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Land Sale!

By virtue of an order of the Superio Court of Alamance county, made in a Specia Proceeding whereto all the heirs at law of the late Nattle Roberson were duly consti tued parties, I will sell at the sourt hou door, in Graham, in said county, on MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1909,

at public outery to the best bidder, the folat public outery to the base black.

Iwo tracts or parcels, both in Albright township, Alamance county, North Carolina, the one being immediately upon Haw river and bounded by that river on the East, and adjoining the lands of George R. Morgan, Sabert Thompson, Griff Payne, and it may be that it adjoins others, and contains

80 ACRES,

more or less. The other tract adjoins the lards of Sabert Thompson, George Rumley, the W. H. Loy land, Griff Payne and Ten Payne, and it may be others, and also con-

80 ACRES,

which the late Nattle Roberson lived up to his death, and upon which are dwalling house and outbuildings and other improvement. These two treets of land belonged to the late Nattle Roberson in fee and descended upon his heirs at law as temants in common, and are to be sold for parition. The two tructs do not addn't being some half mile apart, and they will be sold separately upon the following terms, to win.

One-third of the price in money down, the other two-thirds at six and twelve months in equal installments, and secured by the notes of the purchaser carrying interest from the day of sale.

Jan'y 26, 1909,—tds E. S. PARKER, Com'r.

Pursuant to the powers vested in the mort-carees by virtue of a certain Mortgage Deed executed by John Morton and Ora Morton, his wife, on the 12th day of Sept. 188, to J.C. and D. M. Walker, conveying to them the real estate hereionfter described, to secure a bond executed at said date, as fully appears by reference to the records of alamance county, in Book No. 3s of Mortgage Beeds, at page 38 the undersigned will expose for asle at public auction, for cash, as the court house door in Graham, on

SATURDAY, FEB. 20, 1909, at is o'clock M., the following lands in Bur-lington township, Alamance county, M. C.:
Adjoining the lands of Will Book Barrier
Day and others, beginning at a score, corner
with said Boon thence N., M. dez. E., 5.50
chains to a stone; thence M. B. dey. W. 2.86
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chains to a stone; thence M. This Jan. 18th, 1900, J. C. & D. M. WALKER J. S. COOK, Atty. Hortgagee





The Porcelain Valentine.

By Clarissa Mackie.

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ISS LEAFY BEAN stared into the window of the stationer's shop, surveying the long lines of valentines that hung in festoons from end to end. There were all sorts of valentines from the humblest penny post card, with its crudely colored picture and amorous verse, to the huge affairs of satin and lace, with doves and cupids and bleeding hearts painted thereon. Miss Leafy looked them over care-

fully. There was not one that would answer the purpose she had in mind. She entered the shop and asked in a firm, rasping voice for what she was

"Comic valentines?" repeated the clerk, with astonishment in his sheeplike eyes. "Yes, ma'am-of course, ma'am," and he drew a box from beneath the counter and displayed for Miss Leafy's inspection a varied assortment of hideous and coarsely colored caricatures. If he expected to see the little old lady shrink at the sight of the lurid pictures he was disappointed, for she put on a pair of steel bowed spectacles and surveyed each one critically-indeed, one might say with the eye of a connoisseur. "I will take this one," she said finally, opening her slim purse.

Then she hurried toward the door. As she passed through she met another woman a little younger than herself. They exchanged stiff bows of ecognition. Miss Leafy blushed a litde and clutched the envelope containing the comic valentine within the folds of her skirt.

