

## A Side-Show Romance

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Outside of her improvised tent Mala could hear the voices of the eager young "barker," shrill against the background of jazz music that came from the veranda beyond, and the buzzing of voices of the crowds that she could indistinctly see outlined through the canvas that hid her from the rest of the men and women, girls and boys who had assembled on the Woodmere lawn for the fête that was to raise enough money to tide over one of the local charities through the summer.

"This way to have your fortune told," went on the persistent young "barker;" "greatest gypsy in the world. Come and have your fortune told. Learn your past and know your future. This way, ladies and gentlemen."

Then another higher pitched boyish voice—the voice of the barker for a rival attraction.

"This way to see the wild animals! Greatest menagerie in the world! Largest alligator in captivity. Piercing bear in the world! Eats 'em alive! Hugs 'em to death! This way, this way. Best show on the grounds."

And then the incessant "This way to have your fortune told. Greatest gypsy in the world. Cross her palm with silver and she'll tell you your fortune."

And still Mala sat within her close little tent, none too comfortable beneath the heavy load of chains and tawdry jewelry that embellished her costume. Moreover her hair was hanging loosely on her shoulders and the mask across her face was oppressive. But worst of all, she was sitting there in her tent wasting her time and the vocal energy of her willing young aid with the megaphone outside without having the satisfaction of taking in any money.

She wondered what she would tell the people when they did come; it didn't seem exactly easy. Still, it was all in the day's work, and if Mrs. Stanley Burton chose to keep her on at a graduate nurse's salary to idle her time away in this fashion, why it really wasn't going to disturb Mala.

For Mala had not been back from her long months of Red Cross duty in France many weeks, and even a respite such as this from the more trying sort of nursing was bringing welcome relief to overwrought nerves. She had gone to Woodmere to take charge of Bobby Barton's strained knee, but the ten-year-old Bobby had recovered rapidly.

Meanwhile Alicia Barton had flatly refused to sit in the stuffy tent telling fortunes, though she had been promised by her mother to the committee and duly advertised as one of the "side shows." As a last-minute substitute Mala, about to return to town, had been urged to stay a little longer for the purpose of taking Alicia's place. And Alicia had gone sailing and Mala had been put into the gypsy costume specially made for Alicia, and Mrs. Barton was sure if Mala kept her mask on no one would know the difference.

Meantime Bobby Barton, entirely recovered as to his strained knee and more than enthusiastic over the one who had brought comfort and diversion to his irksome days of convalescence, was continuing to "bark" outside her tent.

As minutes passed and no shadow darkened the entrance of her tent Mala was aware of a slight disappointment. Then she heard her barker:

"Greatest attraction on the grounds. Hey, why doesn't some one come and get their fortune told?" Apparently Bobby, too, was becoming discouraged.

Then through her mask Mala was aware that some one was rapidly making for the tent entrance. She felt an unexpected sense of confusion—stage fright, it seemed—and she shuffled her fortune cards nervously. She had gone into the operating room duty often with far less nervousness than this.

There was a fumbling at the tent flap, a sidewise shuffling of the feet and then a dark face was thrust inquiringly in. It wasn't an unkind face nor an especially ferocious one, and its expression was one more of inquisitiveness than anything else, but still one doesn't encounter even gentle brown bears every day and it was with difficulty that Mala changed a shrill scream of terror into a terrified, "Oh, please somebody do something. The bear!"

But somebody and a good many somebodies had done something. Bobby had seen the vanishing black legs of Bruno, dropped his megaphone and had seized the trailing rope.

"Hey, you menagerie people, your bear's loose," he called to the crowd

of tents across the path, and before Mala had time to think just what was the wisest course of action when meeting a bear single-handed, "the menagerie" people had come, four or five of them, and had dragged off their entirely harmless and spiritless beast, who had prowled of in an unguarded moment.

But every one in that part of the Woodmere lawn had heard the commotion, and like wildfire spread the information that a ferocious bear had broken into Alicia Barton's tent, that there had been a narrow escape.

That one of the young men from the menagerie tent had performed the rescue and that on the whole the affair had been very thrilling.

That seemed to turn the tide toward the gypsy's tent. For now they came eagerly, they stood in line outside, and the eager Bobby was more occupied now in timing the applicants to see that no one stayed more than five minutes than in shouting through his megaphone. And Mala, between those five-minute interviews, noticed that the tambourine in which she put the silver with which her palm was crossed was getting to look very tempting, and some of the "silver" was really paper.

She rather regretted that Alicia Barton would have all the credit, for as yet her mask had not been removed and she had heard more than one remark from outside that Alicia certainly looked charming in gypsy costume.

The afternoon was almost over and Mala was beginning to feel the strain of her unaccustomed work when some one came who caused her heart to beat faster than had the inquisitive bear.

