

# Cinderella's Rubber

By Peter Gregg

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For the twentieth time that morning Eric Spencer looked up expectantly as someone entered his private office, and for the twentieth time he sank back in his chair with a sigh. All morning he had been expecting someone, but as the hour reached noon he almost gave up in despair. With each new arrival at his office came disappointment. There seemed to be more coming in than usual, and their business was so trivial it irritated him. He would have gone to the club to get away from it all if it hadn't been for the chance of missing her. It would never do for him not to be there when she arrived.

For the fiftieth time he pulled open the top drawer of his desk and took out a rubber for a woman's left shoe. What a very small rubber it was, he thought as he placed it beside his own big foot. Carefully he placed the rubber back in the drawer and took out a folded, mud-besmirched paper, opened it and read the typewritten words on it, his face lighting up with pleasure as he read and re-read it.

"If I could only find her," he ejaculated, as he put the paper back in the drawer with the rubber.

A newspaper was the next to take his attention. He pulled it from his pocket, opened it at the classified column and found the advertisement he was looking for under "Lost and Found." There was no mistake in the insertion. It was printed just as he had given it to them, for a wonder. He read it aloud to make sure:

"Found—A lady's rubber, for a left high-heeled shoe. Picked up just as



What a Very Small Rubber.

lady boarded Belt car yesterday. The owner can have same by making personal application to Eric Spencer, Spencer's, Limited."

The office door opened again. It was just "Geordie" Grant. Geordie was bubbling over with a joke, as usual, but for once Eric wasn't in a humor to hear it. His welcome was curt and businesslike, but that didn't dampen Geordie's ardor.

"Well, have you found her?" Geordie asked, as he sat on a corner of Eric's desk.

"Whom?" asked Eric, assuming innocence and hiding his annoyance.

"Why, Miss Cinderella, the lady who lost her slipper—or, pardon me—rubber. It's a rubber this time, isn't it?" Geordie's laugh was altogether too loud, but Eric would not let him see he was angry.

"Don't be an ass! I don't see the joke. Can't I advertise the thing I find?"

"Sure thing; but people don't usually spend more money advertising in every paper in the city than the article they find it worth, do they? Come on, now, loosen up on the romance. Did Miss Cinderella leave her rubber in your car, or did she throw it at you, or what? The boys all want to hear about it. It's the joke of the club, and you'll have to offer some explanation."

Eric's anger had about reached the boiling point, but he was sensible enough to know it would be wasted on Geordie Grant. He thought it over for a minute. There was nothing in it but to explain to Grant. That was the best way to get the talk stopped at the club.

"If you'll sit down like a sensible creature, I'll explain to you, Geordie," he began. "You know what a terribly wet day yesterday was. Well, my chauffeur skidded my car and broke an axle, and I had to walk. I was crossing the road in front of Miller's when a young lady ran out in front of me to catch a Belt line car. The car had commenced to move, but she checked catching it. She struck a slippery mud spot in the road and fell backward. But I was just behind her and managed to catch her and keep her from falling into the mud. The conductor had seen her and stopped the car, and I helped her on. As the door closed after her I noticed she had only one rubber on. I looked back

where she had slipped, and there sticking in the mud was her rubber. I stooped to pick it up, and beside it was a folded piece of writing paper that she must have dropped. I picked them both up, and here they are."

Eric pulled out the drawer of his desk and brought out the rubber and paper for inspection.

"Yes, but what was written on the paper?" Grant asked, still on the scent of a romance.

"I'm coming to that," Eric continued. "I opened the paper to see if it was valuable, and, say, there is some of the most brilliant little advertising writing on that paper that you ever read. If that girl wrote them she is just the woman we want for ad writer for our specialty department. I've been looking for a competent person ever since we opened it—one who can write a little different from the average—and in this person I think I've found one."

"You haven't found her yet," Geordie muttered thoughtfully.

"I know I haven't, but I'm going to keep on advertising until I do, and you can tell that to the boys of the club, too!" Eric emphasized the fact by bringing his feet down on his desk with a bang.

Grant tried to talk a little longer, but he saw that Eric wanted to get rid of him.

"I'll bet you marry her if you do find her, Eric, old boy!" he remarked as he was leaving. But Eric pretended not to have heard.

