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MR. BOWSER'S OFFICE BOY

He Thinks Mr. Bowser Is Crazy.

By M. QUAD.

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When Mr. Bowser reached his office ten minutes ahead of time the other morning he found Theopulus, the office boy, making an examination of one of the drawers of his desk. Twice before he had caught the boy at it, and took him by the collar and shook him, and said:

"You young rascal you! If I ever catch you at this again, I will break your neck!"

On this occasion Mr. Bowser smiled a fatherly smile and kindly said:

"Theopulus, you are arranging my papers. You are a good boy to put in your extra time that way. I do not think I quite appreciated you in the past, but I shall in the future. Here is a half-dollar for your extra time and I shall raise your wages next week. I surely have a prize in you!"

"But—but—but—" stammered Theopulus, more taken aback than as if he had received a cuff on the ear.

"Oh, I want no thanks," said Mr. Bowser. "I see a good boy when I see you. Should any other offices in this building offer you four times what I am paying you, let me know, and I will give you more than they will. It seems to me that you look tired and exhausted. I do not wish to overwork you. Take the morning paper and sit down and read for a couple of hours."

The look of amazement on the boy's face was a study. He tried to say something, but no words would come. Finally backed out of the room and shut down the hall, to where a chum of his was sitting on the window sill.

"Say," he whispered to the boy, "my old boss has become dangerous!"

"How dangerous?"

"Why, he got here ahead of time this morning and he caught me looking through his desk."

"And he knocked one of your ears off? I thought I heard you yell out, 'let me see.'"

"No, he never touched me. He just smiled and called me a good boy, and gave me a half-dollar and said he was going to raise my wages next week. That's how dangerous he is. Wouldn't you call that crazy?"

"Of course I would!" replied the boy. "You hadn't better be in there alone, or he may rattle you. That's the way with some lunatics. They talk mighty soft to anyone, for a spell, and then turn around and grab them by the throat. Hadn't we better get a cop?"

"I guess not, but you better tell our boss not to go in there. We don't want any bloody tragedies up here."

"Does he grate his teeth?"

"I didn't notice."

"Does he roll his eyes around?"

"Maybe he did but I wasn't looking."

"Didn't you see any froth on his mouth?"

"I don't remember."

"You should look out for such things, because you are a poor, helpless boy and don't want to be murdered. When you go back to his room, be prepared to spring away and save your life, if he makes the least motion. If he keeps smiling, it's a pretty sure sign that he is going mad."

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"No, nor I, either. Hadn't we ought to try to get him to send for a doctor?"

"No, not yet. He might feel hurt about it."

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"Yes, he's right in and will be glad to see you. He'll prompt pay, and if he owes you anything he will pay it."

The tailor was ushered in. Mr. Bowser swung around and smiled at him and said:

"Ah, I was wondering why you didn't come. Two weeks ago I called at your shop with a pair of pants to be cleaned and pressed. You said the work would cost me half a dollar and that I was to call two days later. I called, but you were not in. Your boy permitted me to take my pants home and said you would come with the bill. You are here. Here is your money. I am very sorry if I have put you to any inconvenience. Some folks seem to think that tailors have no feelings, but I am not of that number. You have feelings, the same as the President of the United States, and I take you by the hand and wish you all happiness and prosperity."

"Yes, sir," replied the tailor, timidly offering his hand. "I just called, you know."

"Yes, I know. You called for your money, as any gentleman should, and here it is. I must tell you that I am satisfied with your work. You cleaned and pressed my pants in a noble manner. I doubt if there is a senator in Washington who could do the job as well. Keep right on, tailor, and you will arrive at the zenith of prosperity."

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Should it ever happen that you were in want of \$5, come to me, and I will lend it to you. Good-by, tailor, adieu to you."

When the tailor came out into the hall, Theopulus looked him over carefully, to see if he had any mortal wound, and then said to himself:

"Well, I never! I thought all of Bowser's room would be spattered with blood, and here I shall not find a single drop. Those men may say all they want to, but he is crazy, if ever a man was!"

When Mr. Bowser took the car for home, the conductor was rather timid about holding out his hand for the fare. Several times Mr. Bowser had used sarcastic words to him and he was afraid he might get more of them. He didn't, however. He was welcomed with a smile and the words:

"So you are after my fare, are you? Well, you have got a wearisome job, and I think you ought to be cheered up. Here's a quarter and you may keep the change to buy candy for your children. You are a good, patient man, and I am going to speak to the president of the company to promote you."

The conductor blushed and then went away. He could not quite make out what was coming, and it was with a sigh of relief that he reached the rear platform.

Mrs. Bowser noticed a change the moment Mr. Bowser stepped into the hall of his house. She noticed it at the dinner table, and she noticed it when they returned to the sitting room. She was as puzzled as Theopulus, but she kept her thoughts to herself.

When Mr. Bowser fell asleep, she rose up and took a long look at him. The smile was still there and she sighed in despair, as the drowsiness of sleep came over her. What did it all mean? Was there going to be a new Mr. Bowser?



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NOTICE — TRUSTEE'S LAND SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed in Trust executed by Collins Loyd and Bekie Loyd on the 18th day of September, 1913, registered in Book 6 at page 580 of the Deed in Trust records, of Transylvania County, N. C., to secure certain notes therein mentioned; and whereas there remains one of said notes unpaid, and notice having been given to the maker, that payment must be made or the lands would be sold to satisfy same; and the default not having been made good, after the five days notice was given.

