

### THREE HOURS' WORK A DAY

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"How do we schedule, Mark?" "Half a meal ticket, lodgings paid up to Saturday night, cash, one penny."

"Very good," said Vance Byford, with somewhat of a serious face, however. "Give me the penny."

"Going to make an investment?"

"Yes."

"What in?" queried Mark Early, whimsically. "Central preferred or Midland debentures?"

"Neither. I'm going to buy a newspaper and see if there are any want ads to change our luck."

Dubious luck it was, for a fact. Here were two bright fellows who had come to the big city to make their fortunes. They had filled in several brief positions, had run the gamut of experience from shipping clerks to members of a "movie" group. Now they were stranded completely, but Vance was bright and cheery and Mark hopeful, and both energetic in fighting the fate of leisure and insolvency that had nearly overcome them like an armored man.

"Hello!" ejaculated Vance suddenly, and with some satisfaction, scanning the "Help Wanted" column of the newspaper he had bought.

"What now?" queried Mark.

"Listen," and Vance proceeded to read: "Wanted—A presentable, active young man of some imagination and good facial expression. Liberal compensation. Mrs. A., 537 Hawthorn terrace."

"Well, I vum!" exclaimed Mark. "Now what in the world does that mean? What has presentableness, imagination and facial expression to signify in an every-day, practical job?"

"It's odd enough to deserve attention," said Vance, seriously. "A woman, too. Can it be a model she wants?"

"I should say an actor," suggested Mark.

"Well, I shall try for the position," announced Vance.

"You will?" challenged Mark, somewhat dubiously.

"Why not?"

"It says 'presentable'!" and Mark Early shook his head gloomily, as he looked up and down his companion, whose attire, while well fitting, bore the threadbare marks of long usage.

"Oh, I'll fix that all right!" declared Vance lightly. "I've saved turning this last clean collar I've got on for just this occasion. I'll retire beyond those bushes in the park yonder, make my toilet and give things a try. Meet you at the lodging house tonight and report success."

"Or failure," supplemented Mark, and went his way, himself scanning the newspaper now.

The Hawthorn terrace address proved to be a fine mansion set in a charming nest of greenery and flowers. Vance adopted his best bearing. He had handsome features and a well-modeled form to recommend him to the housemaid, who showed him into a little gem of a reception room, saying she would take word to "Mrs. Arlington" at once. Vance appropriated an easy chair and took in the warmth and comfort of the room luxuriously. It reminded him of home. He arose to inspect a little bijou of a water color on the wall. He strolled about the apartment, taking in the richness and taste of the hangings. He ran a covetous eye over a well-selected shelf of books. Then a drapery parted and an active, nervous lady of perhaps fifty fixed him with keen eyes and a quizzical smile.

"You came about the advertisement," she spoke rapidly. "Well, I think you will do."

"Why, madam—" began Vance, astonished at this speedy decision.

"Oh, I have been watching you, and I am sure you will suit. You know how to walk and gesture, and I can see possibilities of expression in your eyes. I shall need your services from nine to twelve each day. The compensation will be fifty dollars a week." Vance gave a gasp. "First, I will introduce you to my aid, and she called loudly.

Vance felt as though he had stumbled across some scene of enchantment. Fifty dollars a week! Three hours' work a day! A fellow-worker, one "Rilla" and then "Rilla" came into the room. She seemed to bring with her the radiance of a rare beauty, an atmosphere of roses, smiles and kisses commingled. His senses dazzled as he looked upon this vision of loveliness.

"You two are to be my special companions," explained Mrs. Arlington, while Vance grew awkward and the young lady blushed, as they were introduced after Vance had murmured his name. "You see, Mr. Byford, I am an authoress. They call me the Impressionist type. I am well grounded as to theories and the plot quantity, but deficient as to details. I first thought of employing an actor and an actress, but they would be ranters. Naturalness is what I want. For instance: I am now at the fourth chapter of a novel where the young broker finds himself ruined, comes to his room to be alone, and spends an unhappy hour deciding what he should do. You need not speak. Just move about and act out what you would do under these circumstances. You can be seated, Rilla. You are to appear

later as his sister endeavoring to drive away the desperate thoughts that came into his mind.

