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MURPHY'S CONVICTION AND AFTER.

The conviction of Lawrence Murphy, the defaulting  
ex-treasurer of the Stonecutters' Union, important as  
it is, is of less consequence to the public than the prosecutions  
which are to follow the disclosures of extortion  
elicited during Murphy's trial are likely to be.

The court proceedings have made available for the  
District-Attorney's use a mass of sworn testimony regarding  
large payments of money to labor leaders  
under pressure and in circumstances which render the  
extortion to all intents and purposes a levy of blackmail.  
This evidence is now in course of preparation for  
the scrutiny of the Grand Jury. It is a confident  
expectation that out of its presentation there will come  
numerous indictments for criminal practices. And it is  
to be hoped that the probe will be pushed to where the  
guilt really lies and the indictments distributed with  
equal impartiality among the blackmailer and the black-  
mailed, among contractor and walking delegate alike.

If the allegations made are true the conspiring lead-  
ers of labor have used their giant strength tyrannously  
to the detriment of trade and the injury of the public  
welfare. If they are true in this particular they must be  
held to be true also as showing on the part of the em-  
ployer a culpability and a disposition to use bribery to  
gain private ends which merits the severest judicial  
condemnation.

If a contractor pays a walking delegate \$10,000 to  
call off a strike from whom in the end is the money  
exported? Is it to be supposed for one moment that  
the payment is made finally from the contractor's pocket?  
Is not his offense indictable as countenancing the very  
crime for which he justly seeks to have labor's repre-  
sentative punished? In such a payment of extorted  
tribute money there is a complicity or guilt on the part  
of the one who pays less great, perhaps, but no less  
direct, than that of the one who receives.

It is apparent that if the pay lead of the Murphy trial  
is intelligently and energetically followed by the Dis-  
trict-Attorney's office there will ensue not only the  
various deserved convictions for extortion to which the  
evidence now points, but also a complete uncovering of  
blackmailing proceedings in the building trades, the ex-  
posure of which cannot but become of great public utility.

From recent revelations of the inner relationship of  
capital to labor it might be inferred that society has  
made no progress beyond the robber-Baron-of-the-Rhine,  
stand-and-deliver period. With the difference that the  
old-time lance has been transformed into the corrupt  
labor leader's whistle. The more light that can be thrown  
on the inner intrigues of blackmail compacts the speedier  
will they be ended.

A MID-OCEAN NEWSPAPER.

The publication of a daily paper at sea has been be-  
gan on the Minneapolis in a small way, but with a  
promise of future expansion.

The field would seem to be a fertile one and the con-  
stituency such as a city of 5,000 inhabitants furnishes.  
This daily has the advantage of the best wireless tele-  
graphic facilities, Marconi messages sufficient to make  
an excellent showing of "foreign news." For its local  
columns it has an endless extent of possibilities in  
counts, diplomats, steel kings, theatrical managers, mem-  
bers of the "400," actresses, promoters, gamblers going  
abroad to buy old masters, vaudeville favorites coming  
across to secure a salary of \$3,000 a week, prima donnas  
asplund, anarchists returning from the sale of art treas-  
ures to distinguished connoisseurs—many, indeed, of  
the world's most interesting people cabined and confined  
and at close range within a ship's walls for a week. A news-  
paper well edited under such conditions should be one  
of the most entertaining of publications.

The high play in the smoking-room, the scandal about  
the attentions of the passenger in cabin 240 to the lady in  
273, a full stenographic report of the customary "indigna-  
tion meeting," the news of the new merger given out by  
the king of finance, the announcement of the capture of  
the helmsman by the count just after the lunch hour about  
the bridge—

An editor awake to his opportunities could make a  
lively sheet of a mid-ocean daily.

WEAK HEARTS AND PLEASURE.

A Newark woman died from heart failure the other  
night while dancing. Another Newark woman on the  
following day died from the same cause while bathing at  
Seabright. Probably neither of these victims of sudden  
death knew that pleasurable effort puts as severe a strain  
on the heart as exertion that is painful. The danger is  
with persons in whom any organ is weak that the zest of  
agreeable exercise blinds them to the warning which in  
less pleasing exertion is given by fatigue.

Mrs. Lischick used up more vital force in a round of  
waitesses than she would have expended in a long and tire-  
some walk. Mrs. Brown by buffeting breakers for fifteen  
minutes subjected her heart to shocks of great severity,  
but rendered far less appreciable because of the stimu-  
lating influences of air and water and the excitement of  
the moment.

