

The VALLEY of The GIANTS

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a client who might be persuaded, I'm here to talk turkey. What's your price?"

"Before we talk price," Bryce parried, "I want you to answer a question."

"Let her fly," said Judge Moore.

"Are you, directly or indirectly, acting for Colonel Pennington?"

"That's none of your business, young man—at least, it would be none of your business if I were, directly or indirectly, acting for that unconvicted thief. To the best of my information and belief, Colonel Pennington doesn't figure in this deal in any way, shape or manner; and as you know, I've been your daddy's friend for thirty years."

Still Bryce was not convinced, notwithstanding the fact that he would have staked his honor on the judge's veracity. Nobody knew better than he in what devious ways the Colonel worked, his wondrous to perform.

"Well," he said, "I can name you a price. I will state frankly, however, that I believe it to be over your head. We have several times refused to sell to Colonel Pennington for a hundred thousand dollars."

"Naturally that little dab of timber is worth more to Pennington than to anybody else. However, my client has given me instructions to go as high as a hundred thousand if necessary to get the property."

"What?"

"I said it. One hundred thousand dollars of the present standard weight and fineness."

Judge Moore's last statement swept away Bryce's suspicions. He required now no further evidence that, regardless of the identity of the judge's client, that client could not possibly be Col. Seth Pennington or anyone acting for him, since only the night before Pennington had curtly refused to buy the property for fifty thousand dollars. For a moment Bryce stared stupidly at his visitor. Then he recovered his wits.

"Sold!" he almost shouted, and after the fashion of the West extended his hand to clench the bargain. The judge shook it solemnly. "The Lord loveth

"Client's a bit modest, I take it," Bryce suggested.

"Oh, very. Of course I'm only hazarding a guess, but that guess is that the Colonel is in for a rousing at the hands of somebody with a small grudge against him."

"May the Lord strengthen that somebody's arm," Bryce breathed fervently. "If your client can afford to hold out long enough, he'll be able to buy Pennington's Squaw creek timber at a bargain."

"My understanding is that such is the program."

Bryce reached for the deed, then reached for his hat. "If you'll be good enough to wait here, Judge Moore, I'll run up to the house and get my father to sign this deed. The Valley of the Giants is his personal property, you know. He didn't include it in his assets when incorporating the Cardigan Redwood Lumber company."

A quarter of an hour later he returned with the deed duly signed by John Cardigan and witnessed by Bryce; whereupon the judge carelessly tossed his certified check for a hundred thousand dollars on Bryce's desk and departed whistling "Turkey in the Straw." Bryce reached for the telephone and called up Colonel Pennington.

"Bryce Cardigan speaking," he began, but the Colonel cut him short.

"My dear, impulsive young friend," he interrupted in oleaginous tones, "how often do you have to be told that I am not quite ready to buy that quarter-section?"

"Oh," Bryce retorted, "I merely called up to tell you that every dollar and every asset you have in the world, including your heart's blood, isn't sufficient to buy the Valley of the Giants from us now."

"Eh? What's that? Why?"

"Because, my dear, overcautious and thoroughly unprincipled enemy, it was sold five minutes ago for the tidy sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and if you don't believe me, come over to my office and I'll let you feast your eyes on the certified check."

He could hear a distinct gasp. After an interval of five seconds, however, the Colonel recovered his poise. "I congratulate you," he purred. "I suppose I'll have to wait a little longer now, won't I? Well—patience is my middle name. Au revoir."

The Colonel hung up. His hard face was ashen with rage, and he stared at a calendar on the wall with his cold, phidias stare. However, he was not without a generous stock of optimism. "Somebody has learned of the low state of the Cardigan fortune," he mused, "and taken advantage of it to induce the old man to sell at last. They're figuring on selling to me at a neat profit. And I certainly did overplay my hand last night. However, there's nothing to do now except sit tight and wait for the new owner's next move."

Meanwhile, in the general office of the Cardigan Redwood Lumber company, joy was rampant. Bryce Cardigan was doing a buck and wing dance around the room, while Mollie McTavish, with her back to her tall desk, watched him, in her eyes a tremendous joy and a sweet, yearning glow of adoration that Bryce was too happy and excited to notice.

Suddenly he paused before her. "Mollie, you're a lucky girl," he declared. "I thought this morning you were going back to a kitchen in a logging camp. It almost broke my heart to think of fate's swindling you like that." He put his arm around her and gave her a brotherly hug. "It's autumn in the woods, Mollie, and all the underbrush is golden."

She smiled, though it was winter in her heart.

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COMMON COURSE OF MARKET

Keep the Garden at Work

By the exercise of care and forethought in planning succession crops and rotations and by the utilization of every foot of suitable available space it is possible to grow considerable quantities of vegetables on limited areas and so supplement the family food supply. The principal factors in accomplishing this are the use of seed boxes and hotbeds to give plants an early start in spring before seeds may be planted outdoors, the use of outside seed beds to carry plants for main-season crops while early crops are occupying the garden space and the planting of late or succession crops as soon as earlier plants have been removed.

