

Divorce Suits Filed
 Clarence S. England filed yesterday for divorce from Blanche England, through Harmon and Salter. They were married in San Bernardino in 1924. The plaintiff charges cruelty.

W. W. Carpenter sued Neil Carpenter for decree of divorce, on grounds of cruelty, charging desertion, among other things. They were married in 1919 in Denver.

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Injured Miner Still In Critical Condition

George Bogdanovich, lying in the Las Vegas hospital in serious condition as the result of a slide in the Blue Diamond mine at Arden, where he was working last Thursday, is still in serious condition, Dr. F. M. Ferguson stated yesterday, three of his right ribs broken and one of his lungs suffering laceration.

The lung wound may cause complications, it is feared. If it does not, there probably will be no danger, according to the doctor. Bogdanovich had high temperature yesterday.

Company employes brought the injured man to the hospital after he was found an hour after the slide. He had crawled more than a hundred yards from the scene of the accident before he was found. He has not been unconscious because of his injuries.

RIVAL WIVES by Anne Austin
 Author of 'The Black Pigeon'



"A letter from Iris," he announced as excited and eager as a boy with his first love letter.

THIS HAS HAPPENED
 John Curtis Morgan, lawyer, stakes his professional honor on the innocence of his friend, Bert Crawford, who is indicted for embezzlement.

Nan Carroll, secretary to Morgan, discovers she is in love with him and, being honorable, determines to resign. Her resignation is postponed when she learns Morgan is defending Crawford. She distrusts the man and believes Morgan will have need of her during the trial.

By means of a listening device Nan overhears a conversation between Crawford and his switchboard operator in which he "fixes" the operator's evidence and admits his interest in Iris Morgan, beautiful wife of the lawyer. Nan confronts Crawford with what she has heard and tells him the price of her silence is that he give up Iris immediately.

On the last day of the trial Nan finds convincing proof of Crawford's guilt in a note which little Curtis Morgan has evidently stolen from his mother's handbag. Nan arrives in the courtroom just as the jury returns with a "not guilty" verdict and is spared the necessity of giving Morgan the shameless evidence of his adored wife's faithlessness and the perfidy of his friend.

A few days later Crawford calls and presents Morgan with a check for \$20,000 as his fee, and when Morgan refuses it, he cleverly suggests that Morgan give it to Iris. Crawford announces he is leaving town.

When Iris Morgan leaves for a pleasure trip to New York several days later, Morgan is unsuspecting. Five days pass and then Nan learns her agony of suspense for Morgan has been justified.

NW GO ON WITH THE STORY
 CHAPTER XVI

"What are you doing here, Nan Carroll?" John Curtis Morgan demanded with mock severity, as he entered his office at eight o'clock that Friday night. "I thought I told you to take a night off for a change. You'll be getting me into trouble with the labor commission, if you don't watch out—or with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. You look about 13 years old in that outfit and with that haircut."

Nan, who had risen at her employer's entrance, flushed and laughed, then whirled before him on the tip of a smart, flat-heeled little brown Oxford, plunging her hands into the pockets of her brown velvet suit. "New dress! Size 13, junior department," she grinned. "Like it?"

"Tremendously!" There was that humorous, downward quirk of one corner of his mouth that Nan loved and delighted to call forth.

"You look like a naughty but pretty smart boy in skirts," Morgan teased her. "No, he decided, regarding her with frank, friendly eyes. "I'm sorry to disillusion you, if you're congratulating yourself on looking boyish, but I'm afraid you're incurably feminine. Nan. Not only in looks but in temperament. It's your feminine curiosity that's keeping you in this sweatshop when you ought to be out with your best boy friend, dancing holes in a pair of three dollar chifon stockings."

"Curiosity?" Nan flushed with pretended indignation, to hide her consternation. Was it possible he suspected that she was watching over him, almost unable to let him out of her sight lest the blow fall when she was not there to comfort him? But that was silly, of course. How could he suspect? "Curiosity!" she repeated more indignantly. "Well, I like that! Here I say to myself, says I, 'Poor Mr. Morgan will be working at the office till all hours on that Lois Downs case, and the least you can do, as a private secretary who's just got a fat raise is to sit by with notebook and pencil—'

"Yeah?" Morgan grinned. "You're just dying to know all about Andrew Ward's testimony. Couldn't wait till the morning papers came out. But if anybody should ask me what I really think, young lady, I'd have to admit that I don't believe you trust me to handle even one day of a trial by myself."

"On, of course, if you're going to develop an inferiority complex, just because you haven't a woman's intuition—" Nan retorted, laughing and flushing. "But what I'd like to know is—who's been encouraging my insatiable curiosity for three years? Who's taught me to—?"

"Oh, all right, all right!" Morgan pretended to capitulate resignedly. "Get your notebook and pencil and your woman's intuition and come along. It's your health! I suppose you can be permitted to ruin it if you insist."

court adjourned for he'd turned Ward over to me at half-past four and within five minutes he was making a better witness for the defense than he had for the prosecution.

"Brainerd had to get it into the record, of course, that Ward had been making love to Lois Downs, so that he could establish a motive for Lois's murdering the old lady. Ward also admitted on the direct examination that his wife and he had quarreled over his retentions to Lois, just the day before the old lady was poisoned."

