

# A CHASE

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Mrs. Greatrix was a stepmother. Not all stepmothers are more than all mothers-in-law, are bad, but Mrs. Greatrix was at least avaricious. She had no children of her own, but a stepdaughter. Moreover, the husband and father had died, leaving \$100,000 to his widow and \$200,000 to his daughter, Alice.

Alice was fifteen years old when her father died, and having no other home, remained with her stepmother. She feared her father's widow and would have been glad to get away from her, but she was too young to lay plans for such a purpose.

There was a clause in the Greatrix will that if Alice was not married by the time she was eighteen \$50,000 of her fortune was to go to her stepmother. If she had no children at twenty-five another \$50,000 was to go to her stepmother. Why Mr. Greatrix threw such a temptation in the way of his wife to keep his daughter unmarried does not appear. The most probable solution is that it was the result of a compromise—that the wife was claiming more and finally got this stipulation out of him.

Unfortunately for the stepmother's plans Alice must go to school. At the high school when she was seventeen she met a youth of eighteen, and between them there sprang up an attachment. Roger Ashurst called occasionally on Alice, but it didn't take him long to discover that he was obnoxious to the stepmother. Opposition is an excellent incentive to love, and Roger as soon as he left the high school and went into business began to lay plans to possess the girl he found so much difficulty in courting. Besides, Alice had told him of the why and wherefore of the case, and he saw plainly that in order to help Alice he must obtain the legal rights of a husband.

As the girl approached the age of eighteen her stepmother began to watch her very closely—so closely, indeed, that she was unable to communicate with her lover. Mrs. Greatrix intercepting all her letters. Two weeks before Alice's eighteenth birthday she was locked up in her room. But one night as she was going to bed, hearing a knock she opened the door, and there she found Roger. He was holding a note in which was attached a note from Roger stating that he would watch for her until she would enter the house and take her away.

A couple of days after this Alice was not especially surprised at her bedroom door being kicked open, and there stood Roger. Hastily putting on her hat and wraps, she went with him downstairs, got into an automobile and was starting home when Mrs. Greatrix appeared, hurrying home.

A garage located around the corner, and thither the stepmother ran, hired an auto and made chase. The fugitives had taken a broad avenue which was the most feasible outlet, and into this avenue Mrs. Greatrix ordered her chauffeur to proceed. She saw the auto in which her daughter was eloping—she recognized it by its color—just turning into a side street. For several minutes it was lost to her, but on turning into the side street she herself caught sight of it trying to pass a cab that stood in the way. While she looked the auto chugged past the back and darted on at full pace.

When Mrs. Greatrix reached the vehicle that had blocked the way her chauffeur endeavored to pass it on the right, but at the moment the back swerved to that side of the narrow street. The chauffeur moved to the left, and the hack also turned to that side.

"Run him down!" cried Mrs. Greatrix. "He's in league with the elopers."

But when the chauffeur tried again to make a passage the hack drew out of the way and let him pass. The pursuing auto soon turned into another avenue, and Mrs. Greatrix, looking first in one direction, then in the other, saw the fugitive auto moving southward.

"There it is!" she cried. "Put on all your power."

They followed the auto twenty miles into the country, when it stopped suddenly.

"Now's your chance," she said to her chauffeur. "Don't let them get away."

But the chauffeur was obliged to slow up for the reason that the driver of the other machine got out to fix something. When Mrs. Greatrix pulled up beside him he was working with a monkey wrench. His auto was empty.

Mrs. Greatrix was so mad that she abused the fellow for leading her on a wild goose chase. He looked at her innocently, apparently not knowing what she was talking about. Then, not waiting for a rejoinder, she ordered her chauffeur to turn about and go back to the city.

Meanwhile the lovers had been married.

Mrs. Greatrix never knew their method of escape. Ashurst had not counted on her returning so soon. Expecting that she would follow, he directed his chauffeur to turn into a side street, and, seeing a hack standing by the curb, he got Alice out of the auto and into the hack only a moment before her stepmother turned into the street, and ordered the driver to go. She saw the driver's eyes were fixed on her wherever she wished to go. When the pursuing auto came to the driver to throw the driver out of the way in order to throw the driver out of the way.

## LEGAL BLUNDERS.

**A Quir Decree of Divorce Issued by a Paris Court.**

Some years ago, it is said, a legal blunder of a most extraordinary character was committed in one of the divorce courts in Paris. By some misapprehension on the part of the presiding judge, whose papers and mind had got confused, he actually mistook the name of an advocate who had been arguing a petition for the annulment of the petitioner himself and in granting and signing the decree of dissolution of marriage of the petitioner unwittingly substituted the advocate's name for the petitioner's and thus divorced the lawyer from his wife instead of granting the prayed for release of the advocate's client. As the lawyer had no desire for separation from his wife and as there was no process for annulling an absolute decree for divorce, even to meet such a remarkable case, it became necessary through this judicial error for the man of law to remarry his spouse without delay, and this he did.