The United States Department of Agriculture believes that the home garden is just as essential this year as it was during the war years and is offering the advice of practical scientific gardeners in helping to solve the problems of those who want to cultivate home gardens.

Chief Rogers Warns Citizens of Fire Hazard.

Chief Rogers of the local Fire Department wishes to call the attention of all citizens of Olympia that the fire hazard can be reduced to the minimum by the prompt disposal of refuse. Do not permit paper, oily rags, waste or any inflammable material to accumulate around the home, shop or any building during the warm months to come.

Spontaneous combustion causes as many fires as all other causes combined and a little care now will save many thousands of dollars in the next few months.

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SELECT PRETTY SITE FOR THE FARM HOME

Outlook from Windows of Most-Used Rooms Should Include Attractive Natural or Artificial Objects

There are so many beautiful and convenient spots for farm homes—and there are so many farm homes in unbecomingly and inconvenient spots!

It is not possible to give every beautiful spot a farm house, but it is possible to give every farm house yet to be built a beautiful spot—at least relatively beautiful.

And beauty counts. It counts in dollars. The farm business is so closely related to the farm home that the efficiency of the farmer and the reputation of his farm depend largely on the appearance of his home. Beauty counts in citizenship and temperamental preparedness for life.

Children especially are wonderfully affected for good or ill by their surroundings. A man and woman beginning life on the farm owe it to the children they are to bring up to give them a home located at the most attractive spot on the farm—if attractiveness can be made to combine at all with convenience, and it usually can.

If at all possible, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, the house should be located near good trees, the shade of which may be used and enjoyed by the family every day during the summer. It takes so long to grow trees that those already available should be cherished and utilized to the fullest extent.

Use Natural Attractions.

Another thing that should be carefully considered is outlook. The house should be located so that the windows of the rooms used look out upon attractive views. The living room and the kitchen are entitled to first consideration in this matter. The near view should be over an unbroken lawn, and there should be some object of interest beyond. If there is in the general landscape a mountain, a water view, a woodland, a meadow, an extended farm view or even a handsome tree, use it as an inspiring picture, framed by the window for the family through the years. It may mean the difference between a sordid life and an inspired life for the children who are brought up under its influence. At any rate it will mean active pleasure or quiet consolation to the wife amid the daily cares of the household. If all these natural objects are lacking, possibly some feature may be created on the place, such as an attractive group of shrubs so placed and arranged as to have something of interest every month in the year.

Other things than beauty, of course, are to be considered in locating the farm home. The exposure is one of the most important for securing the comfort of the family. In cold countries the most used rooms should be placed on the side of the house where they will be protected from the winter winds. In warm countries the most used rooms should be so located that they will get the benefit of the prevailing winds during the hottest months.

The elevation should be such as to make good drainage possible. Under no circumstances should the house get the drainage from other buildings.

Make Buildings Harmonize

In a hilly or mountainous country a site should be selected that will provide a little level land immediately around the house. This is necessary both for appearance and for comfort in living. The house with no level land around it is likely to give the impression of being about to slide from its location. With even a little level ground it may be given the appearance of fitting snugly into the site. Only those who have lived in a house with a steep slope at the threshold have a vivid realization of its many discomforts.

The lawn should include as much space as the family can use and enjoy. Five times as much ground as is covered by the house should be the minimum, the specialists say, though 20 times as much would be better. If the lawn must necessarily be small, it is frequently possible to increase the apparent size by making part of an adjacent pasture or other open area appear to belong with it.

The barns also should be well located and of such construction that they and the house appear to belong together. They should be close enough to facilitate the work to be done, but not too close and not too prominent or obtrusive. They should be so situated with respect to the house that the prevailing winds, especially during those seasons when the doors and windows are likely to be open, do not blow from the barns toward the house. In cold climates, the barn as well as the house needs protection from severe winter winds.

The Department of Agriculture has recently published a booklet entitled "Beautifying the Farmstead." It includes, along with many other subjects, a full discussion of matters mentioned in this article. The booklet is known as Farmers' Bulletin 1087, and copies of it may be had free on application to the department. Persons who are planning to build farm buildings or who would like to increase the attractiveness or convenience of their places by slight alterations will be interested in it.

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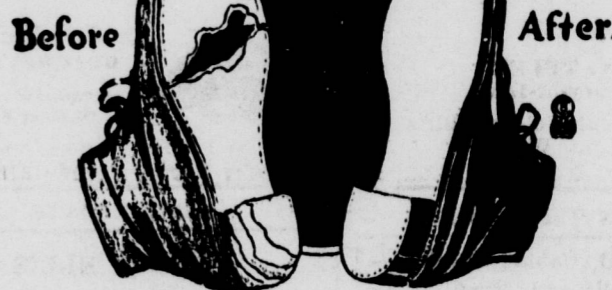
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