

BUYING A CLAIM

By TIMOTHY W. BARLOW

Billy Watkins was a lovable sort of a fellow. Indeed, he was too lovable to ever make anything of himself. He had some capital and started a business of his own. Any one who is experienced in business knows that some body about the premises must stand with a club to keep back all sorts of threads upon the treasury. Everybody that has anything to sell the concern invents all sorts of stories as to why it should be bought. Everybody employed has a reason for increase of salary, and so it goes. If there isn't some one to turn a deaf ear to such talk bankruptcy is sure to come.

Billy paid me a big salary to be a buffer between him and persons who wanted something. But in spite of all I could do they would get past me to Billy himself, and the concern was sure to be "out" some more. "Jones," Billy would say to me, "has sickness in his family and needs an advance of \$100." "That drummer who was in here this morning showed some beautiful goods." Besides, he's been having hard luck lately. I'm sure his wares will go off like hot cakes." The result would be that Jones would quit us in debt, and the goods would remain in stock unsold.

Of course the inevitable red flag came in time. After we were sold out I loaned Billy \$200 for present expenses. When I loaned it I never expected to see it. Billy said that when he got on his feet again he would pay it, and I knew he would. If he ever got on his feet. But I was taken ill soon after I left his service and was obliged to submit to an important operation. The consequence was that the great specialist who operated on me, hospital board bills and loss of time took all I had.

I applied for a payment of my loan but Billy had given so much in sympathy that he hadn't anything with which to pay me just debts. He sold some belongings for a matter of \$20 which he gave me, and when I was obliged to apply to him again sold his overcoat and sent me the proceeds. I didn't know of either of these sales or I wouldn't have accepted the sacrifice. The sale of his overcoat brought on a cold which was followed by pneumonia, and Billy came out of a hospital more deeply in debt than before.

Not being able to work after my operation and not knowing of Billy's real financial condition, I applied to him several times in succession, getting less and less amounts each time, till at last I received a silver dollar. After that I didn't try to squeeze any more blood out of a turnip.

One day a very nice looking lady called on me and asked for Billy. I fancied he owed her money, so I was chary about giving her his address. "My Watkins can't pay my bills," I said. "He's awfully hard up."

"Does he owe you anything?" she asked. "About a hundred and fifty dollars." "What will you take for your claim?" "Anything you like to offer."

"How would \$50 suit you?" "Make it \$75 and it's a go." I said more to follow the thing up from curiosity than in the expectation that she would take me up.

"I'll split the difference and give you \$62.50."

"All right," I agreed, wondering what it all meant. She pulled a little checkbook out of a reticule and wrote me a check for the amount, and I assigned my claim on Billy to her. Being a woman I didn't suppose that she would do anything mean in the premises, though after I had made the transaction I was sorry for it, fearing she might want the claim to get revenge for something.

I didn't see Billy after that for some time. Indeed, I didn't care to meet him, for the more I thought about the woman's buying a claim against him the more I believed she had done it to secure some revenge. I tried to hear of his belongings to some way.

One day I saw Billy coming on the street. I was about to dodge into an alley when a second glance showed me that he was much changed. He was dressed handsomely, with a chrysanthemum in his buttonhole and a smart cane. As soon as he caught sight of me he made a dive for me. I waited as a man will stand for an automobile he expects to run him down, not knowing whether or not I would receive a shower of reproaches. When coming up to me he put his arms about me, giving me a bear's hug.

"Where the deuce have you been keeping yourself?" he said. "I've been wishing to see you to tell you of the luck I've had. Not long ago an old dame of mine who once refused me sent me a check for \$87.50, saying that a claim against me had been transferred to her for less than it was worth, that I was welcome to the difference for as long a time as I liked. Well, I took this for a hint to ask again, and I did, with the desired result. We're to be married next month, and I wish you to be my best man."

WOMEN

Women of the highest type, women of superior education and refinement, whose discernment and judgment give weight and force to their opinions, highly praise the wonderful corrective and curative properties of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Throughout the many stages of woman's life, from girlhood, through the ordeals of motherhood to the declining years, there is no safer or more reliable medicine. Chamberlain's Tablets are sold everywhere at 25c a box.

TOOK HIS TIME.

Bill Gave the Old Man a Long Wait For the Backlog.