Just after five that evening, after the last of the office staff had gone, Eric heard a timid knock on his door. It sounded as if it might be the girl he was waiting for, and he opened the door eagerly. Sure enough, the young woman of the day before was before him.

"You are Mr. Spencer, are you not?" she asked somewhat shyly.

"Yes; and you are the young woman who lost your rubber," he answered with a smile. "I have been expecting you."

After the rubber had been restored to her pretty foot, she hesitated a moment then asked:

"You did not see anything of a piece of paper with typewriting on it, when you picked up the rubber, did you?"

"Is this it?" he asked, as he took it from his desk.

"Oh, yes!" she said eagerly, taking it from him. "I am so glad I have not lost it for good, for there are some things here that I don't think I could remember to write again."

"I read them," he said. "Did you write them yourself? Are they original?"

"Yes, all of them," she replied. "I am practicing writing small advertisements that are different. I am trying to secure a position as ad writer for some firm. I am taking these as samples of my work, but I have been unsuccessful so far. Do you think they show promise?"

"Yes, very great promise," he answered in a tone that she knew was not flattering. "And it was because of them that I inserted that ad in the papers. Would you accept a position as advertisement writer in our specialty department, if the salary suits you?"

"Do you mean it?" she asked, hardly able to credit her ears. "I would be so glad to accept it."

It was some weeks later that Eric met Geordie Grant.

"Did you find Miss Cinderella yet, and did the rubber fit?" Geordie asked with the same old laugh.

"You bet I did, Geordie," Eric laughed back. "And don't be a bit surprised if your prophesy about my marrying her comes true. She is just as fine a girl as she is an ad writer, and that's saying a lot."

### Love Bug Is Found.

City magistrates are accustomed to meeting all kinds of "bugs," but never before had the magistrate sitting in Jefferson Market court, says a New York correspondent, encountered the "love bug," until recently. Standing at the bar was a modest looking fellow who admitted that more than 200 pretty girls were after him. All wanted to marry him, he told the court. They loved his eyes, his smile and him. In fact, worshipped him. And hindering his progress, he complained, was one woman, for whom he earnestly sought a warrant for arrest. Then, free from the ever-watchful eye of her who was bound to ruin his life, he would go out, love them all, marry them all, give them all homes on Fifth avenue, repay them for the love they gave him. From behind a small pocket mirror he told his story. A flake of dust on his cold nose he wiped away with a lavender handkerchief. And could the judge do anything for him? In the observation ward at Bellevue the man at latest reports was doing nicely.

### Red Pine.

The red pine (*Pinus Resinosa*), called in some parts of the country the Norway pine, is not so gigantic as the white pine, its common height being only from 50 to 80 feet, although it sometimes reaches 100 feet in the woods of Maine. It is a very handsome tree, nevertheless, particularly when it is young. In fact, it is one of the most ornamental of the more common evergreens. It is to be found from Newfoundland south to Pennsylvania, and west through Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The Norway pine has a reddish-brown trunk, which is marked by flat ridges on old trees. The needles of this variety are found in pairs as a rule, and are from five to seven inches long. They are dark green in color and almost straight. They are sharply pointed, and the inner surface is flattened, a point to be remembered.

### NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To M. Y. Haggerty.

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, have expended during the year 1917, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in labor and improvements on the following described mining claims, being One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of work, labor and improvements on each of the following described mining claims, to-wit:

The Big Gold No. 1 Lode Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book "X" of Mines, on page 68, Mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Big Gold No. 2 Lode Mining Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book "X" of Mines, on page 186, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Congo No. 1 Lode Mining Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book "X" of Mines, page 95, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Congo No. 2 Lode Mining Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book 4 of Mines, page 112, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Camp Btrd Lode Mining Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book 4 of Mines, page 105, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Gray Rock Lode Mining Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book 11 of Mines, page 192, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Empire Lode Mining Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Mines, page 191, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Rand No. 1 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 7 of Mines, page 542, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Rand No. 2 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book 7 of Mines, page 543, mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Clipper Lode Mining Claim, LaPaz mining district, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 4, page 109, records of Yuma county, Arizona.

All of the above mining claims are situated in LaPaz mining district, Yuma county, Arizona.