"Oh, excellent! excellent!" went on the speaker a few moments later, as Vance began his unique role. "He snatched close the draperies like a being at last at bay. A fine line! 'He sat pondering deeply at his desk, anon casting a desolate glance at its rich surroundings, his no more. I knew you would do. I am truly fortunate!'"

Within a few days Vance was in rapport with his peculiar position. Then the experience grew more interesting. Rilla had her part in the pantomime of suggestion, alone and in conjunction with Vance. There were some vivid love scenes to depict. They became all too real to Vance Byford. The prosperous times had brought a vast change in his appearance. He was able now to dress well. He looked at his best and Rilla was interested in him.

One evening he met his friend Mark, who had also found work, just outside the Arlington grounds. They halted near the vine-covered wall, little dreaming that Rilla on the other side was an auditor.

"Why so gloomy, Vance?" inquired Mark, noting the downcast demeanor of his friend.

Then Vance told his troubles. He was going to give up his position. And wherefore? Rilla. Every time in their play acting when their hands met, Vance confessed to a fervent unrestrained impulse to clasp her in his arms and confess his undying love.

It was the next morning when Vance and Rilla sat awaiting promptings as to some scene from Mrs. Arlington. Something new in the eyes of Rilla attracted Vance. His hand stole toward her own, her eyes met his.

"Excellent! Maintain that, please," spoke the authoress, her pen traveling rapidly. "Oh, indeed!"

She sat up rigid, staring with censoring eyes at the twain. Their attitude showed not acting, but real love. "I think that we will end your services, Mr. Byford," she said, icily, but after he had gone gloomily from the house Rilla sobbed, brokenly:

"It was not play acting, mamma—I love him and I shall die if he goes away!"

So, to "save the life" of her cherished darling, Mrs. Arlington relented.

### Communist Colony in Louisiana a Failure

Decaying cabins, the remnants of what once was a thriving communistic utopia, may be seen today six miles north of Minden, La. The decrepit houses squat in a little group on a slight incline, rubbing elbows in communistic amiableness. No one lives in them, but on the crest of the hill is the home of C. P. Kroese, a wiry little man with faraway eyes and guttural voice. In the right mood, he will tell the story of Germantown.

In 1830 there lived in the duchy of Darmstadt a count, Maximilian de Leon, and a beautiful girl who possessed more wealth than anyone else in all Hesse. But the girl was not of the aristocracy and when the two married the families of blood frowned.

The count, stung by the ostracism that followed, selected 300 German Socialists determined to set up a caste-free utopia. They went first to Pennsylvania and later to Louisiana, establishing a colony at Trenton-on-the-River.

The spring rains sent their houses into the river and swamp fever broke out, so that the colonists moved to the land near what is now Minden, buying the tract for 12 1/2 cents an acre. The count never saw his dreams fulfilled, for he fell victim to fever, but Germantown prospered for a time. Then further attacks of fever reduced the population and finally the settlement was abandoned.—New York Sun.

### Mosquito Bites Costly

In your household budget, along with the items of grocery and butcher bills, have you figured on the summer expense of mosquito bites? Statisticians who have been following the train of the buzzing pests, says the Popular Science Monthly, tell us now that every man, woman and child of us paid, on the average, the sum of 91 cents last year just for the privilege of being bitten. The national mosquito-bite bill was \$100,000,000! This sum represents the damage done by malaria mosquitoes in bringing on some 3,000,000 cases of chills and fever.

### New Electric Fan Idea

An electric fan in which the armature, or rotating coil, is replaced by a simple piece of rock, is the novel device recently exhibited before the Royal Society in London. The rock was a piece of magnetic mineral called pyrrhotite, which when placed in the field of the magnet rapidly revolves. When loose powders of pyrrhotite were placed in such a field the particles revolved in a direction opposite to that taken by solid particles of the material because of a rolling action on the part of the particles themselves.