Skipper Norwood was born in a little Nova Scotia town. During the long winter evenings young Bill used to lie out in front of the big open fireplace, and just about the time he had got warm and comfortable and a trifle drowsy Norwood senior would make up his mind the fire was getting low and send his son out into the snow to bring in a backlog from the wood pile. Eventually these nocturnal pilgrimages got on young Bill's nerves, and one night when his father sent him out after the backlog the son continued on past the wood pile and across country to the nearest seaport, where he shipped on a whaler.

Nine years later Bill came back. It was a bitter winter night, and the snow was falling. Bill sneaked up to the window and looked into the old sitting room. The fire was burning in the old fireplace, and Bill's father and mother were seated in front of it. He noticed that the fire was a trifle low. So he went to the wood pile, selected a big backlog, carried it into the house and stood for a moment by the fire with the log on his shoulder.

"Father," said Bill, "I've brought in that backlog you sent me after."

The old man never budged an inch. Instead he spat into the fire and retorted testily:

"Set it on the fire. You've been a long while gettin' it!"—Saturday Evening Post.

The Drug Clerk's Caller.

"A man came in yesterday and wanted something we didn't have. He had been looking into the window, and he must have thought this was a book store just because we were advertising some novels and stationery and dictionaries and a lot of that left over junk. Well, anyhow, he came to me and he says, says he, 'I want Lincoln's Gettysburg address.'"

"Look for it yourself, sir," says I politely. Like we're taught to do. There's a directory over there in the corner. But I don't think you'll find it. These directories only have the subscribers' city addresses.

"Well, say, that fellow was so mad he wouldn't wait. Called me ignorant and all kinds of things. But that just shows you what us drug clerks have got to put up with."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Coal Bin Measurements.

A solid cubic foot of anthracite coal weighs ninety-three pounds. When broken for use it weighs about fifty-four pounds. Bituminous coal when broken up for use weighs about fifty pounds. The consequent rule for the approximate measurement of coal in a bin or box is to multiply the length in feet by the height in feet and again by fifty-four for anthracite coal or by fifty for bituminous coal. The result will equal the number of pounds, and to find the number of tons divide by 2,000.—Popular Mechanics.

Light Your Kitchen with a Rayo Bracket Lamp

Sometimes in the kitchen or elsewhere you need a lamp held high, where it will light the whole room, and be out of the reach of children.

The Rayo Bracket Lamp is made for exactly this purpose. It is one of the famous Rayo Family—the best incandescent lamps made. A clear, white light, steady, diffused. A strong, substantial bracket, easily adjusted to the wall. The lamp is inexpensive. Economical. Lighted without moving chimney or shade. Rayo Lamps are made in various styles and for all purposes.

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REASON CONTEST NEARING CLOSE

PEPSI COLA COMPANY'S OFFER CREATES WIDE-SPREAD INTEREST.

Next Tuesday, March 31, the contest inaugurated a few weeks ago by the Pepsi Cola Company offering to give ten dollars for the best five reasons "why I drink Pepsi Cola" will come to a close.

Already there are a large number of entries in this contest but that is not saying any of these will win the prize. It is possible that the very last suggestion will be the one to win that ten dollars.

Don't make sentences too lengthy, the shorter the better. Try to get catchy sentences that will have a persuasive, convincing selling power. Something like the following is given just to give those who will enter the contest an idea of what is wanted: "The thought of Pepsi is teasing, the drink is pleasing and effect is easing."

BOSTON REVOLTED.

When Commodore Knowles Worked His Press Gang in 1747.

In the year 1747 a great tumult was raised in the town of Boston. Commodore Knowles, while lying at Nantucket with a number of men of war, losing some of his men by desertion, thought it reasonable that Boston should supply him with as many men as he had lost. He therefore sent his boats up town early in the morning and surprised not only as many seamen as could be found on board of any of the boats outward bound as well as others, but swept the wharves, taking some ship carpenters' apprentices and landsmen.

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When the Proof Can Be So Easily Investigated.

When so many grateful citizens of New Bern testify to benefit derived from Doan's Kidney Pills, can you doubt the evidence? The proof is not far away—it is almost at your door. Read what a resident of New Bern says about Doan's Kidney Pills. Can you demand more convincing testimony?