The weak hearts which they strained to bursting  
might have lasted them with care until old age.

SOMETHING FROM NOTHING.

"Some people are so foolish," says Russell Sage. "They  
think Wall street can make something out of nothing."  
Is it folly? The small investor sees millions multi-  
plied into greater millions without the addition of a  
dollar's intrinsic value, and comes to know by personal  
observation that the paper profits accruing from this  
legerdemain have built mansions and bought yachts and  
endowed museums. He sees two and two made ten, for  
the time being at least, and reasons that the same kind  
of addition should apply to him. What the great operator  
can do he ought to be able to do in a small way.

But by the time he reaches that conclusion two and  
two are again four, the stock that he bought at par has  
reached bed rock at 10 and his \$90 is gone. Did not the  
man who got the \$90 make something out of nothing?

But Emersonian—The appreciation of the usefulness  
of little things is extending. The \$15 clerk who was in-  
trusted with the management of a wealthy Buffalo law  
firm is succeeded by a \$9 clerk as one of the incorporators  
of the Interborough Street Railway Company.

Weather Curiosity—The weather has an odd way of  
repeating itself. On Monday, that "cold day in late  
October" the thermometer at noon read at 2 P. M. regis-  
tered exactly the same as on the corresponding day of  
last year.

TOLD ABOUT  
NEW YORKERS.

SELDEN BACON, who has just  
married Josephine Dodge De-  
kam, the writer, formerly lived in  
one of the most novel and eccentric  
homes in New York. The house was  
near Union Square. It had once been  
a stable. Richard Watson Older had  
rented it, renovated it, and made a  
Bacon continued the dwelling of it,  
transforming box stalls into cosy cor-  
ners, and turning the carriage house  
into an artistic little drawing-room.  
The few yards which separated the  
front door from the street were con-  
verted into a tiny lawn, a high iron  
fence was run across in front of it, and  
visitors were obliged to ring a bell. A  
gate in the iron fence thereupon opened.  
Such another bijou little villa, more ab-  
solutely un-New-York-like, yet set in  
the midst of the busy city's busiest  
section, could not be found.

Young women with brains and deter-  
mination to make their way in the  
world in the marts of trade, as well as  
in artistic fields, and even as stock  
brokers, are cropping up nowadays in  
godly numbers. One of the most promi-  
nent of them just now is Miss Anna  
Lauer, a Pittsburgh girl, who lives in  
Greater New York and is a graduate of  
the Carnegie Art School. She now re-  
sides in Brooklyn, where she has a  
studio. Her forte is making pretty  
sketches for magazine covers for ad-  
vertisements in the shape of cuts and  
pen-and-ink sketches for newspapers.  
She always draws her designs in color.  
Her work shows a fertile and original  
fancy, and she says she is as careful  
in her advertising and magazine designs  
as she would be on a painting. Her  
artistic ability has won her a host of  
friends. Like other clever young Ameri-  
can artists, Miss Lauer had at the be-  
ginning a hard road to travel, but  
strenuous endeavor, combined with her  
undoubted genius, has made her tri-  
umphant and famous, and what is not  
to be despised by the best of artists,  
prosperous to a wonderful degree.

John D. Rockefeller's taste for  
finance does not stop at his office door.  
The favorite games, which enliven the  
home-evenings whereof he is so fond,  
are of a sort requiring mathematical  
skill and quick thinking. As both Mr.  
and Mrs. Rockefeller are strongly op-  
posed to money-stakes, the oil mag-  
nate often offers little prizes, instead,  
to such players as are clever enough to  
excel in these financial sports.

It has taken just twenty-seven years  
for the three daughters of the late Wil-  
liam T. Garner to come into the benefit  
of their full rights in their father's  
estate, which amounts to \$16,000,000. The  
decision of the courts recalls to the  
minds of old members of the New  
York Yacht Club the extraordinary way  
Garner, in 1876, came to his death on  
his yacht, his wife and three others  
perishing with him. The party was all  
down in the cabin when a little squall  
came up on the lower bay, where they  
were sailing. The captain came to  
anchor, but did not take in the topmasts,  
and the yacht keeled over. It was one  
of the most astounding blunders, in  
the opinion of sailors, ever made by a  
captain. Garner at the time was only  
thirty-three years old. The three  
daughters who are awarded the \$16,000,  
000 at this late day live abroad, one  
being the Marchioness de Breteuil, of  
France; another Lady Gordon Cumming,  
of England, and the third Countess L.  
de Molke-Hultfeldt, of Germany.

