

An Incorrigible

She Effected a Result by a Stroke of Genius

By F. A. Mitchel

Kate Tracey as a little girl was an incorrigible tomboy. She climbed trees, rode the horses to water (saddles and would have played baseball if she could have found enough girls similarly inclined to make up the necessary teams. Furthermore, she was careless, scatter brained and generally reprehensible. Neither her father nor her mother could do anything with her. Scoldings had no effect. Punishment she laughed at, avowing that she enjoyed it. Altogether Kate was by no means a model girl unless a model of all that a dutiful child should not be.

Nevertheless her parents adored her. If she left her room in disorder to go out to the barn to play hide and seek with the boys—they used to treat her as one of their own number—her mother, if the housemaid was otherwise engaged, would put things to rights, meaning that she was obliged to do so, but unable to provide against her daughter's doing the same thing again. Her father would endeavor to show her how selfish was this conduct and how it troubled her mother, but seemed unable to impress her with a sense of her fault, or, if he did, it was of no avail, for her only reply was, "I forgot it." No matter how severely he scolded her, within a few minutes after he had finished she would be in his lap with her arms around his neck, apparently forgetful of her offense.

Kate never "talked back" to her parents except under one condition. She had a pet dog, which she loved better than all the world beside. If any one, even her father or mother, punished the dog for a misdemeanor Kate would rebel. Then there would be trouble in the family sure enough, for if there is one thing a parent knows that he should not stir over it is rebellion on the part of his child. When the dog was suffered to go in peace Kate would beg pardon according to the formula laid down for her, but there would be no evidence of repentance in her words.

One of Kate's peculiarities when she was passing from childhood to womanhood was a fascination for the fire department. The moment she would hear the first tap of the signal bell she would listen, counting the strokes, and when they were finished, without referring to the book of districts, she could locate the fire. Not far from her home was a hook and ladder house. The first time her father knew of her fire proclivities he was coming home one evening while an alarm was being struck. The hook and ladder conveyance was coming down the street, the horses galloping, the gong clanging, dogs barking, and what was the father's astonishment to see his little daughter running beside the truck. A man standing on the foot-board reached down, swung her up beside him, and the whole passed out of sight.

The scolding Kate received that evening was more impressive than any before delivered. Nevertheless at the next alarm the action was repeated, and it soon became a regular thing to see her mounted on the ladders, held there by a fireman, whenever the equipment was hurried to a fire. She was made an honorary member of the company, and when she reached an age when such action could no longer be tolerated they presented her with a gold badge. But she never got over her penchant for going to fires and at an alarm even at the dead of night would put her head out of the window to discover the location of the burning building.

Every one was curious as to what sort of person Kate would turn out when she came to the age of discretion. In one respect, and one respect only, there was a great change. Whenever she troubled her parents she was very much troubled herself. Though she continued to worry them by her antics, she was always truly repentant. Her father finally came to believe that she couldn't help it and endured it. Her mother believed she could help it, continued to scold her and waited upon her and obeyed her as though she were her maid instead of her parent.

Kate had always been a favorite with boys and when grown drew young men to her as lovers. When lectured upon the subject she avowed she couldn't help it; the fault was not hers, but the men's. No one believed her except her father, but whether he understood her better than other persons or whether she was capable of making him believe white was black, and vice versa, nobody knows. He was certainly not an unbiased judge.

Be this as it may, every now and again some young fellow would make Kate's acquaintance, suddenly become very attentive and after a while drop out. Had she been a beauty or rich those about her could have understood what was the attraction; but, since she was plain and without fortune, no one could give a reason for it. She was not a girl to permit familiarity, so that this could not be taken into account.

The truth is Kate Tracey was a child of nature—not governed, as other people are, by such precepts as are laid down in well regulated households, but subject to her own whims. The world loves novelty. In Kate the young men discovered novelty enough for a dozen

girls. They found waywardness, unconventionality of her own peculiarities and ignorance. Conquered with other girls she was like a glittering gem to a lump of coal. All that glitters may not be gold, but her wit and mind had been attracted by that which shines rather than that which is souter.

Kate turned off suitors in droves without even incurring the slightest blame from any of them. She was obliged to inflict some grievous wounds, but always managed to apply a balm that averted a change from love to hate. However, the day arrived when two lovers came down upon her at the same time, and she was sorely puzzled.

James Tisdale and Ernest Brown were the two young men simultaneously struck by Kate Tracey's charms. Since she wanted neither of them it was not possible for her to decide between them. Unfortunately she did not know of the rivalry and bitter animosity that had sprung up between them. One evening she was struck with astonishment upon receiving an anonymous note informing her that the rivals were intending to fight for her in an opening in a wood beside the river, a secluded spot about a mile from the town, at 5 o'clock in the morning.

This was a stunner for Kate. The idea of bloodshed occurring on her account appalled her. Her first impulse was to tell her father, but he had warned her time and again against being drawn into complications with men who wished to marry her, and she dreaded lest he should blame her. She fretted till late at night before coming to any decision, then struck a plan that reflected her own peculiar genius. Sneaking forth, she went to the building of the hook and ladder company. The men were sitting around in arm-chairs, but when they saw their feminine honorary member enter each and every man rose and saluted. Kate nodded to them and went straight on to the office of their captain.

