

Beware of Bachelors

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SYNOPSIS

Dr. Davis, recently married to May Davis, is having lunch with Joe Babbitt and his friend, Myra, when Babbitt is called away. May happens into the same hotel and is furious at seeing her husband with a girl. After explanations, Davis and May make up and go to the shop of Beranger-de Brie to buy perfume. Myra, just naturally flirtatious, decides to further her acquaintance with Davis, and goes to his office to be vaccinated. A few moments later May comes in, followed by de Brie, who is returning a glove she left in his shop. She discovers Myra and now refuses to speak to her husband.

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The girl turned to Davis, but the doctor seemed to have grown suddenly hard of hearing, or else he was immersed in his magazine, for he made no attempt to move. Lora looked at her mistress. The two women exchanged glances. "Excuse me, doctor," the maid spoke quite loudly, "but Mrs. Davis told me that you would pay me as she hasn't got the money, now."



"You had lunch with her."

was already forgetting her anger. And, after all, they were being silly, he reminded himself. It was foolish to go on this way. If he spoke first it would probably make May feel a lot better. Anyhow, he wasn't a child. He could swallow his foolish pride. He cleared his throat nervously. "I say, May," he began. "Let's forget it. I'm sorry for everything I said. I didn't mean it. I swear I didn't." The only answer to his plea was an all-engrossing silence, thick enough to cut with a knife. "Look here, darling, there's no use in our going on this way." He got up and walked over to his wife's chair and, standing behind it, put his arms about her neck. "I don't care to talk to you, thank you," May returned with an attempt at cold politeness. "Oh, yes you do, darling—you know you do." Davis bent closer over his wife, kissing her soft, fair hair. "No, I don't. You let me alone." May tried to push his hands away, but he clung stubbornly to her. "You've been terribly mean to me." "Darling, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to be. But I simply saw red when you asked that idiot to take you home this afternoon. And when I started that kissing your hand stuff I could cheerfully have throttled him."

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down beside May, his arm about her waist. Outside they could hear the swish of the autumn wind rattling the dying leaves on the trees. From the street far below came the muffled thrum of speeding motors, broken now and again by a honking horn. "Don't let's ever quarrel any more," May sighed, leaning her head on her husband's shoulder. "It makes me so unhappy." "It makes me unhappy, too, darling," Davis agreed. "But you must promise me you won't be jealous over nothing." "Oh, I know, but when I saw you today—and that girl with you—"

(To be continued.)

History Of Dallas Continued From Last Week

Ephraim McCoy settled, made a small clearing, and built a house in the year 1797 on the lower side of the present road, about half way between Raub's hotel in Dallas borough and the "Corner School House," near present residence of William Goss. This house like all the houses of that region at that time, was built of logs, and was but little better than a hunter's cabin. McCoy was the original grantee from the state of the northwest quarter of lot two of certified Bedford township. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and was lame from a wound received in battle. He was unable to do much and drew a pension. He cleared a small spot when he first settled there, but in later years worked but little, spending much of his time fishing at Harvey's Lake was a famous and hunting and fishing resort. McCoy said it was still visited by Indians and he frequently saw them passing by a trail through the woods where Dallas village now stands, to and from the lake.

Abram Honeywell informs me that he remembers McCoy well, and says that when McCoy died the nearest burying grounds was at Huntsville, and there being no drivable roads yet opened between Dallas and Huntsville, McCoy's body was carried by the pall bearers about two miles to the Huntsville burying ground for interment. I give this incident as it was related to me by Mr. Honeywell, but it is proper to state that McCoy sold his Dallas land in 1817, and is noted in the first assessment book of the newly organized Dallas township (1818) as having "removed," and his name does not appear thereafter as a taxpayer of Dallas township. This may be the date of his death. He left no kin and but little can be learned of him. There is no tombstone to mark his grave at Huntsville.

William Trucks, a Connecticut Yankee, in 1801 bought of Daniel Barney, of Wilkes-Barre, the Connecticut title to lot three of certified Bedford to a warrant against all persons claiming the same by any title derived from, by or under the state of Connecticut or the Susquehanna Company. William Trucks Jr., afterwards completed the title by securing a patent from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It is on this lot three of certified Bedford that nearly all of the present village and much of the borough of Dallas now stands. William Trucks, however, though a pioneer, did not go so far into the wilderness from the settlements of Wyoming Valley. He did not venture beyond the banks of Toby's Creek the present village of Trucksville, which took its name in his honor.