LETTERS,  
QUESTIONS,  
ANSWERS.

The Tipping System.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Permit me to add a word on the sub-  
ject of tipping waiters. Tipping is per-  
haps the greatest source of annoyance  
known to those who are obliged to take  
their meals in restaurants. It has  
reached a point where one must either  
add considerable to the already expen-  
sive outlay for being permitted to live  
or not get what you pay for. Why we  
must pay twice for what we get is one  
of the serious labor questions. The  
waiters are paid by their employers. If  
the public must also pay tribute to such,  
let the waiter's position be better de-  
fined, so we will know whether it is a  
beggar or a robber with whom we have  
to deal.  
W. B. REED, Jr.

On Side Nearest Curb.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Where should a gentleman walk when  
with two ladies? BESSIE.

What Luck Does Five-Leaf Clover  
Bring?

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Will superstitious readers please en-  
lighten me as to luck that follows the  
finding of five-leaf clovers? X. Y. Z.

No. of Course Not.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
If a Catholic were elected President of  
the United States would he have to re-  
nounce his religion? JAS. D.

No.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Was there ever a President of the  
United States elected three times? G. G. T.

Yes, If Elected.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Can anybody except a Cardinal be a  
Pope? Can any private individual (not  
a priest) be Pope? RAPHAEL.

Black.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Which is the deepest mourning, black  
and white or black? W. M.

A Sheep Problem.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Will clever readers kindly solve the  
following problem: "If A gives B 25  
sheep they will both have the same  
number of sheep. But if B gives A 35  
sheep A will have twice as many sheep."  
M. V. C.

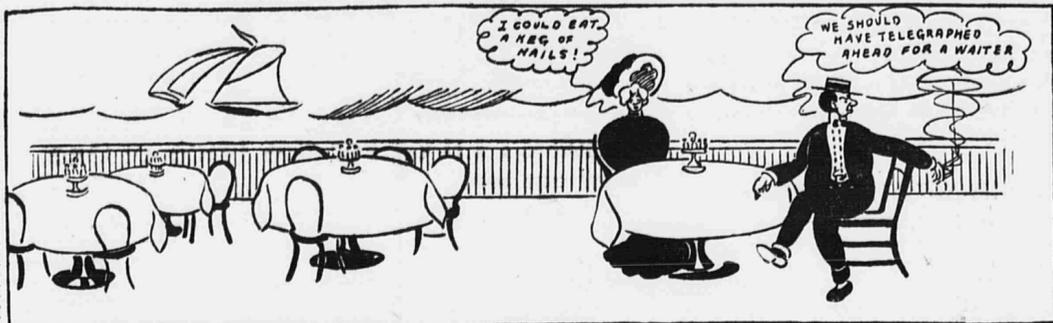
Twice.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
How many times was Joe Bernstein  
defeated by Terry McGovern? D. B.

Yes, but He is Not Likely to Win.

To the Editor of The Evening World:  
Can a man, under any circumstances,  
see a woman for breach of promise.  
H. D. D.

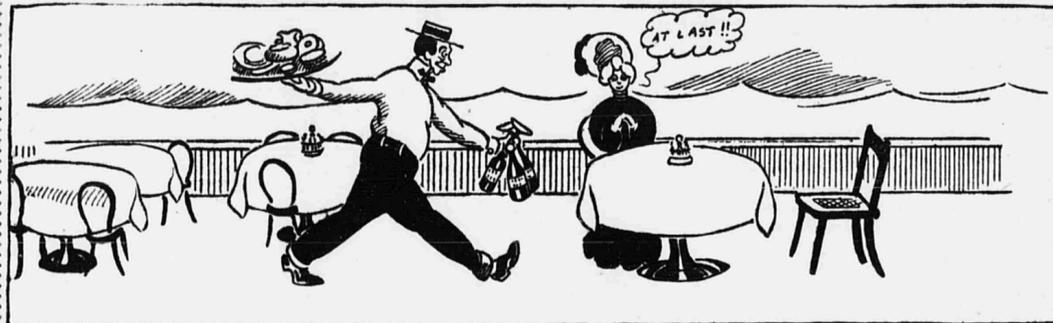
DID IT EVER HAPPEN TO YOU?



1—To take your girl to Garbagemere-by-the-Sea and sit on the hotel piazza waiting for the waiter—



2—After a half hour, with a razor-edge on your appetite, to go to the kitchen yourself and broil your own steak—



3—To serve it yourself—



4—And when tip-time comes to behold crowding about you waiters enough to build the subway? Did it ever?

