

WAS A PLAIN YOUTH

History of One Business Enterprise in New York

THAT SUCCEEDED SPLENDIDLY

A Youth Who Ran Away From Home and Went to the Metropolis to Grow to Be a Very Successful Merchant.

A good example of how fortunes are made in New York city is afforded by the life and business operations of Millard Fillmore Tompkins, who died at the age of thirty-nine years.

When Mr. Tompkins was fourteen years old he ran away from the home where he was born, at Newport, R. I., and came to this city, with the mental resolve of making a fortune for himself.

Instead of living in accordance with his increased means, Tompkins continued to live in the same manner as before, putting aside all his surplus money for the purpose of buying a horse and truck.

There were at that time no cheap cash down groceries in the city. Tompkins made up his mind that there was money to be made in a purely cash business, with a cheap scale of prices for trade among the poorer people.

"You go on and extend the business," said young Mrs. Tompkins to her husband. "I can manage the Spring street store while you look after the general matters."

The Elder One (recently engaged)—Do you think it proper for a girl to kiss the man she is engaged to?

From the first Mr. Tompkins stuck by his principles of cash payments. He discounted all his bills, and thus was able to buy where others could not.

By placing two iron bars at seven or eight yards distance from each other, and putting them in communication on one side by an insulated wire and on the other side with a telephone, it is said that a storm can be predicted twelve hours ahead through a certain dead sound lead in the receiver.

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yard. "Now," he said to himself, "I'll find out if he's after me," and he entered the churchyard. The man followed him. Vague visions of revolvers and garrotes grew upon him. He made a detour of a splendid mausoleum. Still the man was after him, round and round.

At last he turned and faced the fellow and asked: "What the dickens do you want? What are you following me for?" "Well, sir, do you always go home like this? I am going up to Mr. Fitz-krown's house with a parcel, and the porter at the station told me that if I'd follow you I should find the place, as you live next door. Are you going home all tonight?"—Melbourne City and Country.

MY PNEUMATIC.

In the airy whirling wheel is the springing strength of steel. And the silver gress to steel day by day, Till you feel your pulses leap at the easy swing and sweep.

As the hedges flicker past upon your way, Then it's out to the line of the morning breeze And the rose of the morning sky, And the long brown road where the tired spirit's lead.

Slips off as the leagues go by! Black and silver, swift and strong, with a pleasant under-song From the steady rippling murmur of the wheel.

Half a thing of life and will, you may feel it start and thrill. With a quick elastic answer to the strain, As you ride to the skies of the morning breeze And the rose of the morning sky.

Slips off as the leagues go by! Miles a hundred you may run from the rising of the sun. To the gleam of the first white star, You may ride through twenty towns, meet the sun upon the down.

Down the pleasant countryside, through the woodland's summer pride, You have come in your forenoon spin; And you never would have guessed how leisurely in the rest.

There is many a one who teaches that the shining river reaches Are the place to spend a long June day, But give me the whirling wheel and a boat of air and steel.

Slips off as the leagues go by!—Spectator. Bright Man. Buyer—I want to compliment you on that man of yours who came into my store about a week ago.

Buyer—Yes. I would like to cancel that order.—Clook Review. It All Depends.

Something Out. The woman who hastened into the pantry and returned with a saleratus biscuit for the peripatetic stranger at her gate wore a gingham gown which she had obviously built with her own hands.

It was cut on the bias and did not hang straight. "My man," she remarked in comprehensive tones, "I will give you this biscuit on one condition."

The tramp, for such he undoubtedly was, leaned gracefully upon one foot. "You must run a stick of wood."

"I cannot, madam, I cannot." "Think well," warned the woman. "It was only fifteen minutes ago that another man in your business sawed a stick of wood for one of my biscuits."

The tramp started violently. "You astonish me," he exclaimed. A great perplexity seemed to be oppressing him.

Not a Suitable Present. He told the clerk in the book store that he wanted to purchase something that would be a suitable present for a young lady. The clerk brought out albums, books, gold pens and pencils and cardcases, but nothing seemed to suit.

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already," said the clerk. "Well, I want to say to you that she wouldn't," exclaimed the young man, losing control of his temper.

Woman's Psychic Faculties. The world's psychic congress, the only one of the many at Chicago next summer to place women on its advisory council, is to have also a special woman's committee of arrangements.

A Great Rush. "How's business?" asked Cawker of the druggist. "Excellent! We're compounding a great many dyspepsia prescriptions."

A Stomper. "Mamma," said little Eva, "tell me, please, how to spell rocking chair." "I think I had better not, dear. That is almost too big a word for you now," replied mamma.

He Was All Right. Stranger—I want to get some material for a bridal veil. Salesman—This house is strictly wholesale.

Perfectly Explained. Bagley—Why aren't you wearing an overcoat this cold day? Brace—On my way here it got such a soaking that I had to take it off.

Altered. "Gracious, Smith, old boy, how are you? I haven't seen you for ages. You are altered. I should scarcely know you again."

The dog barks, but the caravan passes. Copy, the artist, was the son of a day laborer. It is said that the best walking pace is seventy-five steps per minute.

The father of Keats kept a lively stable, in which the poet was born. "Tis only heaven that can had for the asking. How about good advice?"

OH, FOR THE DAYS GONE BY! Oh, would I were a boy again to roam about the fields Collecting all the wondrous things indulgent nature yields.

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