She stepped out along the quiet street toward the Old Ladies' home with primly stepping feet and a soft swing f her ample cashmere skirts. She wore a rusty velvet cape, with a high collar turned up around her withered chin, and she carried a large mink muff. Beneath the narrow brim of her mall bonnet her nose shone very red with the cold, and the sting of the sharp wind brought the tears to her weak eyes. When she reached the hore, which

was a fine, imposing structure set in handsome grounds, she turned into the flagged path with renewed energy

and was soon snugly ensconced in her own half of the room she shared with Ellen Drake. It was a large room, with polished floor and several large windows, two on the and two on the side. The apartment was divided by an imaginary line drawn diagonally

from the door to the front corner. SHE SURVEYED EACH thus affording ONE CRITICALLY. each occupant

two windows and the use of the door. A rug placed in the center of each diagonal space, small fron beds, dressers, comfortable rockers and tables formed the furniture, while a large coal stove in the center of the room radiated warmth and cheer to every Miss Leafy removed her bonnet and

cape and hung them, together with the mink muff, within her tiny closet. Then she seated herself at the table and drew out the comic valentine she had just purchased. She adjusted her pectacles again and looked long and curiously at the picture. She did not smile or otherwise exhibit any evience of amusement. There was the light of an indomitable purpose in her eyes and in the set of her thin lips. The picture portrayed a hideous wo

man, with mincing gait, wearing an enormous bonnet, from which hung multitudes of varicolored feathers and ribbons. Her dress was trimmed with buttons, buckles, fringes, bows and streamers, while about her shoulders was draped a lace shawl. She held tiny parasol above her bedizened head. Beneath were lines of doggerel verse: Hold up your head, you think you're so

You are nothing but clothes; you haven't Your silks are but cotton; your hat is a You're a smiling deceiver abroad in the

Miss Leafy nodded her head approv ingly. "That's Ellen Drake to the life," she said slowly. "She thinks she's fine, and she expects every one alse to think the same. She's a smiling deceiver, for she pretends to be pleasant to every one, and she treats me like the dirt beneath her feet. A-pretending that shawl is real lace! How comes it that Ellen Drake can wear lace shawls any more'n I can? I'll stick to it that mine is real lac too. I sin't going to take no back seat for Ellen Drake if her pa was a

Here Miss Leafy ended her sollioquy and, folding her hideous valentine to fit a long envelope, she inclosed it and ealed the flap. Then with a scratchy pen dipped in rusty brown ink she ed the letters of Ellen Drake's

"I'll just drop that in the letter box at the corner so she'll get it the first thing in the morning. After she learns what folks think of her mebbe she won't hold up her hend quite so high?

She affixed a stamp to the missive,
and, throwing a knitted shawl about ser thin shoulders, she hurried out to

the corner of the street and posted the eturn to the home until just as

Lax-ets 5 C Sweet to Eat

ing room. She left her wraps in the hall and took her seat beside Miss Leafy with a grim nod that belied the pleasant twinkle in her mild blue eyes. She was a small, plump woman.

with faded blond hair and a round, rosy face and smiling lips that disclosed rows of even white teeth. These teeth were at once the envy

and despair of Miss Leafy Bean's heart. Her own had gone long ago, and she was now reduced to a toothless underjaw, while an ill fitting plate of obviously false teeth adorned the upper one. "Cold 'out, Ellen?" asked old Mrs.

Brown from across the table. "Yes," replied Mrs. Drake, "it's dreadful cold. Looks like snow." "Been buying valentines?" continued

Mrs. Brown, with a snickering laugh

that was echoed down the table in diminishing cachinnations. "Some," returned Mrs. Drake spiritedly. "I always buy valentines. I be-

lieve in 'em!" "Believe in 'em! Valentines are only for young folks a-courtin' and such,

jeered Mrs. Brown. "Valentiues mean love," continued Ellen Drake soberly, "and old folks want love just as much as young ones do-and a sight more, I'm thinking. It don't make no difference if you're a hundred years old, if you get a valentine with hearts and posies on it and doves and flowers and a pretty verse to it it warms you all up, not quite the same as when you was sixteen, but almost!" She uttered a mellow laugh that warmed more than one of the feeble, discontented old women gathered there.

"That's so." assented Miss Piper in her shrill treble. "I remember my first valentine." And so each one told a story about some valentine she had received in the old days-some message of a love that came so readlly and all unsought in the golden old days. And as they told their stories withered cheeks reddened, faded eyes brightened and fretful voices took on softer cadences until, when they rose there was a warmer unanimity of feel ing among them, and when they parted for the night they strayed off in groups of twos and threes, still telling of the old days, the golden old days, when love was everything, when love was king.

