

## THE GOOD ALONZO CHICK.

BY HAYDEN CARRUTH.

He was too good for the country—he said so himself. He should have staid in the East, where Morality stalks abroad at noon-day, and Virtue wears a shining face. Why, he often asked himself, did he ever come out to the Territories, where man is wild and woolly physically, mentally, and morally?—especially morally. Finally he flew from the region, only remarking as he did so that if Lot's wife were in his place she would be preserved rather than turned into a preservative.

His name was Chick—Alonzo Chick. Unlike Ah Sin, what this name might imply was not by it mysteriously shadowed forth; Alonzo Chick was no example of the gallinaceous young, but a man long familiar with the world's great snare; he had examined the bait and remained uncaught. But this in the East, where the Golden Rule lives in the hearts of all men. So, though experienced in the ways of the Good, he came like the poor lamb in the adage into the habitat of the Wicked.

On arriving, Mr. Chick first came to roost at the little town of Washday Springs. He cast about for a profession. Medicine seemed overdone, the ministry ill appreciated; he settled on the law. The Washday Wringer said he had "hung out his shingle." The editor of the Wringer was a man of poetical expression; the shingle was a canvas sign ten feet long and a yard broad, bearing the device of "Law, Lands, Loans." The last was first; Mr. Chick was a money-lender.

At this time the prevailing rate of interest was three per cent. a month, four if the borrower seemed hard-pressed. Chick scattered dark hints of a stringency in the money market and raised the rate to five per cent., with the usual little unconsidered bonus trifle of ten per cent. for "getting the money from the East," an operation always impressed upon the borrower as difficult and often hazardous. On these terms a certain widow living just out of town borrowed \$5, giving a mortgage on her only cow. The widow defaulted payment, and Chick sold the cow at public auction at the front door of the courthouse. There were murmurings. Chick said it was no nomination in the bond. The murmurings continued. Somebody mentioned Skylock. Jim Woodchild asked who he was and on being enlightened said he thought so. The trouble really lay with the species of the beast. Had it been a horse, though it had happened to be just as essential to the widow's support as the cow, there would have been no difficulty; the connection between a horse and family sustenance is too remote to touch the popular imagination. But it is different with the cow; your cow is directly nutritious. Take away the cow and you take bread out of the children's mouths. Besides the light of sentiment shines about the cow; she is of the hearthstone, a symbol of home, and in a way of herself sacred; to snatch away a widow's cow per chattel mortgage is like taking her family bible, or the crayon portrait of her late husband. So the murmuring continued during the afternoon. That evening a little band of neighbors called upon Chick. "You're a Shylock," said Woodchild; "I knowed it the first time I seen you. Hop on!" Chick declined to hop, so they tossed him up, catching him adroitly on the rail as he came down. It was before the days of rail-saddles (if, indeed, they are even yet on the market) and it was not a comfortable position; but he could not escape. They carried him out across the prairie till they were somewhat nearer the next town than the one they had left, and there put him down in the dark with faith in the universal law of attraction. The little band of workers returned to their homes, and the next day Woodchild married the widow.

Whether it was attraction or repulsion is not certain, but Chick went on to the next town. In fact, he went on to several towns, even unto that of Ghostdance Hill. Here he again hung out his shingle—for particulars see the Ghostdance Schottish. The same alliterative legend adorned his banner, though as he nailed it up there was a mental reservation which, put in articulate form might have been comprised in "No cows." A less analytical mind than his would have said "No widows," but Chick had seen what had wrecked him. But the troubles of Alonzo Chick were just beginning. Thus far he had simply encountered a popular prejudice; he was now really face to face with the dishonesty of man in far-off regions, especially when backed up by iniquitous law which says that five per cent. a month is usury, and non-collectable before any court. Chick knew about this and had several pretty devices in the notes he took to circumvent it—as, indeed, did the others of his kind who exacted no more than the modest three or

four per cent. a month; though none of them ever cared to test these devices before the courts. But what device can circumvent the criminal tendencies of the man corrupted by contact with the frontier?

