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The HOWLAND ESTATE

How the Owner Acquired a Piece of Property Needed to Complete It

By F. A. MITCHEL

The shortest day in the year had been passed, and the sun started on her northward journey. Winslow Howland had come into the enormous fortune that had been accumulating for him for years, and he was laying his plans for his future. He took no thought as to a career. His mind was bent upon how he should enjoy life. His city residence was an accomplished fact. His father had made it as elaborate and beautiful and luxurious as could be desired. But no country place had been prepared for him, and this was the problem that occupied his mind when the sun started back to warm the earth and bring forth a new season.

For two months Howland devoted himself to the house he would build in the country. Then in the early spring he started on a tour to find a location. He preferred his country place should be within a short distance of his city home. There was one district and one alone to the northwest where a succession of hills formed beautiful views. Howland looked over this region and selected an eminence on which he decided to build his house.

He did not own this site nor any of the surrounding acres which he intended should form his estate. He was so rich that he believed he could buy any property he wished. But he had enough business sense to realize that it would be unwise to let the owners know of his intention. While he was ready to pay any price he did not care to pay three or four times the intrinsic value of the property purchased.

Howland determined to buy up the land he wanted himself, not that he wished to save the expense of having it done by an agent, but he thought the diplomacy required would interest him. He would not enter the field as the multimillionaire Howland, but as an unknown person of limited means. He managed the matter very well. He first bought a few acres at the base of the eminence on which he would build, through which ran a brook, and gave out that he intended to dam the stream for water power to run a glue factory. This enabled him to purchase the site above at a fair price, for a glue factory has not an agreeable odor and the value of the hill would be greatly reduced.

Having made this beginning, Howland, who by this time had come to be known as Mr. Jernegan and wore the plain clothes of a small manufacturer, met with excellent success in picking up all the different properties that he wished, except a few acres which would lie within the very heart of his estate. He was irritated to learn that since he began to make his purchases, the owner, a small farmer, had sold his land for double its value to some one living in the city. An examination of the county records revealed the fact that the purchaser was one Samuel Jones. Howland at once started an employee on a hunt for Mr. Jones and for information as to what he intended to do with the land, if he would sell and, if so, at what price.

The person employed to obtain this information reported that he had been unable to find Mr. Jones, and he had heard that the actual owner of the property was a woman, who intended to use it for some kind of agricultural purposes. Howland directed his emissary to learn the name and residence of this person, but after a long search he had not succeeded.

Howland, not doubting that in time he would be able to buy the only property he needed to complete his estate, was on his hilltop one morning directing the marking out of the lines of foundation for his residence when he saw wagons carrying building material on to the tract he did not own. This troubled him. Any building put up on the property he would eventually have to pay for. He went to where the unloading was going on and asked questions, but no one there seemed to know what was intended.

During the next three or four months Howland was obliged to look upon a line of glass and iron buildings erected on the property he desired. Every effort to learn who was the owner of the land and was erecting the buildings failed. When the glass houses neared completion the erection of a very pretty bungalow was begun on a site near them, a site which Howland had intended for a purpose of his own. There was also every evidence that the grounds would be laid out in landscape gardening fashion, and the



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whole, instead of being an eyesore, would be a thing of beauty.

This fact instead of satisfying Howland only irritated him. When the plant was completed he was informed that a woman had moved into the bungalow.

Howland at once sent a person to have a look at the newcomer, find out what he could about her and report. The spy on his return said that the owner of the plant was a graduate of an agricultural college and was preparing to enter upon the cultivation of roses. The lady was about twenty-two years old.

Howland, still deeming it unwise to treat with the party direct, sent for a friend, George Winslow, who had made agriculture a profession, and commissioned him to buy the rose plant ostensibly for himself. Winslow was told to endeavor to persuade the owner to put a price on the property, which he was to agree to pay, no matter how much the amount.

Winslow visited the bungalow and was told that Miss Edgerton, the rose cultivator, was in the office of the conservatory. He went there and found a very different person from what he had expected. He supposed he would see a young woman of plain exterior, serious, businesslike, and whose costume would be suitable for her work. Miss Edgerton was a very pretty woman, dressed in excellent taste and in fashion. Her assistants, who were all of her own sex, were the only indication that the owner was the new woman order. She received Mr. Winslow with an engaging smile and listened to an introduction to his subject, which was an account of his preparation for the agricultural profession and his having settled upon the branch of rose culture. From this he explained that he desired to purchase a plant ready for production and ended by suggesting that he would like to buy hers.

Miss Edgerton listened to what he had to say, then told him of her own ambition, adding that her property was not for sale. An effort to get her to put a price on it was not successful. There was nothing left for Howland to do but tackle the lioness in her den himself. Upon Winslow's report of her personality he resolved first to attempt to win her favor, then adopt such a plan as might seem best to buy her property. As to concealing his identity as a multimillionaire, this was now beyond hope.

Howland had by this time got into his country home. He sent her some strawberries from his garden—great, luscious fellows—with a note of welcome to his new neighbor. He received a note of thanks in return and an invitation to call. The call was made in due time, and the visitor devoted himself to pleasing the hostess. He said not a word about buying her plant. On the contrary, he expressed his satisfaction at having so attractive a property near him. He left with the belief that he had made a very agreeable impression.

It was not in Mr. Howland's plan to lead Miss Edgerton to believe that she had made a conquest of him. This would rather hinder than facilitate his purchase of her property. He wished merely to secure her good will, hoping that she would accept two or three

times its value, or that he might place her in a position of standing in the way of a friend. While he lavished upon her every favor she would accept, he neither looked, spoke nor hinted love. His aim was merely to play, the good neighbor.

When he had fully established a kindly entente he one day told her that he wondered that she had not selected a site for her rose plant where she would have had better facilities for transporting her goods to market. To this she expressed herself well satisfied where she was. Later he informed her that he owned a splendid site for her plant nearer the city and on a railroad by which she could ship her goods. If she wanted it he would exchange it for her property, build new conservatories for her and give her triple the value of her present property to boot.

She appeared to take the matter into consideration. But she never came to a decision—at any rate, no decision that she revealed to the would be purchaser of her property.

Disappointed in this move, Howland resolved to try what virtue there would be in lovemaking. He would try to win the property through the heart. If he must wound the heart he would heal the wound with gold, for he had no doubt that if there was enough gold bestowed any such breach would be stopped by it. But Howland had been so beset by women to marry him for his fortune that his ideas on this point had been somewhat warped.

So he began by first looking a little love, then acting a little love and finally speaking a little love. A beginning having been made, he doubled the quantities. Miss Edgerton received his attentions coolly. She was always a trifle behind him in this lovemaking. Nevertheless the affair developed.

Then one day Miss Edgerton told Howland that she was thinking of taking a partner in her business. Howland took fright at once, and when a swell from the city came to the rose factory and hobnobbed with the owner Howland discovered that the factory had become of small importance to him in comparison with the owner. The moment the swell departed Howland went to Miss Edgerton and told her that if she would not marry him he would commit suicide.

That's the end of my story. The two were married, the conservatories were taken down, and the land on which they stood was made a part of Howland park. But there is an explanation as to how all this came about. Miss Edgerton was one of those brilliant women who from modest beginnings climb to the top of the social ladder. Getting wind of Howland's plan for a large country estate, she bought in the name of another a bit of property he must have. She had never studied agriculture and knew nothing about it. Her object from the first was to marry the immense fortune owned by Howland. How she succeeded has been told in the body of the story. She is now one of the principal leaders of the fashionable world.

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