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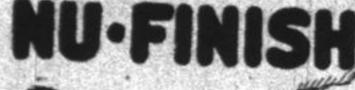
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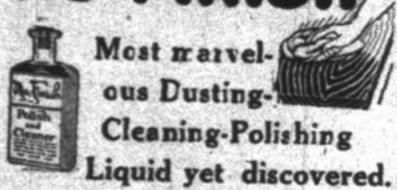
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## The Lesser Evil

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By IZOLA FORRESTER

"Well, of course you'll do us you please, Kathleen. You always have, and far be it from me to try to argue you out of it." Miss Coniston sat back farther in the wing chair by the bay window and spread her skirt carefully. But I'm your mother's own cousin and I shouldn't rest easy in my grave if I didn't tell you what thought at such a time."

"Why did she ever leave such an idiotic will?" Kathleen interrupted stormily. She sat by the old-fashioned flattopped desk in the middle of the library floor, both elbows planted on the melee of papers, while she cried plentifully in her handkerchief. It was half an hour since Graham, the family lawyer, had bowed his way out, leaving the only living relative of Mrs. Letitia Lovejoy to digest the will she had left. Everything, with the exception of two clocks, one colonial dropleaf table, one curate's delight and one silver ten service, went to Kathleen. These were reserved for "my dear cousin, Mary Coniston, in loving appreciation of her care and friendship these many years."

The last paragraph, however, had come like a thunderbolt to Kathleen. She had always known that at her mother's death the estate would revert to her by her father's will, but here was a proviso tacked on, of which she had known nothing.

"Providing that said Kathleen Lovejoy shall marry my beloved godson, Randall Lovejoy Phelps."

"You can't tell me, Cousin Mary, that Randy didn't know all about this long ago and he could have saved me by



"Why Did She Ever Leave Such an Idiotic Will?"

refusing to marry me, then what could she have done about it? I hate him. I'd rather give up everything, the house Dr. B. A. Hamilton Dr. Earl D. Fritsch lesser evil, and I shall write to Mr. Graham and tell him so." Kathleen wiped her eyes belligerently. "I'm not one bit afraid of work, and you know it. I can go back into the motor corps tomorrow if I want to. They're going to keep up all sorts of branches in reconstruction lines, and I shall write an application tomorrow to be restored to service now that I am free from the care of mother."

Just two days later Randall Phelps sat in Graham's new office up in the Crandall building on Main street and heard Kathleen's opinion frankly expressed by letter. She would not follow the terms of the will. She would never marry Mr. Phelps, or anyone else under the terms of coercion, and she was leaving the house at once that there might be no further trouble.

"Where has she gone?" asked Randall, frowning at the portrait of Daniel Webster on the wall.

"Presumably back to the motor corps," Mr. Graham searched the letter again for verification. "Most unusual, but quite like Kathleen. Have you-er-have you had any serious

"Not recently. I haven't seen or heard from her since I got back. Two years ago, just before I enlisted we-we -or, the devil, Graham! I'm not going to have her do this. Give up her home and money for me. I don't want her to marry me on compulsion. What can I do legally?"

"Nothing," Mr. Graham told him dryly, "nothing at all." The terms of the will stood. Perhaps he might win her over by doing something in the same line as herself, first-aid, as it were, in the new building-up work with sol-

Randall smiled as the plan dawned on him, and he gripped the old lawyer's hand fervently. It did not need any words of his to prove his own stand on the will.

And not a week later, at the little local headquarters in the town, Kathleen received orders to call at the railroad station for the first consignment of convalescent soldlers to be sent up to the Lovejoy pince, under Mr. Phelp's arrangement.

. Never did any soldier ordered over the top go with a stiffer upper lip than Kathleen. Sternly she faced front and drove along the familiar roads until the row of tall Norwegian pines came in view, and there was Randall himself to welcome his guests, with Cousin Mary beside him to act as host

They both nodded to her pleasantly, and Kathleen felt hurt and cold as they all passed up the box-bordered walk together. She was to wait there for the two nurses who had brought the men up. But long before they put in an appearance Randall came leisurely

before he opened up a conversation. "You're needed here more than you are running that car, Kathleen. "A matter of personal opinion isn't it?" said Kathleen coolly, "You seem to be very pleasantly situated.

down to the car and lit a cigarette

"Nothing has been changed. It is still your property," he said gravely. "I am only acting in your interests in the way I think you would aprove of I'm going to do this all summer. thought by September you would be tired of running the car, and we could be married about your birthday, the 17th, isn't it?"