One of Chick's first customers was a large Scandinavian bearing the name of Swan Swanson. Mr. Swanson desired to negotiate for the loan of \$10. Chick casually mentioned the rate of interest.

"Aye tank he bees pretty steep," observed Swan.

Chick admitted this frankly and cheerfully. Then he spoke in simple terms of the conservatism of capital, the adverse legislation in Congress, the departure of gold in every transatlantic steamer, the assurance of a general European war, and of other pertinent matters.

"All right," answered the Scandinavian; "aye tek heem and gif you cattle mortgage on yon young red ox critter."

Chick started at the bovine suggestion. Then he brightened up. "There is no sentiment clustering around a rebellious, long-horned steer. It will be safe."

The papers were accordingly drawn up and signed. Chick then reckoned the interest for sixty days, \$1; the bonus, \$1; recording papers, fifty cents; notarial seal, twenty-five cents; postage and stationery, ten cents; total, \$2.85 cents. This amount he deducted, handed Mr. Swanson \$7.15, and put his note for \$10 carefully in the safe. The guileless descendant of the Viking took the money and went out and bought eighteen pounds of coffee and some other minor necessities, and went home.

Whom does modern Time gallop withal? With the giver of a sixty-day note. Came the day of reckoning, but not the Scandinavian. It occurred to Chick that the unhappy Swan might be singing his death-song, so he drove out to see. This ornithological meeting was productive of no important results. Swan said he had forgotten about the matter and would come to town and settle the next day. Chick consented, giving himself much credit for his leniency. Swan, not to be outdone, asked Chick to stay to dinner, and he consented. Besides coffee, of an age like unto the fabled golden prime of bean porridge, there was excellent beefsteak. Chick was agreeably surprised at this, as he had expected salt pork. He congratulated Swan on it, who said:

"Yaes, he's pretty goot. But dat butcher man he scharge me lak blazes for goot steak. Mebbay dat war in de old countries meks de price go up, hey?"

Mr. Chick thought not, and denounced the butcher in set terms for preying upon the honest farmer, the bulwark of the nation. Then he went back to town and added some protest fees and other pretty little tiny financial kickshaws to Swan's note.

The next day this individual did not come; nor the next after. Chick besought the sheriff. "I will sell this steer at the front door of the court-house," he said to himself. In the afternoon the sheriff came back and said he had found that three days before Swan had slaughtered the steer, and that the meat on which Chick had fed was part of it. Alonzo Chick silently gave Swan's note to the flames.

Chick's next customer after this incident was a man named Pepper. Mr. Pepper desired to borrow several hundred dollars on his growing wheat crop. Chick pricked up his ears at this; he had expected a drove of calves. He had determined never again to lend on them that parteth the hoof or cheweth the cud. But a fine, growing crop of wheat—that was something like! Interest was high owing to the European war-croquet, the bonus large on account of the conservatism of New England capital, the fees considerable because it was a new country and living dear. But everything was arranged, and Pepper departed with rather over half the amount for which he had given his note. He seemed satisfied. Man is not always the grasping creature he is depicted.

For the next two months Chick often exercised his mind's eye on that wheat crop. He preferred the wheat, because it would sell for much more than the face of the note, and there would be fat fees for himself and his friend the sheriff. But he should not complain at the money. He, too, was not grasping.

On the day the note fell due Pepper did not call. He sent word that he was busy threshing, and would come with the money the next day. The kind-hearted Chick rubbed his hands. "He should have threshed yesterday," he said to himself. Then he sent for good master sheriff. They decided to start early the next morning with a battery of teams and wagons to get that wheat.

It was scarcely light when these two philanthropists set out on their errand of mercy, seated in a buggy, the wagons tailing behind.

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## NOTICE OF SALE.

