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The Redfield Will

It Looked All Right When Made, but Did Not Pan Out Well

By F. A. MITCHEL *****

When the late John Redfield's will was opened it was learned that all his property-a goodly fortune-was left to his daughter Anne, with the condition that she marry the testator's right hand man of business, Theodore Griffin. Griffin had been in charge of the Redfield company for some time before its founder's demise, and since he was the only man who could squeeze a profit out of it there was no necessity for making any other provision for its management. Nothing was said in the will as to a refusal of Griffin to marry Anne Redfield. Her father when she was passing into womanhood had told her that it was his intention to give her a good manager for the fortune he would leave her, in the person of Griffin. Anne was then too young to consider the importance of the plan to her, and her father was led to believe that she would make no objection to it when the time came to fulfill the conditions. There was no doubt about Griffin's acceding to it. This is why the will made no mention

of a refusal on the part of Griffin to marry the heiress. If she refused to marry him the stock of the Redfield company, which would otherwise be hers, would go to Griffin. The residue of the estate would in this case be dirided between several charitable institutions in which the testator had been much interested during his life.

Mr. Redfield died four years after mentioning the matter to his daughter. When he did so she was fifteen. At the time of his death she was nineteen. She had told some of her schoolmates that she was to marry Griffin and had made no objection to doing so. At that time it was a matter for the future, and she considered it a matter of course, as a boy may do who is brought up to understand that he is to enter a

certain profession, But when Anne Redfield at nineteen found herself an orphan and called upon to fulfill the conditions of her father's will she was a woman and had a lover who had nothing whatever to do with the condition except that if she married him she would give up a

David Corwin was the young man who had stepped in to prevent John Redfield's well conceived plan from being smoothly worked out. David had been attentive to Anne for some time before her father's death, but Mr. Redfield was not observant, and quite often parents who are watchful fail to love affair that is developing right under their noses. This one came to a head during Mr. Redfield's last ill-

When the will was read Anne was reminded of something the importance of which she had not realized and which, never having been mentioned to her since she was fifteen years old. she regarded as a dead letter. But even now it did not occur to her that Griffin would force himself upon her, she being unwilling. She sent for him and told him that she could not marry her father's choice for her without violation to her feelings. Griffin replied that he had promised her father to do his part in carrying out the plan; if Anne would not do her part he saw no way but that the property, other than the business, must go to the charities named in the will.

Anne consulted a lawyer, who told her that under the terms of the will she must marry Griffin to inherit her property. There was but one way out of the dilemma, and that was for Griffin to refuse to marry her. This would make the will inoperative, and she would inherit as heir at law, the same as if there were no will, she being the only child and there being no widow. Anne did not understand the legal distinctions in the case, but she did understand that her inheriting her

property and marrying the man she wanted depended on Griffin's declining to marry her. She sent for Griffin and reported what the attorney had said. "This plan," replied Griffin, "was inaugurated by your father. It received my sanction, and he told me that you had made no objection to it. I would not be justified in thwarting it by, putting you in a position to render it in-

but that fact would not excuse me if I become a party to nullifying it. "But father could have had no object in making such a will except to insure, so far as he could, my happiness, Four years ago he told me about this plan, and I gave my consent to it. Had I refused that consent I am quite sure he would not have made such a



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will. I was then a child. Now I am woman. Father never intended that should marry a man I did not wishto marry."

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capable of managing it who has not seen brought up for the purpose. Your ather brought me up for that very purpose. His object in providing in the will that you should marry me was to nsure to you the enjoyment of the wealth he was leaving you. Had he eft you free to marry whom you liked ou would doubtless have married some oung man utterly unfitted to manage fortune that was tied up in a very in tricate business. The result would have been what I have said—rum for the business and poverty for you. He brought you up with the understand ing that you were to marry the manger of the business he left you.

