Slumber Song.

Quietly, happily slumber tonight,
Sheltered in love;
Trusting in certainty all will be right,
God rules above.

Lovingly, cheerfully let your thoughts rest
On all mankind,
Wish for each one what is kinkest and best,
With fervent mind.

Peacefully, tranquilly sleep through the night;
Put care aside.
God is the Father of Love and of Light,
With him abide.

My Strangest Case

BY GUY BOOTHBY,

Author of "Dr. Nikola," "The Beautiful White Devil," "Pharos, the Egyptian," etc.

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There was silence for a few moments, and then Kitwater, who had been holding his usual mysterious communications with his friend, said:

"When do you think you will be able to let us have an answer?"

"That depends upon a variety of circumstances," I replied. "It is a matter difficult to average. In the first place there is no knowing where the man is at present; he may be in London; he may be in America; he may be in any other portion of the globe. It might cost £500 to find him, it might cost £5,000. You must see for yourselves how uncertain it all is."

"In that case we should be prepared to give security for the first-named amount, or pay you half in advance," Kitwater replied. "I hope you do not think, Mr. Fairfax, that we are endeavoring to play you false? You can see for yourself that our injuries are permanent, and, as far as they go, are at least evidence concerning the truth of our story. You can also see for yourself how this man has behaved towards us. He has robbed us of all we hold valuable, and to his act of treachery we owe the mutilations we have suffered. Can you wonder that we are anxious to find him?"

"I do not wonder at that at all," I said. "My only feeling is that I must regard it as an entirely business matter."

"We cannot blame you," Kitwater replied. "Yet you must surely understand our anxiety for a definite and immediate answer. The man has had a considerable start of us already, and he has doubtless disposed of the jewels ere this. At whatever price he sold them, he must now be in possession of a considerable fortune, which rightly belongs to us. We are not vindictive men; all we ask is for our own."

"I quite agree with you there," I replied. "The only question in my mind is, who shall get it for you? Let me explain matters a little more clearly. In the first place I have no desire to offend you, but how am I to know that the story you tell me is a true one?"

"I have already told you that you will have to take our word for that," he said. "It will be a great disappointment to us if you cannot take the matter up, but we must bear it as we have borne our other misfortunes. When we realize the way you managed those bank people we said to each other: 'That's the man for us! If anyone can catch Hayle he's that person.' It naturally comes to us as a disappointment to find that you are not willing to take up the case."

"I have not said that I am not willing," I answered, "I only said that I am not going to commit myself until I have given the matter due consideration. If you will call here at four o'clock to-morrow afternoon, I shall be able to give you a definite answer."

"I suppose we must be content with that," said Kitwater, lugubriously.

They thereupon thanked me and rose to go.

"By the way," I said, "does this man Hayle know that you are in England?"

The blind man shook his head.

"He thinks we are lying dead in the jungle," he said, "and it is not his fault that we are not. Did he suspect for a moment that we were alive and in the same country as himself, he'd be out of it like a rat driven by a ferret from his hole. But if you will give us your assistance, sir, we will make him aware of our presence before very long."

Though he tried to speak unconcernedly, there was an expression upon the man's face that startled me. I felt that, blind though he was, I should not care to be in Mr. Hayle's place when they should meet.

After they had left me I lit a cigar and began to think the matter over. I had had a number of strange cases presented to me in my time, but never one that had opened in such a fashion as this. A man robs his friends in the center of China; the latter are tortured and maimed for life, and come to me in London to seek out their betrayer for them, in whatever part of the globe he might be. The whole thing seemed so preposterous as to be scarcely worth consideration, and yet, try how I would to put it out of my mind, I found myself thinking of it continually. The recollection of the blind man's face and that of his dumb companion haunted me awake and asleep. More than once I determined to have nothing to do with them, only later to change my mind, and vow that I would see the matter through at any cost to myself.

Next morning, however, saner counsels prevailed. An exceedingly remunerative offer was made me by a prominent trust company, which at any other time I should have had no hesitation in immediately accepting. Fate, however, which is generally more responsible for these matters than most folk imagine, had still a card to play upon Messrs. Kitwater and Codd's behalf, and it was destined to overthrow all my scruples, and what was more to ultimately revolutionize the conduct of my whole life.

CHAPTER III.

Towards the middle of the morning I was sitting in my office, awaiting the coming of a prominent New York detective, with whom I had an appointment, when my clerk entered to inform me that a lady was in the outer office, and desired to see me if I could spare her a few minutes.