To Michael Mulheron of the Parish of Simonds in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, and Mary J. Mulheron his wife, and all others whom it may in any wise concern:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book "J" No. 3 on pages 648, 649 and 650 and made between the said Michael Mulheron and Mary J. his wife, of the one part, and Richard Maxted of the Town of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton, Care Taker, now deceased, of the other part: There will for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said Indenture default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction, in front of the law office of Louis E. Young on Main street in the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton on SATURDAY the NINTH DAY of MARCH next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon all the mortgaged lands and premises in the said mortgage described as follows: "All the three following described tracts, pieces and parcels of lands and premises, First a tract, piece or parcel of land situate in the Parish of Simonds, County and Province first written and bounded as follows:—To wit, on the East by the highway road leading from the main St. John highway to the McCafferty settlement, on the North by the said highway running through the McCafferty settlement, on the West by the road running North and South through the McCafferty settlement said land being forty rods in width along said North and South road, on the South by lands owned and occupied by Patrick Mulherin and John Christian until it strikes the highway road leading from the main St. John highway or place of beginning containing by estimation thirty-seven acres more or less and also all that certain piece of land being in the Parish of Simonds aforesaid and known and described as follows:—Nameley, commencing at the North East corner of lands granted to James Lipsett thence running South to the land of Patrick Mulheron thence running East to the McCafferty road so called thence running North along the said McCafferty road to land of Dennis McCafferty thence running west to place of beginning and containing twelve acres more or less and also all that certain piece or parcel of land in the Parish of Simonds, County of Carleton, Province of New Brunswick, known and described as follows:—Viz., beginning at the East side of a reserved road at the South East corner of land owned by Dennis McCafferty thence East forty-two and two-third rods, thence North thirty rods, thence West forty-two and two-third rods to aforesaid reserved road, thence South to place of beginning and containing eight acres more or less. Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements and the appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Dated this nineteenth day of January, A. D., 1901.

NEWTON R. COLTER,  
MARY H. THORNTWHAITE,  
formerly MARY H. MAXTED,  
Executor and Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of RICHARD MAXTED.  
LOUIS E. YOUNG,  
Solicitor for Executors of Mortgagees.

## EQUITY SALE.

There will be sold at Public Auction, in front of the Post Office in the Town of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, on SATURDAY the NINTH DAY of MARCH next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to the directions of a Decretal Order of the Supreme Court in Equity, made on Tuesday the eighteenth day of December A. D. 1900, in a certain cause therein pending, between Eliza J. Tibbitts, Plaintiff, and Allen W. Tibbitts and Fanny Tibbitts his wife and George W. Boyer, Defendants, with the approbation of the undersigned Referee in Equity, duly nominated and selected by the Clerk in Equity as the Referee under the said Decretal Order, the lands and premises mentioned and directed to be sold by the said Decretal Order, and therein described as follows:—

All that certain tract of land situate in the Parish of Peel in the County of Carleton, and bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at a post standing at the north-western angle of lot number two hundred and fifty-one purchased by David N. Raymond in Block A. west of Coldstream, thence running by the magnet of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, south eighty-six degrees and forty-five minutes east one hundred chains to a post, thence north eighteen degrees east ten chains and forty-two links to another post, thence north eighty-six degrees and forty-five minutes west one hundred and four chains to another post and thence south three degrees and fifteen minutes west ten chains to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less, and distinguished as lot number two hundred and fifty-two in the rear of granted lands fronting on Coldstream, and being the same land granted by the Crown to one Charles Tibbitts on the eighteenth day of January A. D. 1869.

Dated the twenty-ninth day of December A. D. 1900.

STEPHEN E. APPLEBY,  
D. McLEOD VINCE, Referee in Equity.  
Plaintiff's Solicitor.