This sounded so plausible that for the time being Griffin appeared in Anne's eyes a very noble man. It seemed to her that she was the guilty one in not carrying out her father's wishes, to which she had tacitly con-Nevertheless her whole being rebelled against a marriage with Gris Indeed, it was not to be thought of. She would marry the man of her choice even if she must relinquish a fortune. She was quite sure he would marry her even if she were poor as a church mouse

But Anne found on consultation with others that they were not disposed to take her view of Griffin's noble motives in not permitting her to enjoy her inheritance with the man she loved by refusing to marry her. Her lawyer told her frankly that Griffin wented the half million of dollars he would get with her. Corwin said that he wanted her, fortune or no fortune, but some way must be found to persuade or force Griffin to refuse to marry hea, thus enabling her to come into her own. He consulted lawyers, who told him that to comply with the statutes Griffin must voluntarily refuse. He could not be trapped or forced into a

There was a time limit in the will to Anne's marriage with Griffin. By the time she was twenty-one she must marry him or lose her property. When her father died she had just turned nineteen. Therefore two years semained before she was compelled to decide. It was decided between David and Anne that David should go to some unknown place. Anne had not told Griffin that he had a rival, and it was determined to still keep the metter a secret. There was no difficulty in doing this, for thus far it was known only to Anne and David,

Theodore Griffin was one of those men who combine the social and business world. His success lay in become ing intimate with rich persons and using them in a business way. He used his club, his friends, even his church, for profit. One evening at the opera, scanning the occupants of the boxes, he encountered a pair of binoculars in the hands of a handsomely dressed woman leveled upon him. The glasses were dropped at once, but Griffin wondered why the women, who was young and well favored, had been gazing at him. Later, pointing to the woman, he asked a friend who she was and was informed that she was Senora De Barancas, the widow of a Brazilian coffee planter and worth mil-

"Would you like to know her?" asked a gentleman sitting near Griffin.
"I certainly would," was the reply.

am a friend of hers, and if you will give me references I will be pleased to present you. She has only just arrived in the city and is un-

Griffin found a friend who youched for him and was presented to Senora Barancas. He found confirmation of his belief that he had attracted her attention, because she had admired his appearance, in the reception she gave him, which was, to say the least, cordial. She lamented being in a great site where there was so much to en-

joy with no one to enjoy it with except her business manager, the man who had introduced Griffin and Griffin told her that it would give him great pleas ure to make her stay pleasant. She told him that she had but a week in the city, for she had the misfortune, though a woman, to be burdened with

the management of large interests.

Griffin devoted himself to the young widow for a week, at the end of which he prevailed upon her to remain another week. One morning Anne Red-field received a note from an attorney suggesting that a compromise might be effected in the matter of the condition in her father's will requiring her to marry Griffin. Anne referred the note to her attorney, who advised her to begin negotiations by offering Griffin \$10,000 to refuse to marry her.

But before a reply to the offer was received David Corwin turned up and, taking Anne in his arms, announced that Griffin had been married the evening before.

Corwin was in a position to give his flancee a lot of information as to the bride, for he had brought her from Rio de Janeiro himself, had arranged her meeting with Griffin-indeed, had arranged a trap for that gentleman which had been worked out very successfully. Senora Barancas was a hired adventuress, and David had agreed to remunerate her handsomely out of Anne's fortune if she could by marrying Griffin insure it to its right ful owner. The senora needed considerable funds to pose as the widow of a multimillionaire coffee planter, and Da-vid had been obliged to borrow the necessary amount

The wedding was sudden, for the senora received a telegram (sent by Do-vid) that her interests needed her presence on her plantation, and Griffin concluded to snap her up without delay.

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"With regard to the bread coming from Switzerland, I think that durfrom Switzerland, I think that during the summer time this is a great waste. For three years the British people have been told about the bread going bad, and yet it still keeps coming out, and in consequence thousands of pounds of bread have been wasted. The bread is, of course, sent to the main camps, and in the case of men who are actually there when it arrives they set it. there when it arrives they get it in good condition. For the men in working camps, however, things are different, as the bread has to be sent on, and takes perhaps another three weeks to get there, by which time it is quite uneatable.

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and they are distributed from there to the small working camps.

"To my knowledge the pearcels were never stopped for any reason, except during the six weeks I have mentioned, but I have heard rumors of the Germans threatening to the of the Germans threatening to stop them. I do not think they will do so in the case of the British prisoners at any rate; if they did they would not get a single stroke of work out of

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AND FURTHER take notice that the list of lands for sale as aforesaid is now being published in the Ontario Gazette in the issues thereof bearing date 14th, 21st and 28th days July and the 4th day of

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AND FURTHER take notice that in AND FURTHER take notice that in default of payment of the taxes in arrears upon the lands specified in said list, together with the costs chargeable thereon as set forth in the said list so being published in the Ontario Gazette before the day fixed for sale of such lands, being the 20th day of October, A.D. 1917, the said lands will be sold for taxes pursuant to the runs of the advertisement in the Ontario Gazette.

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