"Who is she?" I inquired. "Find out that, and also her business."

"Her name is Kitwater," the man replied, when he returned after a moment's absence, "but she declines to state her business to anyone but yourself, sir."

"Kitwater?" I said. "Then she is a relation, I suppose, of the blind man who was here yesterday. What on earth can she have to say to me? Well, Lawson won't be here for another ten minutes, so you may as well show her in." Then to myself I added: "This is a development of the case which I did not expect. I wonder who she is—wife, sister, daughter, or what, of the blind man?"

I was not to be left long in doubt, for presently the door opened and the young lady herself entered the room. I say "young lady," because her age could not at most have been more than one or two-and-twenty. She was tall and the possessor of a graceful figure, while one glance was sufficient to show me that her face was an exceedingly pretty one. (Afterwards I discovered that her eyes were dark brown.) I rose and offered her a chair.

"Good morning, Miss Kitwater," I said. "This is an unexpected visit. Won't you sit down?"

When she had done so I resumed my seat at the table.

"Mr. Fairfax," she began, "you are the great detective, I believe?"

I admitted the soft impeachment with as much modesty as I could assume at so short a notice. She certainly was a very pretty girl.

"I have come to talk to you about my uncle."

She stopped as if she did not quite know how to proceed.

"Then the gentleman who called upon me yesterday, and who has the misfortune to be blind, is your uncle?" I said.

"Yes! He was my father's younger and only brother," she answered. "I have often heard my father speak of him, but I had never seen him myself until he arrived in England a month ago with his companion, Mr. Codd. Mr. Fairfax, they have suffered terribly. I have never heard anything so awful as their experiences."

"I can quite believe that," I answered. "Your uncle told me something of their great trouble yesterday. It seems wonderful to me that they should have survived to tell the tale."

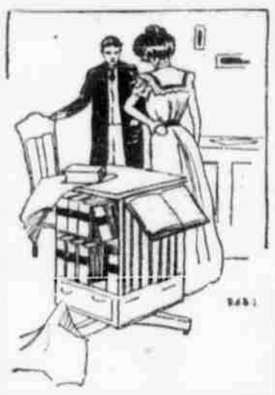
"Then he must have told you of Hayle, their supposed friend" (she spoke with superb scorn), "the man who betrayed them and robbed them of what was given them?"

"It was for that purpose that they called upon me," I answered. "They were anxious that I should undertake the search for this man."

She rested her clasped hands upon the table and looked pleadingly at me.

"And will you do so?"

"I am considering the matter," I said, with the first feeling of reluctance I had experienced in the case. "I have promised to give them my decision this afternoon."



"GOOD MORNING, MISS KITWATER," I SAID. "THIS IS AN UNEXPECTED VISIT. WON'T YOU SIT DOWN?"

"So they informed me and that is why I am here," she replied. "Oh, Mr. Fairfax, you don't know how I pity them! Surely if they could find this man his heart would be touched, and he would refund them a portion, at least, of what he took from them, and what is legally theirs."

"I am afraid it is very doubtful whether he will," I said, "even in the event of his being found. Gentlemen of his description are not conspicuous for their pity, nor, as a rule, will they disgorge unless considerable pressure of an unpleasant description is brought to bear upon them."

"Then that pressure must be brought to bear," she said, "and if I may say so, you are the only one who can do it. That is why I have called upon you this morning. I have come to plead with you, to implore you, if necessary, to take the matter up. I am not very rich, but I would willingly give all I have in the world to help them."

"In that case you are one niece in a thousand, Miss Kitwater," I said, with a smile. "Your uncle is indeed fortunate in having such a champion."

She looked at me as if she were not quite certain whether I was joking or not.

"You will do this for them?"

What was I to say? What could I say? I had well-nigh decided to have nothing to do with the matter, yet here I was, beginning to think it was hard upon me to have to disappoint her. My profession is not one calculated to render a man's heart over tender, but I must confess that in this case I was by no means as adamant as was usual with me. As I have said, she was an unusually pretty girl, and had she not been kind enough to express her belief in my powers? After all, detectives, like other people, are only human.

"Your uncle and his companion have promised to call upon me this afternoon," I said, "and when they do so, I think I may promise you that I will endeavor to come to some arrangement with them."

"I thank you," she said; "for I think that means that you will try to help them. If you do, I feel confident that you will succeed. I hope you will forgive me for having called upon you as I have done, but, when I saw how disappointed they were after their interview with you yesterday, I made up my mind that I would endeavor to see you and to interest you on their behalf before they came again."

