

THE BRIDE'S SPECULATION

The Story of a Gold Mine and a Surprised Husband.

Janet sat at the window. She held a circular letter, setting forth in glowing terms the discovery of a gold mine and asserting that holders of shares would realize a fortune.

Janet's eyes sparkled as she read the glowing words. She thought of the £50 she had saved out of the allowance George had made her since their marriage. She also thought of George's amusement at her "precocious business instinct."

With Janet to think was to act. She therefore told Cecilia that she was going out on business.

The office of the mining company was pretentious. Impressed Janet saw a man with good manners come forward, and after he had stated his business ushered her to his private office and drew from his desk a few highly-colored maps and charts. As he talked, Janet's admiration grew. He was almost a poet.

"The gold in our mines lies in great yellow streaks and blotches," he told her, enthusiastically, "and when I speak of the possibilities of our country, others, becoming rich I speak coolly. Could you make a visit to our plant, Mrs. Dryden, he went on, "and see those great, silent rocks streaked with the precious metal for which man has been toiling for years, you, too, would become enthused. Were you to see, with your new ground broken, and behold the depth of the yellow streaks, the dictionary would hold no words to describe your emotions."

Janet was duly impressed. "Why do you wish to sell shares?" she asked, "if it is such a rich mine?" she longed ardently that George could be taken to hear her. He would never again laugh at her business capacity. He leaned forward as if she were the only one to whom the precious information could be conveyed.

"I need our crushing capacity increased to a few more tons daily," he said. "We also need compressed air drills, and a great many other things. The earth, my dear Mrs. Dryden, does not yield up her treasures easily."

Which was so much Greek to Janet, but she nodded wisely. "What do you think my profits will be," she asked, "if I invest £50?"

"Well, as I said before, it is hard to tell at a rough guess, but I have between three and four hundred per cent.," he ended, suavely.

Then Janet went straight to the point. "Of course," she commenced, "my husband does not know of my little business venture. I want to surprise him. I also want to buy a piano, and I do not want to ask Mr. Dryden for the money. Yesterday I had a very good idea, an original one, I think. I have not yet put that into practice. I'll tell you what it is."

She paused a moment, then leaned confidentially toward him. "I wish to carry out an insurance on our home," she proffered, "and Mr. Dryden is always paying what they call premiums. Therefore, a business proposition that I am going to make to the company in this office. If they will give me the policy, I will give them the balance of the policy in case of fire. You see, it is a very fair proposition. I get £100 now and the insurance company saves £50, which they would have to pay in the event of a fire. I think my listener smiled weakly. He thought of the hour he had spent in explaining the working of the mine to her.

"Now, you continued, sweetly, "my proposition to you is almost the same. You are absolutely confident that your mine will pay dividends in a little while. My dividends would amount to two hundred pounds, more or less. I am willing to receive one hundred pounds in cash now, and you, therefore, make about a hundred pounds—a very good day's work. I take it," she would up, complacently.

"But," she said, "the man floundered in a vain attempt to speak, but Janet interrupted him. "Of course, I shall give you the fifty pounds I have in my purse," she said, patiently, although she deplored his foolishness. "And you can write me a cheque for one hundred pounds. I am perfectly willing to take a cheque, although I probably shall not cash it for some hours, as I have some shopping to do."

"The man was now beyond speech, and merely shook his head. Janet's surprise was great. "You make one hundred pounds," she repeated, slowly, still resolved to be state of "if you are so sure, write me the fifty pounds. Therefore, you are assuming no risk at all. If you do as I suggest you will have made quite a sum of money."

The man stood up. His admiration for the slight creature before him grew. "Suppose," he said, "that you see the insurance company, and in the meantime I will talk your proposition over with other members of this company."

"Do," said Janet, brightly, "and you can write to me."

But Janet went straight to George's office before going on her other business errand. She could not wait till evening to tell him of her business success. She poured forth the whole story, regardless of the fact that her husband's partner was present. But he did not stay very long after hearing the story. A sudden weakness overcame him, and he left the room hurriedly.

Strange to relate, Janet never heard from the mining company. From the Housekeeper.

MARINE IRON WORKS
PEMBROKE ST., VICTORIA, B. C.
ANDREW GRAY, Prop.

ROCKERS—any first hand for cash. MACHINERY—Modern and labor saving. Orders executed in our own works. ORDERED MECH. WORKS. PRICES—A list of materials and labor, with a moderate percentage added.