"Perhaps you had better knock off, Miss Barton," he began. "You must have had quite a fright from that bear." It was Dr. Rodney Hill—Rodney Hill, by whose side Mala had worked during those most trying days and nights in France; Rodney Hill, who, when they parted four months ago, had held Mala's hand in his own and had told Mala that she was the luckiest girl in the world and had told her that he didn't know how he was going to get along without her. Mala had not heard from Doctor Hill again, and there were times when she had had to confess to herself that in her disappointment there was greater cause for the exhaustion she had felt during those months back in America than was the memory of all the work in France.

Mala didn't intend to take off that mask even then, but once she spoke Rodney Hill knew her and he knew it was not Alicia Barton, to whom he had been sent to give any professional aid that she might need after the bear episode, which had been getting more and more interesting as the afternoon passed.

He was holding her hand again and telling her that she was the luckiest girl, and Bobbie had been told to give them "double time," which meant ten minutes.

"But I didn't know you were one of these people—money and society and all that sort of thing," he told her.

"And I never dreamed that you were," she said. "You never seemed like these Woodmere people or that you knew girls like Alicia Barton."

"But I'm not, and I don't," protested Rodney. "You see when I got back from France I'd rather lost my grip. I had just finished medical college when I went over, and exhausted as I was I wasn't in shape to put up the fight that would be necessary to start in on my own. Then I got in touch with these millionaire Dorkines who wanted a resident doctor for the summer to look after old Dorkins' gout and Grandma Dorkins' bad temper. Well, to tell the truth, it was because of the fat salary that went with it that I accepted it for the summer."

"I wanted to make sure I had enough to keep the pot boiling for a year and then I was going to look you up and ask you whether you'd help me to start. I wanted to tell you back there in France, that night when we left, but I knew we had both been through too much to think of ourselves then. Besides, I wanted to have a home to offer you before I asked you, Mala dear."

"Ten minutes is up," called out the cheerful barker outside, and then, "This way to see the greatest gypsy in the world. Learn your past and know your future."

### Center of Sponge Industry.

Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas Islands, is a town which seems to exist for the sponge business. Its coral streets all lead to "The sponge market." Carts, slatted on the sides like square bird cages and filled with sponges, are always in progress along Bay street. A fleet of sponge boats is always passing in and out of harbor or riding at anchor head out along the sponge wharf. Men of business hang out their signs as "Sponge Brokers." Entire yards are filled with sponges, and the constant chatter and song of hundreds of negroes at work clipping and pounding, assorting and drying sponges, are among the familiar street sounds.

### NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT OF PROBATE OF WILL.

STATE OF COLORADO, ) ss.

County of Prowers, )

IN THE COUNTY COURT, in Probate.

The People of the State of Colorado, to Edward Joyce, Bridget Walsh, Anne Joyce, John Joyce, Patrick Joyce and Kate Joyce, Greeting:

Whereas, it has been made to appear to the County Court of Prowers County, in the State of Colorado, that you, the said Edward Joyce, and Bridget Walsh are legatees and devisees under the will of Patrick Joyce, deceased, and that Anne Joyce, John Joyce, Patrick Joyce and Kate Joyce, are heirs of Patrick Joyce, deceased.

Now, Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided, and by order of Court duly made and entered, you are hereby notified that an instrument in writing, to wit: the last will and testament of the said Patrick Joyce, deceased, was presented to said Court for probate on the 11th day of September, A. D. 1919, by Hillyer & Kinkaid, attorneys for the executor named in the will residing at Lamar, in the State of Colorado, on the 11th day of September, A. D. 1919, then and there to attend the hearing on the probate of the said alleged last will and testament of the said Patrick Joyce, deceased, and alleged to do and perform what shall then, by the said Court be required to be done.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Lamar, in said County, this 11th day of September, A. D. 1919.

J. C. HORN,  
Judge, and Acting Clerk.  
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### NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

WHEREAS, Timothy J. Dinneen and Joanna Dinneen, his wife, of the County of Prowers, State of Colorado, by their certain Deed of Trust, dated July 1, 1918, and recorded July 15, 1918 in Book Two (2) at Page Two-seventy-two (272) of the records in the office of the County Clerk and Recorder of Prowers County, Colorado, did convey to David R. Emmons, as Trustee, the following described property, situate, lying and being in the County of Prowers and State of Colorado, to-wit:

The South West Quarter (¼) of Section Twenty-nine (29) in Township Twenty-six (26) South of Range Forty-seven (47) West of the Sixth (6th) Principal Meridian, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note for the sum of Four hundred (\$400) Dollars, payable to the order of The English and American Mortgage Company, Ltd., of London, five (5) years after date thereof, as in said Deed of Trust provided.