After half an hour's conference Kate emerged from the hook and ladder house attended by the commander, who insisted on seeing her home. He left her at her door and returned to the engine house, while Kate went to bed.

At 4 o'clock she arose, dressed herself, crept softly downstairs and went out into the street. No one was about at that early hour, all being stowed away in bed, but at the corner she found the captain of the fire department with a carriage and several of his men with a fire engine. Kate entered the carriage with the captain, and followed by the fire engine, they were driven out of town.

Just before 5 o'clock—it was coming daylight—the dusting parties were on the ground making preparations for the encounter. An attempt was made by the seconds to effect a reconciliation, stating that the affair would appear at least ridiculous and might result in a tragedy. But a man will make a guy of himself about a woman, especially when he has a rival, quicker and more obstinately than for any other cause, and neither of the principals would budge.

The ground was paced, the positions marked and the men placed upon them. But just as a signal to fire was to be given one of the seconds called a halt. The rising sun was shining in his principal's eyes. A new arrangement was made, and the contestants were placed differently.

The delay proved fortunate. Just as they were about to receive the signal to fire a carriage drove up, followed by a fire engine. Kate Tracey and the captain of the hook and ladder company jumped out of the carriage, and at an order from the latter the engine began to play a stream of water on the duellists. In a few seconds they were drenched, and, since the water was not overwarm, they shivered. But the firemen played on till Kate called a halt.

"Shake hands," she said.

Neither of the principals would. They seemed chiefly concerned about the ridiculous figure they cut. Every one on the ground except themselves was laughing. Kate told the firemen to continue the douche for awhile, then renewed the order to shake hands. But another waiting was necessary before they would obey. Then, upon the assurance of all concerned that the affair should proceed no further, Kate and her attendant returned to the carriage and, followed by the firemen, drove back to town.

Though Kate had pledged all the firemen not to divulge the affair, it was too good for the seconds to keep. It got into the newspapers, and the first knowledge of it that Mr. and Mrs. Tracey received was through this source.

"What shall we do with her?" exclaimed the father in perplexity.

"Oh, heavens! I don't know unless we shut her up in a lunatic asylum," replied the mother.

But the idea of shutting the young lady in an asylum was not to be considered, her father avowing that as chief lunatic she would assume a leadership of her fellow prisoners and take command of the institution. But he agreed that, since there was nothing positively bad in his daughter's make-up, it would be better to "give her her head" and let her set her own pace.

However, soon after the crowning episode of her single life, in which Miss Kate extinguished a rivalry for her hand with cold water, she fell deeply in love with and was married to a young man who is a model of sobriety and steadiness. He has heard about his wife's escapades before her marriage and can't exactly understand them. He says he doesn't see what all the fuss and worry were about. He doesn't see anything the matter with her.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH.—In the Matter of Rasmus Frandsen, Bankrupt. No. 1501 in Bankruptcy. Petition for Discharge. To the Honorable John A. Marshall, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Utah: Rasmus Frandsen of Price, in the county of Carbon and state of Utah, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 14th day of September last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of congress relating to bankruptcy, that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy. Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge. Dated this 16th day of October, A. D. 1912. RASMUS FRANDSEN, Bankrupt.

Order of Notice Thereon.—District of Utah. On this 25th day of October, A. D. 1912, on reading the foregoing petition it is ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1912, before said court at Salt Lake City, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Eastern Utah Advocate, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered by the court, that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated. Witness the Honorable John A. Marshall, judge of the said district court, and the seal thereof, at Salt Lake City, in said district, on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1912. Attest: Jerrald R. Letcher, Clerk. [Seal of Court.]

4-248 d.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.—(Publisher.) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 29, 1912. Notice is hereby given that Albert E. Annis, whose postoffice address is 291 Dooly Building, Salt Lake City, Utah, did, on the 28th day of September, 1912, file in this office sworn statement and application, No. 010542, to purchase the NW 1/4, NE 1/4, Sec. 14, Twp. 13 South, Range 9 East, Salt Lake meridian, and the timber thereon, under the provisions of the act of June 2, 1878, and acts amendatory, known as the "Timber and Stone Law," at such value as might be fixed by appraisal, and that, pursuant to such application, the land and timber thereon have been appraised, value \$100.00; that said applicant will offer final proof in support of his application and sworn statement on the 4th day of January, 1913, before the register and receiver, United States land office at Salt Lake City, Utah. Any person is in duty bound to protest this purchase before entry, or initiate a contest at any time before patent issues, by filing a corroborated affidavit in this office, alleging facts that would defeat the entry. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register. First pub. Nov. 21; last Dec. 26-12.

4-248 e.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.—(Publisher.) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 28, 1912. Notice is hereby given that Ole G. Olsen of Price, Utah, who, on October 27, 1908, made Desert Land Entry, Serial No. 9805, for NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 25, Twp. 15 South, Range 9 East, Salt Lake meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before R. W. Crockett, United States commissioner, at Price, Utah, on the 28th day of December, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses John Taylor Leonard, Leo Leonard, Abe Powell and Andrew Leonard, all of Price, Utah. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register. First pub. Nov. 21; last Dec. 26-12.