TEST THE ABOVE STATEMENTS.
Works Tel. 61. Res. Tel. 124.

Ladies' Tailoring Parlors
ROOM 3, MOODY BLOCK.
SPRINKLING & CO.
MERCHANT TAILORS.
Room 2, Moody Block, Up-Steps.
76, YATES STREET.

POPPULAR MEETING PLACE FOR WANT ADS. FIRST, LAST, THE TIME OF BUYERS AND SELLERS.

WANTED—MALE HELP.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

ANY INTELLIGENT PERSON may earn a good income at home in spare time corresponding for newspapers; no canvassing; experience unnecessary. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

WANTED—Messenger boys. Apply C. F. R. Telegraph Co.

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WANTED—FEMALE HELP.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WOMEN AND GIRLS WANTED—At Victoria Steam Laundry, 152 Yates St.

WANTED—A stenographer, with some knowledge of bookkeeping preferred. Send for particulars. Northern Press Syndicate, Lockport, N. Y.

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WANTED—TEACHERS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—A teacher for Rock Creek school. For particulars apply to school board.

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WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Copy B. C. Statutes to date. Box 30, Times Office.

WE PAY CASH for all kinds of junk, such as old rubber, bottles, old clothes, etc.; highest prices paid. Crago Junk Dealers and Second-Hand Store, 219 York Street.

WANTED—Good prices will be paid for HOUSE RAGS of any kind, such as copper, brass, zinc, lead, cast iron, etc. Victoria Junk Agency, 30 Store Street.

WANTED—All kinds of bicycle repair work. All work guaranteed. J. C. Braden, 76 Douglas Street. Estimates given on all plumbing and heating work.

SUNLIGHT SOAP COUPONS WANTED for these coupons by C. R. King & Son, 4 Wharf Street, Victoria.

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TO LET.
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TO LET—Nicely furnished flat, two minutes from car line. Apply 49 Gorge road.

TO LET—Double bedroom and sitting room, with or without use of kitchen. 115 Superior Street.

TO LET—Furnished and unfurnished cottages. 42 and 44 Apply Flint & Co., Tronrouse Ave.

LARGE, COOL, AIRY ROOMS for rent. Buildings in Douglas House, Elliott Street, near Parliament. From Parliament Buildings and one block from C. F. R. wharf.

TO LET—Furnished and unfurnished cottages, \$5 and \$7 per month. Apply 104 Yates Street.

TO RENT—5 roomed house, partly furnished, at Leavitt Bay, Salt Spring Island. For particulars apply to C. F. R. Bitancourt, on premises.

TO RENT—Suite of offices on first floor in Bank of Montreal building, Occupations Block. Apply Bank of Montreal.

TO LET—Well furnished house, modern, very good day's work. I take it," she would up, complacently.

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ART STUDIO.
MISS MILLS, Art Mistress, R. C. A. London. Lessons in drawing, painting, design. Studio, 3 Canadian Bank of Commerce, Government Street.

BUILDER & GENERAL CONTRACTOR.
THOMAS CATTERALL—16 Broad Street. Building in all its branches, carpenter work and general jobbing. Tel. 330.

COFFEE AND SPICES.
VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Office and mills, 148 Government St. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

COFFEES AND SPICES.
DR. LEWIS HALL, Dental Surgeon, Jewell Block, cor. Yates and Douglas streets, Victoria, B. C. Telephone—Office, 527; Residence, 122.

DYING AND CLEANING.
VICTORIA DYE WORKS, 116 Yates Street. Dyeing and cleaning modern plant; satisfaction guaranteed. Tel. 711.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc. should send their names when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated folders. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad Street.

ENGRAVING.
GEORGE CROWTHER, engraver and stencil cutter, 12 Wharf Street, opposite Post Office.

EDUCATIONAL.
IF YOU WANT thorough instruction in shorthand, typewriting, bookkeeping, take a course at The Shortland School, 15 Broad Street, Victoria, B. C. E. A. Macmillan, principal.

FANCY GOODS.
BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods from Kawai Bro. Co., 6 Douglas Street.

FLOWERS.
NEW SWEET PEAS are now coming out. We can show you Gladys Urwin, Evelyn Byall, John Sugram, Dora Broadmore, Henry Eckford, Sylvia Chalkford, Beacon, and many other flowers. Flewlin's Greenhouses, Park road.