## NOTICE OF SALE.

To be sold by public auction on Tuesday, the Nineteenth day of February next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in front of the Post Office in the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton for payment of the debts of the late Randolph K. Jones, of the said town of Woodstock, in the said County of Carleton, deceased, in consequence of a deficiency of the personal estate of the deceased for that purpose, pursuant to an order obtained from the Probate Court of Carleton County, the lands and premises following, that is to say:

All that certain piece of land situate in the town of Woodstock described as follows: "Commencing on easterly side of Queen street west at a point forty feet distant south from the southerly line of land owned by Catherine A. Boyer, thence easterly parallel with the southerly line of said Boyer land sixty feet, thence southerly parallel to said Queen street west to Graveyard street (so called) thence westerly along said Graveyard street to said Queen street west, thence northerly along said Queen street west to place of beginning, about ninety-four feet, being a part of land conveyed by J. N. W. Winslow and wife to said Dow." Also, "all that certain other piece of land situate in the town of Woodstock aforesaid, on the south side of the Meduxnakik stream and on the northern side of a street leading from Broadway street to the Protestant graveyard, commonly called Graveyard street, described as follows: Commencing on the north side of Graveyard street at the south east corner of land owned by said Jones, conveyed to him by Asa Dow, thence northerly along the easterly line of said land, owned by said Jones, to the south east corner of land conveyed by said Randolph K. Jones and wife to said Isabella Steeves by deed dated the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, thence easterly on the prolongation of the south line of said land conveyed to said Isabella Steeves by said Jones twelve feet, thence southerly and parallel to said easterly line of said land owned by Jones to said Graveyard street and thence westerly along said Graveyard street to place of beginning." And also all that other certain lot of land situate in said town of Woodstock

"On the north west side of Queen street west, described as follows: Beginning on the northwest side of said street at the southeast corner of land on the fifteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven conveyed by said J. N. W. Winslow and wife to W. P. Jones, thence north westerly along the said line of said W. P. Jones lot, one hundred and sixteen feet to land reserved by said Winslow for a street thirty-three feet wide and called by him Washburn street, thence southwesterly along said Washburn street twenty-three feet or to a street thirty-three feet wide running along the east side of the Methodist graveyard and called by said Winslow Mountain street, thence southerly along said Mountain street to the street leading to said Graveyard street, thence easterly along said Graveyard street thirty feet or to said Queen street west, thence northerly along said Queen street west to place of beginning."

Also all that certain lot of land situate in the Parish of Brighton aforesaid in the said County of Carleton and bounded and described as follows: "Beginning at a post standing on the eastern side of a reserved road at the southwest angle of lot number fifty-seven granted to George Henderson, in Range four, Windsor Settlement, thence running by the magnet of the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven "south seventy-three degrees east one hundred chains to the western side of another reserved road, thence along the same south seventeen degrees west ten chains, thence north seventy-three degrees west one hundred chains to another post standing on the eastern side of the first aforesaid reserved road and thence along the same north seventeen degrees east ten chains to the place of beginning containing one hundred acres more or less, and distinguished as lot number fifty-six in Range four, Windsor Settlement."

Also, all that certain other lot of land situate in the Parish of Aberdeen in the said County of Carleton, and bounded and described as follows. "On the north by land owned by Noble Branscomb, on the east by a reserved road, on south by lands occupied by Maurice Hobbs, on the west by the Knowlesville road and distinguished as lot thirty-one, Range four (4) Knowlesville Settlement, being land conveyed by William Forrest to William M. Connell by deed dated March 2nd, 1882."

Also, all that certain "other lot of land situate in the said Parish of Aberdeen described as follows: "Beginning at a post standing on the north easterly angle of number thirty-three granted to E. Doherty in Block G, Glassville, thence north seventy-two degrees and thirty minutes west one hundred and two chains thence north seventy degrees and thirty minutes east nine chains and seventy-five links, thence south seventy-two degrees and thirty minutes east one hundred and three chains and fifty links to a post standing on the westerly side of the Settlement road thence along the same in a southerly direction to the place of beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less, distinguished as lot number thirty four (34) in Block G, Glassville, being lands conveyed by Daniel Brewster and wife to said William M. Connell by deed dated 10th September 1875."