"You have certainly done so," I answered, as she rose to go. "If I take the case up, and believe me I am not at all sure that I shall not do so, they will owe it to your intercession."

"Oh, no, I did not mean that exactly," she replied, blushing prettily. "I should like to feel that you did it for the reason that you believe in the justice of their cause, not merely because I tried to persuade you into it. That would not be fair, either to them or to you."

"Would it not be possible for it to be on account of both reasons?" I asked. "Let us hope so. And now good morning, Miss Kitwater. I trust your uncle will have good news for you when you see him again this afternoon."

"I hope so, too," she answered, and then with a renewal of her thanks and a little bow she left the office.

I closed the door and went back to my seat, almost wondering at my own behavior. Here was I, a hard-headed man of the world, being drawn into an extraordinary piece of business, which I had most certainly decided to have nothing to do with, simply because a pretty girl had smiled upon me, and had asked me to do it. For I don't mind confessing that I had made up my mind to help Kitwater and Codd in their search for the villain Hayle. The Trust company would have to look elsewhere for assistance. And yet, as I had the best of reasons for knowing, that piece of business was likely to prove twice as remunerative as this search for the traitorous friend. Happily, however, money is not everything in this world.

During the remainder of the day I found myself looking forward with a feeling that was almost akin to eagerness, to the interview I was to have with Kitwater and Codd that afternoon. If the two gentlemen had faults, unpunctuality was certainly not one of them, for the clock upon my mantelpiece had scarcely finished striking the hour of four, when I heard footsteps in the office outside, and next moment they were shown into my own sanctum. Codd came first, leading his friend by the hand, and as he did so he eyed me with a look of intense anxiety upon his face. Kitwater, on the other hand, was dignified, and as impressive as ever. If he were nervous, he certainly concealed it very well.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Fairfax," he said, as Codd led him to a seat. "According to the arrangement we came to yesterday afternoon, we have come here to learn your decision which you promised to give us at four o'clock to-day. I trust you have good news for us."

"That depends upon how you take it," I answered. "I have made up my mind to help you on certain conditions."

"And those conditions?"

"Are that you pay my expenses and the sum of £500, to which another £500 is to be added if I am successful in helping you to recover the treasure of which you told me yesterday. Is that a fair offer?"

"An exceedingly fair one," Kitwater replied, while little Codd nodded his head energetically to show that he appreciated it. "We had expected that you would charge more. Of course you understand that it may involve a chase round half the world before you can find him? He's as slippery as an eel, and, if he once gets to know that we are after him, he'll double and twist like a hare."

"He'll not be the first man I have had to deal with who possessed these characteristics," I answered. "And I have generally succeeded in running them to earth at the end."

"Let's hope for all our sakes that you will be as successful in this case," he said. "And now, if I may ask the question, when will you be ready to begin your search? We shall both feel happier when we know you are on his track."

"I am ready as soon as you like," I rejoined. "Indeed, the sooner the better for all parties concerned. Nothing is to be gained by delay, and if, as you say, the man has now been in England two months, he may soon be thinking of getting out of it again, if he has not done so already. But before I embark on anything, you must answer me some questions."

"A hundred, if you like," he returned. "You have only to ask them and I will do my best to answer."

"In the first place, I must have a description of this Mr. Gideon Hayle. What is he like?"

"Tall, thin, with brown hair, and a short, close-cropped beard; he carries himself erect, and looks about 38."

"You don't happen to have a photograph of him in your possession, I suppose?"

"No," replied Kitwater, shaking his head. "Gideon Hayle is not the sort of man to allow himself to be photographed, and what's more you must remember that when we reached Nampoung, the station on the frontier of Burmah, we had scarcely a rag upon our backs. Any goods and chattels we might once have possessed were in the hands of the Chinese. They had robbed us of everything, except what that arch thief, Hayle, had already stolen from us."

As he said this, another look such as I had seen on the occasion of his previous visit spread over his face.

"The robber, the thief," he hissed, almost trembling in his sudden excess of rage; "when I get hold of him he shall rue his treachery to the day of his death. Upwards of a quarter of a million of money he stole from us, and where is it now? Where is my sight, and where is Coddy's power of speech? All gone, and he is free. 'Vengeance is Mine,' saith the Lord, but I want to repay it myself, I want to—"

Here he leant across the table and turned his sightless eyes upon me.

"This is certainly a curious sort of missionary," I said to myself as I watched him. "He may be smitten on one cheek, but I scarcely fancy he would be content to turn the other to the striker."