"Did you tell Mr. Graham that we were engaged?" Kathleen tried her best to be scornful. It was hard when she saw the new D. S. O. on his breast. Her specialty these days was heroes, and it would be rather nice to have one in the family. Besides. his eyes were disconcerting.

"You gave me to understand were-two years ago. If you insist, shall turn the place over permanently as a home for disabled soldiers. I'm one myself, as it is; heart trouble."

She laughed. Down the path were the two nurses, walking slowly and chatting with some of the men. The time was short. He reached in an inrer pocket and drew out a small, flat bill-fold she remembered giving him

Silently he opened it for her scrutiny. Around it was coiled a long curling strand of blond hair, making a frame. On the other side was a letter, the one she had written him that

"I'm sorry I said no. I never dreamed you were really going. Never believe me when I say no, Randy, Pm still all yours until you return

"Well, that only says 'until,' she faltered. But she knew the fight was over as Randall swung around with a ready smile and broke the news to his guests in this way: "You boys are all welcome until

GIFTS FROM THEIR MOTHERS

after the wedding."

Maternal Talents That Have Been Re flected in Work of Great Musicial and Writers.

There are numerous instances in history in which parents possessing uncommon gifts are supposed to have passed them on to their children. This is especially the case in regard to musical talents, observes a writer in London Tit-Bits.

The mother of Schumann, for instance, had great musical ability. Chopin received his wonderful giftand also his delicate constitutionfrom the maternal side; Gounod's mother was exteedingly fond of music, while the mother of Spohr, the German composer, was an excellent Judge of music and a fine critic, without being herself a musician.

Sir Walter Raleigh declared that he inherited from his mother the politeness of deportment which ever tinguished him. Goethe pays frequent tribute in his writings to the character and culture of his mother, as does also the poet Wordsworth.

Sydney Smith believed that he inherited from his mother his rare conversational powers and quickness of repartee. It is well known that the mother of Edward Gibbon, the historian, was a great reader and cultivated the same taste and habit as her

The mother of Charles Darwin made herself acquainted with all the branches of natural history and entertained a great fondness for animals. This record seems to show that maternal talents and tastes are frequently transmitted to sons; it claimed that the gifts of the fathers usually descend to the daughters

Value of Green Vegetables.

Though green vegetables and fresh fruits have little food value, they are universally desired by mankind. The phone H. P. 315 Journal of the American Medical Association says this is explainable by the fact that they seem to be a safeguard to health. The recent studies of C. B. Osborne and L. B. Mendel of the properties of green leaves show ........... that these contain large quantities of the vitamines which, though not food are necessary to health. According to these investigators spinach contains far more of the vitamine that promotes normal growth then do whole wheat, soy beans, eggs, meats, milk or potatoes.

It Was. The habitual customer, Mr. Feedwell, would often condescend with the head waiter. One

said very seriously: "Look here, I don't often complain, but this pepper of yours is half peas!" "Oh, no!" said the head waiter indignantly. "I see to that myself. We

grind our own pepper." the customer, "and I'll prove it! Per p-e-r-half 'p's,' You see!"

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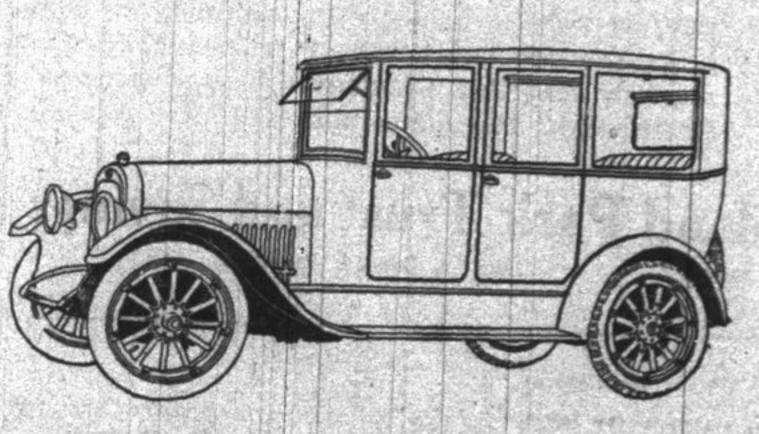
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