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Uncle Abner's Will By Rose Meredith

the smart blue car swung around the corner; a straw hat waved goodby as the car vanished, Betty was still smiling when she entered the cool living room and blinked her panse brown eyes at Uncle Abner. The elderly gentleman looked oyer his spectacles and frowned. "Who was that young man, Betty?" "George Farnum, Uncle Abner." "George Farnum, Uncle Abner." "yawned Betty, pulling off her bright hat and tossing it on the table. "We had a perfectly gorgeous ride out to the Falls."

"H-hm!" Uncle Abner alwars cleared his throat when he was about to say something disagregable. Betty sat down primly on the comfortable sofa. "H-hm," repeated Mr. Cory, "Am I to understand that you have broken your engagement to Jack?"

Betty twisted the diamond on her left hand and blushed warmly as ahe raised her eyes to meet the fierce blue ones of her nearest relative. "Broken my engagement to Jack?"

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Miss Harvard sang all her program well, but made an especial hit with the beautiful Welsh folk songs with which she interspersed the numbers. These she sang in the Welsh tongue. She divided her program into four parts, the first beginning with Bach in German, followed by "Porgi Amor," of Mosart in Italian, and then three

Farnum?"

"I have told him about the rides," aid Betty as she marched upstairs, her eyes full of tears. It had been lone-some after Jack's departure for the West to install some special machinery in a large manufacturing plant there, and upon the success of his first commission for his firm depended Jack Monroe's advancement with the great house of Latimer & Latimer. Mr. Abner Cory was a large stockholder in the Intimer works, and he had looked with approval upon Jack's engagement to his little niece. He rather distrusted George Farnum's idleness and riches, although he liked the young man personally and considered that he had the making of a man in him if he would only get to work.

work. But he wanted Jack for Betty, so h

But he wanted Jack for Betty, so he said.

A few days later Betty sat on the front porch knitting a gay sweater. Inside the library Uncle Abner was talking to his lawyer. Daniel Smith. Their voices rose and fell in endless discussion of stocks and bonds and mortgages. Their tones dropped to a low rumble, and Betty's wandering thoughts were halted by the sound of Mr. Cory's thin voice, speaking with the slow distinctness that always marked his dictation.

"All the rest and residue of my estate " I give and bequeath to my beloved niece, Elizabeth Lasher provided she becomes the wife of George Humphrey Farnum " "" rumble, rumble. Betty heard no more. She had overheard that much because Uncle Abner had spoken louder, as if to impress his lawyer with the words. Pale and trembling, afraid of she knew not what. Betty crept away from the porch and

Betty crept away from the porch and ran down to the orchard, where she sat down on the grass to think things out, as she had done when she was a

out, as she had done when she was a small girl.

What a chaotic thing life was!
She had always believed that Uncle Abner favored Jack Monroe—and yet he had made his will, leaving the bulk of his estate to Betty, provided she married George Fargum—the richest young man in Blessington!

What about Jack Monroe?

"Well, what about him?" thought Betty, as she pictured herself proceeding up the aisle of St. Matthew's Church on Uncle Abner's arm, if he were

on Uncle Abner's arm, if he were still alive, to meet George Humphrey Farnum—George, smiling and blond, the pink of perfection in husbands, rich, handsome, clever and the "kindest old thing in the world." There would be town and country homes, camps and bungalows, travel and the allurements for society spelled with a capital "S."
In fancy Betty Lasher married Gorge
Farnum and was proceeding down the
church sisle to the familiar strains of

church aisle to the familiar strains of the wedding march when something interupted.

A wood thrush high in an eld tree sang his evening hymn.

Tears came into the girl's eyes. The thrush—she liked to believe it was the same bird—had witnessed her betrothal to Jack—the tender song always made her homesick with longing for her lover. Now she listened with tears running down her cheeks. She would go to Jack now—tonight—they would be married at once and she would work so hard for him. Uncle Abner could leave all his money to George Farnum and welcome.

money to George sarnum and wellcome.

A very tearful looking Betty walked
into the house and ran plump into
Uncle Abner in the front hall.

He looked at her over the top of his
spectacles. "Well, my dear," he said
mildly, "where have you been?"

"Sitting in the orchard—it is so cool
there," said Betty, lifting weary brown
eyes to his.

"George Farnum telephoned to you

"he asked to have you ring him
up "he asked to have you ring him
up "be something about a barn dance
at Colonel Phipps place."

"Bother!" muttered this strange
Betty, who loved to dance and who
could dance the soles from her pretty
slippers any time. "Botheration."

"You will call him up?" inquired Mr.
Cory.

Betty flashed around on him. "Do you want me to go with him?" she asked.

asked.

"My dear child, please yourself," said
the old man, smiling benignly on her.

