



Lightly

By MARGARET E. SANGSTER
FIRST INSTALMENT
Prologue
Ellen Church was posing for her mother. Posing—a slim, wistful figure—against the dying glory of the autumn garden.

Rapidly she was gathering up the twisted tubes of paint, the canvas—all of the paraphernalia of her trade. "I wish," said Ellen, "that you'd tell me about father. After all, he belonged to me, sort of, too; although I never saw him. I can't help wondering why you always say such queer things about him."

Ellen had crept close. She didn't speak, but her mind, following her mother's voice, made pictures. Pictures drawn from her lonely childhood, from the years which she had lived with her mother in the brown house that lay back of the garden—years that had been broken only by business letters and the rare visits of the art agent, who sold her mother's work in the city. Their very clothes had been chosen, wholly, from department store catalogues!

Ellen's mother had walked the two miles to the village and ordered their supplies. And Ellen stared at the village girls—and was stared at by the village boys—while her mother exchanged conversation with the storekeeper about her garden and the weather. A certain aged laborer came up to the brown house when there was hard work to be done. He reported, back in the village, that he thought the artist lady was queer.

Perhaps, in a way, he had reason to think so. Certainly Ellen and her mother were hermits, defying custom and convention—learning their own lessons of life from trees and flowers. But Ellen, even with a lack of preaching, knew about an upagan God. Didn't God make, said her mother, the only dependable thing in the world, Beauty?

Ellen's young eyes were searching, keen. No longer were they lost in a far place of dreams. "It's what you always say about love," she told her mother. "It's what you always say! When I was a child," (Ah, the quaint sophistication of seventeen!) "it didn't seem to mean anything. But now that I'm grown up, it's strange you should talk so. Because you don't love that way yourself. Lightly, I mean."

With a small gesture of finality, the woman at the easel was wiping a brush on dingy cotton cloth—a cloth that held vivid reminders of many another brush. Her gesture meant that posing for this day was over. Ellen knew that her own persistence had made the work stop so abruptly, and she was sorry. For winter was near. Beside the bread and butter, there was a department store bill! Ellen was sorry—and yet she was so weary of evasions, of being put off!



"Not me, Mother!" she insisted. "But, of course, I love you lightly," she said, with an aching sort of forced gaiety "You ought to know that! If I loved you any other way, I'd spoil you. And even you, Ellen, must admit that I don't spoil you. Do I ever give you new hats for Easter? Or seed pearls, for Christmas? Have I ever, even once, taken you to the city? Have you ever seen a skyscraper, or a hotel—or even a tea shop? Have you—"

"How about the time a year ago, when I had typhoid—and the doctor said I mightn't live?" Ellen's mother was looking up swiftly, through tears. Her voice quivered very much. All of the laughter had been drained from it. "But, my darling," she said, "of course, I don't love you lightly! I love you so much, whether you're desperately ill or annoyingly well, that it hurts! I didn't want to love you—why? there were times when I didn't even want you! For I knew that you'd get me, that I'd never be free, or myself, as long as I cared for someone. Your father taught me that. I loved him, too, so much that it hurt—so much that it still hurts!"

Ellen, with a rake and a hoe and a packet of seeds. I built the glory of blossoming things all around this house in which we live, and at last, when my garden was flourishing, I got out an old color box, and dusted it, and began to make sketches. I hadn't a thought of doing anything commercial—that all came after your father's going, when I found that I must earn our livelihood. At the beginning I just made pictures for companionship. They were pretty, too—but they had an emptiness about them. I guess that's why God sent you to me, child. He knew I needed something alive and cuddly to make my garden perfect!

"Oh, Ellen," the fingers that the girl held were returning her pressure fiercely, "I'd given up all idea of having a baby, ages before you came to me! I'd had ten lonely years in the city, and five lonelier years out here, before I knew that you were coming. I couldn't believe it, at first. It was just too utterly lovely. And the knowledge held something else beside loveliness—it brought a new hope to me. I couldn't help feeling that it would make a difference in the relationship between your father and myself; a baby couldn't help but bring a sense or responsibility into his life. He always liked new things. . . . and there is nothing so new as a little baby. . . ."

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A leaf fluttered down from one of the autumn trees. Her mother went on. "At first," he said, "we were ever so happy, your father and I. Although I had to give up my painting (your father didn't approve of women having careers), I was far too much in love to argue the matter. We lived in a little apartment, and your father went every day to his office. I didn't know what he did in that office—he resented my questions, somehow. But I did know that his income seemed to grow more and more inadequate—and that, at the same time, he seemed to grow more and more restless. I tried so hard," the steady voice broke, at last, "to hold his interest! But I suppose I was different than I had been in a pink gown, waltzing! Men, Ellen, like glamor. . . ."

