An Old Lovers' Quarrel

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SALLY SALTONSTALL sat on the end of the settee nearest to the fire. Tightly gripped in her hands was a small package, wrapped carefully in tissue paper and tied with red and gray ribbons. Lincoln Bates, standing where the polished oaken floor met the heartistone, looked down at her with dark, disapproving eyes. Across his shoulders was a knitted scarf of gray with cunningly wrought border of red.

West room in Saltonstall house had changed in no essential particular for over a century—rugs and hangings duplicated perhaps when necessary—but the maple furniture built to last. Now the setting sun streamed in with the air of an old, old friend.

"But Sally"—Lincoln Bates' voice was controlled; he spoke slowly as though explaining something to a small child—"Jane is nothing to me but a friend. We were brought up almost like brother and sister, as you know. She made this scarf with her own hands and used my college colors. When she gave it to me she said under the circumstances it would of course be her last birthday present to me; she asked that I wear it for old-time's sake. I promised her I would. You are the first in my life, for always—you know that. Then why should you object?"

"When you have taken that scarf from around your neck and have thrown it into that fire, I'll tell you, Lincoln Bates, why I object, and not before."

"That I don't intend to do, Sally. To a Bates, a promise is a promise."

"Then this will go in its stead!" Sally held out the package tied with red and gray. "Jane knew what I was making for your birthday. She did this on purpose!"

An ancient clock struck 4. From the hall came the sound of wood tapping wood. A bent, little old lady appeared on the threshold, feeling her way carefully over the waxed floor with the aid of a cane.

Great Aunt Sally had lived in Saltonstall house as a girl and made a yearly late autumn pilgrimage from her distant home to renew old associations. At 4 o'clock she was always to be found in the west room, sitting on the settee by the hearth, in quiet reverie. It was understood in the family that she should have the room to herself at that time, for far back in her girlhood, it was said, there had been a romance—shattered at that time of the year and day in that very room.

"My dears," said the old lady, in her soft, trembling voice, "any year, now, I may not come back"—she raised a hand for silence when Sally would have interrupted—"and there is something I feel I should tell you—something which happened in this room long ago. Will you listen to an old, old woman?"

"Of course we want to listen, auntie," said Sally.

"It was her beloved's birthday," began Great Aunt Sally, "and she had embroidered for him a pair of slippers—black velvet done in colored wools. Many hours she had labored with them—happy hours. She had them wrapped up and ready for him when he came to call that afternoon. But before she gave them to him he took from his pocket another pair, almost their exact duplicates, and displayed them with pride. His cousin had made them and he had promised her that he would wear them until they were worn out in memory of their childhood friendship. Then she gayly told him that he would have to take that promise back, for—look—and she gave him the pair she herself had worked for him.

"Looking from one pair to the other with dismay, he replied, 'But I can't do that, dear! To me a promise is a promise.'

"'Then,' said, she, snatching the slippers she had made from him, 'you will not need these!' And she threw them into the fire."

Great Aunt Sally sniffed as though she smelled something burning, and resumed; "He folded his arms and watched the handiwork of weeks, become a smoldering lump. Then he said: 'I never could be happy with one who allows her temper so to get the better of her reason!' And he turned and walked out of this room—and out of my life."

Noisily the ancient clock in the hall ticked off wordless seconds. Painfully Great Aunt Sally arose from the settee. "My dears, it is time for my nap. Let Aunt Sally and her story take their place in the Saltonstall traditions—as a warning to hot tempers."

When the tap-tap of wood on wood had died away, Lincoln Bates took the scarf from his shoulders and strode to the fire. But Sally barred the way. She held out to him the package—her birthday offering. Lincoln opened it and found inside—another scarf of gray with cunningly wrought border of red. He looked down at Sally with a helpless groping for adequate words.

"We will put them both away in that box, Lin," suggested Sally, "so if ever again we need a warning—"

Simultaneously, to both Sally and Lincoln, the bare two feet of space dividing them typified endless years of misery narrowly escaped. They visioned them in terror—and eliminated them forever in a close embrace.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 26th day of April A. D. 1929.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY I. WOODWORTH, Deceased.

James L. Hogle, administrator of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the seventh day of October, 1929, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Florence Doty,
Deputy Probate Register.

