# The Serpent in Eden & & &

By GWENDOLEN OVERTON

GREAT deal of unhappiness would be spared us in this world if the pagan in us would stop cropping up in our tendency to consider ourselves as picked out individually as marks for the shafts of the gods—if we would but adapt ourselves to a broader modern view of life. If for instange, Miss Babbington had been willing to consider Ferrier's case impersonally, in the light of the triumph of environment over heredity, both she and Ferrier would probably have been very much better off-or even had she realized that it was primarily her own fault, in any event.

She would have married him and have gone west with him when he wanted her to go. He urged as much. Fate and physicians conspired together to send him to the jumping-off place; the least she could do would be to go along, he said. But Miss Babbington was cast in the same mold as that queen who ended upon the guillotine because she would not fly from France without her necessaire. She urged the essentiality of a trousseau. Ferrier said things about clothes in general that only the fact that he was ill and not himself could have excused-things that no woman might hear unmoved, A final quarre? threatened, but it ended in a compromise.

Ferrier would go to the Pacific coast, as he had been bid, and, the trousseau being completed, Miss Babbington should take along her mother and it. and marry him there. It would be somewhat unconventional, but California itself was that, so no one would have reason to be shocked. Moreover, the prospect of separation from Ferrier for a year or so was a thing Miss Babibugton did not like to contemplate. She cared for him a good deal more than her insistence upon the trousseau would lead one not versed in the workings of the feminine mind to

She came into the garden and found Ferrier sitting there. It was a carnation garden, just sheltered and inland enough to get none of the freshening breeze from the sea. The air was warm and languid and thick with scent-the scent of carnations that spread for acres upon acres away; of the heliotrope that hung a mass of purple redolence above his head; of the honeysuckle that loaded the roof of the greenhouse near by; of an orange grove in blossom to windward somewhere. There were humming-birds hanging at the flower-cups, bluebirds and blackbirds drifting about. Ferrier watched them with heavy eyes. The love-tale he had brought with him lay neglected upon his knee. He was recollecting poetry. He murmored drowsily, half aloud, of "beds of amaranth and moly," of "warm airs lulling, blowing slowly, and half-dropped eyelids still."

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And this was, in the nature of things, the time for Eve to appear. She floated ato his line of vision by way of the gravel path. She wore no garments of leaves, but a sky suggestion of cloudwhite and faintest blue. She was hatless, her parasol hung low over her shoulder, and her brown hair gleamed

Ferrier watched her coming toward him between two rows of La France rose-bushes in full bloom. He was sure that she would stop there where she was and sit beside him upon the bench. Which was exactly what she did; but, lest anyone should suppose that she was not a thoroughly nice girl in every way, be it said-it was not by any means the first time she and Ferrier had met. They had spent mornings together upon the beach, and afternoons upon the verandas of the hotel, and their intimacy was just one degree short of where Ferrier thought it necessary to make her acquainted with any of his purely personal affairs.

"Shall I tell you"-said Eve, and her voice, like the voices of the poem, was thin and far away-"shall I tell you what you were thinking about? You were thinking that all the ties of the past are as frail as cobweb strands, are nothing stronger now than a thread of mist-like that up there." She raised her eyes to one faint line of cloud that lay upon the sky.

"Yes." said Ferrier, drowsily, as one who is under a spell, "but how does it happen that you know?"

For answer she turned her eyes to him. After which that happened which happened in Heaven once; there was silence for the space of half an hour, or rather less, perhaps.

A blackbird, burnished and glowing till its wings and breast flashed prism hues again, lighted among the pink branches of the oleander-tree, and preened its wings and considered them, A mocking-bird sang from far away in the heart of the orange grove. Then Ferrier spoke at last. "Why should it matter to either of us," he said, "that there has been a yesterday?"

