

# When Death Was Sweet

Her Dream Became a Reality

By ETHEL JAMES COANN  
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One morning in June Dr. Severn was walking down the steps of the City hospital in Hanover. As he was about to get into his phaeton one of the internes rushed out and said, "Dr. Arnold wants you to do the operation he has on for 10 o'clock."

The surgeon removed his foot from the carriage step and turned around. "I don't know anything about the case. Where is Arnold?"

"He's had an accident and can't come."

The doctor meditated a minute or two, then went back up the hospital steps.

A few minutes later the surgeon, in clinic uniform, entered the operating room.

A door swung open, there was a strong odor of ether, and two orderlies carried in a woman on a stretcher. The anaesthetist kept the cap over her face as they lifted her to the table.

As Severn began to operate he laid his fingers for an instant on her wrist, then made the incision for straight laparotomy. In his movements there was no haste.

"I have my doubts about this case," he said coolly as the flesh parted under his steady blade.

The assistant noticed a puzzled look on the surgeon's face as he hesitated in selecting an instrument. A hush fell, for he was feeling his way cautiously.

The patient's breathing was slow and labored, and the sides of her emaciated body quivered with each respiration.

"Let up on the ether," Dr. Severn commanded. Silently he picked instrument after instrument from the tray offered him.

The work began in earnest—slow, cautious work—till the perspiration stood in great drops on the surgeon's forehead, and the clinic nurse had a white line around her mouth.

Then suddenly, as if the silence were a loud report, they perceived that the patient had ceased breathing. The surgeon spoke one word:

"Air!"

A nurse opened the window, the anaesthetist laid aside the cap, and, without letting go the ligament he was tying, the surgeon rested his eyes upon the still face.

Slowly the patient inhaled the fresh air, and then, by some freak for which there is no accounting, she opened her eyes, looking full at the surgeon, who, with a look of horror that turned his face ashen and drew dark circles underneath his eyes, looked at her.

In a flash the anaesthetist put the cap back and sprinkled ether, but the surgeon stood as if frozen.

A dark eyed nurse who had been standing apart with bandages stepped softly to Dr. Severn's side and, holding a glass to his lips, said:

"Drink!"

When the operation was finished and the orderlies came to carry the patient back to her room the surgeon brushed them aside and lifted her on to the stretcher. As he stood after they had gone his assistant said:

"I thought you were going to flunk. Did you fumble that artery badly?"

"What artery?"

He hastily removed his linen coat and lifted the room.

Along the corridor of private rooms he met Miss Ashton, the head nurse.

"How is No. 20?" he asked.

"Coming out all right, doctor."

"Is any one watching her?"

"I have just come from there. She is quiet."

"I want to watch. It is a critical case," he said as he entered room No. 20.

On the high cot the patient lay, breathing painfully, moaning from time to time and muttering incoherently.

The surgeon sat down beside her, holding one wrist lightly, shading his eyes with his other hand. At two Miss Ashton came in.

Just merging into pink, and the wind from the lake blew in at the open window.

As he took the chair beside her bed he saw her hand flutter on the counterpane, and, bending over, just as the light touched her, he saw that her eyes were open and on her poor face a look of ineffable content rested.

He took the fluttering fingers in his hand and said, "Neil."

Then she fell asleep.

The pink dawn yielded to yellow sunlight, and still she slept. The surgeon went down to breakfast, and when he returned she had not awakened.

At 10 o'clock the office boy went to the head nurse's desk and asked:

"Where's the main guy?"

"Do you mean Dr. Severn?"

"Yep."

"What do you want him for?"

"His wife wants him."

Miss Ashton called him, and he went out to where Mrs. Severn sat in her automobile.

"Don't you know," she snapped, "that I had to go to the Hunters' dinner party alone last night?"

He brushed his hand wearily across his forehead, and something in his look irritated her.

"I cannot leave here yet," he said.