### Italy's Population Dense

Italy has, one of the heaviest ratios of population in all Europe. It is surpassed only by Great Britain and Belgium. It is calculated to be 40,000,000 at this time and each year about 1,000,000 Italians leave Italy to seek their homes elsewhere. These emigrants travel two lanes, one to America and one to central western Europe. Many of them, after having saved their earnings, return to live in comfort in Italy in their declining years.

### Snakes Kill 19,308 in British India in Year

London.—Snakes were responsible for the deaths of 19,308 people out of 21,841 who were killed by wild animals in British India during 1925. According to annual returns the number of deaths attributed to accidents by wild beasts is 1,974, of which 975 are accounted for by tigers and the rest by wolves, bears, leopards, elephants, wild pigs, crocodiles and hyenas. The number of snakes destroyed totaled 41,004 and wild animals, 21,065, the latter including 4,660 leopards and 1,000 tigers.

### Ananias Unknown as Liar in Home Land

Damascus.—Every American who comes to Damascus is told: "Don't fall to visit the house of Ananias." One feels that he cannot leave Damascus without calling on the patron of prevaricators.

He occupied a fine house, as houses in Damascus go, and must have been a prosperous old gentleman.

"Did he have any other profession besides that of a liar?" a guide was asked.

"Lawyer? He was not a lawyer; there were no lawyers in those days," the guide who learned his English in England replied reprovingly.

"Liar! Liar!" was the emphatically repeated query.

"Aah! a fibber, you mean," came back the Anglo-Syrian with a look of intense surprise.

"Why, this man is not known because he was a liar, but he is the man who converted Saint Paul."

They never have heard of Ananias, the liar, in this part of the world.

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### NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Under virtue and by the power of sale contained in that certain judgment rendered in an action pending in the Superior Court of Chatham County, North Carolina, entitled "J. A. Waddy vs G. F. Perry et als" the undersigned Commissioner will, on Saturday the 23rd day of October, 1926, at 12:30 o'clock noon in front of the Court House Door in Pittsboro, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in Hadley Township, Chatham County, North Carolina, and being described as follows, viz:

Beginning at a stake in Ellington's line and east bank of branch or ditch, northwest corner of lot number 2; thence north 79 degrees east 80 poles to a hickory in pointers, corner of lot number 2, thence south 2 degrees west 24 poles to a hickory and hickory pointers, corner of lot number 2; thence north 89 degrees east 36 poles to Lutherloh's line; thence with said line about north 23 degrees west 36 poles to a branch and post oak; thence down said branch or drain to Dry Creek about 80 poles; thence up said creek its various courses about 112 poles to the mouth of branch, Ellington's line; thence up said branch Ellington's line to the beginning, containing 88 acres, more or less, being the tract allotted to G. F. Perry by agreement of Alton Perry and Maggie Farrell.

This 22nd day of September, 1926. WADE BARBER, Commissioner SILER & BARBER, Attorneys

### NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Under and by virtue of the power conferred upon me in a certain deed of trust, executed to me by Alsh Minner and wife, Ann Minner, dated April 28, 1919, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County, N. C., in Book F.J., Pages 598-9, to secure the indebtedness therein described, and default having been made in the payment of said indebtedness, and having been requested to do so by the holder of the note evidencing said indebtedness, I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Pittsboro, N. C., at 12:00 o'clock M., on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1926, the following described land, to-wit:

Lying and being in Riggsbee Township, Chatham County, N. C., adjoining the lands of John A. Oldham and others, one tract containing about fifty acres and bounded on the North by the lands of John A. Oldham; on the South by G. W. Riggsbee; on the West by Nat. Riggsbee; and on the East by Julia Alston, and being the same land conveyed to Alph Minner by deed of Atlas Durham and wife, Sarah Durham, by deed dated November 11, 1916, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Chatham County in Book F H, Page 461.

Sale will be held open for ten days to receive increased bids. This the 7th day of September, 1926.