Her hand was lying upon the bench. His own closed gently over it, and she did not draw away. He drew her closer to him, so close that it lay, at length, against his shoulder, the head with the glinting brown hair. He looked at the lips. They were warmly red, and it is with lips even as with wine, there is danger in looking upon them when they

are red. There was a cheerful human whistle. the scrunch of clumsy feet upon the gravel of the walk. The bell-boy from the hotel-glaringly out of place in his red and brass-trimmed uniform-came Into sight. He was bringing a telegram and shrilling: "I'll Leave My Happy Iome for You-ou-ou." He smiled ap-

preciatively. For Perrier was reading his tale of love, and Eve was poking a praying beetle with the fernie of her parasol, and it was not well chosen from the point of view of likelihood.

The telegram was for Ferrier. The boy delivered it, resumed his tune, and went his way. Eve was watching Ferrier's face.

"Isit bad news?" she said. She moved little nearer again. Ferrier folded the telegram hastily and put it in his pocketbook.

"No," he told her, "the news is dis- reports the Times of that city. tinctly good." His scent-drugged sense of duty was coming to life again, and he felt that he should feel it to be so. There followed a pause. She was waiting to hear the rest, and Ferrier was wondering what would be the best thing, in the long run, that he could do; how he could come out of it all, not with flying colors-he had no hope of that-but with the smallest tatter of shred of decency.

He turned upon her that unflinching gaze attributed by the moralist to the conscience clear. "There will be a friend of mine here this afternoon," he said. He stopped.

"Yes," murmured Eve.

"I may as well tell you, I suppose," said Ferrier, "that she is the girl to

whom I am engaged." She rose slowly up from the seat and stood looking at him without a word. Her head was contemplatively upon one side, and there was a smile upon her lips, but back of her eyes there was a hint of strain. It was a long half minute before she spoke.

"I am not sure which I think is the more to be congratulated, you-or the girl," she said.

Ferrier sat where he was and watched her going down the walk between the rows of La France roses in full bloom. He was not under any spell or enchantment now, and he knew that he had behaved himself surpris ingly like a end.

But no normally constituted man with whom a charming girl is in love ean continue for long in any such unpleasant frame of mind. It does not argue that Ferrier was more light than most, because, by the end of a fortnight, he had very nearly forgotten the entire affair. Eve had done her best to that end by vanishing from the hotel and from his field of vision without word or sign; and so had Miss Babbington-by other means. Who would look back upon the garden from the threshold of paradise.

The threshold of paradise, in this case, was the railroad office, and Ferrier was getting the tickets for his wedding trip. Miss Babbington was with him-it was one of the dvantages to be reaped from westers unconventionality that she might do such things. But she left Ferrier to the settlement of dollars and bits and walked about the office, observing the pictures that hung against the walls. There were the Yosemite and Shasta, the Grand canyon and the Yellowstone. There were views of an ostrich farm and of several coast hotels-of the hotel where she and Ferrier and her mother were, more especially. She stopped before this. In the center was the big photograph of the hotel itself, and at the four corners, set in medallion-wise. were smaller views of the attractions around the place. The carnation garden was one of these. Now if that particular photograph had been in one of the upper corners of the frame all would probably have gone well, and this story would never have been told. But it was in the right-hand corner, and directly upon a level with Miss Babbington's eye. She went quite close and examined it.

When Ferrier came up to her she was examining it still. There was a smile of satisfaction with life and things upon his face. Upon Miss Babbington's there was nothing of the kind. Unfortunately, Ferrier failed to notice either that or the curiously shaking quality of her voice as she asked him if he had bought the tickets yet. He tapped the pocket where they were. "San Francisco and the Yosemite." he said.

"I'm sorry," said Miss Babbington, "that I shall not be going with youthat you will have to take the trip alone.

"Alone-" repeated Ferrier. started to laugh, but he saw that whatever else it might be, the matter was not a joke.