He watched the chauffeur turn the car around in the narrow street, then he went slowly back.

He made his usual round, stopping to chat with some of his patients.

The next morning at dawn the woman in No. 20 roused again, and the surgeon sat beside her.

"This time she could lift her hand, and she extended it toward him."

"Have I been hurt, Jack?" she asked.

"Yes, Nell," he answered.

"Did the horse hurt me?"

In a flash the man understood that she had recognized without remembering and that in her mind she was back on the ranch where he had first met her.

"Am I badly hurt?" she continued.

"You are just shaken up."

"I'm tired," she said and slept with her face toward the light.

The fourth morning he sat in his old place beside her, and she asked:

"Where did you get my nurse?"

"I sent for her."

"She is so good to me in the night, when I have horrible dreams and think that I have lived years and years without you, Jack. Then I call her, and she comforts me."

"Do you dream that, Nell?"

"Yes. But it cannot ever be, dear. Don't you remember what I told you the night we became engaged?"

When he spoke his voice was full of suppressed pain.

"You told me, dear, that you loved me so that if we ever drifted apart—the words had long pauses between them—you would drift back to me—to die."

"Yes," she said and slept.

## Interest in Chautauqua Increases.

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Our citizens who have been in close contact with the managers have many times referred to the business ability and care full consideration of details which have marked the preparations already made. That our citizens may get some idea of the enormity of the enterprise which is back of our local Chautauqua we are printing some facts furnished us from the head office.

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### PROBATE COURT NOTES

In the estate of Nicholas Burch, an order has been made admitting the will of the deceased to probate in this county as a foreign will. The deceased was a resident of Toledo, O. John Van De Vusse and L. N. Shearby were appointed appraisers of the estate and claims against the same will be heard by the probate court on Nov. 23.

The will of Charles W. Stevens deceased of Perry has been admitted to probate and Mrs. Stevens appointed executrix of the estate. C. M. Spalding and E. F. Sanborn were appointed appraisers and commissioners on claims. They will meet at the State bank in Perry Sept. 21 and Nov. 23.

In the estate of George Haines, deceased, Asa T. Wright and J. A. Armstrong have been appointed commissioners on claims and will meet at the office of A. T. Wright in Owosso, Sept. 28 and Nov. 30.

In the estate of William H. Phelps and Edna Z. Phelps, deceased, final accounts will be heard August 24.

In the estate of Anna B. Ritter, a mentally incompetent person, the final account of the guardian will be heard August 31. A petition has been filed asking for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Anna B. Ritter, deceased, and the hearing on the same is set for August 24.

The will of Julia F. Sharts, deceased, of Owosso, has been admitted to probate and Lillian E. Colt appointed executrix of the estate. A. D. Whipple and E. O. Dewey were appointed appraisers and commissioners on claims. They will meet at the Owosso Savings bank on Sept. 23 and Nov. 30.

In the estate of Elmer E. DeVore, deceased, the final account of the administratrix will be heard August 18.

In the estate of Mary A. Lawcock, deceased, a petition asking for license to sell real estate has been filed and the hearing set for August 10.

A petition asking for the appointment of an administrator of the estate of Elizabeth A. Powison, deceased, has been filed and the hearing on the petition is set for August 24.

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### Notice of Mortgage Sale.

Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the money secured by a mortgage dated the 16th day of April in the year 1912, executed by Roscoe B. Sober and Mildred J. Sober, his wife, of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan, to George M. Burbank, of the City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, which said mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of the said County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, in Liber 121 of Mortgages on page 576 on the 23rd day of April in the year 1912, at three and one-fourth o'clock P. M. and whereas, the amount claimed to be due on said mortgage at the date of this notice is the sum of four hundred thirty two and 100/100 dollars (\$432.00), principal and interest, and the further sum of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars as an attorney fee stipulated in said mortgage, and which is the whole amount claimed to be unpaid on said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding having been instituted at law to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof where by the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the said power of sale and in pursuance of the statute in such behalf provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by the sale of the premises therein described at public auction to the highest bidder at the front door of the court house in the City of Owosso, in said County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of October, 1914, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, which said premises are described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit:

A certain piece or parcel of land situated in the City of Owosso, County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lots twenty-seven (27) and twenty-eight (28) in block sixteen (16) of the City of Owosso, Woodlawn Park Addition to the City of Owosso according to the recorded plat of the same, bearing date of July 16, 1914.

