

A STROKE OF GENIUS

"Legal practice in the country," said the young attorney who had taken a run down to the city to freshen up a bit, "is not cracked up to be anything which is right, but if I continue to have experiences similar to that which I had last week my life will not be devoid of interest."

"I was sent out by my father, whose junior partner I am, to Billerton a little while ago to draw up a will for an old woman who had about \$20,000 worth of property to devise and about a dozen legatees. When I reached the devisor's house, I found that she was prepared for hereafters and emergencies of all kinds."

"She had heard of broken wills—had heard that no lawyer could draw up a will that some other lawyer couldn't break—but being a strong minded person she had her own ideas about things. She had put off making a will as long as she dared, but one day a happy thought struck her, and she concluded that she could beat the lawyers at their own game. She said to herself that wills were broken because some one didn't get something that he or she thought she ought to have or some one else had got something that he or she ought not to have. The old woman's solution of that difficulty was a stroke of genius."

"I found the devisor sitting prim and stiff in her prim and stiff little parlor, and ranged around the room were a lot of other women, all primmer and stiffer than the devisor. They were the legatees, and they were there to tell the devisor what they wanted without reserve and as freely as they would fight after the devisor's death for the same thing if it had not been bequeathed. There were two men there, but they didn't count. I didn't notice them when I went in, and every time they said a word they were promptly squelched."

"The women were of the spinster type, the kind that one likes to characterize as females, spare, acidulated and grim. I believe two of them were married, but that must have been so long before that they had forgotten it. Here were pretty materials for an argument, and if I hadn't been so young and fresh I would have collapsed at the unprecedented plan. As it was I enjoyed the situation until I was fairly in for it, and then, of course, I could not get out."

"Lest her presence should trammel a free discussion, the devisor, after introducing us all around and making the necessary explanations, left the room, and in less than five minutes the air was full of flying fur and feminine fury."

"Well, if I can't have the white house with the cupalaw I won't take anything," said Hannah Maria, and she swished out of the room in tears, only to come back a few minutes later, having thought better of it."

"Now, you can have the swamp lot, Susan. You know your husband allers said he'd drain it if it was his'n." This from Jane.

"Indeed! And have me nursin him for fever an ague all the rest of his life, caught workin down in that mire. I guess not. No, ma'am. I want the hill farm. It's little, but it's healthy, an you ain't so smart as you think, Jane Pearce."

"Ladies, ladies! I interjected mildly. 'Really, I can't make anything out of this if you won't be a little more amicable. I'm afraid that the testator's wise plan will be frustrated if you can't come to a better agreement.'

"A scornful sniff, punctuated by such remarks as 'Brute!' 'Wretch!' and the like, which ran around the room, was all I got for my pains. I had interfered in a family quarrel, and it was none of my affair if the family chose to decide things in a bellicose way."

"And then the row started again after a few minutes of sullen silence. It was, 'You take the medder lot and I'll take the wood lot,' or 'I think Elizabeth ought to have the cows; her husband bein so shiftless, she could sell the milk and do better.' Now they bandied about the 'phaeton' and the 'cherry bounce,' which no one seemed to care for and seemed likely to go to one of the unobtrusive males present."

"Then the light flitted thickly over the little apple orchard, and I was reduced to

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despair. Finally I threw myself into the breach once more with a new proposition. I would take the inventory of property and let them ballot on the proposition articulated there, each piece of property going to the one having the plurality of votes, and I went to work at once to put my scheme in operation without waiting for the legatees' consent.

"The upshot of it was that the plan fell flat on the first round, when a very desirable bequest was put up, each legatee casting one emphatic ballot for himself or herself. Then there was a scene and tears and more tears, with suspicious glances at the two men whom no one thought would have dared to prefer themselves."

"I don't know how I ever came to a conclusion, but in the end I got a fair idea of what would be acceptable, and after consultation with the testator and getting her approval I drew up the will."

"But that isn't all of the story. When I came to present my bill, the devisor asked me how much I wanted. I drew a deep breath and boldly said, 'Five dollars.' She almost fainted away, and, mind you, the will bequeathed property to the amount of \$20,000. When she came to, I asked her if she thought I demanded too much."

"I'll never give it in the world—never, never, never!" was her determined reply.

"Well, would \$2.50 be too much?" She only frowned at this without fainting.

"Well, what do you think is right?" I finally asked in despair.

"I'll pay you \$1.50 and not a cent more," she answered, jumping at the chance to name her own figures, and I—well, you can call me a fool if you will—I took it. There'll be a dozen partition suits in that will, and I stand a good chance of getting into them."

"Yes, country practice is meager, but it is stimulating," concluded the young attorney thoughtfully as he ordered a 5 cent cigar and went out, leaving his hearer to pay for the drinks.—New York Sun.

Unimpressed.

"This castle is haunted," said the English guide to an American visitor as he threw open a massive shutter, "and the ghost is never seen except out of this window."

"Then your ghost might be called a mere window shade," replied the tourist.—Detroit Free Press.

The Japanese cite 269 color varieties of the chrysanthemum, of which 63 are yellow, 87 white, 82 purple, 30 red, 21 pale pink, 12 russet and 14 of mixed colors.

A Siberian village, bearing the troublesome name of Schermerjewskyje, has been temporarily depopulated by the imprisonment of all its inhabitants for refusing to repair a road. Municipal dereliction in Russia is evidently as grave an offence as a breach of the customs or excise laws in Britain.

**A Howl.**  
An English duke, while being shown the collection of birds in a museum, asked the name of one of them.  
"That's a howl," said the attendant.  
"A what?" exclaimed the duke.  
"A howl," repeated the man with even more distinctness, whereupon a bystander, seeing the cause of the duke's mystification, said, "Your royal highness, 'e says hit's a howl."—Sir M. Grant Duff's Diary.

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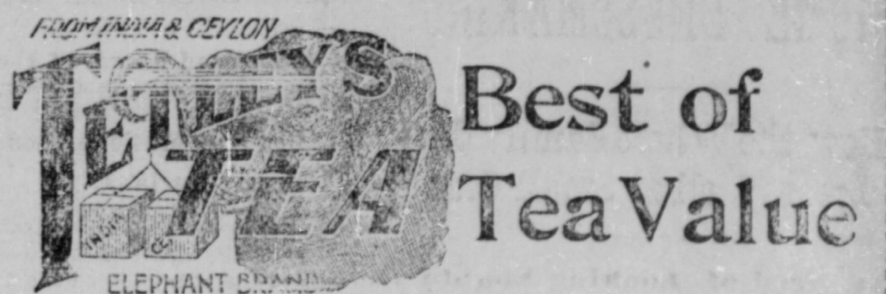
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