At this moment Coddy leant forward in his chair, and placed his hand upon his friend's arm. The effect was magical. His fit of impotent rage died down as suddenly as it had sprung up, and immediately he became again the quiet, suave, smooth-spoken individual who had first entered my office.

"I must beg your pardon, Mr. Fairfax," he said, in a totally different voice to that in which he had just spoken. "When I remember how we have been wronged, I am apt to forget myself. I trust you will forgive me."

"I will do so willingly," I answered. "You have certainly won the right to be excused if you entertain a feeling of resentment for the man who has treated you so shamefully. And now to resume our conversation."

"What were you about to say?"

"I was about to ask you the number and description of the stones of which he robbed you. You told me they numbered 93 in all, if I remember aright. Can you tell me how many there were of each?"

"Forty-eight rubies and 45 sapphires," he replied without a moment's hesitation. "The rubies were uncut and of various sizes, ranging perhaps from ten to eighty carats. They were true rubies, not spinels, remember that. The sapphires ran from 15 carats to 60, and there was not a flaw amongst them."

"Has Hayle any knowledge of the value of precious stones?"

"There's not a keener judge in the east. He would be a cunning man who would succeed in taking him in about the value of anything from a moonstone to a ruby."

"In that case he would, in all probability, know where to place them to the best advantage?"

"You may be sure that was his intention in coming to England. But we have tried Hatton Garden and can hear nothing of him there."

"He may have disposed of some of them on the continent," I said. "However, we will soon clear that point up. The size of the larger stones is so unusual that they would be certain to attract attention. And now one other question. Are you aware whether he has any friends or relatives in England?"

"So far as we know he has not a single relative in the world," Kitwater replied. "Have you ever heard of one, Coddy?"

The little man shook his head, and then, taking the other's hand, tapped upon it with his fingers in the manner I have already described.

"He says Hayle had a sister once, of whom he was very fond." The tapping upon the hand continued, and once more Kitwater translated: "She was a cripple, and lived in a small house off the Brompton road. She died while Hayle was in North Borneo; is not that so, little man?"

Codd nodded his head to show that Kitwater had interpreted him correctly. I then made some inquiries as to the missing man's habits. So far the description I had had of him was commonplace in the extreme.

"Do you know whether he shipped on board the Jemadar for England under his own name, or under an assumed one?"

"He booked his passage as George Bertram," Kitwater replied. "We know that is so, for we made inquiries at Rangoon."

I next noted the name and address of the vessel's owner, and resolved to pay him a visit next morning. It would be hard if I could not learn from him something concerning Mr. Hayle, and where he had gone on landing.

"I think those are all the questions I want to ask you at present," I said, closing my note-book. "It would be as well perhaps for you to furnish me with your address, in order that I may communicate with you, should it be necessary."

"At present," said Kitwater, "we are staying with my niece at the village of Bishopstowe in Surrey. My late brother was vicar of the parish for many years, and he left his daughter a small property in the neighborhood. They tell me it is a pretty place, but, as you are aware, I unfortunately cannot see it, and my friend Codd here cannot talk to me about it?"

He heaved a heavy sigh and then rose to depart.

"I must again express my gratitude to you, Mr. Fairfax," he said, "for having consented to take up the case. I feel certain you will ultimately be successful. I will leave you to imagine with what anxiety we shall await any news you may have to give us."

"I will communicate with you as soon as I have anything to report," I answered. "You may rely upon my doing my best to serve you. By the way, are you aware that your niece called upon me this morning?"

He gave a start of surprise.

"No, I certainly did not know it," he replied. "She said nothing to us of such an intention. I know that she is heart and soul with us in our desire to find Hayle. But since you have seen her you probably know that?"

"I think I do," I returned, for some reason almost abruptly.

"She is a good girl," said Kitwater, and then took from his pocket an envelope which he handed to me.

To be continued.

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vs.

John Seawall, Henry Seawall and the unknown heirs of John Seawall and the unknown heirs of Henry Seawall, defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendants, John Seawall and Henry Seawall, and the unknown heirs of John Seawall and the unknown heirs of Henry Seawall, are not residents of the state of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $7.18, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands in the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit: North half of the northeast quarter of section 26, township 35, range 4, containing 80 acres, and that unless the said John Shepherd and Emily Shepherd, be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden in the court house in the city of Farmington, in said county, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Farmington Times and Herald, a newspaper published in said county of St. Francois, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next November term of this court.

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vs.

Charles Slivey and Jules Bono, Plaintiffs.

vs.