HARDY PLANTS.
LATE CABBAGE PLANTS, 25c per 100, 30c per 1,000; cauliflower plants, 25c per 100, \$2.50 per 1,000; greenhouse and bedding plants, at reasonable prices. P. O. card will find us. G. A. Knight, Mount Tomlin E. O.

A BUSINESS CAN GO WITHOUT ADVERTISING—So a wagon without greasing; but in both instances it goes hard.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.
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FOR SALE—Acreage, good buys at bottom prices, in the city limits, from \$300 per acre; water front acreage, Four Acres, \$200 per acre; good fruit land, 2 1/2 miles from car line, partially cleared, only \$15 per acre. B. C. B. Bagshawe, Chancery Chambers.

TWO IRISH SETTER PUPS FOR SALE—5 months old. 170 Yates Street.

FOR SALE—An Irish setter bitch, a good hunter. Apply Goodwin, Shot-bolt's Harness Shop.

FOR SALE—A small fruit ranch, adjoining city limits, good cottage, stable and chicken house, all in good order. Address "Ranch," Times Office.

FOR SALE—Five room cottage and acre of land, at Shawanigan Lake, near Strathcona Hotel. Particulars, address A. B. C., Times Office.

FOREIGN STAMPS bought, sold or exchanged. C. J. Ford, King Edward Hotel.

FOR SALE—5 acres land, cleared, fenced, half in crop, new house, 3 miles from city, \$500; 2/3 acres, 2 1/2 miles out, cleared and fenced, splendid soil, \$1,500; 1 rubber tire buggy, nearly new, \$60. Apply E. O. Ross, 11, Victoria.

FOR SALE—No taxes, no rent. House boat, anchored off Koenig's, at Shawanigan Lake, containing 6 rooms and pantry, inside oil finished deck, fur-rallied, 8-foot walk front and rear, 4 ft. at sides, all railed, with gates, gangway to land, gas be moved at pleasure. Photograph of same at the office of Flint & Co., 15 Tronrouse Ave.

NEW ALPINE SAFE FOR SALE—Cheap. Apply P. O. Box 124, city.

FOR SALE—Cheap, showing gallery, organ and gramophone, also cooking stove, furniture, etc. At the Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Blanchard and Post Streets.

FOR SALE—20,000 ft. wire at 2c. ft., 6 dumpy carts, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, etc. At the Ark, cor. Broad and Pandora Streets.

FOR SALE—Two lots running from Rae Street to Churchway, easy terms. Apply Perry Mills, city.

FOR SALE—Outrigger boat, in good condition, cheap. Apply Postmaster, Re-treat Cove.

FOR SALE—Graphophone, 21 records, \$15; H. C. silver watch, \$25; field glasses, \$5.50; long summer suits, \$1; magic lantern, 3 dozen slides, \$2.50; doctor books, and suits, \$5.00; E. F. double chains, \$2.75. Jacob Aronson's new and second-hand store, 21 Johnson Street, two doors below Government.

FOR SALE—Store business, groceries, hardware, school supplies, candies, etc. (post office appointment expected daily) opposite eight roomed school, rapidly growing district; business easily managed; no canvassing; no bad debts; will take comfortable cottage in Victoria as part payment. Write quick. Store, 259 1/2 Avenue, Jarvis, Vancouver.

FOR SALE—One black horse, five years old, sixteen hands high, very gentle; one bay horse, six years, one sorrel horse, six years, well broke; also buggies, carts, wagons, etc. Apply Carriage Shop, Apply J. J. O'Connell, 104 Douglas Street.

ENGINE FOR SALE—No power source. Can be seen in operation at the Times Building, 23 Broad Street, running Times machinery.

FOR SALE—Cheap, flags for decorating, fire extinguishers, furniture and stoves. Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Fort and Blanchard Streets.

FOR SALE—Naptha launch, 12 ft. long, 2 1/2 ft. beam, 2 1/2 ft. draft, 2 1/2 hp. in first-class condition. For particulars apply to E. B. Marvin & Co., 41 Wharf Street.

TO DAIRYMEN—For sale, clover hay, containing at least 100 per cent. more essential feeding value than ordinary hay; price \$12 per ton delivered. Apply C. B. Jones, Colquitz P. O., or Speed Bros.

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THE MAN of a hundred years ago had to work ten times as hard as the man of to-day for his dollars. The man of to-day is advertising his wants in THE TIMES and the dollars come to him. That's the difference. Try it.

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