Therefore, the undersigned trustee will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House Door in the town of Brevard, N. C.;

ON SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 1921, at 12 o'clock M. all the following described tract of land, situate in Brevard township, Transylvania County, N. C., adjoining lands of C. M. Siniard and others and bounded as follows:

Beginning on a beech on the north side of a branch, the beginning corner of the L. C. Neill tract, and runs with the east line of said tract, North 3 1-2 degrees East 5 1-2 poles to a stake; then North 86 1-2 degrees W. 117 poles to a stake, a corner of the C. H. Robinson tract; then with the line of the C. H. Robinson tract, S. 3 1-2 degrees West 55 1-2 poles to a stake in the south boundary line of the L. C. Neill tract; then with the south boundary line of said tract, South 86 1-2 degrees East 117 poles to a stake, the southeast corner of the L. C. Neill tract; then North 3 1-2 degrees East 50 poles to the beginning, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Sale made to satisfy said indebtedness, principal and interest, cost and expenses of sale.

This Sept. 17th, 1921.
WELCH GALLOWAY, Trustee.
4 to Oct. 21, W. G. C.

NOTICE — LAND SALE BY TRUSTEE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed in trust executed by W. M. Meece and wife, Kannie Meece to the undersigned trustee to secure a certain note therein mentioned payable to the Brevard Banking Company, which deed in trust and note is dated Jan. 12, 1920, and which became due Sept. 1, 1920, which deed in trust is registered in Deed Book No. 13 at page 75 of the Trust Deed records of Transylvania County, N. C.

And whereas, said note remains unpaid, and the holder having demanded that the said trustee give the notice required, and said notice of five days having been given to makers, and the default not having been made good, the payee in said note having demanded that the power of sale given be executed:

Now therefore, the undersigned trustee will sell to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House Door in the town of Brevard, N. C., ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1921, at 12 o'clock M. all the following described boundary of land, situate in East-toe township, Transylvania County, N. C., bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING on a spanish oak, the Nealus Powell corner, and runs South 5 degrees West 112 poles to a stake in the road leading from Pine Bottom to Toxaway School House; then with said road, North 66 degrees East 12 poles to a stake in said road; then N. 34 degrees East 44 poles to a red oak on the west bank of said road; then South 83 degrees East 118 poles to a stake in the public road leading from Toxaway Baptist Church to Laurel Fork; then North 6 degrees East 16 poles to a red oak; then North 65 degrees East 60 poles to a small black pine on a ridge; then North 63 degrees East 16 poles to a white oak on the south side of Flat Creek of Toxaway river; then North 35 degrees degrees East 42 poles to a red oak, J. D. Morgan's corner; then North 19 degrees West 16 poles to a chestnut stump on the bank of the road; then North 8 degrees East 168 poles to a spanish oak, crossing the public road; then North 48 degrees West 43 poles to a white oak at the fork of a branch; then up and with the right hand prong of said branch, North 57 degrees East 32 poles to a white pine at the fork of a branch; then up and with the right hand prong of said branch, North 57 degrees East 32 poles to a white pine; then North 8 degrees East 11 poles to a stake at the fork of said branch; then North 53 degrees East 13 poles to a large popular in said branch; then North 43 degrees East 76 poles to a white oak between Isaac Camp branch and the Grave Yard; then North 65 degrees West 82 poles to a black pine; then North 46 degrees West 30 poles to a small maple; then North 60 de-

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REPORT OF THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Knowing the deep interest the people of the county have in the home demonstration, work I am giving a report of the work done since I arrived in the county.

I am also taking the opportunity to thank the friends of the department in behalf of the Bureau of Agriculture and Home Economics for their hearty co-operation and to assure them that I am a servant of the people and am here to do all in my power for the uplift of the people of our state and county.

We solicit the strong co-operation of every organization, institution and every citizen of the county.

I began my official duties on Saturday, September 10th. Upon my arrival I was cordially received by the Brevard people, county officials, teachers and others, which made me know that the work was strongly supported by the women's clubs, schools and so forth.

Being advised by the County Commissioners to intensify my efforts in the communities where community fairs are to be held; namely, Lake Toxaway, Blantyre, and Little River. I have had my hands full with that.

I have also taken up the club work with the women and girls of cotton mill town where we hope to do good work.

I shall not try to give a detailed report of all the work; a general summary in figure will show something of how my time has been spent from Sept. 10th to Sept. 30th:

I have visited 104 club members and others, held with the county agent twelve meetings with an attendance of 525 and judged fairs in two other counties.

A number of these meetings have been cooking demonstrations in which the women and girls are getting instructions in cooking by actually cooking breads, cakes, pies, and salads and serving the same.

We expect to take up regular work with the clubs by visiting the schools after the community fairs are over.

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Grains of Sand Trip Justice.

In Raymond B. Fosdick's endless storehouse of material there are to be found many cases of trivial technicality resulting in the failure of American justice.

The setting aside of a murder verdict because the word "forethought" is omitted after the word "malice," the freeing of a man convicted of assault with intent to kill because the copying clerk omitted the letter "i" in "malice," excluding an indictment for rape because it concluded "against the peace and dignity of state" instead of "against the peace and dignity of the state," the freeing of a horse thief because the indictment mentioned "W. Virginia" instead of West Virginia.—Horace Green in Leslie's.

Ought to Include Worms.

"My dear," said Mr. Peckton, apologetically, "just at this particular time I think you ought to spare me the same—strictures that quite unfit me to lead a normal happy existence."

"Why, at this particular time more than any other?"

"I notice in the paper that this is 'Be Kind to Animals' week.'"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

An Abused Boy.

Mother—Now remember, Johnny, there's a place in that dark closet where I keep the cake.

Johnny—Johnny you never blame the ghost when there's any cake missing. It's always me.—Boston Transcript.



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