"Unless-" went on Miss Babbington, making a struggle to keep calm that turned her white-"unless you can get another girl to go with yousome one as obliging, for instance, as that girl in the picture there." She pointed with a gloved finger, which shook perceptibly, to the medallion in the lower right-hand corner of the frame. Ferrier did not understand, but he went a little nearer and bent

down to look. The photograph was very small, but it was also very clear. The carnations in the foreground might have been counted one by one, and, though it was hardly more than an inch in size, there could be no possible mistaking the figure of the man upon a bench half hidden by the heliotrope vine, of the man upon whose shoulders a girl had laid her uncovered head, of the man who was, plainly and beyond any hope of denial, kissing that girl. By no stretch of fancy could it be imagined as any

but Ferrier himself. He waited a moment longer, studying the picture closely, by way of gaining time. Then he nerved himself to the ordeal and faced about. "Mighty poor sort of joke on the part of that photographer," he began.

But the plate-glass doors of the railroad office had already swung shut behind Miss Babbington, and he was speaking into empty air .- San Francisco Argonaut.

Nothing to Boast Of. When some people are unable to do a thing they boast of it.-Chicago Daily News.

KNEW THE JUDGE'S VOICE.

And Refused to Believe the Judge When He Answered the Telephone.

Justice Jerome, of New York, sat in his room, adjoining the court of pecial sessions, the other afternoon, Between eigarettes puffs he was parrying the question of a half dozen inquisitive reporters, when the telephone bell began ringing vigorously,

In the absence of his clerk and secretary the justice thought it not beneath his dignity to play telephone boy, and this is the one-sided conversation that convulsed the newspaper men with laughter:

"This is Justice Jerome. What do rou want?" A short pause. "No, it is not the clerk; it is the justice himself. What do you want?

Spit It out." "Humph! Not the justice, you say? Well, I was when I got out of bed this morning and looked in the glass. guess I haven't changed my identity since then. You want the justice, you say? Well, you have him-

now fire away. "Oh, you say, you know the justice well and that this isn't his voice? Well, who the deuce am I, then? Some fresh office boy, eh? Well, I can't waste any more time on you." And up went the receiver with a bang. "I suppose I ought to have that fellow, whoever he is, arrested for contempt in calling the court a liar and a fresh office boy," said the judge, with mock dignity, as he resumed his interrupted conversation with the re-

Invariably. By such discrepancies as this Our life down here is cursed: The man who sings the loudest is The man who sings the worst.

-Washington Star. On the Way to Success. "I see Jones has made a big step forward in the widow's affections."

make him a step-father."-Tit-Bits. His Natural Inference.

"Yes, and I fancy that one more will

Little Willy-Pa? Mr. Hennypeck-Well, my son? Little Willy-Is a bald eagle one that's married?-Puck.



ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association for the election of micers will be held in the Court House, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, January 18th, 1962, at two o'clock p. m.

A. N. YOST,

EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Letters testamentary on the estate of John Howell, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned administratrix, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make paymen, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to MARY HOWELL, Executrix.

Bloomsburg, Pa.

# NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county, and will be presented to the said Court on the first Monday of February, A. D. 1909 and confirmed nist, and unless exceptions are filed within four d-ys thereafter, will be confirmed absolute.

1. First and final account of C. M. Creveling and D. J. Waller, Ir., trustees of the holders of a series of bonds issued by James Magee 2nd, James Magee 1st and W. H. Vanderherchen, agregating the sum of fifty thousand dolars, being dated the \$7 day of January A. D. 1800 and secured by a first lien mortgage of even da etherewith upon the real estate situate in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, known as the Bloomsburg Carpet Mill property.

2. Final account of charles Beaver Committee of Clark B. Stewart a unatte, by the executors of Charles Beaver, deceased.

W. H. HENRIE, PROTH'Y. Proth'y Office, Bloomsburg, Pa., Jan. 9, 1902.

WIDOW'S APPRAISEMENTS.