C. F. Harger, 47 Burns St., New Bern, N. C., says: "I am just as pleased to endorse Doan's Kidney Pills at this time as I was after I first used them some years ago. My back ached a great deal and I had pain through my kidneys which plainly showed that I was afflicted with kidney complaint. Doan's Kidney Pills were procured from the Bradford Drug Co. and they so effectively removed my trouble that I have only had need of them once since then. At that time they again acted promptly and gave me entire relief. I know that this preparation acts as represented and is worthy of the highest praise."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

ROYSTERS FERTILIZERS PLANT FOOD

FLOODS CAUSE DREADFUL LOSS OF LIFE IN OHIO AND INDIANA

Between Twelve and Nineteen Souls Swept Into Eternity.

THE HOMELESS IN OHIO ESTIMATED AT 250,000

Heartrending Scenes Accompany Spread of The Engulfing Waters.

Chicago, Ill. March 26.—The grand total of the death list as a result of the floods in Ohio and Indiana is estimated as being between twelve and nineteen hundred.

Viewed in the most conservative light the disaster is easily one of the most awful that has ever occurred in this country, both in the loss of life and in the destruction of property. The most heartrending and distressing scenes have accompanied the spread of the engulfing waters.

Some of the estimates of the loss of life are as follows: Ohio—Dayton, five hundred to one thousand; deaths; Peru, over five hundred; Delaware, fifty to one hundred; Sidney, twenty-five to fifty; Middleton fifty to one hundred; Hamilton, twelve; Tippicanoe, five; scattering, sixteen.

Indiana—Peru, sixty to two hundred and fifty; Newcastle, three; Lafayette, two; Noblesville, two; Fort-Wayne, two.

The first ray of comfort from Dayton came with reports of refugees arriving at Xenia, that the death list, which has been estimated as high as five thousand drowned, would range from five hundred to one thousand. Similar reduction in the number of victims, was reported by telephone from Peru to South Bend, Indiana, the earlier figures estimating the number drowned at over two hundred, having dwindled to sixty, although reports from Warsaw, Indiana, still estimated that 250 persons lost their lives.

Relief Work in Progress.

Throughout the night most strenuous relief work was in progress. Ohio's Governor ordered out the entire State militia to aid in the work of rescue. Official appeals for help were sent to neighboring States.

The Governor estimated the homeless in Ohio at 250,000. Supplies of every description for five thousand persons were rushed to Peru from neighboring towns, but the problem of penetrating the flooded districts was as perplexing as at Dayton. At daybreak arrangements were made to penetrate Peru with motorboats, as small boats stood no chance of breasting the currents. Greater than rushing in supplies to Dayton and other places was the work of rescuing thousands of persons from perilous positions to which they clung all night in the hope of help. Dayton's office buildings sheltered in their upper stories great crowds of residents, who rushed there from the streets in which the water raged at a depth of from nine to forty feet. At the buildings on high ground thousands were housed, awaiting in fear to hear from relatives and friends who had been unable to leave the center of the city. In every city throughout the flood districts fear is that the death list will be increased by constant dropping of exhausted persons from trees, to which they have clung. There was hope of a gradual subsidence of the flood, which reached its crest at midnight at Dayton, and began slowly falling. One pressing need at Dayton, aside from the rescue of the imperiled persons, was food supply. The stores are in the inundated section. The water supply for drinking purposes was cut off. Physicians feared a possible typhoid epidemic from the use of flood waters.

In both States railroad traffic was demoralized. Relief trains are unable to penetrate Dayton.

At least one hundred and fifty were drowned in Columbus. Conservative persons say they saw scores of bodies floating downstream and dozens were carried away in their homes. At 7 o'clock the telephone operator at Loganport, who had been relaying messages from Peru to South Bend, thus keeping open the only communication with the stricken city, reported that the wires had suddenly failed. He reported it was impossible to reach Peru from any direction. All telegraph companies have reported wires down. Hundreds of trains are stalled in the flooded section.

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COURT CALENDAR AT SPRING TERM 1915 FOR JONES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT.

MONDAY, MARCH 31.
Criminal Cases.
TUESDAY, APRIL 1.

1. Eubanks vs. Beeton & Heath.
2. Heath vs. Eubanks.
3. Heath vs. Eubanks.
4. Heath vs. Eubanks.
5. Reynolds vs. Kinsey.
6. W. B. Harget vs. G. W. Taylor et al.
7. A. F. DuVal vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.
8. A. F. DuVal vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.
9. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
10. Munger & Bennett vs. C. A. Rhodes.
11. Amy King et al. vs. Goldbarr et al.
12. K. R. Hay vs. Munger & Bennett.
13. N. B. Dudley vs. Munger & Bennett.
14. W. J. Morton vs. Munger & Bennett.
15. THURSDAY, APRIL 3rd.
16. L. Dillabunt et al. vs. J. B. Green, J. W. Reed & Co. vs. C. A. Rhodes et al.
17. Benj. Stanley vs. P. B. McDaniel, Adm.
18. R. V. Taylor vs. Broadus & Ives.
19. F. A. Melton vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.
20. FRIDAY, APRIL 4th.
21. W. J. Morton vs. S. S. Waters.
22. Chas. A. Rhodes vs. Yellow Pine Lumber Co.
23. A. T. Geo. Duval vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.