DELINQUENT NOTICE.—Allied Ditch company, principal place of business, Price, Utah. Notice.—There are delinquent on the following described stock, on account of an assessment of two cents per share levied on the 24th day of October, 1912, the several amounts set opposite the respective shareholders' names as follows:

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And in accordance with law, and an order of the board of directors, made on the 28th day of October, 1912, so many shares of such parcel of stock as may be necessary, will be sold at public auction at the residence of Andrew Oman in Price precinct, Utah, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on the 28th day of December, 1912, to pay the delinquent assessment together with cost of advertising and expense of sale. ANDREW OMAN, Secretary. First pub. Dec. 5; last Dec. 19-12.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.—(Publisher.) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 26, 1912. Notice is hereby given that William Tucker of Somo, Utah, who, on March 25, 1907, made Homestead Entry (Serial 02437), No. 16682, for Lot 4 and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 18, Twp. 16 South, Range 10 East, and E 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 13, Twp. 16 South, Range 9 East, Salt Lake meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before William Howard, U. S. commissioner, Huntington, Utah, on the 18th day of January, 1913. Claimant names as witnesses Dell R. Larson, Willard Nielsen, David Timothy and Moses Tucker, all of Cleveland, Utah. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register. First pub. Dec. 5; last Jan. 2, 1913.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.—(Publisher.) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 4, 1912. Notice is hereby given that Myron Russell of Price, Utah, who, on October 17, 1912, made Homestead Entry, Serial No. 010613, for E 1/2 SW 1/4, Lots 3 and 4, Sec. 7, Twp. 12 South, Range 10 East, Salt Lake meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the clerk of the district court, at Price, Utah, on the 21st day of December, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses Oliver Rasmussen, Neal Hanks, Frank Alger and Harrison Russell, all of Price, Utah. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register. First pub. Nov. 19; last Dec. 19-12.

4-248 b.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.—(Publisher.) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 29, 1912. Notice is hereby given that John Taylor Leonard of Price, Utah, who, on November 2, 1908, made Desert Land Entry, Serial No. 9805, for NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Sec. 25, Twp. 15 South, Range 9 East, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 (Lot 1) Sec. 30, Twp. 15 South, Range 10 East, Salt Lake meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before R. W. Crockett, United States commissioner, at Price, Utah, on the 28th day of December, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses Andrew E. Leonard, Oley G. Olsen, Abe Powell and Leo Leonard, all of Price, Utah. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register. First pub. Nov. 21; last Dec. 26-12.

NOTICE.—UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 14, 1912.—To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the state of Utah has filed in this office lists of lands, selected by the said state under Sec. 6 of the act of congress, approved July 16, 1894, as indemnity school lands, viz: NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 24, Twp. 15 South, Range 8 East, Salt Lake meridian, Serial 09972. Copies of said lists, so far as they relate to said tracts by descriptive subdivisions, have been conspicuously posted in this office for inspection by any person interested and by the public generally. During the period of publication of this notice, or any time thereafter, and before final approval and certification, under departmental regulations of April 25, 1907, protests or contests against the claim of the state to any of the tracts or subdivisions hereinbefore described, on the ground that the same is more valuable for mineral than for agricultural purposes, will be received and noted for report to the general land office at Washington, D. C. Failure so to protest or contest, within the time specified, will be considered sufficient evidence of the non-mineral character of the tracts and the selection thereof, being otherwise free from objection, will be approved to the state. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register. First pub. Nov. 21; last Dec. 19-12.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.—Coal Entry. (Sec. 2347, E. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 4, 1912. Notice is hereby given that Laura E. Cameron, 974 East South Temple street, Salt Lake City, Utah, and John T. Walker of Newton, Ia., have filed in this office application for purchase, under the provisions of Sec. 2347, U. S. Revised Statutes, the West Half of Sec. 35, Twp. 1 South, Range 9 East, S. L. M. 2d and all persons claiming adverse to the lands described or desiring object for any reason to the sale thereof to applicants should file their affidavits of protest in this office during the thirty-day period of publication immediately following the first printed issue of this notice, otherwise the application may be allowed. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register.

E. W. Senler, 330 Judge Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah, Attorney for Applicants. First pub. Nov. 14; last Dec. 19-12.

4-248 d.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.—(Publisher.) Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 10, 1912. Notice is hereby given that Susan D. Richards of Cleveland, Utah, who, on January 11, 1907, made Homestead Entry (Serial 02439), No. 14044, for S 1/2 SE 1/4, Sec. 14, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 NW 1/4, Sec. 11 Twp. 14 South, Range 10 East, Salt Lake meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before William Howard, United States commissioner at Huntington, Utah, on the 18th day of December, 1912. Claimant names as witnesses David Timothy, Christian Hansen, Dell R. Larson and Sanford Larson, all of Cleveland, Utah. E. D. R. THOMPSON, Register. First pub. Nov. 21; last Dec. 26-12.

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