ARMS AND THE MAN.



WHAT DID SHE MEAN?



HITS AND MISSES.



TOMMY'S IDEA OF IT.



HOME FUN FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

A CARD TRICK.

There is an extremely easy trick with  
cards which often puzzles wise heads.  
Take a pack of cards, and while idly  
attracting the attention of the com-  
pany, glance at the bottom card, then  
briefly explain that after showing them  
a card you will, without glancing at  
the pack again, pick it up and turn  
it over when it is down. Then casually  
draw the bottom card with its face  
away from yourself, and show it to the  
others. Then one of the party takes  
the pack and shuffles the cards. Then  
the trickster takes the pack and be-  
gins throwing the cards upon the table,  
their faces up. When he comes to the  
chosen card he makes no sign, and the  
onlookers thinking he has missed his  
guess, are amused. Suddenly he says:  
"The next card I turn over will be the  
chosen one." Generally the cry is, "No,  
it will not be. You have passed it." The  
whereupon from the pile on the table  
the card is taken and turned over.

A PACKAGE OF NAILS.

Here are four nails.  
Can you add six  
more to them and  
have only five in all?

AN OMELET IN A HAT.

You ask the company if they would  
like an omelet cooked. Then you break  
four eggs in a hat, place the hat for  
a short time over the flame of a candle  
and shortly afterward produce an omelet  
completely cooked and quite hot.  
Some persons would be credulous  
enough to believe that by the help of  
certain ingredients you had been en-  
abled to cook the omelet without fire,  
but the secret of the trick is that the  
omelet had been previously cooked and  
placed in the hat, but could not be  
seen, because the operator, when break-  
ing the eggs, placed it too high for the  
spectators to observe the contents. The  
eggs were empty ones, the contents hav-  
ing been previously extracted by being  
sucked through a small aperture, but  
to prevent the company from suspecting  
this the operator manages as if by ac-  
cident to let a full one fall on the table,  
which breaking induces a belief that  
the others are also full.

Some of the Best  
Jokes of the Day.

HIS OWN WAY.

"Do you ever have your own way?"  
asked the cynical near relative.  
"Yes," answered Mr. Meekton. "Some-  
times I have my own way; but not  
without consulting Henrietta very care-  
fully before I make up my mind."  
Washington Star.

SUECIFICATIONS.

"You are the light of my life!" he  
protested.  
"Candle, kerosene, gas or electric!"  
asked the practical girl, for well she  
knew that all lights are not held in the  
same esteem at the present time.—Chi-  
cago Post.

EASIER FOR THEM.

Blobs—"The cable to Alaska ought to  
make it easier for the gold-hunters to  
get money.  
Slobs—"I fail to see how.  
Blobs—"They can send home for it  
now.—Philadelphia Record.

A MARVELLOUS MEMORY.

"Wonderful man, that Brackett."  
"How so?"  
"He can remember the names of at  
least a dozen of the works of fiction  
that were popular five or six years ago."  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

HOW A WIFE IS CHOSEN.

The Various Charms Which Attract the Average  
Man.

By Helen Oldfield.

IT is a matter of surprise, when one comes to think of it,  
how little marked ability in any walk of life apparently  
helps a man in the choice of a wife. It is not merely that  
few men seem to follow the example of the Vicar of Wake-  
field, who "chose his wife, as she did her wedding gown, not  
for a fine, glossy surface, but for such qualities as would  
wear well.

No one marvels when any one marries a woman for her  
beauty. Besides, a "fine, glossy surface" is a good thing in  
its way. It is highly desirable that the wife of a prominent  
man should do him credit outwardly, should look well at the  
head of his table and appear well in public; but this desider-  
atum, like others, is often lacking.

Even men who, as the phrase goes, see through people  
(and that there are those to whom this faculty is given in  
high degree no one can deny) may prove curiously blind  
when it comes to taking a woman to wife.  
Skill in selecting the right man for any and all positions  
by no means presupposes the same acumen in affairs of the  
heart. The oft-quoted woman who declared that she had  
long ago given up the effort to understand why anybody  
married any one might have made the declaration with equal  
truth had her acquaintance included men of talent during a  
dozen generations.