The following Widow's Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia county on the first Monday of February A. D. 1962 and confirmed hisl. and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute.

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Estate of Mary Shaffer, late of Greenwood Twp., dec'd. Minor child's supplementary appraisement. Personaity \$390.

Estate of David Z. Remaley, late of Centre Twp., deceased. Personaity \$396.

Estate of William Romberger, late of Locust Twp., deceased. Personaity \$160.75.

Estate of John Swank. late of Bloomsburg, deceased. Personaity \$58.50. Realty \$211.5e, Estate of George W. Bloss, late of Conyngh am Twp., deceased. Realty \$75.00.

W. H. HENRIE, CLERK, O. C. Clerk's Office, Bloomsburg, Pa., Jan. 9, 1902.

### NOTICE.

APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATES, OF HAVING PASSED A "UCCESSFUL EXAMI-NATION, TO BE CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF MINE INSPECTOR OF THE FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTHI'S PROTION DISTRICTS, AS PROVIDED BY ACT OF ASSEMBLY, APPROVED JUNE 8, 1991.

DISTRICTS, AS PROVIDED BY ACT OF ASSEMBLY, APPROVED JUNE 8, 1991.

Notice is hereby given that an examination of applicants for certificates, in accordance with the above Act of Assembly, of having passed a successful examination, to be candidates for the office of sine Inspector for the Fourth District, the County of Schuylkill; for the Fifth District, the County of Northumberland, and for the sixth District, the County of Columbia, will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of February 1992, at 1s of clock a. m., in the Board of Trade Rocins, on the second floor of the Mountain City Bullaing, on the corner of Centre and Norwegian streets, Pottsyllie, when and where all applicants are requested to present themselves for examination.

Applicants are requested to advise the Chairman of the Board at as early a date as possible, their latentlon to be present for examination.

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ESTATE OF DANIEL FOUND, LATE OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP, DECRASED.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia country, to distribute the money in the hands of the executors, according to the terms of the will, in the estate of Daniel Young late of Jackson township, deceased, will sit at the office of Col. J. G. Freeze, Eqg., in Bloomsburg, Fa., on Saturday, January 18, 902, at ten o'cl ck a m., to perform the duties of his appointment, at which time and place all persons having claims upon said fund must appear and present the same, or be debarred from any share thereof.

12 264t GEO S. ELWELL, Auditor.

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1902, at ten o'clock a. m. to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all persons having claims must appear and present the same or be forever debarred from any share of said fund.

GRANT HERRING.

### AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF TH'MAS W. MCHENEY. LATE OF GREENWOOD TWP., COLUMBIA COUNTY.
PA., DECEASED.

The undersigned appointed an auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county to make distribution of the fund in the bands of the Administrator, Amos Neyhard, will sit at the office of Clinton Herring in the town of Bloomsbury, Pa., on Friday, January 31, 192, at nine o'clock a. m. to perform the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in the fund in the hands of the administrator of said deceased will appear and prove the same or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

C. E. KREISHER, 1-9-1t.

Auditor.

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ESTATE OF GEORGE ERAGLE, LATE OF MADISON TOWNSHIP, COLUMBIA COUNTY, PA., DECKASED Notice is hereby given that the 'undersigned auditor appointed by the Orphan's Court of Columbia county, to make distribution of the balance in the hands of Frederick Beagle, Administrator of said deceased, as shown by his first and final account, to and among the parties legally entitled thereto; will sit at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg, on Saturday February 1, 1924, at 9 o'clock a. m. when and where all persons interested in said estate must appear or forever after be debarred from coming in on said fund.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Ft. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common of Common Pleas of Col-umbia County, Pennsylvania, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1902, at two o'clock p. m., all that certain lot, or piece of ground, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate on the northeast corner of Spruce and Fourth streets, in the Bloomsburg Land Improvement Company's Addition to the said Town of Bloomsburg, and known and designated as lots No. 11 and :2, in Block No. 4, in the plot or draft of said Addition, compiled by Samuel Neyhard and James C. Brown, in the year 1891, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of Spruce and Fourth streets; thence along said Spruce street north twenty-three degrees and fifty-four minutes west, one hundred and eighty-four feet to an alley; thence along said alley north sixty-six degrees and six minutes east, eighty feet to lot number 13; thence along said lot number 13, south twenty-three degrees and fifty-four min utes east, one hundred and eighty-four feet to Fourth street, aforesaid; thence along said Fourth street south sixty-six degrees and six minutes west, eighty feet to the place of begin