All save Miss Leafy. She had main tained a stony silence during the tender reminiscences that had arisen like a cloud of incense about her, a cloud that hovered about, but dld not encom pass her. She withdrew herself from it, just as she withdrew from their



ing with a grim shrug. She went to her room alone and sat down on her side of the glowing heater, her knees and her feet on the hearth she stared through the crack of the stove door at the ruddy coals; in them she saw ple tures of the past.

"I'VE GOT ONE JUST There were old days, but never golden days. She remembered bitterly that she had always been small and lean and homely. She never had a valentine. She never had a lover. She never had married She had cared for her parents, who had lived to a ripe old age, and when they died she had sold the place and with the proceeds had purchased lifelong comfort in the home. That had been her life-always lonely, with a beart hungering for love and kindness. which, when offered, she could not rec-

ognize, but fought off with shy suspi When Ellen Drake arrived and was assigned to share a room with Miss Leafy the newcomer had sought by every art known to her genial little soul to win Miss Leafy's regard. Perhaps she might have done so had not an unfortunate thing happened. Mrs. Drake in unpacking her garments displayed to Miss Bean's admiring eyes a black lace shawl. "It's real lace,"

said Ellen simply. "It belonged to my grandmother." Leafy Bean bit her lip and looked with covetous eyes upon the real lace shawl. She fingered its filmy texture, and then she said carelessly:

"I've got one just like that, only mine's white. I'd show it to you, only it's in the bottom of my trunk. I'll get it out some day. Mine's real lace

"Td admire to see it," said Elle Drake heartily, and Leafy had crept away to bed with a resentful heart and a very guilty conscience, for Leafy Bean never had a lace shawl in her

All the year that followed Ellen Drake's arrival at the home Leafy Bean had maintained a frigid demea or toward that lady. This was harder to understand, because the women occupied the same apartment and a more

amicable relation would have resulted in much happiness to both of them. It is true that Ellen Drake strove for his, but after awhile she tired of repeated rebuffs, and so day after day the women would sit on opposite side of the pleasant room in perfect sile Sometimes one or the other would have visitors or they would meet in the living room downstairs, but there

was generally slience between them, or, at best, a velied hostility. fully from the remnants of a ence well stocked wardrobe Leafy Bean had stoking how, the first thing in the sorning, Ellen would receive the val-stine. Perhaps she would not toos

Just then the door opened, and Ellen Drake came in. She draw a rocking

with a visible effort, she said in a conciliatory tone: "Leafy Bean!"

"Well!" said Miss Bean sourly. "I got a valentine today," pursued Ellen, with some hesitation. Miss Leafy swallowed hard. "Already!" she uttered; then she bit her

lin in vexation. ular valentine. It was a letter from a lawyer saying that my fourth cousin, old Abe Harmon, had died out west somewhere and left me \$500. So I call it a valentine," she ended, with a quiet

Miss Leafy snorted bitterly.

said, with firm emphasis. "Oh, I ain't quite so dressy as that, Leafy," laughed Mrs. Drake good na-

her idea by her taciturn room-

/ justice of fate lightly. that Ellen Drake. the possessor of a real lace shawl. should become an heiress. Leafy was glad she had

"OF COURSE I MEAN tine. sent the valen-"I was think ing, Leafy," pursued Ellen Drake, "that maybe you'd like to get some teeth of that new dentist. He puts in porcelain teeth just like mine for \$40, and I was thinking you might as well use some of my money and have the teeth now. I ain't got any particular use for the money, and you can pay it back from your knitting a little at

There was silence. Mrs. Drake leaned back in her chair as if glad the announcement was out and prepared for a stormy reception of her proposal. Miss Leafy stared hard through the crack in the stove door. The coals to begin all over again. Meanwhile glowed redly, then they changed to a ruddy blur, and there was a sharp sting behind her little brown eyes.