As early as 1796 he was a resident of Kingston township and the owner of 36 acres of "occupied" land and 208 acres of "unoccupied" land, one horse and two cattle, and was by occupation a carpenter and millwright. In the year 1804 his holdings were 13 acres of improved land, 803 acres of unimproved land and three cattle. In the year 1800 Benjamin Carpenter, Oliver Pettibone and William Trucks were appointed as committee, "by the proprietors of Kingston, for the purpose of leasing the public lands in said town to William Trucks." Seventy acres were thus leased for a term of 999 years. The lease was dated 4th April, 1800.

In 1813 William Trucks, Jr., conveyed all of lot three of certified Bedford to Philip Shaver. In the year 1807 we find him, for the first time, assessed as owner of a grist mill and a saw mill. These mills were at Trucksville. The grist mill must have been built at an earlier date however, as we find it mentioned in a petition for a road vote as early as 1804. It was built of logs, two stories high, and stood on the same ground now occupied by the present steam grist mill in that village. It had but one pair of mill stones, and they were made from a large boulder of conglomerate rock, known as "flat iron rock," which used to stand by the road side opposite the old John Gore saw mill that formerly stood a quarter of a mile above the present toll gate of the Kingston and Dallas turnpike. These mill stones were cut out and set by Mr. Trucks himself. At this mill the grain was first run through the stones and ground. It was caught in bags below and carried up stairs again by hand where it was thrown into a hopper and shaken by hand through a coarse cloth and thus bolted.

The saw mill was erected by Mr. Trucks about the same time, possibly a year or two later. It stood against the steep rock hillside, about four rods above the stone mill dam which now stands at the point where the Kingston and Dallas turnpike crosses Toby's Creek in the lower end of the village of Trucksville. Those mills and the William Trucks settlement at that point were very important improvements in the early part of this century. It was the first foothold of settlement and civilization on that side of Kingston mountain. William Trucks built substantially as if he intended to stay and develop the country. The house in which he lived was built of logs, hewn on four sides, and stood on the flat ground where the store building late occupied by J. P. Rice, Esq., and now by William Patterson, Esq., stands, about four or five rods below the present grist mill. This house had two rooms down stairs. The chimney was built in the center and had two fire places. It was warm and strong I have been told by those who remember it.

In the year 1809 William Trucks was commissioned justice of the peace by Governor Snyder, for Plymouth, Kingston and Exeter townships. In 1811 he sold his mills to Joseph Sweatland who soon afterwards added a distillery to the grist mill. The same year William Trucks moved to Wayne township where he spent the balance of his days, leaving powers of attorney with his son William Trucks, Jr., and his friend Daniel Ayers of Plymouth, to dispose of the balance of his interests in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. About 1814 Jacob Rice purchased part of the Trucks improvement from the Sweatland family and settled at Trucksville. The distillery was distasteful to Mr. Rice and soon disappeared.

-Kunkle-

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Redfield, Mrs. Olin Kunkle and children, Eleanor and Charles, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Detrick of Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris of Miners Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fiske of Dallas and Charles Rice of Wilkes-Barre spent Sunday with William Harris and son, William Harris, Jr. Mrs. W. S. Kunkle, Mrs. Sarah Morgan, Mrs. Ralph Ashburner and son, obbie, Mrs. J. S. Kunkle and Mrs. Roanah Landon, were the guests of Mrs. Alex Johnston at dinner on Thursday of last week. Mrs. W. H. Conden, Miss Margaret Kunkle, Miss Gertrude Smith, Mrs. F. P. Kunkle and Mr. Chester Redfield attended Pomona Grange at Jackson on Saturday, the trip being made in Mr. Redfield's car.

Mr. and Mrs. John Isaacs motored to Youngstown, Ohio, on Friday last to attend the funeral of Mrs. William Isaacs, which occurred on Saturday at her home there. They were accompanied on the trip by Thomas Isaacs of Forty Fort and Mrs. S. J. Woolbert of Shavertown, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Isaacs also made the trip at the same time, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Heidenrich of Wilkes-Barre and Ted Woolbert of Shavertown, all returning home on Sunday. Mrs. Sarah Morgan of Wilkes-Barre, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kunkle, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashburner and son Bobbie and Philip Kunkle motored to Tunkhannock on Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan and family. Mrs. Sarah Morgan, who has been the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kunkle for several weeks, will spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan before returning home. Mrs. J. S. Kunkle entertained at dinner on Friday last Mrs. W. S. Kunkle, Mrs. Sarah Morgan, Mrs. Alex Johnston and daughters, Alice and Elsie, and Mrs. Ralph Ashburner and son Bobbie.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Conden spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Bulford of Trucksville. Mrs. Charles Herdman and Mrs. W. H. Conden attended their birthday club dinner at the home of Mrs. Charles Fisher in Trucksville on Wednesday. Mrs. Fisher's guests also included Mrs. Fred Makinson of Forty Fort, Mrs. D. P. Honeywell of Dallas, Mrs. Sherman Warden of Shavertown, Mrs. John Byers, Mrs. Kille Richards and Miss Emily Fisher. Palmer Updyke left for San Francisco, Cal., on Wednesday morning on receipt of an urgent message from his brother, who lives there. No explanation of the urgent call was given in the message.