That said work was done and improvements made on said claims during the year 1917 in order to hold the said claims under the provision of Section 2324 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the amendments thereto, and the laws of the state of Arizona concerning annual labor to be done on mining claims.

That there is due from you to the undersigned the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) on account of your share of the said Ten Hundred Dollars (1000.00) expended for annual labor on the said mining claims during the year 1917, and

You are hereby notified by the undersigned that if within ninety days from the personal service of this notice upon you, or within ninety days after the service of this notice upon you by publication, you fail, refuse or neglect to contribute your portion of the expenditures, to-wit: The sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to the undersigned, your interest in said mining claims will become the property of the undersigned, your co-owner, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

Dated, April 30th, 1918.  
EDWARD BEGGS,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1918.  
JAMES O. PHILLIPS,  
Notary Public in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.  
(Seal.)  
My commission expires Oct. 13, 1919.

### MINE WARNING NOTICE

To Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Illinois-Arizona Copper Co., is the owner of the "Lion" and "Seneca lode mining claims, situated in the Cienega mining district, county of Yuma, state of Arizona; and that said claims are now in possession of and being worked under a leasing contract by George Killian.

The said owner, the undersigned, hereby gives notice that neither the above named mining claim nor the owner thereof, will be responsible for any debts contracted for labor, supplies, or material, by the persons working said leased ground.

ILLINOIS ARIZONA COPPER COMPANY,  
By R. W. MICHAEL,  
Superintendent.

Dated at Parker, Arizona, this 15th day of April, 1918.

### NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Phoenix, Arizona, May 25, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that Mary E. Crowder, of Wenden, Arizona, who, on May 25, 1914, made Homestead Entry No. 025167, for North Half (N½), Section 29, Township 6 N., R. 12 W., G. & S. R. B. & Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register & Receiver, U. S. Land Office, at Phoenix, Arizona, on the 2nd day of July, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses:  
E. C. Harrington, of Wenden, Arizona; Jack Thorpe, of Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Cora B. Harrington, J. W. Pritchard, both of Wenden, Arizona.  
JOHN L. IRVIN,  
Register.  
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### NOTICE OF FORFEITURE.

To M. Y. Haggerty.

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, have expended during the year 1917, the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00), in labor and improvements on the following described mining claims, being One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) worth of work, labor and improvements on each of the following described mining claims, to-wit:

The Nuggets No. 1 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof recorded in Book 4 of Mines, page 197 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Nuggets No. 2 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 7 of Mines, page 319 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Nuggets No. 3 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 7 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona, at page 320.

Nuggets No. 4 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 7 of Mines, page 544 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Shure Thing No. 1 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 4 of Mines, page 490 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Shure Thing No. 2 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 4 of Mines, page 491 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Yellow Metal Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 4 of Mines, page 108 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

Yellow Bird Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Mines, page 192 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

High Bar No. 1 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Mines, page 193 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

High Bar No. 2 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Mines, page 194 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

High Bar No. 3 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Mines, page 195 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

High Bar No. 4 Placer Claim, according to the location notice thereof, recorded in Book 11 of Mines, page 195 of mining records of Yuma county, Arizona.

All of the above mining claims are situated in LaPaz mining district, Yuma county, Arizona.

That said work was done and improvements made on said claims during the year 1917, in order to hold the said claims under the provision of Section 2324, of the Revised Statutes of the United States and the amendments thereto, and the laws of the state of Arizona concerning annual labor to be done on mining claims.

There is due from you to the undersigned the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) on account of your share of the said Twelve Hundred Dollars (\$1200.00), expended for annual labor on the said mining claims during the year 1917, and

You are hereby notified by the undersigned that if within ninety days from the personal service of this notice upon you, or within ninety days after the service of this notice upon you by publication, you fail, refuse or neglect to contribute your portion of the expenditures, to-wit: The sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) to the undersigned, your interest in said mining claims will become the property of the undersigned, your co-owner, in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

Dated, April 30, 1918.  
EDWARD BEGGS,  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1918.

JAMES O. PHILLIPS,  
Notary Public in and for the County of Riverside, State of California.  
(Seal.)  
My commission expires Oct. 13, 1919.

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