"It's a long story. I won't tell it to you, all. Only, after ten years of scrimping and economizing, your father suddenly bought this place and brought me here to live. He didn't ever stay here, very much, himself. . . . It seemed almost logical to me that he shouldn't, for I could understand that his business would make staying in the city necessary! I loved him so greatly," Ellen's mother was fighting for self-control, "that I naturally trusted him. But I was very lonely—so lonely that I actually had to do something. The place is isolated now, it was far more isolated when I first came here to live. I had no neighbors—and you can't imagine how I needed some sort of companionship! And so I turned to gardening, and out here the gardening grew my desire to be an artist, once more. . . . I made my pictures, at first,

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LEGAL NOTICES

ROWAN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA MORTGAGE SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated 21st day of April, 1930, executed by Nancy L. Earnhardt, widow, Elizabeth L. Bame and husband, T. L. Bame to C. L. Coggin, Trustee, recorded in mortgage book 115, page 267, Register of Deeds Office, Rowan County, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured thereby, and the request of the holder thereof, and in accordance with the terms of said mortgage, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Salisbury, Rowan County, on the 13th day of November, 1934, at 12:00 o'clock, M., the following described real estate:

Beginning at Red Oak, Paul N. Heilig's corner thence North 88 E. 22 chains to a stake corner to No. 7 in the line of No. 5; thence S. 23.50 chains to a stake thence S. 55 W. 7.90 chains to a stake thence 44 W. 2.83 chains to a stake M. P. Cline's corner; thence N. 43 W. 20.10 chains to a stake, Cline's corner; on P. N. Heilig's line; thence with said line P. N. Heilig's line North 14.75 chains to the beginning, containing by calculations fifty three acres more or less. It being lot No. 6 in the division of the lands of John Fisher and allotted to Leah L. Fisher now Ritchie and being the home place of the late W. S. Earnhardt. The interest in the above described property which is to be sold is a one-tenth undivided interest, free from dower. This 10th day of October, 1934. C. L. Coggin, Trustee. Oct. 12—Nov. 2.

MORTGAGE SALE OF REAL ESTATE IN EAST SPENCER

By virtue of authority contained in a certain mortgage deed of trust, dated May 5, 1931, and registered in the Register's office of Rowan County in Book of Mortgages No. 117, page 214, from W. L. Honeycutt and wife, Minnie Honeycutt, to T. K. Carlton, Trustee, default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby, and request of foreclosure having been made by the holder of said note, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, November 10, 1934, at 12 o'clock, Noon, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lying and being in the Town of East Spencer, Salisbury Township, Rowan County, N. C., and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake on A. S. Heilig's line in the center of a street; thence N. 2 deg. 37 min. E. 61 feet to a stake, corner to Lot No. 20; thence S. 88 deg. 15 min. E. 219 feet to a stake, corner to Lot No. 20, on line of Lot No. 16; thence S. 36 deg. W. 150 feet to a stake in the center of a street, corner to Lots Nos. 16, 17 and 22; thence N. N. 54 1-2 deg. West 150 feet to the beginning. Same being Lot No. 21 in the division of the lands of John Verble, deceased. The right of way for an alley 12 feet wide is excepted across the East end of the above described lot next to Lot No. 16; also 20 feet across the South side next to line of Lot No. 22 is excepted for the street, also except a strip of land six feet wide across the West end of the above described lot next to A. S. Heilig, Trustee, for an alley or sidewalk. For back title see Book No. 171 of Deeds, page 227, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County. This property is being sold subject to all taxes and other liens which might be against the same. Bidder at this sale is required to deposit 10% of the amount of his bid. This 10th day of October, 1934. T. K. Carlton, Trustee. Oct. 12—Nov. 2.

NORTH CAROLINA, ROWAN COUNTY. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT

J. K. Whitley, Vs. P. E. Goodnight and wife, Donnie I. Goodnight, et al. NOTICE OF SUMMONS AND WARRANT OF ATTACHMENT The defendants, P. E. Goodnight and wife, Donnie I. Goodnight, defendants in the above entitled action will take notice that on the 4th day of October, 1934, a summons in the said action was issued against them by the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Rowan County, plaintiff claiming the sum of FIVE THOUSAND