Also, all that certain other piece of land situate in the said Parish of Aberdeen in the said County of Carleton, and bounded and described as follows: "Beginning at a post standing at the north westerly angle of lot number twenty-eight granted to Avardis Shaw in range six, Knowlesville, thence north seventeen degrees and thirty minutes east fifteen chains to another post, thence south seventy-two degrees and thirty minutes east sixty seven chains, crossing a branch of the south west Miramichi River, in that distance, thence south seventeen degrees and thirty minutes west fifteen chains crossing the above mentioned river, in that distance, and thence north seventy-two degrees and thirty minutes west sixty-seven chains to the place of beginning containing one hundred acres more or less, and distinguished as lot number twenty-nine, in range six, Knowlesville."

Also, all that certain other piece of land situate in the Town of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton, described as follows: "Commencing on the north side of Elm street at a round iron stake marked on the east side "xix" and on the west side "xx" thence north eighty-five degrees west along the northerly side of said Elm street one hundred and twenty feet or to a certain round iron stake marked on the east side "xxi" and on the west side "xxii", thence north five degrees east one hundred and nine feet or the rear line of the late Charles E. Brown land, thence south eighty-five degrees east along said rear line one hundred and twenty feet thence south five degrees west one hundred and nine feet, or to the northerly side of Elm street at the place of beginning, being lots number twenty and twenty-one, on what is known as the plan of Elm street, as surveyed by A. G. B. Stone, for said Charles E. Brown in October 1881, being same lands conveyed by Robert T. Bram to Isaac Finnemore by two several deeds one registered in Book S. number three of Carleton County Records on page 661 and 662, and the other registered in Book W. number three, page 359, 360 and 361, the said land being now subject to three several mortgages, as follows: (1) A mortgage in favour of George Bull estate for one hundred dollars and interest at eight per cent. from the tenth day of December 1900. (2) A mortgage given to Sophia A. Hay for two hundred and twenty-five dollars and interest from the 16th of February 1900, and (3) A mortgage held by W. W. Hay for two hundred and seventy-five dollars and interest from the 11th of April 1900.

A certain lot of land situate in the Town of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton, and described as follows, All "that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the Town of Woodstock in the said County, on the north side of the Meduxnakik River and on the west side of the Main road and bounded and described as follows, that is to say, commencing on the south side of Prince Albert street, one hundred feet east from College street, thence running easterly along said Prince Albert street, forty eight feet, thence southerly and parallel with College street one

hundred and thirty five feet or until it strikes Maple street, thence westerly along the north side of Maple street, forty eight feet, thence northerly and parallel with College street one hundred and thirty five feet more or less, to the place of beginning, on Prince Albert street, subject to the statements hereafter set forth; and an undivided half interest and ownership in and to a certain piece or parcel of land situate in the parish of Woodstock in said County of Carleton described as follows, Commencing at the angle formed by the intersection of the northern line of land conveyed by William Gremmerson to Catherine Kelley and Mary Ann Jordan with the road commonly called Connell road, thence along said northerly line and along the northerly line of the farm of land owned by late Elisha Baker at time of his death north eighty eight degrees west to the thread of the Meduxnakik stream, thence up the thread of the said stream to the land now occupied by Oliver Kelley thence south eighty eight degrees east along said Kelley's land to said Connell street, thence along Connell street to the place of beginning, being forty three rods in width by measurement, in a direct line across the same, containing sixty acres more or less, being part of the same land conveyed to George McDonaghe by Leveritt H. Devereber, and wife by deed dated the ninth day of September A. D. 1850, and by said McDonaghe and wife mortgaged to John Armstrong. The two last described lots of land the said late Randolph K. Jones was seized of at the time of his death, as appears by the Records of Deeds and Wills for the County of Carleton, but it has come to the knowledge of the undersigned that one Tobias McLean claims that at the time of the decease of the said late Randolph K. Jones, he the said Tobias McLean held the said two last described pieces of land by adverse possession as against the said Randolph K. Jones and also claims that the said late Randolph K. Jones never owned said properties or any part of either of them in his own right but in trust for the said Tobias McLean.