"Just a minute," Nan interrupted, frowning thoughtfully. "Is there no loophole at all in Ward's alibi? He says—and of course can prove—that he was playing bridge in another apartment in the same apartment-hotel that he and his wife lived in. Why couldn't he have slipped out of the room when he was dumpy, hurried over to his own apartment, and slipped the poison to his wife in her medicine?"

"Brainerd had half a dozen witnesses on the stand today to prove he didn't," Morgan answered. "The large estate ever entered in Los Angeles county, has been filed for probate here."

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When they were seated at Morgan's desk with the leaf for her notebook drawn out between them, Nan wished that a magic circle could be drawn about them, beyond which evil and change and ever time itself could not pass.

She loved him—yes, loved him with every thought in her mind every throeb of her heart, every nerve in her body. But she thought that if he could be spared the pain and disillusionment which she still believed was hurtling inevitably toward him, like a deadly missile hurled by Iris's beautiful, cruel hands, she would be happy to go on like this with him forever.

"Cold, child?" Morgan asked solicitously. "You're shivering. I'll see if the heat's coming up—"

"No, I'm not cold," Nan denied hastily. "Now tell me about Andrew Ward. He's a rotter, of course but I believe he's really in love with Lois. If he threw her down today you can chalk up a long black mark against my woman's intuition."

"No black mark yet," Morgan assured her, his deep-set black eyes twinkling. "He behaved pretty much as you predicted he would. Brainerd was wild by the time

Prehistoric Bone Collection Is On Exhibit in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(U.P.)—A collection of pre-historic bones, declared by experts to trace the existence of man on the North American continent back 250,000, was on exhibition at the Los Angeles museum here today.

The collection includes the skull of a man and the bones of a ground sloth, a large camel, a pre-historic horse and a cave bear, animals' extinct for centuries.

The important discovery was made in a cavern on Bishop's cap peak, near Mesquite, N. M., by Roscoe P. Conkling, an engineer who was hunting for gold. Conkling turned his discovery over to the Los Angeles museum and excavation followed.

"This discovery tends to settle conclusively the question as to whether man, the sloth, the camel and cave bear, the latter animals all regarded as extinct since the pleistocene period, were co-existent in America," said Dr. William A. Bryan, director of the museum. "The discovery tends to show man existed at the same time."

Dr. Bryan said he believed the cavern was a den for wild animals during the pleistocene era.

Big Steel Merger Is Reported Near

NEW YORK, Aug. 5.—(U.P.)—According to private advices from the West Coast, plans for the absorption of the Columbia Steel Company by the United States Steel Corporation have practically been completed and formal announcement of the terms is expected soon. J. D. Grant, president of the Columbia Steel Co., is reported to have stated that the opportunity of investigating the properties and assets of the Columbia Steel Company has been given to the United States Steel, which will send its experts to make an examination. It is understood a 90-day option has been granted to United States Steel.

Huge Estate Willed By California Woman

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 5.—(U.P.)—The will of Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, disposing of \$14,940,623.54, the largest estate ever entered in Los Angeles county, has been filed for probate here.

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to trust to those fingerprints to create a reasonable doubt in the minds of the jury.

"Funny there were no fingerprints at all on the glass. It looks as if the murderer would have thought of fingerprints in the cabinet and on the bottles if he remembered to wipe them off the glass on the bedside table."

"He did!" Morgan admonished her. "You're forgetting that those mysterious prints were made by a woman's fingers. It's she, not 'he'. Well, we must be thankful for what we have. Those fingerprints prove that some woman—we know they weren't made by Lois Downs, either of the two daughters, or by any woman's servant that had access to the apartment—some woman was in that bathroom handling poison bottles and touching the cabinet. But how in heaven's name she got there without being seen or heard, mixed a lethal dose for the old lady and persuaded her to take it, as morbidly afraid as Mrs. Ward was of being poisoned—"

"Wait!" Nan cried. "I—I breathe I've hit on something! Don't think for a minute—"

Nan screwed up her eyes and brows in a fierce frown, twined the fingers of her right hand in her short, tumbled brown hair, and fairly radiated thought waves, while the man opposite her leaned back in his chair and regarded her with find indulgence, but with a gleam of excited anticipation in his black eyes.

The sound of sudden, violent pounding on the outside door of the suite penetrated into the inner office. Nan started to rise, but Morgan pushed her back into her seat. "Keep on with that heavy thinking," he commanded, laughing. "I'll see who it is."

In a minute or two he was back, his face alight with joy, a special delivery letter in his hand.

"A letter from Iris," he announced, as excited and eager as a boy with his first love letter. "Go to it. I tell you, Mr. Morgan, our only bet is those fingerprints on the medicine bottle and on the bathroom cabinet. I've been hoping that something would point toward Ward as the guilty party, since he had the strongest possible motive, but as long as that's out, we'll have

U. S. Gives \$70,000 to Improve L. A. Harbor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 5.—(U.P.)—The war department has announced that out of allotments for river and harbor work from an unexpended balance of \$4,000,000 reserved for contingencies, \$70,000 will go to the project for improvement of Los Angeles harbor.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2.—(U.P.)—Plane service to Mexico City and Guatemala was formally inaugurated when a Bach tri-motored plane of the Pickwick Lath-American Airways line took off from Grand Central air terminal for Nogales, Arizona.

Six passengers were aboard, and a quantity of mail, which will be transferred at Nogales, flown to Mexico City, then transferred for a third hop to Guatemala. Ten Pickwick ships will be flying over the southern route by Monday, officials announced.

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