(\$5,000.00) DOLLARS due him as damages sustained by reason of the malicious injury to the person of the plaintiff, which summons is returnable within thirty days thereafter; the defendants will also take notice that the warrant of attachment was issued by said Clerk of the Superior Court of Rowan County on the 4th day of October, 1934 against the property of the said defendants, which warrant of attachment is returnable on the 4th day of November, 1934 at the time and place named for the return of the summons; that defendants are required to appear and answer or demur to the complaint and to the warrant of attachment before the undersigned Clerk of the Superior Court of Rowan County, on the 8th day of November, 1934, or 30 days thereafter, or the relief demanded will be granted. Dated this 8th day of October, 1934. B. D. McCubbins, Clerk Superior Court, Rowan County, N. C. Oct. 12—Nov. 2.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the terms of a certain mortgage deed of trust executed by Martha Alice Banks, unmarried, to H. E. Isenhour, Trustee, on January 24th, 1927, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County in book of mortgages No. 99, page 240, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the note therein secured, the undersigned, Trustee, will expose for sale, at public auction, for cash, at the court house door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, October 27th, 1934, at the hour of 12 M., the following described real estate: Being lot No. 38 as shown on the map of Fairview Heights, the property of E. A. and L. G. Goodman, surveyed by N. A. Trexler, C. E., which map is duly registered in the office of Register of Deeds for Rowan County, to which reference is hereby made. The above property will be sold subject to prior liens and encumbrances. This September 24th, 1934. H. E. Isenhour, Trustee. John L. Rendleman, Jr., Attorney. Oct. 5—26.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the terms of a certain mortgage deed of trust executed by Paul T. Goodman and wife, Emma Goodman, to Moses Goodman, Trustee, on April 12th, 1921, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Rowan County in book of mortgages No. 76, page 59, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the note therein secured, the undersigned Trustee will expose for sale, at public auction, for cash, at the court house door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday October 27th, 1934, at the hour of 12 M., the following described real estate: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, as shown on the map of the Paul T. Goodman property, surveyed by N. A. Trexler County Surveyor, in January 1921, and filed in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County, Book 3, page—, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at a stake, intersection of Depot Street and the Salisbury-Albemarle Public Road; thence with Depot Street N. 41 1/2 deg. E. 290 feet to a stake, railroad right of way; thence with said right of way, North 46 1-2 deg. West 228.5 feet to a stake; thence South 43 1/2 deg. W. 261 feet to a stake in the Salisbury-Albemarle road; thence with said road, S. 38 deg. E. 235 feet to the beginning, and being lot No. 1. Beginning at a stake, intersection of Depot Street and Salisbury-Albemarle road; thence with the Salisbury-Albemarle road S. 38 deg. E. 265 feet to a stake, corner of the Post Office lot; thence with the line of the Post Office lot N. 50 deg. E. 154 feet to a stake; thence with the line of the post office lot S. 33 1/2 deg. E. 59 feet, crossing the switch, to a stake; thence N. 35 deg. 15 min. E. 194 feet to a stake, the right of way; thence with the right of way, N. 56 1/2 deg. W. 311.50 feet to a stake in Depot St.; thence with Depot Street S. 41 1/2 deg. W. 292 feet to the beginning, being lots Nos. 2 to 8, inclusive. Beginning in the railroad right of way, in the town of Gold Hill, and runs N. 65 deg. W. 30 poles to the old line; thence with the old line N. 5 deg. E. 10 poles to a stone; thence S. 60 deg. E. 21 poles to the right of way; thence with the same to the beginning, containing 1 1/4 acres. For back

title see book of deeds No. 154-524. The above property will be sold subject to all prior liens, if any. This September 24th, 1934. Moses Goodman, Trustee. Oct. 5—26.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the terms of a certain mortgage deed of trust executed by William Krider and wife, Emma Krider, to Moses Goodman, Trustee, on November 17th, 1923, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Rowan County in Book of mortgages No. 89, page 32, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the note therein secured, the undersigned Moses Goodman, Trustee, will expose for sale, at public auction, for cash, at the court house door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, October 27th, 1934, at the hour of 12 M., the following described real estate situated in Morgan Township, and described as follows: One third undivided interest in the following tract of land, known as part of the lands of Noah Park Deceased: Beginning at a post oak stake in Daniel Lyerly's line, runs North with his line passing his corner a black-jack, in all 20 chains, to a stake Henry Earnhardt's corner; thence West with his line 25 chains to a stake, his corner; thence South 20 chains to a black-jack; thence East 57 poles to a stake; thence South 12 poles to a black-jack; thence East 43 poles to a stake; thence North 10 poles to the beginning, containing 53 acres, more or less according to the two old deeds. These lines are the old lines of 1827 and 1835 found in the old deeds and known as the land of Jacob Earnhardt and wife, sold to Noah Park. See deeds registered in book 68 of deeds, page 279, also book of deeds No. 93, page 406. This property came by J. C. Gordy being legal heir of J. F. Gordy, deceased. This September 26th, 1934. Earle R. Honeycutt, Trustee and Mortgagee. Rendleman & Rendleman Attys. Oct. 5—26.

SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the terms of a certain mortgage deed of trust executed by Fred Davis and wife, Henrietta Davis, to Moses Goodman, Trustee, on May 3rd, 1924, and recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for Rowan County in book of mortgages No. 90, page 20, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, and at the request of the holder of the note therein secured, the undersigned Trustee will expose for sale, at public auction, for cash at the court house door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, October 27th, 1934, at the hour of 12 M., the following described real estate: Beginning at a stake on the East side of Harrell Street, corner to lot No. 109, thence about East with the line of lot No. 109, 150 feet to a stake on Coughenhour's line; thence N. 3 E. with Coughenhour's line 100 feet to a stake, corner to lot No. 112 on Coughenhour's line; thence about East with the line of lot No. 112, 150 feet to a stake on Harrell Street; thence S. 3 W. 100 feet to the beginning, being lots No. 110 and 111 as shown on the map of Fairview Heights, property of E. A. and L. G. Goodman. The above property will be sold subject to all prior liens and encumbrances. This September 24th, 1934. Moses Goodman, Trustee. John L. Rendleman, Jr., Attorney. Oct. 5—26.

SALE OF VALUABLE BUSINESS PROPERTY

Pursuant to the terms of a certain judgment entered at the September Term, 1934 of Rowan Superior Court, in the civil action entitled Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks for North Carolina, and on relation of Clyde Jones, Agent and Conservator of the North Carolina Bank & Trust Company vs. H. A. Rouzer, et al., and docketed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court in Book of Judgments No. 26, page 313, the undersigned, Commissioner, will expose for sale at public auction for cash at the Court House door in Salisbury, N. C., on Saturday, October 27th, 1934, at the hour of 12 M., the following valuable city business property: Lying and being on the Southwest corner of Main and Liberty Streets, in the City of Salisbury, described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the West corner of the intersection of Main and Liberty Streets and running Southwest with Main Street 66 feet to a stake; thence Northwest and parallel with Liberty Street 198 feet to the edge of a 12 foot alley; thence in a Northeasterly direction and parallel with Main Street 66 feet to a stake in the edge of Liberty Street; thence in a Southeasterly direction with Liberty Street 198 feet to the beginning. For back title, see deed from Charles Joseph Hedrick, and others, to H. A. Rouzer, dated 21st day of January, 1920, and registered in Book 154, page 282, 283, and 284, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Rowan County. This September 25th, 1934. J. Temple Gobel, Commissioner. John L. Rendleman, Sr., Attorney. Sept. 28—Oct. 26.

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RE-SALE OF HOUSE AND LOT

Pursuant to an Order of Court in the matter of Hallie E. Cress, et al against Kirby L. Cress, W. Earle Cress, et al, directing a re-sale of Lot No. 4 n the Abigail E. C. Cress property on Chestnut Hill, the undersigned will sell at public auction, at the Court House Door, in the City of Salisbury, on Monday, November 5th, 1934, Lot No. 4. described as follows: BEGINNING at a stake on Harrison Street 115 feet from the Southeastern corner of the intersection of Jackson and Harrison Streets, Southerly corner of Lot No. 1, and runs thence S. 29 E. 53.8 feet to a stake; thence North 60 deg. 30 min. East 127 feet to a stake in an Alley shown on Map; thence North 38 deg. 30 min. West 60.5 feet to a stake in the Alley, corner of Lot No. 2; thence South 58 West parallel with the rear lines of Lots Nos. 1 and 2, 118.8 feet to a stake in Harrison street, place of beginning. On this Lot is a cottage occupied by W. Earle Cress. Reference is made to the Map of the Mrs. C. M. Cress property filed in the Office of the Register of Deeds, and made by M. E. Miller, Surveyor. Bidding to begin on Lot No. 4 at \$808.86. This October 15th, 1934. W. T. Burke, Commissioner. Octo. 19—26.

Texas Lady Tells How Black-Draught Laxative Helps All Her Family

Here's how Black-Draught fills the needs of a family laxative in the home of Mrs. J. S. Stoker, Fort Worth, Texas: "The grown-ups in my family," she writes, "have always taken powdered Theodor's Black-Draught for biliousness, headaches and other ailments (due to constipation) and found it a reliable remedy. I was very pleased when I saw Syrup of Black-Draught advertised. I bought it and gave it to my little daughters, ages 6 and 4. They needed something to cleanse their systems and Syrup of Black-Draught acted well." Your druggist sells this reliable laxative in both forms, "Children like the Syrup."

THE WATCHMAN Say, "I Saw It in