Presently she spoke, and her sharp oice sunk to a quaver as she asked: "Do you mean, Ellen Drake, that cooking operations. you're offering to lend me some of your \$500 so I can have porcelain teeth like yours?"

"Of course I mean it," said Ellen heartily, "and, what's more, I'm going to use some of that \$500 to have a good time with before I die. We'll go to

"We?" murmured Miss Leafy, aghast. "Of course, you and me, and perhaps we'll ask some of the others too, and maybe we'll have doings in our room some evening. Oh, I'm going to take a sight of comfort with Cousin Abel's valentine!" And she laughed a cheery little laugh that seemed to open up some long choked spring in Miss Leafy's bosom, for she hands before her little homely face "Leafy Bean! I do declare! What

ever is the matter? Crying because you're going to have new teeth?" "'Tain't so," sniffed Leafy. "I'm cry ing because I'm a liar!"

"A-a-what?" gasped Ellen Drake. "I'm a liar-and much worse," repented Leafy, with stern emphasis Ellen Drake, when I said I had a lace shawl like yours I was lying. I never had one, and it wasn't real lace!" "For the land's sake! Well-what o

it? They're out of style anyway." "I'm worse than a linr," repeated Leafy gloomly. "I sent you a funny valentine through the mail. Now, guess, you won't offer me no

teeth," she said, with a deflant smile. Ellen Drake stared. Then her head and laughed "Oh. Leafy Bean, did you send me a funny valentine?" she chuckled. "I am glad," she con-

tinued merrily, "I GOT A PORCELAIN VALENTINE." "because, you

see, it will make a lot of fun. They will all laugh, and it will do them a sight of good, and it won't hurt me a mite. Well, it's all right now, Leafy. And you'll go tomorrow and see the dentist about your teeth?" Leafy Bean laughed shamefacedly.

"I espect I got what you'd call a porcelain valentine," she said.

Not Encouraging.

A paster in a rural church not far from Milwaukee announced the wed-ding in his church during the following week of two of his parishioners. He followed the announcement with the title of the hymn which was then to be sung. It was "Mistaken Souls That Dream of Heaven!"-Milwankee Free Press.

The Connection. Scott-I remember reading of a very rich man who said he'd sooner be poor. Mott-Tes, and probably you remember reading somewhere that all men are liars.—Boston Transcript.

Protective Coloring of Insects.

A well known little moth with pale green mottied wings is the only case in which I have myself watched the protection afforded by color at work. It was on a summer's evening when I ow this little moth signagging up as down with the most extraordinarily regular flight and a bird pursuing it. the bird swooped and just sissed his prey owing to a su turn and drop on the part of the moth. And then to my great delight the moth Sopped against the stem of a tree on shich was trowing a greenish gray tichen. The bird swooped again close to the tree, but failed to see the insect and quitted the chare. It took me an appreciable thus to detect the little noth reating as that the liben and Ray Laubes or in Lordon Telegraph

MEAT IN AFRICA.

When the Butcher Murders a Bull the People Get Beet.

Travelers in Africa find the standard of living somewhat different from what they are accustomed to at home Mary Hall in her book "A Woman's 'Well," continued Mrs. Drake slow. Trek From the Cape to Cairo," throws ly, "it's this way, Leafy: It's not a reg. a strong light upon the condition of market and kitchen in British Central Africa:

When the untive butcher proposes to kill an ox, notice to that effect is sent round to the white people on the previous day. Once they were apprised "You of the fact by the following startling can buy lots of clothes with \$500," she announcement: "A bule will be murdered tomorrow morning at G a. m."

turedly. "What I want to say is that was, bowever, not committed, as the I've got an idea"- She hesitated next morning a second notice was isagain as though sued as follows: "The bule ran away in doubt as to this merning, so was not murdered. the reception of But this was an exceptional case. I heard one story which is so char

acteristic of the native that I repeat it. The man who related it told me that That lady was the incident occurred when he was on lost in a painful a journey and was suffering from a reverle. It was bad attack of fever. One evening be only another evi- fancled he would like some eggs and dence of the in- told his boy to get two and boil them After a time they were brought to

boy he must get some more and boil them less; but, alas, these were brought to him in the same condition, and the poor fellow wished he had never ordered them at all. Being unwilling to give in, be made