Dated July 16, 1914.  
GEORGE M. BURBANK,  
Mortgagee.

PULVER & POND,  
Attorneys for Mortgagee.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION.

Owosso, Mich., August 3rd, 1914.  
Regular meeting of the Commission, Mayor DeYoung presiding.

Members present, DeYoung, Hanscom, Rosevear.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved as printed.

The following communication was presented and referred to the City Attorney: To the Mayor and Commission of the City of Owosso:

In accordance with the law, you are hereby notified that the undersigned suffered injuries to his automobile by reason of a stone obstruction in the street, and in such manner as to hold said City liable for such damages as have been sustained.

The time when such injury took place was June 15th, 1914, at 9 a. m.

The place where such injury took place was at Chestnut street, nearly opposite blocks north of South street, where there is a stone projecting above the center of the highway of a sufficient height to strike the machinery and axle of an automobile.

The manner in which such injury took place was as follows: The undersigned was driving his automobile north on said street from South street and his automobile struck said stone in such a manner as to break the machinery, driving gear, and other parts of his automobile; and that it was no fault, carelessness or negligence on the part of the undersigned; and that the estimates of the injuries caused by said accident are not yet fully known at the present time, but he has paid out the sum of forty-eight and 50/100 dollars, and that his automobile is not in a good condition as before said accident. For all of which he claims damage in the sum of one hundred dollars.

Claimant further says that said injury was not in any manner caused by any other accident. For all of which he claims damage in the sum of one hundred dollars.

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FROM SIDEWALK FUND	
Castree & Co.	50
Sturtevant & Blood	1 05
H. Peterson	11 29
Joe Rathbun	7 86
Ray Harmon	4 80
Frank Cannon	7 50
M. Tunnicliff	6 30
Chas. Cattara	6 30
J. D. Priest	6 30

FROM GENERAL STREET FUND	
H. Galt	7 00
Castree & Co.	25 00
Southern & Denmore	4 05
Owosso Ice & Fuel Co.	6 50
H. Beckwith	4 50
Fulton & Pond	8 88
Standard Oil Co.	15 18
Hoffman & Hartshorn	15 18
Arthur Ward Co.	12 25
D. Speck	12 25
F. Hesse	12 25
Chas. Giel	12 25
Joe Rathbun	9 00
C. Brown	5 00
H. Peterson	13 80
L. D. Brewer	9 20
Jas. Farrell	9 20
M. O'Keary	9 20
H. Tunnick	9 20
M. B. Keegan	9 20
J. Hall	9 20
Murray	9 20
L. Fress	8 00
Geo. Dreher	11 70
H. Peterson	1 20
Joe Rathbun	3 40
Ray Harmon	3 40
Frank Cannon	3 40
Chas. Cattara	3 40
M. Tunnicliff	3 40
J. D. Priest	3 40
Paul Gerio	11 20
Frank Fourn	10 00
Fulton & Pond	1 00
M. Hahn	1 00

FROM GENERAL STREET PAVING FUND.	
Ann Arbor R. R. Co.	28 25
Sturtevant & Blood	3 82
Expense account	3 82
Printing Company	440 74
Ann Arbor R. R. Co.	440 74
E. L. Brewer	62 75