W. E. Matkin, Walter Matkin, Safronia Matkin, Ellis Matkin, Martha Barry and W. M. Barry her husband, Mrs. Lottie L. A. Matkin, Mrs. W. B. Matkin, Mrs. Ellen Barnes, and H. Barnes her husband, Mary Hicks, and H. S. D. Hicks her husband, Artimisa Tullock and C. T. Tullock her husband, Mary Matkin, T. T. Tullock, Louisa Turley, Ralph Turley, Joseph Tullock, Firmin Tullock Guy Tullock, Barney Tullock, Cora Tullock, Beata Tullock, Emma Tullock, Alva Clay and John S. Clay her husband, Mary Maybury and O. J. Maybury her husband, Defendants,

NOW at this day comes the plaintiffs herein, by Pipkin & Swink, their attorneys, and file their petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendants, W. E. Matkin, Walter Matkin, Safronia Matkin, Ellis Matkin, Mrs. L. A. Matkin, Mrs. W. B. Matkin, Mary Matkin, Ella Barnes, H. Barnes, Lottie Sheeth, Artie Sheeth, Mary Hicks, H. S. D. Hicks, Louisa Turley, Ralph Turley, Joseph Tullock, Firman Tullock, are not residents of the State of Missouri.

Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiffs have commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $2.84, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands, to wit: Southwest part of section nine, township thirty-eight, range six, in St. Francois county, containing ninety acres; and that unless the said T. A. Buckland, and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland, be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Farmington, in said County, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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vs.

T. A. Buckland and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland, defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendants T. A. Buckland and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland are not residents of the State of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $2.84, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands, to wit: Southwest part of section nine, township thirty-eight, range six, in St. Francois county, containing ninety acres; and that unless the said T. A. Buckland, and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland, be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Farmington, in said County, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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vs.

Jesse Rounds, and unknown heirs of Jesse Rounds, Defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendants, Jesse Rounds and the unknown heirs of Jesse Rounds are not residents of the state of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $2.84, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands in St. Francois county, to-wit: South half of the southeast quarter of section 3, township 35, range 1, containing 80 acres, and that unless the said Jesse Rounds, and the unknown heirs of Jesse Rounds, be and appear at this Court at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the City of Farmington, in said county, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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WHEREAS, George P. Towns and Ella Towns his wife, and H. A. Hulsey, by their certain deed of trust, dated the first day of May, nineteen hundred and recorded in the Recorder's office of St. Francois County, Missouri, in book M at page 221, conveyed to the undersigned trustee the following described real estate and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of St. Francois and state of Missouri, to wit:

All of lot — in block — leased from St. Joe Lead Co., as shown on their private map of Bonne, Mo. (The town of Bonne having not yet been platted so that the number of lot and block can be inserted in above description, the name is left blank and described as follows: Lot located on east side of the main street, and a one-story frame building thereon, the same occupied by Towns & Hulsey for mercantile purposes on date of acknowledgement of this instrument.

Which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note in said deed of trust described, and whereas by the terms of said deed of trust said note is past due and remains unpaid, now, therefore, in conformity with the provisions of said deed of trust, I, the undersigned trustee, will, on

On Friday, October 10, 1902,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the front door of the court house, in the City of Farmington, in said St. Francois county, Mo., sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand paid, the above described real estate, or so much of the real estate of said deceased as will be sufficient to satisfy said note and the costs of executing this trust.

ROBERT TETLEY, Trustee.

September 16, 1902.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri,
County of St. Francois, } ss

In the Circuit Court November Term, 1902.

State of Missouri at the relation of and to the use of Frank Richardson, Collector of the Revenue of St. Francois county, plaintiff,

vs.

Thomas Simpkin, and the unknown heirs of Thomas Simpkin, defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging among other things, that defendants, Thomas Simpkin and unknown heirs of Thomas Simpkin are not residents of the state of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the county of St. Francois and state of Missouri, to-wit: South half of the southwest quarter of section 3, township 35, range 1, containing 80 acres, and that unless the said Thomas Simpkin and unknown heirs of Thomas Simpkin, be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Farmington, in said county, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Farmington Times and Herald, a newspaper published in said county of St. Francois, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next November term of this court.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
Witness my hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of St. Francois county, this
{ SEAL } the 8th day of September, 1902.
J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.
Sept. 11th, 1902.

Order of Publication

State of Missouri,
County of St. Francois, } ss

In the Circuit Court, November term, 1902.

State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of Frank Richardson, Collector of the Revenue of St. Francois county, plaintiff,

vs.