Also all the interest of the late Randolph K. Jones, in and to all that certain lot and parcel of land situate in the Village of Hartland in the said County of Carleton and on the western side of the Main Highway road, leading through Hartland Village, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the western side of said road and running westerly by the southern side of William McAdam's blacksmith shop and in a straight line with said shop fifty eight feet more or less to a certain cedar stake, thence southerly parallel with said Highway thirty feet to another stake, thence easterly to the side of said Highway fifty eight feet more or less thence northerly by the side of the said Highway to the place of beginning; subject to the following statement of such interest; one J. T. Allan Dibblee and the said late Randolph K. Jones jointly purchased the last described property at a sale under power of sale in mortgage and paid therefor the sum of twelve hundred dollars, and in order to so pay the said amount they the said late Randolph K. Jones and J. T. Allan Dibblee, gave their joint notes for the said amount and upon these notes there was, prior to the decease of the said late Randolph K. Jones paid the sum of one hundred dollars by each of the said makers thereof, and in consequence of the inability of the Estate of the said Randolph K. Jones to pay in full all claims against said Estate the said J. T. Allan Dibblee claims he will have to pay the full amount of the said one thousand dollars and interest still due upon said joint notes; and he claims that consequently the Estate's interest in the said property is not one undivided half but only one half of the value above the amount still remaining due on said notes.

All the several heretofore described pieces of real Estate are to be sold subject to the undersigned's claim and right of dower and arrears of dower in and to the same, to which she may be entitled as widow of the said late Randolph K. Jones.

Dated at the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton the 17th day of January A. D. 1901.

GERTRUDE H. JONES,  
Administratrix of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of Randolph K. Jones, deceased.

THANE M. JONES,  
Solicitor and Precor.

## Notice of Sale.

To be sold at Public Auction on Thursday, the Twenty-first day of February next, at Eleven of the clock in the forenoon, in front of the Post Office in the Town of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton, and Province of New Brunswick, for the payment of the debts of the late Randolph K. Jones, of the Town of Woodstock, in the said County and Province, deceased, by the undersigned Administratrix, the following personal property, namely:

A mortgage dated the twelfth day of April, A. D. 1899, given by one Denis P. Riorden to the undersigned as Administratrix as below stated, for the sum of ninety-three dollars and twenty-one cents, upon which there is now due the sum of one hundred and seven dollars and eighty-four cents; and a bond of said Denis P. Riorden and one Jeremiah T. Riorden taken on account of such mortgage debt, upon which there is now due the last mentioned amount.

All the right, title and interest of the late Randolph K. Jones in and to the estate of the late James Jones under the will of the late James Jones.

All the interest, share and right owned by the said late Randolph K. Jones in and to a certain mortgage dated the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1896, made by one Wallace W. Ross for the sum of three hundred and nine dollars to said late Randolph K. Jones and one J. T. Allan Dibblee, with which mortgage said late Randolph K. Jones and said J. T. Allan Dibblee took separate bonds from said Ross, for one hundred and seventy-one dollars and thirty-seven cents and one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-three cents, respectively, which bonds represented their respective shares in said mortgage debt; and the said bond given to said late Randolph K. Jones upon which there is now due the sum of one hundred and seventy-one dollars and thirty-two cents, and interest thereon from date of same at ten per cent. to this date.

One Office Safe of Taylor's make.  
Dated at the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton, this Twenty-sixth day of January A. D. 1901.

GERTRUDE H. JONES,  
Administratrix of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of Randolph K. Jones, deceased.

THANE M. JONES, Solicitor.

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