FROM BRIDGE FUND.	
Mulhall, Erb Co.	90 80

FROM LIBRARY FUND	
The Foster Co.	17 00
H. E. Smith	1 33
Mich. S. M. & O. Co.	5 00
Owosso Gas Light Co.	22 63
Marble Bros	3 40
D. M. Christian Co.	50 63
E. A. Boyd	532 65
Times Printing Co.	1 57
H. E. Poland	5 00
Electrical Equipment Co.	120 00
Western Electric Co.	378 50
Mulhall, Erb Co.	1 34
Owosso Public Library	2 75
Frances Jones	2 25
Mrs. M. McHain	25 00
J. B. Bates	21 12

FROM SALARY FUND	
Jas. DeYoung	62 50
L. F. Hanscom	62 50
Owosso Shiawassee County, Michigan	62 50
F. L. Miner	66 05
A. T. Wright	66 05
G. A. Sandelhoff	66 05
G. E. Frieled	66 05
A. H. Dimond	83 33
F. R. Forster	83 33

The following ordinance was presented and on motion adopted. Ayes—DeYoung, Hanscom, Rosevear.

An ordinance prohibiting the construction or maintenance of privies, vaults or privy vaults connected with public sewers within certain limits in the City of Owosso.

The City of Owosso Ordains: Section 1. That hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any lands or premises situated in the district hereinafter bounded and described, to construct or maintain any privy, vault or privy vault not connected with and emptying into the public sewer or drain adjacent to such premises. Said district is hereby bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the northwest corner of lot two (2) of block seventeen (17) of the original plan of the Village (now City) of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan; running thence west along the south line of Mason street to the east bank of the Shiawassee river; running thence southwesterly along the east bank of said river to a point one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet north of the north line of Main street; running thence westerly parallel to and one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet north of Main street to the east line of John street; running thence south along the east line of John street to a point one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet south of the south line of Main street; running thence east, parallel to and one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet from the south line of Main street to the south-east corner of lot five (5) of block twenty-six (26) of the original plat of the Village (now City) of Owosso; running thence south parallel to and one hundred and thirty-two (132) feet from the west line of Washington street to the north line of Main street to the south-east corner of lot five (5) of block twenty-six (26) of the original plat of the Village (now City) of Owosso; running thence north to the place of beginning; and situated and being in the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan.

Section 2. Twenty days after the adoption of this ordinance all privies, vaults or privy vaults situated in the district bounded and described aforesaid shall be deemed and shall constitute a nuisance, and shall be removed or abated by the Mayor, and in so doing he may raise the same and cause any vault to be filled up and the expense of the abatement and nuisance shall be levied as a special assessment against the property upon which the same shall exist.

Section 3. Hereafter it shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any lands or premises in the City of Owosso, outside of the limits of the district above mentioned in section one of this ordinance, to construct or cause to be constructed upon any such lands or premises any privy, vault or privy vault which shall not be connected, before the same is used, to a public sewer adjacent to said lands or premises, provided a public sewer exists adjacent to said lands or premises accessible therefrom.

Section 4.—Any person or persons, co-partnership or corporation violating the terms of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court. In case of a violation of this ordinance by a corporation the fine aforesaid shall be recovered in an action of debt or assumpsit.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after its adoption.

Passed and approved August 3rd, A. D. 1914.

JAMES DEYOUNG,  
Mayor.

ARTHUR H. DIMOND,  
City Clerk.

Mr. Hanscom presented the matter of paying men off who have left the city's service. Referred to the City Attorney.

On motion the Commission adjourned.

JAS. DE YOUNG,  
Mayor.

ARTHUR H. DIMOND,  
City Clerk.

### Order Publication.

State of Michigan. The Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County held at the Probate office in the City of Owosso on Tuesday the 28th day of July in the year one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

Present Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of John H. Goetzen deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Eva Goetzen praying that administration of said estate may be granted to Julius Friesche or some other suitable person.

It is ordered that the 31st day of August next at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate office, be assigned for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive times previous to said day of hearing, in the Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH,  
Judge of Probate.

FLORENCE LINDSEY,  
Probate Register.

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