All other cases subject to motion. All parties and witnesses concerned will attend Court on day case is set for trial as above stated, without further notice.

This March 5th, 1915.
J. B. COLLINS,
Clerk Superior Court,
Jones County,

ARRANGE WELCOME FOR MRS. WILSON

Washington Society Planning Elaborate Breakfast For April Fifth.

VIRGINIA RELIC, LOVING CUP

Wives of Eratville Political Foes To Drink From It, Forgetting Past.

Washington, March 26.—When Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and other ladies of the new administration are extended a formal welcome to Washington by the social and official leaders of the city at a breakfast at noon of April 5, the Colonial mace from the Virginia House of Burgesses, shaped like a bell, will be used as a loving cup, from which the wife of the President, Mrs. Champ Clark, Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan will drink to each other's happiness.

This event will mark the burial of any feeling that Mrs. Clark, wife of the Speaker, may have harbored as a result of the Baltimore Convention, when the Nebraskan threw his support to Wilson.

The loving cup is a historic relic of Colonial Virginia. It is the property of Miss Nannie Randolph Heth, of Washington, and has come into her possession as a family relic. This mace was given to the Virginia colony by King George of England.

There will be no politics, however, in the welcome which will be extended to Mrs. Wilson and other ladies of the new Administration. Social and official leaders of Washington, irrespective of political inclinations of their husbands, will attend the breakfast.

The event will rival in interest the famous Dolly Madison breakfast which was given last summer in Washington by the Democratic women of the nation. The cup will be filled with fruit punch.

Mrs. John W. Kern, wife of the Indiana Senator, will be toastmistress. At her left Mrs. Marshall. Beside Mrs. Marshall at the same table will be Mrs. Clark, and beside Mrs. Wilson will be the Cabinet women, Mrs. Garrison, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Houston and Mrs. Wilson, wife of the Secretary of Labor. Mrs. Bryan will occupy the chair to the right of Mrs. Wilson, wife of the President, and then will be placed the chairs of Mrs. Burleson, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Redfield.

Those who will be hostesses include Mrs. James W. Pinchot, mother of Gifford Pinchot; Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, President General of the Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. Henry F. Dimock, Mrs. Albert Covington Janin, president of the Colonial Dames of the District of Columbia; Mrs. Richey, president of the Washington Club; Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Phillip Andrews, Mrs. Martin Knapp, Mrs. Samuel Andrews, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Mrs. Claude A. Swanson, of Virginia; Mrs. Steven B. Ayers, Mrs. Albert Cummins, wife of the Iowa Senator; Mrs. Henry D. Cooper, wife of the Wisconsin Congressman, and others. There will be 35 tables at the breakfast.

Mrs. Wilson did not accept the invitation to the "welcome breakfast" until last Thursday and 24 hours thereafter all the tables had been taken.

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PAMLIKO FARMERS TROUBLED.

Afraid Heavy Rains Will Ruin the Potato Crop.

Recently there has been much rain in Pamlico county and the farmers in that section are greatly worried over the possibility of the seed potatoes which they have already planted, being rotted. In some sections of the county the water is standing in the fields and the owners of the land have been forced to dig trenches in order to allow it to run off. An unusually large crop of potatoes were planted and if they are ruined by the water it will be a big loss to the owners.

The Pulse Watch.

Among the ingenious devices for the physician may be mentioned a watch constructed on the "stop" principle whereby the number of pulse beats per minute may be indicated. A push button is pressed at the beginning of the count and again at the twentieth pulsation, when the number of beats per minute is shown on a dial without the necessity for calculation. Still another push on the button brings the counter back to the starting point. In the ordinary method of taking the pulse the observer is obliged to do two things at the same time—count the beats and keep his eye on the second hand of his watch. With the pulse watch only one operation is necessary, the counting of the pulsation up to twenty, when the push button is pressed.—New York Press.