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Landlord: "Bulging, are they?"
"THE WALLS of my house are all bulging. What are you going to do about it?"

Then that makes the house bigger. I must raise your rent."

When the music plays, the heart is light.

The Road of the Dead Men takes you there—a road threading the mazes of an Inferno, south and east from Yuma. Incredible heat grills you along the route. Mountains, which appear through the heat waves to be piled up plates of stove iron all in motion, march weary mile for weary mile all down the Desert of the Little Hell to where the Line marks the division of No-man's Land; Arizona on the one side, Mexico on the other.

And there in a gash between rocky peaks lie the High Tanks—Tinajas Atlas. Water more precious than emeralds.

In this country there are no springs, nor running waters. The fluid that means life lies hidden away in rock-bound cisterns where the occasional summer thunderheads up from the Gulf spill a torrent in ten minutes and pass on. During the dreadful months of absolute drought between storms the water that has been held in these secret places festers, fills with wild pigeons and rattlesnakes, turns

Chapter 1
THE AMOROUS HOSTESS

THE times were full of trouble; but Martha Quinn was unperturbed. Hers was a mind that confined itself to the essentials of life; its sustenance and reproduction. Not for her to plague herself with the complexities of existence, with considerations of the Heretofore or disputations upon the various creeds by which its happiness may be ensured—a matter upon which men have always been ready to send one another upon exploring voyages thither—or yet with the political opinions by which a nation is fiercely divided. Not even the preparations for war with Holland, which were agitating men so violently, or the plague-scare based upon reports of several cases in the outskirts of the City, could disturb the serenity of her direct existence. The vices of the Court, which afforded such delectable scandal for the Town, touched her more nearly, as did the circumstance that yellow bird's-eye hoods were now all the rage with ladies of fashion, and the fact that London was lost in worship of the beauty and talent of Sylvia Farquharson, who was appearing with Mr. Betterton at the Duke's House in the part of Katherine in Lord Orrery's "Henry the Fifth."

Even so, to Martha Quinn, who very competently kept the Paul's Head, in Paul's Yard, these things were but the unimportant trifles that furnish the dash of life. It was upon life's main concerns that she concentrated her attention. In all that regarded meat and drink her learning—as became the hostess of so prosperous a house—was probably unrivaled. Upon these talents was her solid prosperity erected. She possessed, further—as became the mother of six sturdy children of assorted paterity—a discerning eye for a fine figure of a man.

It was to this fact—although he was very far from suspecting it—that Colonel Holles owed the good fortune of having lodged in luxury for the past month without even a reckoning asked or so much as a question on the subject of his means.

Mrs. Quinn had assigned to his exclusive use a cosy little parlor behind the common room. On the window-seat of this little parlor he now lounged, whilst Mrs. Quinn herself—and the day was long past in which it had been her need or habit with her own plump hands to perform so menial an office—removed from the table the remains of his very solid breakfast.

Observing him furtively, with a furtiveness, indeed, that was almost habitual to her, Mrs. Quinn pursued her task, moving between table and sideboard, and hesitated to break in upon his abstraction. She was a woman on the short side of middle height, well eyed and deep of bosom, but not excessively. The phrase "plump as a partridge" might have been invented to describe her. In age she cannot have been much short of forty, and whilst not without a certain homely comeliness, in no judgment but her own could she have been accounted beautiful. Very blue of eye and very ruddy of cheek, she looked the embodiment of health; and this rendered her not unpleasant. But the discerning would have perceived greed in the full mouth with its long upper lip, and sly cunning—Nature's compensation to low intelligences—in her vivid eyes.

It remains, however, that she was endowed with charms enough of person and fortune to attract

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green. If the desert traveler haply finding a Papago water sign pointing to the hiding place of one of these tanks comes upon it and can restrain his thirst sufficiently to boil or strain the water through a cloth, so much the better for him. Many are too near dementia to yield to these niceties.

At Tinajas Atlas many rude crosses are laid out in the sand at the foot of the wall wherein the ladders of cisterns climb the heights. They are made of black rocks. They mark the graves of men who have died there. Some died of thirst when they dragged themselves thither only to find the tanks dry. Others were shot by bandits for the gold they carried, or even for the boots they wore. Some of those crosses were laid down more than a hundred years ago.

Aye, the sands of Tinajas Atlas tell a story.

All the fire was out of the western sky when we made camp there at the foot of the rocky escarpment. Before we had boiled our water over the spirit stove the lamps hanging in a space where the eyes could find perspective. The silence of the desert night shut down about us. We could be reasonably certain there was not another human being within a hundred miles of us, any direction.

"Here's where we killed Gonzales." My companion suddenly broke a reverie induced by cigarette smoke. Startling it was to have that simple declaration hurled at one without preliminaries. Knowing the taciturnity of the desert kind, who will not be tricked into conversation unwillingly, I said nothing and waited. Then came the story.