"Come to me when the water bolls. The boy did so. "Now," said his master, "put the eggs in, and when you have counted

The native method of reckoning is to count up to ten and then begin again, small Illinois town, near which he had arriving at the total by the number of spent the summer, for Chicago to atthe tens counted. The sick man heard tend rehearsals. The actor was drive the boy start fair and get as far as up to the rural railroad station and de four tens, when a second boy interposited on the platform, together with fered and questioned whether it were his two trunks. As the train was about

the third or fourth ten. to start he approached a stranger near This started a discussion, and as by and said: they could not agree it was decided train?" the eggs were still bolling and getting harder and harder. This was about the last straw, and, ill as the man felt, he was compelled to get out of bed and put a summary end to the and it won't cost you a cent. I've got

SOME SURE THINGS.

Do Not Bet on Your Ability to Per form These Fests.

Bets to be avoided by those who are cocksure they can do all things are those relating to athletic feats. It would seem that a good runner could easily give a start of fifty yards in a hundred to a man who was doing the fifty yards by hopping on one leg. But few runners, if any, can afford to give that amount of start to any man who is at all strong on his legs. For the first five yards or so they go at practically the same pace, so that to run ninety-five yards while his opponent is hopping forty-five he has to go more than twice as fast, and it is a weak

man indeed who cannot hop fifty yards in ten seconds. broken in the fingers, but, although there are many who will bet they can the task if the match is laid across the nail of the middle finger of either hand and pressed upon by the first and third

fingers of that hand, despite its seemfab. Dod. he tell't me a' aboot the ing so easy at first sight. No one can crush an egg placed lengthwise between his clasped hands -that is, if the egg be sound and has the ordinary shell of a hen's egg. It is safe to bet a man that he can-

not get out of a chair without bending his body forward or putting his feet under it if he is sitting on ft, not at the edge of it. Another equally certain wager that a man cannot stand at the side

of a room with both of his feet touching the wainscoting lengthwise. It is safe to bet any man, save one who is blind, that he cannot stand

Very Different. bank, where the rich man finds a good position for the oldest son, who soot becomes the bank's president. Another child shows a gentus for painting, and the rich man sends him to Italy to study. In a month or two the

She Had Often Studied It.

first visit to Sunday school. "And what lesson are you to study for next Sunday?" her mother asked "Nuffin' much," said the four-year old rather scornfully. "Her jest said to learn all about the catakissin', and me knowed that already." - Lippin-

A station master requested an in crease of salary and threatened to egve if he didn't get it. "Confess," be thundered, "you an The superintendent replied to his re

He Spoke Carelessly. rban Patient - Sorry to bring you all the way out here, doctor. Doc r-Oh, don't worry about that! I

por bath a thousand "Tes, and they are genering at once," added the sin Philadelphia Record.

This cold blooded crime, so carefully

premeditated, even to the exact hour

him as hard as bullets. He told the guilty of an unwarrantable intrusion. and as the sea was rough he was

another attempt and told his boy,

fifty take them out."

An ordinary wooden match is easily do it, none succeed in accomplishing

for five minutes without moving if he is blindfolded. There is always a vacancy in a

It is never embarrassing in a novel for a rich man to find a lot of poor child returns a great artist. But how different to real life! Ab, how vastly Atfferent!-Atchison Globe.

Little Marie had returned from be

who possess it by their energy, de-termination, industry, to place themselves beyond the reach of temporary Hard to Believe. ster.-London Strand Magazine.

quest by relating a story. "When I was a young man," said he I once did as you are doing-I told the superintendent of the line I was me. He refused my demand, and I left, and-would you believe it?-that railway line is running yet."-London

The uneducated weman has often the quickest perception, the finest fact, the most vivid sensibility. She will feel without speaking; she understands your immest thoughts; she knows withcan see another patient and kill two

If fortune play thee false today, to-

Not Coughing Today?