AND WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provided among other things that in case of default in payment of either principal or interest of said note, or any part thereof, or any of the interest thereon when due, or in the faithful performance of any or either of the agreements as aforesaid, then, the whole amount of said note with interest thereon at 7 per cent per annum from date, shall at the option of the holder of said note, become immediately due and payable, and the said party of the second part (meaning the said David R. Emmons, Trustee), or in case of his death, inability or refusal to act, or absence from the County in which the premises are situated, then the (then) Sheriff of the County in which the premises are situated (who shall thereupon become his successor to the title to said property, and the same become vested in him in trust for the purposes and objects of these presents, and with all the powers, duties and obligations thereof) may at the request of the holder of said note proceed to sell the property hereinbefore described, and any or every part thereof, and all the right and equity or redemption of said party of the first part, his heirs, executors and assigns therein, at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the County where the premises are situated, first giving thirty days public notice of the time, terms and place of sale, and of the property to be sold, by advertisement in some newspaper printed and published in the County where the premises are situated.

AND WHEREAS, Default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon, and the same is now long past due and unpaid, and whereas the said David R. Emmons is deceased and is unable to act as such Trustee, Whereby, the Sheriff of Prowers County, Colorado, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, becomes and is now the Successor in Trust thereunder, and whereas the said Deed of Trust and notes have been assigned, and the legal holder thereof has made demand upon the undersigned, as Successor in Trust, to foreclose said Deed of Trust by the sale of the premises thereby conveyed.

NOW THEREFORE, I, I. C. Downing, the present Sheriff of the County of Prowers and State of Colorado, and Successor in Trust as aforesaid, at the request of the legal holder of said note and by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the terms of said Deed of Trust, as Successor in Trust will on Monday, the first day of December, A. D. 1919, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Lamar, in the County of Prowers and State of Colorado, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, sell the above described real estate, and all the right, title, benefit and equity of redemption of said Timothy J. Dinneen and Joanna Dinneen, his wife, their heirs and assigns, at public auction for the highest and best price the same will bring in cash, for the purpose of paying the above mentioned indebtedness and all costs and expenses of every kind as provided for in said Deed of Trust.

Dated at Lamar, Colorado, this 28th day of October, A. D. 1919.  
I, I. C. DOWNING,  
Sheriff of Prowers County, Colo.,  
Successor in Trust.  
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### NOTICE OF ADJUSTMENT DAY

Estate of Alice Bellinda Miller, Deceased.  
No. 1886.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them for adjustment to the County Court of Prowers County, Colorado, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1919.  
EUGENE A. MILLER,  
Administrator.  
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### SALE OF SCHOOL AND INTERAL IMPROVEMENT LANDS

Notice is hereby given that I will sell, at public auction, to the highest responsible bidder, on the 3rd day of December, 1919, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at the office of The State Board of Land Commissioners, Capitol Building, Denver, Colorado, the following described lands, situated in Prowers County, Colorado, viz:

NE¼ of Sec. 36, Twp. 24 S., Range 47 W. Minimum price per acre, \$10.00.  
NW¼ of Sec. 36, Twp. 24 S., Range 47 W. Minimum price per acre, \$10.00.  
SW¼ of Sec. 36, Twp. 24 S., Range 47 W. Minimum price per acre, \$10.00.  
SE¼ of Sec. 36, Twp. 24 S., Range 47 W. Minimum price per acre, \$10.00.

Sale application B-427.

N¼ of NE¼ of Sec. 26, Twp. 22 S., Range 44 W. Minimum price per acre, \$22.50. Value of improvements, \$45.00.  
S½ of NE¼ of Sec. 26, Twp. 22 S., Range 44 W. Minimum price per acre, \$17.50.

N¼ of SE¼ of Sec. 26, Twp. 22 S., Range 44 W. Minimum price per acre, \$10.00. Value of improvement, \$45.00.

All the land included in this application to be sold or none of it.

Reserving however, to the State of Colorado all rights to any and all minerals, ores and metals of every kind and character, and all coal, asphaltum, oil, and other like substances in or under said land, and the right of in-

gress and egress for the purpose of mining, together with enough of the surface of the same as may be necessary for the proper and convenient working of such minerals and substances.

Certificate of Purchase will not be issued until purchaser executes quitclaim deed conveying to the State of Colorado the above reservation.

No land will be sold at less than the minimum price per acre, as given above. The above land will be offered in tracts of not more than 160 acres and not less than 40 acres. All to be sold or none, as may be determined by the State Board of Land Commissioners.

Terms of payment shall be 10 per cent of the purchase money on the day of sale, the balance in eighteen equal annual payments at 6 per cent per annum. If the purchaser does not own the improvements, he must pay for the same at sale. Purchaser will execute bond, as provided in Section 28, Act of July 11, 1905; must be a citizen of the United States, or one who has declared his intention of becoming such; must pay appraisal and advertising fees. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

No sale shall become effective until approved by the State Land Board. Applications Nos. B-427 and B-287. Date sale ordered by Board, Sept. 27th and Oct. 3rd, 1919.

Date of sale, December 3rd, 1919.  
JOHN F. VIVIAN,  
Register State Board of Land Commissioners.  
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