"A bad hombre, this Gonzales fella. Killed a man over some woman scrape up around Castle Dome an' then took out across the desert to make Mexico before he could get him. I was a deputy of Yuma county then; our sheriff'd just got his leg busted by a bad mule so it was up to me.

"Gonzales had a day's start on us before I could round up Sid Buck to go 'long with me. We picked up Gonzales' trail where he'd stolen a horse and left his jaded one in trade. That was at Welton, on the railroad. He was seen heading down the Road of the Dead Men past Cabeza Prieta.

"But we had the bulge on this bad Mex an' he didn't know it. We took my little car an' he was on horseback. Nobody ever had tried before to take a car down into this country—didn't think it could be done.

"Well sir, in a way o' speakin' it wasn't done in yonder. Car broke down up yonder by Bates, Wells, an' Sid an' me were afoot. We come onto Gonzales' dead horse an' knew Gonzales must be afoot, too.

"But I come onto somethin' else a dam sight importanter than that dead horse. Right there at Bates Wells just before Sid an' me took a drink see the wind lift a'll bit of paper. Course, bits of paper ain't common in this country, so I give it a look.

"It's a label off a drugstore bottle. There's a skull an' crossbones in red on it, Strychnine it says.

"That means this skunk Gonzales' poisoned the well. It's forty miles from Bates Wells down here to Tinajas."

Forty miles! In those two words lay a volume! A fugitive with a bottle of strychnine for a weapon slogging through the Desert of the Little Hell, two men at a thrash slogging after him. The story finished abruptly.

"Sid an' me were mighty nigh tuckered out when we got here to Tinajas. But we shot Gonzales in time."
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A little oil may save a deal of friction.

(To be Continued)

MORTGAGE SALE

To be sold by Public Auction, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in the Prince Edward Island, on Monday the 27th day of March, A.D. 1924, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, ALL THAT parcel of land, situate on Lot Forty-eight in Queens County, bounded and described as follows:—Commencing at the eastern boundary of lands now or formerly in possession of Nicholas Robertson, on the boundary line of Township Forty-eight and Forty-nine, and running from thence east along said boundary line twelve chains and eighteen links and extending north from these two points by parallel lines for the distance of seventy-six chains, and containing by estimation ninety-two and one-half (92½) acres of land a little more or less, saving and excepting thereout the Railroad and Public Road appropriation, and being the land described in an Indenture of Lease dated the 15th November, 1839, between the Assignees of the Estate of Peter DesBrisay Stewart deceased and Peter Ballem also in a Deed from the Commissioner of Public Lands to William Ballem dated 25th October 1883.

The above sale is made under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the 25th day of September A. D. 1922, and made between Hiram Robertson, of Pownal, in Queen's County aforesaid, farmer, and Beatrice Robertson, his wife, of the one part, and Joseph Ballem, of Pownal aforesaid, gentleman, of the other part, default having been made in payment of the interest secured thereby.

For further particulars apply to McLean & McKinnon, Solicitors, Royal Bank Building, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

Dated this 7th day of February, A. D. 1924.

JOSEPH BALLEM,
Mortgagee

Tenders For Lot 40 Church

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IN RE ESTATE of William A. Robertson, late of Pownal in Queen's County in the said Province, deceased, testate.

By the Honourable Alexander Bannerman Warburton, Surrogate Judge of Probate, &c., &c.

Verily the Sheriff of the County of Queen's County or any Constable or literate person within said County.

GREETING:

WHEREAS upon reading the petition on file of William Cameron Robertson of Pownal aforesaid, Farmer, and Venette May Robertson of the same place, Spinster, the executors of the above named Estate praying that a citation may be issued for the purpose hereinafter set forth; You are therefore hereby required to cite all persons interested in the said Estate to be and appear before me at a Probate Court to be held in the Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in the said Province, on Friday the Fourteenth day of March next, coming, at the hour of eleven o'clock forenoon of the same day to shew cause if any they can why the Accounts of the said Estate should not be passed and the Estate closed as prayed for in said petition and on motion of J. D. Stewart, Esq., Proctor for said Petitioner. And I do hereby order that a true copy hereof be forthwith published in some newspaper published in Charlottetown aforesaid, once in each week for at least four consecutive weeks from the date hereof and that a true copy hereof be forthwith posted in the following public places respectively, namely, in the hall of the Court House in Charlottetown aforesaid, in front of the Hall at Pownal aforesaid, and in front of the School-house at Mount Mellick in Queen's County aforesaid, so that all persons interested in the said Estate as aforesaid may have due notice thereof.

GIVEN under my Hand and the Seal of the said Court this fifth day of February, A. D. 1924, at 11 o'clock in the Fourteenth year of His Majesty's reign.

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(Sgd.)
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