Neither brilliance of intellect nor sound, good sense in  
other matters of moment is any guarantee of clear-sighted-  
ness in love. Everywhere and at all times among a great  
majority of wise selections one finds cases of utterly in-  
explicable blundering, says Helen Oldfield in the Chicago Trib-  
une. All of us know men of brain whose wives seem totally  
unsuited to them—women who are not merely commonplace,  
but stupid, tactless, and sometimes positively disagreeable—  
altogether impossible.

Often, no doubt, the disparity between man and wife is  
due to the fact that the marriage has taken place in youth,  
and, while the man has been steadily forging ahead in the  
race of life, the woman who stood upon his level on the wed-  
ding day has been left far behind him.

Life and custom bear heavily upon woman in some re-  
spects; wives and mothers who do their duty worthily and  
well in the trifles which make up the sum of human life  
have small opportunity for self-improvement and are usually  
unable to keep up with the procession of the progressive.  
The husband goes out into the world as a man among men,  
his wit and intellect sharpened, "as iron sharpeneth iron,"  
by contact with others, his mind improves by travel and his  
manners take on polish; but the wife finds her sphere bound-  
ed by the four walls of home; a Martha, cumbered with much  
serving, she counts herself to have done much if she fits  
fills that sphere.

How can she be otherwise than commonplace?  
However, a woman may be commonplace and yet make an  
excellent wife. She may make her home a haven of rest and  
refuge in his achievements, and she may train his chil-  
dren wisely and well, being one of the mothers to whom it  
is due that the strength of a nation is found in its homes.  
It is not the commonplace wives of brilliant men who ex-  
cite astonishment, but those who are stupid, disagreeable  
and even ill-bred.

There has long been a secret belief that genius, if not  
nearly akin to insanity, has at least no fellowship with com-  
mon sense. No one, for example, expects a genius to be  
practical; the eccentricities of genius are proverbial.  
Nevertheless, there are exceptions. Browning and Tenny-  
son proved conclusively that sound business judgment and  
poesy of the highest order might find place in the same  
brain cells. So also Rudyard Kipling is reported to have a  
keen eye for the main chance and to be erratic only when it  
is to his interest to be so.

But despite these notable exceptions, one judges the errors of  
the heaven-born with pitying leniency.

SCOUTING DOGS.

The German Army is to be provided with Airedale terriers  
for scouting duties, says a German newspaper. After many  
trials the Airedale and the German pointer have proved to be  
the most useful for war use, but the keenness of scent of the  
former places it far ahead of the German type. Official  
instructions have recently been circulated to the German  
Army that the terriers are to be employed as the eyes and  
ears of an army in the field, as they are much more reliable  
than men and horses, owing to invisibility for certain recon-  
naissance work in front of an enemy.

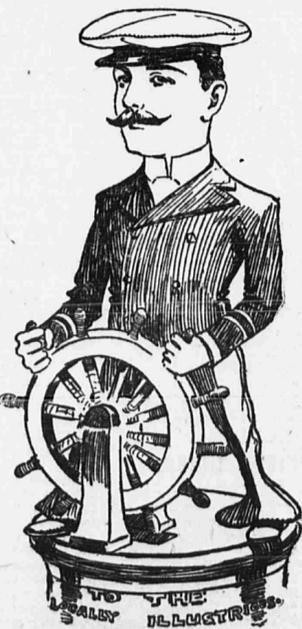
The Airedale terrier can unearth, it is claimed, a patrol  
which would be hidden to man, and for carrying information  
the dogs are of considerable value. They can be used be-  
tween a patrol and the main body, or for linking up posts,  
and, being small, their presence is unnoticed.

A number of pure-bred Airedales are to be obtained for  
breeding purposes, and it is proposed to attach to each  
Jaeger battalion two dogs of abnormal intelligence, trained  
to carry from front to rear and return. Every regiment will  
have from half a dozen to a dozen dogs.

OFFICIAL BAGGAGE.

The English railways are about to devise a plan by which  
the loss of baggage in transit may be reduced to a minimum.  
In England there has hitherto been no adequate system of  
registering baggage, so that if the piece is stolen and re-  
placed by another the loss is not discovered until the owner  
attempts to identify what he does not recognize. In the first  
quarter of the present year the French railway companies  
paid no less than \$1,800 as reimbursement to clients from  
whom packages had been stolen.

ON THE EVENING WORLD PEDESTAL.



(Charles Barr, Captain of Reliance)

See, Children, on our Pedestal,  
The captain of Reliance,  
Lipton has wandered from afar,  
Once more to test his lucky star,  
His luck for the third time he'll bar,  
When he attempts to cross the Bar,  
Who answers his defiance