W. S. ROBERSON, Trustee. ROBERSON, WHITFIELD & PHIPPS, ATTYS. Sept. 16 4tc.

### NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain mortgage deed executed by Anderson Dowdy and wife, Cathrine Dowdy to Joe Rieves, on the 17th day of November, 1919, which mortgage is duly registered in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Chatham County in Book FN at page 327, and an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, the undersigned will on

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offer for sale at the courthouse door in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake and pointers T. B. Rieve's corner in Mrs. Field's line; thence North Rieve's line 36 poles to a stone and cedar pointers; thence South 72 degrees west 28 poles to a stake and pointers; thence South 26 1-2 poles to a stake and pointers in Field's line; thence 27 poles to the beginning, containing by estimation 5 1-4 acres, more or less.

Time of Sale: 12 o'clock, Noon. Place of Sale: Pittsboro, N. C. Terms of Sale: CASH.

This the 7th day of September, 1926. JOE E. RIEVES, Mortgagee.

Sept. 16, 4tc.

### NOTICE OF LAND SALE

Under and by virtue of an order of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Chatham County, North Carolina in the special proceeding therein pending entitled, W. G. Fields vs. Thomas Kirby et als, the undersigned Commissioners, will on SATURDAY, OCTOBER, 9th, 1926, offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Pittsboro, North Carolina, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land, to-wit:

Beginning at the fork of the Fayetteville and Pittsboro Road; thence with the Fayetteville road in a Southernly direction 80 chains to the corner of the public school lot; thence West with said school lot 3 chains; thence with said School lot South 23 degrees East 3 1-3 chains; thence with said lot East 3 chains to the Fayetteville road; thence with said road in a Southernly direction 21 chains to a stake; thence East 28 1-2 chains to a stake; thence South 10 1-2 chains to a stump; thence West 45 chains to a Sourwood; thence North 23 chains to a Poplar on the bank of branch; thence down said branch as it meanders 13 chains; thence South 80 degrees West 3 1-2 chains; thence South 70 degrees West 10 chains; thence North 5 degrees West 5 1-2 chains to a pine on Pittsboro road; thence with said road 33 1-2 chains to the first station, containing 100 acres more or less.

Time of Sale: 12 o'clock, Noon. Terms of Sale: CASH. Place of Sale: Pittsboro, N. C. This the 7th day of Sept., 1926.

W. P. HORTON A. C. RAY, Commissioners.

Sept. 16, 4tc.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified this day as administrator of the estate of Mary Rosa Jones, late of Chatham county, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present their claims to the undersigned duly verified on or before the 23rd day of August, 1927, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons owing said estate will please come forward and make immediate settlement.

This the 23rd day of August, 1926. J. D. JONES, Administrator.

W. P. Horton, Atty. Sept. 2, 6tp.

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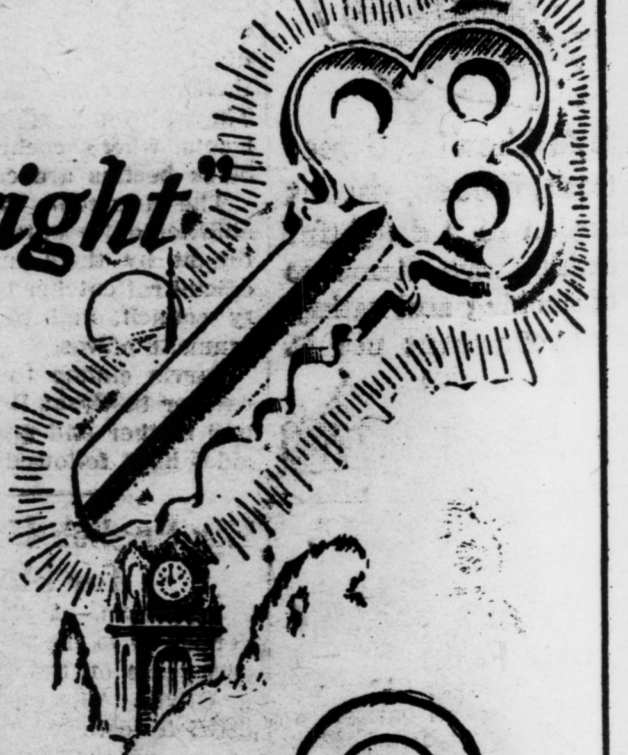
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