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"Look here, Mother," Dirk would protest, "you can't wander around like that. It isn't safe. This isn't High Prairie, you know. If you want to go round I'll get Saki to drive you."

"That would be nice," she said, mildly. But she never availed herself of the offer. She would go over to South Water street, changed now, and swollen to such proportions that it threatened to burst its confines. She liked to stroll along the crowded sidewalks, lined with crates and boxes and barrels of fruits, vegetables, poultry. Swartly foreign faces predominated now. Where the red-faced overalls men had been she now saw lean muscular lads in old army shirts and khaki pants and scuffed puttees wheeling trucks, loading boxes, charging down the street in huge rumbling auto vans. Their faces were hard, their talk terse. Any one of these, she reflected, was more vital, more native, functioned more usefully and honestly than her successful son, Dirk DeLong.

"Where 'r' beans?"

"In 't' off beanyer."

"Tough."

"Best you can get."

"Keep 'em."

Many of the older men knew her, shook hands with her, chatted a moment, friendly. William Talcott, a little more dried up, more wrinkled, his sparse hair quite gray now, still leaned up against the side of his doorway in his shirt sleeves and his neat pepper-and-salt pants and vest, cigar, unlighted, in his mouth, the heavy gold watch chain spanning his middle. "Well, you certainly made good, Mrs. DeLong. Remember the day you come here with your first load?"

Oh, yes. She remembered.

"That boy of yours has made his mark, too, I see. Doing grand, ain't he? Well, great satisfaction having a son turn out well like that. Yes, sirree! Why, look at my daughter, Carlita."

Life at High Prairie had its savors. Frequently you saw strange visitors there for a week or ten days at a time—boys and girls whose city palaces gave way to a rich tin; tired-looking women with sagging figures who drank Selma's cream and ate her abundant vegetables; and tender chickens as though they expected these viands to be momentarily snatched from them. Selma picked these up in odd corners of the city. Dirk protested against this, too. Selma was a member of the High Prairie school board now. She was on the Good Roads committee and the Truck Farmers' association valued her opinion. Her life was full, pleasant, prolific.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the Circuit Court for the
County of Oakland in Chancery.
Serena Stoddell, Plaintiff

No. 12,274
Josiah Stanbro, the unknown wife of John E. Connor, Josiah Stanbro, Susan Stanbro, Ransom Stanbro, Malinda E. Stanbro, Melvina E. Stanbro and Helen F. Stanbro North, or the unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns of each and every of them, Defendants.

At a session of said Court held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on the 28th day of May, A. D. 1925.

Present: Hon. Frank L. Covert, Circuit Judge.

On reading and filing the Bill of Complaint duly filed in said cause, and the affidavit of Clinton McGee from which it satisfactorily appears to the Court that the defendants above named or their unknown heirs, devisees, legatees and assigns, are necessary and proper parties in the above entitled cause; and

It further appearing that after diligent search, inquiry and investigation it cannot be ascertained, and it is not known whether the persons named in said Bill of Complaint as defendants, or any of them, are living or dead, or where he, she or they may reside if living, or whether the right, title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been by them, or any of them assigned to any person or persons, and if dead whether he, she or they have personal representatives or heirs living, or where they or some or any of them may reside, or whether such

title, interest, claim, lien or possible right has been disposed of by Will; and further, that the present whereabouts of such persons, their heirs-at-law, personal representatives, devisees, legatees and assigns, are unknown and the Post Office addresses of none of them can be ascertained, nor can it be ascertained whether any of them are minors or incompetents:

On motion of Pelton and McGee, attorneys for plaintiff:

IT IS ORDERED that the appearance of each and all of the foregoing defendants be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this Order, and in case of their appearance, or the appearance of any of them, that they cause their answer to the Bill of Complaint to be filed, and a copy served upon the attorneys for plaintiff within fifteen days after service upon them, or their attorneys, of a copy of said Bill, and in default thereof that said Bill be taken as confessed by the said defendants who shall fail to comply with the requirements of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the said plaintiff cause this Order to be published within forty days in the Farmington Enterprise, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said County, once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that plaintiff cause a copy of this Order to be personally served upon each of said defendants herein, at least twenty days before the time prescribed for this, her or their appearance.

FRANK L. COVERT,
Circuit Judge.

Countersigned:

Burton P. Daugherty, Clerk.

By Mary Cobb, Deputy.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this suit, in which the preceding Order was made, involves and is brought to quiet the title to the following described lands situate in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, more particularly described as follows:

The South half of the Southeast quarter of Southeast quarter of Section 2, Town 1 North, Range 9 East, Michigan.

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June 5, July 3.

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