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Will of "Mammy" Pleasant Is
a Recognition of Kindness of
the Lawyer and His Family

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Eccentric Colored Woman Exe-
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en Days Before Her Death

Just seven days before death ended the eventful life of Mary E. ("Mammy") Pleasant she made a will bequeathing to Lyman M. and Olive E. E. Sherwood, who cared for her during the last days of her life and at whose home she died, all her property, and the aged colored woman in the will gives as her reasons for so disposing of her estate the fact that the Sherwoods had taken such good care of her in the winter of her life and that she had promised them that when she died her property would go to them in equal shares. The document was filed

for probate yesterday and with it was filed by Sherwood a petition for the admission of the will to probate.

The will bears date of January 4, 1904. The aged colored woman died on January 11. The opening clause of the will contains the statement that "Mary E. Pleasant, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, declares the document to be her last will and testament." The second clause declares that "she is unmarried and has no known living relative who has any claim upon her estate." The fourth clause states that the testator in making her will bears in mind the fact that Lyman Sherwood, the lawyer, and Olive E. E. Sherwood, his wife, had rendered her great service during the last days of her life and also the fact that she had promised them to leave them her property. In the fifth clause she devises to the Sherwoods all that she dies possessed of, share and share alike, and in the sixth and final clause of the document she appoints the devisees executor and executrix of the will, to serve without bonds, and gives them power to dispose of the estate as they see fit without asking the consent of any court.

The will is a written document and bears the signatures of Thomas S. Scott and August Roehncke as witnesses.

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