenty isn't very much to me, but it's refreshing to think that one can occasionally come across an honest man. In the business in which I happen to be engaged, I find very few of them. Good day, sir.'

'Good day,' responded Nathan, and the automobile sped away.

When Nathan told his wife of the occurrence, she said, 'Well, Nathan Wishman, that's what comes of your tender conscience. You might have had that twenty dollars and been welcome to it. Instead of that you let your foolish ideas of honesty turn your head.'

Mrs. Wishman was not a bad woman; she would hotly have resented being called dishonest; she was simply observing that universal maxim, 'Look out for No. 1.'

For some months after this incident things moved in their accustomed way about the Wishman place. Customers came and went away satisfied, Nathan laid aside a few dollars now and then, and his wife scolded him continually for that supreme weakness of his—a tender conscience.

Along in late November, when the frost had taken most of the leaves from the trees, Nathan was awakened one night by a bright glare at the window. He jumped out of bed, ran to the window and looked out.

There, just a few hundred feet before him, he saw his store and lumber piles in flames.

'Martha! Martha!' he shouted. 'Get up! Get up! the place is burning!'

In an instant his wife was at his side, and in a moment she realized what was occurring. One glance told them both that everything was doomed.

The fire had gained such headway that it would have been impossible even for the fire company at Boardville, four miles away, to save it had they been on the scene.

'We're ruined,' moaned Martha. 'Oh, Nathan! Nathan! after all our years of stauggling to get along, to think that everything should be wiped out in a few minutes like this, and us looking on, helpless!'

'Not everything, dear,' said Nathan, pale and trembling. 'Not everything. We have the house and ground. The store and the lumber and coal sheds are insured. I can start over again.

While Nathan spoke he was hurriedly getting into his clothes.

'I know nothing can be done,' he said to his wife as he left the room. 'You needn't get dressed, dear. I'll just go out and watch her burn. Don't worry. There's no danger of the house and barn catching fire. The wind's the other way.'

Nathan went out and surveyed the blazing pile. Neighbors, attracted by the ruddy glow in the sky, had already dressed and were on the ground; but all realized that they were powerless to fight the flames. There was nothing to do but watch the fire burn itself out.

The heat was too intense to think of approaching the place with the hope of saving a single board.

Dawn was in the sky, and the flames were dying out, when Nathan returned to his wife and threw himself upon the bed.

'It's hard,' he murmured. 'Hard. But, after all, it may not turn out so bad. I think it's two thousand insurance I've got, and the buildings and stock don't stand me quite three thousand.'

After Nathan had managed to get a few hours' rest, he rose and dressed himself for the day. From the bureau drawer he took an inventory of his stock in the store and the sheds, and also his fire insurance policy.

Nathan figured his whole loss at about twenty-nine hundred dollars. The insurance was for only two thousand.

He took the address of the company upon the policy, wrote them a letter notifying them of the loss, and enclosed his statement. Then he went to Boardville and mailed his letter.

Early the next morning a snappy little fire-insurance adjuster drove up to Wishman's place in a carriage. Nathan took the adjuster over the burned property, explained the various items in his statement, and the adjuster seemed perfectly satisfied that the loss was a total one.

'Now as to the origin of the fire, Mr. Wishman,' said he, when the matter was practically adjusted. 'Have you any idea how the blaze started?'

'Not the slightest,' replied Nathan. 'I always put out the fire in the office stove at night. There was no light left burning in the building. I'm at a loss to know what the origin was.'

'Hum, no place where tramps could get in and smoke?'

'I don't think so.'

'I don't suppose you have any enemies that might have set the place on fire, eh?'

'Me? Enemies? I don't know of any.'

'Er, you didn't keep any gasoline in the building, did you?' asked the adjuster.

'Would that make any difference?' inquired Nathan.

'Would it make any difference!' exclaimed the adjuster. 'Well, I guess! If you had had a single pint of gasoline in the building it would be sufficient to cause the company to deny liability.'

Nathan stepped back involuntarily and looked at the adjuster in alarm.

'Is—is gasoline very dangerous?' he asked hesitatingly.

'Under certain circumstances, yes,' returned the adjuster. 'But that is not the question. You will find that your policy prohibits keeping gasoline in the building without paying an additional rate.'

Evidently the adjuster did not for a moment think that Nathan had ever kept any gasoline in his place or he would not have been so free with

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