Mrs. Clarence Rote and sons, John, Francis and Freddie, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. John Rader, of Parsons. Dewey Mitchell has recently completed a splendid addition to his home. Mrs. Elizabeth Lord of Mt. Zion and Marshal Spruce of East Dallas spent Saturday with Mrs. Roanah Landon. Mrs. Landon accompanied Mrs. Lord home for a week's visit. The Kunkle reunion will be held at the Community hall today, Saturday. Mrs. Fred Ellsworth and Oliver Ellsworth visited friends in Tunkhannock on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Kunkle of Dallas spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ellsworth.

Westward, Ho!

After attempting to sit in a genuine colonial chair or to sleep in a genuine colonial bed with any degree of comfort, one is better able to understand why the American pioneers were always so willing to leave home and push into the wilderness. Mr. Dic came from Warren county, New Jersey, and was local preacher of the Methodist faith. He was a man of great enterprise and industry. He made many improvements at Trucksville and became one of the foremost and wealthiest citizens of his time in that vicinity. He erected a tannery, plaster mill and fulling mill, opened a store for many years conducted a large and prosperous business at the village. He built a handsome residence on the hill above the grist mill which is still standing, and which, at the time of its erection, was far in advance of any other house in that country. It was painted white and had green blinds on the windows, and when new was generally regarded as palatial for that place. Joseph Orr, father of Albert S. Orr, of Wilkes-Barre was the builder.

Another enterprise started at that point by Mr. Rice was a corn roaster intended for preparing roasted corn to send south for the negro slaves. Roasted corn was afterwards found to be injurious as a negro diet, and this enterprise failed.

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-Orange-

Mr. and Mrs. David Emmanuel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brace at East Dallas. Mrs. Rachel Hatton of Hazleton is visiting at the home of Alonzo Brady. Mrs. Morris of New Jersey is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Woolever. Herman Ferry of Philadelphia spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Ferry. Erice Sickler has returned to Bowling Field, Washington, D. C., after visiting his parents here. Leo Dymond has purchased Harry Trip's garage and is now open for business.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Orange M. E. church held its monthly meeting Wednesday to make a quilt. The school board of Franklin township held its regular monthly meeting in the Orange school house Tuesday night. The following teachers were elected for the coming term: Moun-school, Helena Fowler; Michigan school, Mabel Major; Forest Grove, Geraldine Culver. The Orange school is still vacant.

The following Boy Scouts camped over the week-end at Green Castle: Harold Bedford, scoutmaster; Malcolm Baird, James Mitchell, Robert Snyder, Myrtle Swartwood, Kenneth Dordrell, Ernest Gay, Francis Brown, Glenn Sickler, George Woolever. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Schooley of Wilkes-Barre are occupying their summer home here. Mr. and Mrs. Laird Stanton of Harding were recent callers at the home of John Berlew. Edward Evans of Vernon is seriously ill at the home of his son, Russell Evans.

Marian Agnew, a teacher in the Red Lion schools, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Agnew. The children of this place are practicing for Children's Day exercises which will be held Sunday evening, June 30th.

DEMONSTRATIONS OF ELECTRIC STOVES TO BE GIVEN HERE BY EXPERT

Modern labor-saving devices for the housewife and hints on home economics will be given this week in the Reese building, Dallas, by a home economics expert from the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Co. The demonstration will be under the direction of the Luzerne County Gas and Electrical Company, who are assisting the expert by placing a number of their electric stoves here for her use. Cooking demonstrations will be given on three different days—Monday night at 7:45; Tuesday afternoon at 2 and in the evening at 7:45 and on Wednesday at 2 and again in the evening at 7:45.

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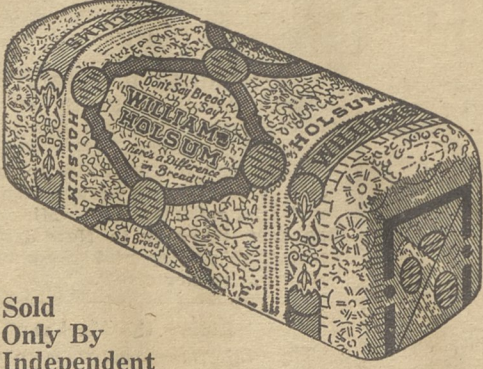
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