A somewhat similar error was committed in the English court of chancery. There had been a litigation over some property, which was held by one man and claimed by another of the same name. In evading some order of the court the holder of the property had committed a contempt, and on this being called to the attention of the judge an order issued for the summoning of the guilty party but of the claimant of the same surname, and the order was served on one who was actually in execution before the error was discovered. —New York Press.

## The Temple

The headline attraction at the Temple theater next week will be Consul, the great and most wonderful Chimpanzee in vaudeville; Neil O'Brien, America's great minstrel will also be another drawing card; the rest of the bill is Agnes Scott & Harry Keane in the playlet, "Drifting"; Ed. Reynard, ventriloquist; Primrose Four, one thousand pounds of harmony; Susanne Rocamora, a pretty girl and a pretty voice; Keno, Welch & Melrose, comedy acrobats; Ollie Young & April, charming novelty act and Moore's pictures.

## Victoria Theater

With careful regard for the demands of the critical patrons of the Victoria, Manager John H. Anderson has chosen a bill of varieties for the coming week that will prove satisfactory to the most exacting connoisseurs of vaudeville. The acts chosen nearly run the entire length of offerings usually considered in the vaudeville class. From cartooning, the acts continue on with a dramatic laughable sketch, a class violin act, a pair of boys who write their songs and sing them, to a casting act, finishing with well known entertainer who sing old and new melodies that one enjoys listening to.

## BOOKS IN OLD ROME.

**Trained Slave Copyists Turned Them Out Quick and Cheap.**

There were in Augustan Rome established publishing houses which not only turned out large numbers of books, but many editions of them and at an incredibly small price. That their arrangements were businesslike may be inferred from the testimony of Horace. He relates that when an author failed to please the metropolis the publishers shipped the entire edition of his works to the provinces, and if he still failed as a writer they made arrangements to bring them back again, and sell them as paper to the pastry and spice shops.

One great firm in Rome had over 2,000 trained slave copyists and their work was swift and cheap. For Martial writes that they had ready an edition of a thousand copies of his "Epigrams" in just one hour, to be sold at 10 cents a copy. The exceedingly large reading public which all this indicates must have been many years in growing, and one may assume that Rome had long been a city of readers. Atticus the publisher of Cicero, had a great many modern methods in the conduct of his business, and the fact that Cicero's "Commentaries" were very quickly dispatched to the outposts of civilization shows that the machinery of distribution was also well organized. Thus we may conclude that the advertising and publicity department was in good shape. —Bookman.

## Husky Dogs of Labrador

All along the coast at every Eskimo encampment and about the cabins of the Inuit are numbers of husky dogs. In winter these animals pull the sledges and form the sole means of travel or communication from settlement to settlement. During the summer they are not fed by their owners, but are left to seek their sustenance as best they can, hence the husky breeds range the land near the coast and add to the problems of Labrador, as they permit no creature to live that they can pull down. If a horse were to be turned out to graze overnight only its bare bones would be found in the morning. Even to human beings they are sometimes dangerous when night begins to fall, and on occasion when hard driven by hunger they have been known to attack children in the day. Considering they are hardly ever fed in the summer, one only wonders that there are not more ill deeds to set to their account. —Wide World Magazine.

## A Tramp's Story.

"You say you were once the editor of a newspaper?"

"Yes, my boy, and it was a very bright little sheet, if I do say it."

"How does it happen, then, that you are forced to ask at back doors for meals?"

"It is merely a case of the irony of fate. I had a printer who was neat, lighted, and one afternoon when he made up the paper he got a wedding notice and a murder trial mixed, so that after describing the costume of the bride it said the condemned man almost collapsed when sentence was pronounced." —Chicago Record-Herald.

## A Way to Do It.

Mrs. Blake—The people in the next suit to ours are awfully annoying. They usually pound on the wall every time our Mamie sings. I wish we knew of some way to drive them out of the flat.

"Why not have Mamie keep on singing?" —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Hard Work.

"A mounted policeman must have a hard time."

"How so?"

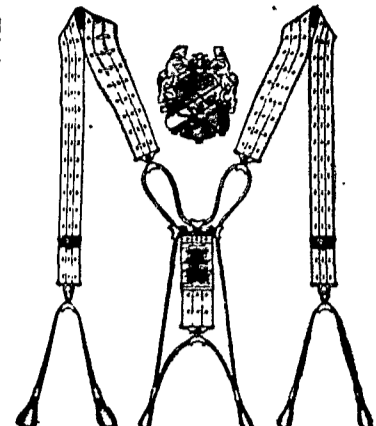
"It can't be an easy matter to sleep on horseback." —Judge.

## Chasing Him Up.

De Boko—So the tailor called again with his bill? Did you say I was out?

His Ma—Yes, sir, and I told him that I thought he was too.—Boston Transcript.

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