May 2, 9, 16

Pelton & McGee, Attorneys for Mortgagee, First National Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by John Mack, a single man, of Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, to August A. Rohr of Detroit, Michigan, dated the 15th day of July A. D. 1927 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Oakland on the 18th day of July A. D. 1927, in Liber 463 of mortgages on pages 153 to 155 inclusive, and upon which mortgage default has been made in the payment of installments of interest thereon, and taxes, and by reason of the provision in said mortgage the whole amount of principal and interest has become due, and is hereby declared due and payable, and there is claimed to be due and payable at the date of this notice for principal and interest the sum of $1118.34 and the sum of $30.07 for taxes, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover said sum, or any part thereof, now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale at public vendue, on SATURDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE A. D. 1929, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern standard time, at the Easterly entrance to the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court within said County, of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 7 per cent per annum and all the legal costs allowed by law and provided for in said mortgage, including attorney fees, said premises being located in the Township of Farmington, County of Oakland, and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit:

Lot numbered twenty-five (25) of Kensington Gardens Subdivision in Section thirty-five (35), Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

Dated: March 1st, A. D. 1929.

AUGUST A. ROHR, Mortgagee.
PELTON & McGEE,
Attorneys for Mortgagee,
Business Address:
First National Bank Bldg.,
Pontiac, Michigan.

Mar. 7-May 30

Francis M. Blake, Attorney for Mortgagee, 1133 Griswold Street, Detroit, Michigan.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE—Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by George Gale Collins and Sada Mae Collins, his wife, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, as mortgagors, to The Farmington Exchange Bank of Farmington, Michigan, a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Michigan, as mortgagee, (which said mortgagee by the act of its stockholders on April 16, 1917, changed its name to the Farmington State Savings Bank, of Farmington, Michigan), dated the 9th day of February, 1917 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, on the 19th day of February, 1917, in Liber 219 of Mortgages, on page 315, which mortgage was assigned by the said Farmington State Savings Bank, of Farmington, Michigan, to The United Savings Bank of Detroit, Michigan, a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the State of Michigan, on the 18th day of October, 1922, and which said assignment was recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Oakland County, Michigan, on the 21st day of October, 1922, in Liber 366 of Mortgages, on page 455; on which mortgage, because of said default, there is due and unpaid, at the date of this notice, principal and interest Six Thousand One Hundred Fifty ($6150.00) Dollars, for insurance paid by said The United Savings Bank of Detroit, Twenty-six ($26.15) Dollars, making a total sum due and unpaid upon said Mortgage Six Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Six and 15-100 ($6176.15) Dollars.

And no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted for the recovery of said amount or any portion thereof; now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained and of the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the said The United Savings Bank of Detroit, assignee of said mortgagee, will sell the premises described in said mortgage, at public auction or vendue, to the highest bidder therefor, at the Easterly or Saginaw Street entrance of the Oakland County Court House, in the City of Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said county), on Monday, the 27th day of May, 1929, at twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Standard Time of said date, or so much of said premises as shall be necessary to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage as aforesaid, together with 6% interest from the date of this notice, and the costs allowed by law and provided for in said mortgage, including an attorney fee; said premises being situated in the Village of Farmington, in the County of Oakland and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at an iron stake on the north line of Roger Street at the division point between the German Church lot and the parcel of land owned by said George Gale Collins under deed dated April 26, 1912, recorded in Oakland County, Michigan, Register of Deeds office, July 23, 1915, Liber 278, page 581 of deeds; thence northerly along the west line of said parcel 428.7 feet to the south line of lot owned by Estate of John Habermehl; thence easterly along the south line of said Habermehl lot about 70 feet to an alley; thence southerly along the west line of said alley in a straight line to a point on the north line of said Roger Street 72.8 feet east of place of beginning; thence westerly along the north line of said Roger Street 72.8 feet to place of beginning.

Dated at Detroit, Michigan,
February 28, 1929.

THE UNITED SAVINGS BANK OF DETROIT,
By Laverne Bassett, President.
FRANCIS M. BLAKE,
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee,
1133 Griswold Street,
Detroit, Michigan.

Feb. 28-May 27

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE

In the Matter of the Estate of BERTHA VOIGHT, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Honorable Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and four months from the second day of May A. D. 1929, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the eighth day of July 1929, and on the twenty-fifth day of September 1929, at ten o'clock A. M. o each day, at the Farmington State Bank, in the City of Farmington, in said County, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting said claims.

HARRY N. McCRACKEN,
CHARLES A. RIGGS,
Commissioners.

May 9, 16, 23

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 2nd day of May A. D. 1929.

Present: Hon. Dan A. McGaffey, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM JOHN GRAHAM, Deceased.

Edith L. Graham, administratrix of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that four months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the seventh day of October, 1929 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

DAN A. McGAFFEY,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
Florence Doty,
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