



STRAIT GATE

by Ruth Comfort Mitchell

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Home-coming Danas always paid prompt respect to the matriarch. Sally Ann Dana, constant traveler and occasional author, would not even stop for her casual unpacking before she made her devours to the ancient head of her tribe.

"Mercy! Not ninety-six! Not really? I have the feeling that I must dash over there—that she may be gone any minute!"

"No! no! She is quite marvelously well, our precious little pioneer," Aunt Helena said. "But she has longed to see you."

Sally Ann Dana came near to her great grandmother's place and stood still to appreciate it, but the narrow front door opened suddenly and the old woman popped out.

"Sally Ann! And here you be, safter traipsing the wide world over!" she chirped. "Come in! Sally Ann! My land! M, third daughter Molly's boy Wallie's girl! And I know more'n that!" She peered up

at her sharply. "You're one a' the dark ones. Like me, and like a' many that went before on my mother's side of the house."

The traveler followed her into the tiny prim parlor with its marble-topped center table and the hair-flowers framed on the wall. "Yes, I dare say I am, Great-granny, and proud of it."

"Course you are. Every last one of us is, always. We have what folks call get-up-and-get. Just naturally up'n put out from wherever we're at, north, south, east, west, land or sea. Made that way, somehow." She gave an elfin chuckle. "Queer! There'll be pinky-white, blue-eyed babies, tow-headed, till you can't rest—litters of 'em, and then all of a sudden, like a fly in a pan a' milk, comes a dark one. Set and rest you, Sally Ann! Me, now, I headed west."

"I know you did—and aren't we glad and grateful?"

"Wild to pioneer, I was; sick a' Sunday school and sewing samplers, but my folks wouldn't stir. So I just up'n went! Tied up a few things and my Bible in my old plaid shawl and sneaked out after the folks was fast asleep, and walked the seven mile and crawled into one a' the covered wagons and played possum till he was well under way. There was a preacher among 'em, and the day I was fifteen he married me to Hank Dana."

"But—Great-granny—wasn't that why you ran away? Why you went? Weren't you in love with Great-grandfather?"

The ancestress stared and shook her head. "Never laid eyes on him

till we was a week or more on the way."

Sally Ann laughed. "And all these years I've been nourished on that tender romance!"

"Guess some a' the grand-girls from the East made that up," the old woman said shrewdly.

"Really? Great-granny, I wonder if you'd give me a cup of tea?"

"Not this time a' day, I wouldn't," the old woman said firmly. "I never held with piecing between meals. But Lynn, he's got a lunch waiting for you upstairs, and I guess likely he's wondering where you are." She stepped quickly to the foot of the narrow, precipitous flight and called up: "Oh, Lynn? Comp'ny coming!"

"Fine!" came an answering masculine hail. "Yo ho, Sally Ann! Send her up—fast!"

The returned traveler laughed aloud, gladly. "I'll see you again, Great-granny, darling. It's been so nice to—"

"Yes. I want to tell you about Sairy Lynn, young Ed's girl. He married a smart woman from Detroit; toney and determined. Well, she's a thin, dark, close-mouthed young-one, odder'n Adam's off ox. Minute I clapped eyes on her in the cradle, I knew. 'Well, Adelaide, you got one a' the queer ones,' I says, and it made her madder'n a wet hen. But it's true; you'll see. Say, mebbe you'll take her off with you when you go? She'd admire to put out somewhere, Sairy Lynn would."

Sally Ann shook her head. "Mercy, no, Great-granny! I'm the last person—I know nothing about children, and, besides, I'm alone and love it! I'm a lone wolf."

The ancestress regarded her gravely out of her bright, sunken eyes. "We're all lone wolves, us dark ones. Looks like we ought to run together. That young-one ought to get away, Sally Ann!"

Sally Ann laughed. "She will, if she's any good. Didn't I?"

(Continued Next Week)

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of the powers contained in a certain Judgment of the Superior Court of Wake County, North Carolina, entered in an action therein pending entitled The Town of Zebulon Vs. G. S. Williams, et als., the undersigned Commissioner will on Monday, 31st day of October, 1938, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Courthouse door of Wake County, in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash the following described lands and premises, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on east side of Arendell Ave. 185 feet from Sycamore Street runs thence south with Arendell Ave. 55 feet to a stake; thence easterly parallel with Medlin and Ferrell line 185 feet to an alley; thence along said alley 55 feet to a stake, Medlin and Ferrell's corner; thence with Medlin and Ferrell's 185 feet

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The successful bidder or bidders are required to deposit 10 per cent in cash of their bid with the undersigned Commissioner at the time of the sale, to show good faith. This sale is made subject to confirmation of the Court.

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Beginning at a point on the east side of Arendell Avenue in line of south alley and runs with said alley eastwardly 50 feet to line of lot No. 36; thence with said line south 50 feet; thence westwardly 50 feet to Arendell Avenue; thence with said avenue in a northerly direction 25 feet to the point of beginning being a part of lots 37 and 38 in Block 14 as shown on the map of the Town of Zebulon, according to Book of Maps 1885, page 68, and facing 50 feet on Arendell Avenue.

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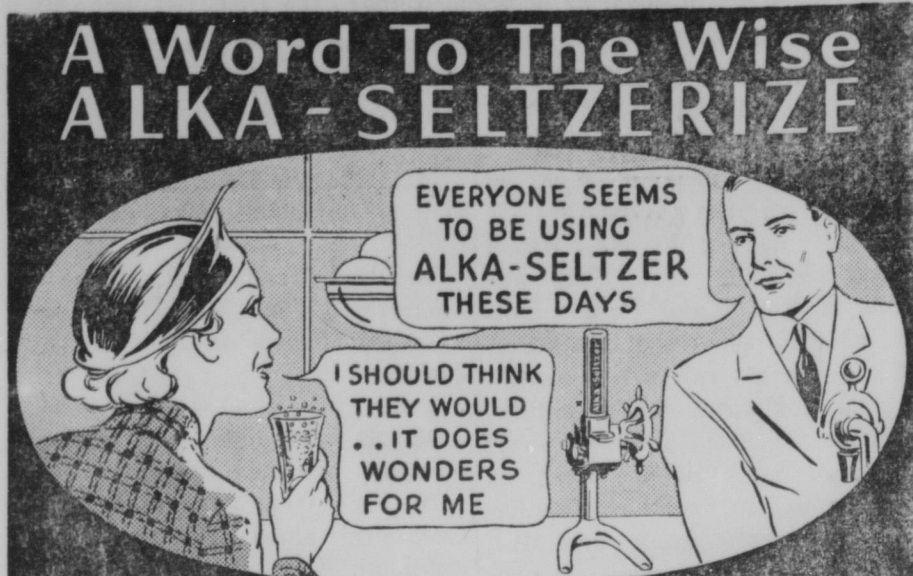
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