Silvey and unknown heirs of Silvey, defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging among other things, that defendants, Jesse Rounds and the unknown heirs of Jesse Rounds are not residents of the state of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $2.84, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands, to wit: Southwest part of section nine, township thirty-eight, range six, in St. Francois county, containing ninety acres; and that unless the said T. A. Buckland, and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland, be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Farmington, in said County, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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Order of Publication.

State of Missouri,
County of St. Francois, } ss

In the Circuit Court, November term, 1902.

State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of Frank Richardson, Collector of the Revenue of St. Francois county, plaintiff,

vs.

Thomas Wood, and unknown heirs of Thomas Wood, Thomas Silence and unknown heirs of Thomas Silence, defend'ts.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendants, Thomas Wood, Thomas Silence, and unknown heirs of Thomas Silence are not residents of the state of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $1.26, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands, to wit: The west half of the northeast quarter of section thirty-two, township thirty-eight, range four in St. Francois county, Missouri, containing eighty acres, and that unless the said Thomas Wood, and unknown heirs of Thomas Wood, Thomas Silence, and unknown heirs of Thomas Silence, be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Farmington, in said County, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered, that a copy hereof be published, according to law, in the Farmington Times and Herald, a newspaper published in said county of St. Francois, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next November term of this court.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.
Witness my hand, and seal of the Circuit Court of St. Francois county, this
{ SEAL } the 8th day of September, 1902.
J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.
Sept. 11th, 1902.

Order of Publication

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss
County of St. Francois, }

In the Circuit Court, November Term, 1902.

State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of Frank Richardson, Collector of the Revenue of St. Francois County, plaintiff,

vs.

T. A. Buckland and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland, defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging, among other things, that defendants T. A. Buckland and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland are not residents of the State of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $2.84, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands, to wit: Southwest part of section nine, township thirty-eight, range six, in St. Francois county, containing ninety acres; and that unless the said T. A. Buckland, and unknown heirs of T. A. Buckland, be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the Court House in the City of Farmington, in said County, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Farmington Times and Herald, a newspaper published in said county of St. Francois, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next November term of this court.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.

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J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.
September 11, 1902.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri,
County of St. Francois, } ss

In the Circuit Court, November term, 1902.

State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of Frank Richardson, Collector of the Revenue of St. Francois County, Plaintiff,

vs.

John Shepherd and Emily Shepherd, Defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging among other things that defendants, John Shepherd and Emily Shepherd, are not residents of the State of Missouri; whereupon it is ordered by the Clerk in vacation that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri for the years of 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $6.84, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands in said County of St. Francois, for four weeks successively, published at least once a week, the last insertion to be at least fifteen days before the first day of said next November term of this court.

J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.

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J. C. WILLIAMS, Circuit Clerk.
September 11, 1902.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri,
County of St. Francois, } ss

In the Circuit Court November Term, 1902.

State of Missouri at the relation of and to the use of Frank Richardson, Collector of the Revenue of St. Francois county, plaintiff,

vs.

Thomas simpkin, and the unknown heirs of Thomas simpkin, defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging among other things that defendants, Thomas Simpkin and unknown heirs of Thomas Simpkin are not residents of the state of Missouri. Whereupon, it is ordered by the clerk in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the county of St. Francois and state of Missouri, to-wit: South half of the southwest quarter of section 3, township 35, range 1, containing 80 acres, and that unless the said Thomas Simpkin and unknown heirs of Thomas Simpkin, be and appear at this court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Farmington, in said county, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long continue—and if not, then on or before the last day of said term—answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

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State of Missouri,
County of St. Francois, } ss

In the Circuit Court, November term, 1902.

State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of Frank Richardson, Collector of the Revenue of St. Francois County, Plaintiff,

vs.

John Shepherd and Emily Shepherd, Defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein by her attorneys, Pipkin & Swink, and files her petition and affidavit, alleging among other things that defendants, John Shepherd and Emily Shepherd, are not residents of the State of Missouri; whereupon it is ordered by the Clerk in vacation that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the collection of back taxes due the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri for the years 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900 and 1901, amounting in all to $6.84, on the following described delinquent and forfeited lands in the county of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit: South half of the southeast quarter of section 32, township 35, range 4, containing 80 acres; and that unless the said John Shepherd and Emily Shepherd be and appear at this Court, at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the city of Farmington, in said county, on the tenth day of November next, and on or before the first day of said term, if the term shall so long contin