Yet you may cough tomorrow! Better be prepared for it when it comes, Ask your doctor about keeping Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house. Then when the hard cold or cough first appears you have a doctor's medicine at hand. Your doctor's approval of its use will certainly set all doubt at rest. Do as he says. He knows No alcohol in this cough medicine. J.C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass. Robust health is a great safeguard against attacks of throat and lung troubles, but constipation will destroy the best of health. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Pills.

Thackeray's "Jeames."

spoke of him as "Jenmes" and voided

carefully leaving Thackeray's name

spect Osborne the "fashionable re-

the Solent the presence of a stranger

terrogated by one of the suit. Jenmes

nnounced his professional position

and was informed that he had been

He was forthwith bundled into a small

boat which was attached to the yacht,

drenched to the skin in a few minutes

When the yacht arrived at Portsmouth

the tide was low, and Jeames was pull-

ed out of the boat and compelled to

wade to the shore through the mud as

A well known actor was leaving

"Are you going to Chicago on this

"Well, friend, you can do me a favor

two good sized trunks here, and they

always make me pay excess for one. You can get one checked on your ticket

"But you just said you were going

The actor paid the excess, as usual.

An Awful Liar.

Sir Archibald Geikle, the distin-

guished geologist, tells a good story in

his capital book of "Scottish Reminis-

cences." "I was quite sure you had

been in our neighborhood," a friend

said to Sir Archibald. "I met the old

farmer of G., who had a strange tale

to tell me. 'Dod, Mr. Caitheart,' he be-

gan, 'I ran across the queerest body.

the ither day. As I was coming by the

head of the clough I thocht I heard a

wheen tinkers quarrelin' but whan

lookit doon there was no wee stoot

man. Whiles he was chappin' the

rocks wi' a hammer, whiles he was

writin' in a book, whiles feehtin' wi'

the thorns and misca'in them for a'

that was bad. When he cam up frae

the burn, him and me had a large con-

stanes and hoo they showed that Scot-

land was ance like Greenland, smoored

in ice. A very enterteenin' body, Mr.

Woman, the gentlest of all creatures

is apt to become masterful and even

tyrannical, this because she is a crea

ture in whose composition emotion

dominates, and emotion when highly

atimulated becomes passion, and pas-

sion spurns all reasonable limitation

and becomes tyrannical. Besides, there

are women with more than ordinary

firm will and persistent purpose. These

when winged by the passion which is

natural to the sex become intolerant,

masterful and more tyranaical than

men. Qualification to the intense ac-

tion of the impassioned soul is trench-ery, and contradiction is treason. Like

a stormy wind, they will have their

sweep and ignore all contraries. And

from this predominance of the emo-

tional element it seems plain that,

though woman may try many things

normal outfit, materially incapacitated

from being a statesman or a judge.-

The State and the Individual.

The state may make it easy for

man to acquire a small holding, but it

cannot give the man the energy, the

bad times, but it cannot give men the

moral character which enables these

Partly 8o.

"Partially." she faltered. "This hair"

she pressed her hand to her brow-

"and the upper teeth I wear are bor-rowed; the rest-yours."

The Feminine Paradox.

out being told, - London Black and White.

A Good Resson.

"Because it affords him a gree

unds of common sense to apply it- | cures colds, prevents pe

"Pa's a great admirer of

chance to say afterward that he for all the winners." -Judge.

ballot system.

She shivered

The state may help men over

boon is to be an abiding blessing

Daybook of John Stuart Blackie,

and succeed in most, she is, with he

Cattheart but-an awfu', awfu' leear.

-London Tit-Bits.

"Yes, but I haven't any ticket."

"So I am. I'm the conductor."

"Have you any baggage?"

and save me some money.

"No."

on this train."

best he could.—London Truth,

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