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### GRANT'S GRATITUDE.

He Gave His Check Open For Any Amount Up to \$50,000.

"I think I carry with me the finest proof of Grant's love and gratitude of any man living," said Colonel William Barnard of St. Louis. He opened his pocketbook and drew out two worn and creased papers. One, a blank check signed "Clydes S. Grant," the other a few lines scrawled on a torn bit from a memorandum book to the effect that "the within is good up to \$50,000" and signed "Grant."

Then Colonel Bill told his story: Years before he had been a rich man, and there came a time when the young infantryman got into trouble through no great fault of his own, but through that faculty for trusting people which never left him in all the after years. He needed some money, and needed it badly, yet he was too proud to ask any one of his wife's relatives or family connections to loan him the amount. As he afterward expressed it when talking over the affair with Colonel Bill, who had been one of his best friends from the time he courted Miss Julia, he was "in a devil of a fix."

Without knowing very much about the complications, but receiving an intimation from an officer stationed at the same fort, the colonel sent the subaltern an unfilled check, with instructions to use it he needed it. Grant did use it and he needed it and fled away the little debt of gratitude he was to owe for many a long day. Colonel Bill's fortunes fell with those of hundreds of others in the city on the banks of the big river, but always, in some unobtrusive way, a chance was given him to recoup, and without becoming wealthy he kept "in comfortable circumstances."

Parties knowing the intimate relations existing between the successful general and the colonel besought him time and again to go with them into certain gigantic schemes that needed only the tacit consent and protection of Grant to make every man among them a multimillionaire. Once the colonel hunted up Grant "down in the jungles" of the southwest and told him how he was being "pestered to death" by those enterprising "blockade runners." Grant listened quietly until the story was done; then he swore a few of the mighty, righteous oaths kept for choice occasions.

"Bill, do you want to go into that thing? If you do, I can't say a word, but—"

"It would have done your heart good to have seen his face soften and heard his voice tremble, when I assured him that, though I didn't consider myself a saint by any means, I did consider myself a gentleman, and that, though a million or two would come in right handy, I had no thought of making it in a way that would certainly reflect upon his honor. We talked of other things after that, as Grant seemed to want to dismiss the subject entirely. In answer to his inquiries I told him I was doing fairly well financially, and then we drifted to 'home talk,' and I soon after left him and went north and later abroad. When I next saw Grant, he was in Washington, and upon bidding him good night after one of our long talks he handed me an envelope, saying carelessly, 'Here is something may fit in some time.' When I went to my rooms, I broke the seal and found the check, just as you see it, and this characteristic note." — Washington Post.

**Cute Carrie.**

Miss Hurryup—Ah, George, you cannot tell what troubles a girl has who is receiving the attentions of a gentleman.

Mr. Holdoff—Troubles, Carrie? Of what nature, pray?

Miss H.—Well, one's brothers are always making fun of one, and one's relatives are always saying, "When is it to come off?" as if marriage was a prize fight. But that is not the worst. There's the inquisitiveness of one's parents. They want to know everything. There's papa, now. He is constantly asking such questions as "Carrie, what are Mr. Holdoff's intentions? What does he call upon you so regularly for and stay so late when he does call?" And he sometimes looks so cross when he asks this question that I actually tremble.

Mr. H.—And what answer do you make to his questions, Carrie, dearest?

Miss H.—I can't make any answer at all, for, you see, you haven't said anything to me, and—and—of course—I—I—

Then Mr. Holdoff whispered something in Carrie's ear, and next time her father questions her she will be ready with a satisfactory reply.—Pearson's Weekly.

**Extreme Politeness.**

"Did you succeed in borrowing that \$40 from Thomas?"

"No. But I want to say that he is a mighty fine fellow, Thomas is. He didn't let me have the money, but he thanked me most effectively for having done him the honor to ask him."—Indianapolis Journal.

### BLACKMAIL IN ENGLAND.

Secret Owning Servants Seem to Be the Greatest Culprits There.

That was a wise philosopher who remarked that a valet knows his master's character better than any one else. In the privacy of his chamber a busy, harassed man is apt to throw off all reserve and to reveal those very traits in his disposition which he otherwise takes the utmost care to conceal.

A valet or a lady's maid has almost unlimited opportunities for blackmailing. Their chances of prying into their masters' affairs are unequalled.

It is not surprising, therefore, that servants who extort money are among the worst terrors with which society people have to contend.

Toward the end of last year a well known public man was found dead in his bed. It was evident that he had poisoned himself, although no cause for the deed could be discovered. A few days ago an old valet of the unfortunate man, now a public house keeper, received a severe injury from a fall from a scaffold, and fearing that he would not recover he confessed that it was chiefly through his instrumentality that his master had been driven to his death.

He had found in an old drawer a packet of papers which, without doubt, contained past history. Being in need of money, he demanded a payment of £10, in default of which he threatened to make the papers public. The money was paid, but he soon ran through it, since he had lost his situation. He again applied for another £10, and finally succeeded in obtaining it. He now wished to set up a public house and found that £20 would allow him to do so. Accordingly, for that sum he sold his master's secret to two men of his acquaintance.

These men immediately organized a system of blackmailing, with the result that their wretched victim was driven to take his own life in order that he might escape from their toils.

This is only one instance selected at random from a little pile of the kind.

Those who read the society papers or otherwise become acquainted with scandals will remember the case which occurred a few weeks ago, of the dressmaker who was habitually addicted to the use of a certain drug, which proved very fatal so far as her social position was concerned. What did not transpire at the time, however, was the fact that her ladyship's maid had amassed a considerable fortune by a skillful manipulation of the knowledge of her employer's weakness. It would frequently happen that when driving her carriage and pair in the park she would meet her one time mistress and force her to hand over then and there any money that she might have in her purse.

A man or woman with a past has no worse enemy than a blackmailing servant.—Pearson's Weekly.

**She Turned Up Again.**

"I rode up to a cabin in Knox county, Ky.," said John Williams, a traveling man, to a Star reporter, "and, as I approached, the man of the house inquired: 'Stranger, did you see a red-headed gal with a yellow sunbonnet coming from town?'"

"No."

"I reckon she'll be byer termorror."

"Expecting company?"

"No; jess my darter. She'd been down ter Frankfort. She tuk in her head ter git married an run off with a no 'count feller, Tim Hadley. They stole a raft of mine an floated down the Kaintuck ter Frankfort."

"Did you stop ter?"

"No. Mail gits ter Frankfort quicker'n a raft, so I writ ter Jim Wakefield down thar ter buy the logs, put Tim in jail fer stealin the raft an send the money back hyer with Sal. I reckon she missed the stage."

"At that moment a girl turned the corner of the road, and the old man said: 'Waal, Sal, yo' got back?'"

"Yaas, dad."

"Tim in jail?"

"Yaas, dad."

"Bring back the money fer the logs?"

"Yaas, dad."

"Waal, go in an cook supper, an nex' time yo' git married run off with a man who has more gumption than ter try ter git away on a raft."

"Yaas, dad." And the girl went to the kitchen as though she had never left it.—Washington Star.

**Our Own Volcanoes.**

There is conclusive evidence within the past half century that several of our great mountains in the north-western part of the country, formed as they were by the piling up of volcanic matter, cannot be numbered yet among the wholly extinct volcanoes. North of Mount Hood, in the state of Washington, are the great peaks of Baker, Rainier and St. Helens, all of them very mildly active.

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