"It is a beautiful night and—"

"I will not go," interrupted Betty
feverishly. "I must confess, Uncle Abner, that I was sitting on the porch
this afternoon and I overheard a few
words you said to Mr. Smith—that
about your will—and leaving me some
money provided—pro-vi-d-ed I married
G-george Farnum!"

G-george Farnum!'
"H-h-mm!"
"Yes, I did, and then I went down
to the orchard. I have made up my
mind to go to Jack at once tomorrow and get married and we
will live in a but on concerned by will live in a hut on c-c-canned beans and t-things. Money isn't everything. Uncle Abner, and I do appreciate all your love and kindness to an orphaned

girl—but I love Jack—and doesn't count." "My dear! My dear!" Uncle Abner patted the bright head leaning against the newel post, "Why-why-you have made me the happiest man in the world made me the happiest man in the world—I was afraid you would marry George

• • and I wasn't sure which one
you really loved and so I had Smith
call, and I dictated that change in my
will on purpose so that you could hear
it • • but it doesn't mean anything.
You and Jack are my children and I
hope you are coming here to live in my
lonely house!" Betty was in his arms
now and tears were wetting his immaculate bosom.

The telephone interrupted, and Mr.
Cory released her to answer its insistent jingle.

Traction Company

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ion Bauer and Pearl G. Curran, and the last group was the classic German lieder of Schubert, Taubert and Hum-mel.

is difficult to say in which group Harvard excelled, as all the songs Miss Harvard excelled, as all the songs were given with excellent enunciation and with the spirit of the composer and the times which they represented. She was in fine voice and the voice, though not robust, is of very pleasing quality and excellent range, besides being under perfect control. The planissimos were especially finely done, being exceedingly soft without any loss in color or quality.

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Betty twisted the diamond on her left hand and blushed warmly as she raised her eyes to meet the fierce blue ones of her nearest relative.

"Broken my engagement to Jack? No indeed, uncle dear; but Jack is away off in Kansas now, and it is duil—George has been so good to take me around."

"George has been so good to take me around."

"George is a fine fellow."

"Inn't he?" 'cried Betty with spark-ling eyes. "So cleve, too, and he's the kindest old thing in the world."

"Jack is a fine fellow, too," pursued Mr. Cory, dryly.

"We know that." murmured Betty, blushing furiously. She picked up her hat and turned toward the hall.

"Elizabeth." called Uncle Abner coldly, "does Jack knwc that you have been receiving attentions from George Farnum?"

"I have cold him about the rides."

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The following is summarized from a letter from Mr. James H. Hustis, President of the Boston

Property Mortgaged - These \$4,000,000 bonds are part of an issue of \$112,985,979 and are secured by a First Mortgage on 1651 miles of line owned by the Company, subject only to \$2,838,000 underlying bonds on 153 miles. In addition to the above mileage the Boston & Maine operates under lease agreement, trackage rights, etc., 636 miles of line, making a total operated of 2287 miles. Other property on which these bonds are secured by a First Mortgage includes railroad repair shops, one of which cost nearly \$3,000,000 and is said to be one of the best equipped in the United States, and valuable freight and passenger terminals in and about the City of Boston, and at other important industrial centers. The Boston facilities comprise very extensive freight yards and some of the most favorably situated and best equipped shipping facilities on the Atlantic scaboard

Latio of Property to Indebtedness - The tentative final valuation placed on the Boston & Maine and leased lines by the Interstate Commerce Commission, including additions since date of valuation, amounts to over \$273,600,000. In arriving at this valuation, the Commission deducted approximately \$50,000,000 for depreciation. As the funded debt, including equipment notes, and the par value of stocks of leased lines, amounts to only \$138,201,079, there is practically \$2.00 of property value for each \$1.00 of indebtedness

Earnings - For the so-called "Test Period" the Boston & Maine had a balance, after fixed charges and after allowing for normal dividends on Preferred stock, of \$1,735,029, equivalent to 4.39 per cent on \$39,505,100 Common stock. The net corporate income for the "Test Period." before fixed charges, was \$10,202,825, equivalent to 1.44 times the present fixed charges of \$7,070,815, which include increased interest charges due to refunding operations and to large capital expenditures since the "Test Period." These capital expenditures amount to more than \$21,000,000 for additions, improvements and equipment, and should materially increase the normal net earning capacity

The "Test Period" above referred to was used by the United States Government in determining a fair compensation for the railroads under Federal control and the earnings of this "Test Period" were considered an indication of normal carning capacity.

The Boston & Maine is rapidly recovering from the depression of 1921. For the first eight months of 1922, Net Railway Operating Income was greater by \$7,554,717 than for the corresponding period of the previous year and is now in excess of fixed charges

We offer the above bonds, subject to prior sale, to approval of our counsel, Messes. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, and to authorization by the public authorities having jurisdiction

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