ning, whereon is erected a large, fine FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

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DANIEL KNORR,

By virtue of a writ of Fi. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in Bloomsburg, county and state aforesaid. on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1902 at 2 o'clock p. m., all that certain piece, parce! and tract of land, situate in the township of Mt. Pleasant, county and state aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: Be ginning at a point in the public road leading from Bloomsburg to Millville and lands of C. C. Long and other land of Mary E. Weiss; thence north in centre of said road and land of said Weiss sixteen degrees thirty minutes west. three hundred and twenty-six and five-tenth feet to a po nt; thence north along the same seven,degrees forty-five minutes west, three hundred and seventy-nine feet to a point thence along the same north nineteen degrees forty-five minutes west, one hundred and sixty-three feet to a point; thence along the same north eleven degrees west, seven hundred and thirty-four feet to a point in the public road aforesald and land of Elmer Creveling now Harmony; thence slong land of said Cr-vel ing north, sixty-nine degrees thirty minutes east, eight hundred and forty-one and fivetenths feet to a dead pine; theree along lands of Emanuel Gilbert and Jesse Hutton estate north, eighty-seven degrees east, two thousand five hundred and seventeen and nine-tentl feet to a stone; thence along same lands of Jesse Hutton and A. V. Kressler north, thirtyfour degrees thirty minutes east, one thousand five hundred and stxty-two and five-tenth feet to a stake; thence along land of Samuel "haffer north, eighty-seven degrees thirty minutes west, one thousand seven hundred and fortypine feet to a ; thence along the same south, twenty-eight degrees forty-five minute east, four hundred and ninety-five feet to a stone heap; thence along land of C. C. Long aforesaid south, eighty-one degrees thirty minutes west, four hundred and seven and five tentho feet to a hickory; thence along same south, sixty-one degrees fifteen minutes west, two hundred and thirty-nine and two-tentns feet to a chestrut: thence along same south eighty-two degrees forty-five minutes west, forty-seven feet to the place of beginning, contalning

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By virtue of a writ of Fl. Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Pa., and to me directed, there will be exposed burg, county and state aforesald on

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1902 at 2 o'clock p. m. all that certain piece, parcel RESTATE OF SARAH 3. BROWN, DECEASED.

The undersigned appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to distribute the funds in the hands of the Executors of the estate of Sarah J. Brown as shown by their first and partial account, will sit to perform the duties of his appointment at his office in the Town of Bloomsburg on Friday, January 17th; light at the noclock in the forenoon, at which little all parties having claims against said estate must present the same or be forever barred from a share of said fund.

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C. W. MILLER. Auditor. and tract of land situate on the south side of Third street and Spruce street; thence south twenty-three degrees and fifty-four mioutes east, along said Spruce street, one hundred and east, along said Spruce street, one hundred and eighty-four feet, more or less to an alley in the Orphans' Court of Columbia County to distribute balance in the hands of M. P. Lutz, administration c. L. a., of Joseph Hendershott, late of the Town of Phomsburg. Pa., deceased, to and among the parties extitled thereto, will sit at his office in Bloomsburg, on Friday, January 31, 1992, at ten octock a. m. to perform the dutter. street, aforesaid: thence along Rast Third street, aforesaid, north sixty-six degrees and six minutes east, forty feet to a corner of East

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