

TOWN TOPICS BOOK, \$150,000.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 100 COPIES AND NO BOOK OUT YET.

Operations Began Two Years Ago—As to "America's Smart Set," for \$1,000 You Get Your Name Printed in Every Chapter—Able Thinks of Telling All.

No more of the well known persons who have subscribed \$100 for "America's Smart Set" were found by the sub-pens servers of the District Attorney's office yesterday.

It turns out that M. E. Wooster, manager of the Society Editors' Association, is the man who suggested the idea of getting out "Fads and Fancies," a biographical work, which Town Topics has contracted to publish.

Wooster said that he was a solicitor for subscribers for "Fads and Fancies." Under the agreement he was to get 50 per cent of all subscriptions, after the expenses had been paid.

Each subscriber for "Fads and Fancies" put up \$1,000. Wooster says that when the subscription list was closed about a year ago there had been about 100 subscribers, which meant \$150,000.

When the subject of getting out "Fads and Fancies" was broached, it was in favor of getting out the finest thing in the printer's art. It was to show the advance in the printer's art in the twentieth century.

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FRENCH AMNESTY BILL BEATEN.

Loubet Grants Pardon to All Who Would Have Benefited.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. PARIS, July 13.—The amnesty bill failed of passage in the Chamber of Deputies today.

It had already passed the Senate and was only awaiting the Chamber's approval to become law.

This caused the members of the Left to create an uproar, while the members of the Right cheered.

Finally the sitting was suspended. Prime Minister Rouvier consulted with the other Ministers and their supporters and found that the words of M. Laisne had stung so deeply that a majority of the Republicans refused to support the bill.

Later the Cabinet was summoned and decided upon a compromise. It was resolved to ask President Loubet to pardon those who would have benefited from the bill.

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MISS CRAM TERRIBLY HURT.

KICKED BY A PONY AND DRAGGED—HER SKULL FRACTURED.

Probably Dying at Her Mother's Summer Home Near Lenox.—Dr. McBurney and Four Other Physicians There—The Victim a Sister of J. Sergeant Cram.

LENOX, Mass., July 13.—Miss Ethel M. Cram, daughter of Mrs. Catherine S. Cram of 1 East Thirty-eighth street, New York, was probably fatally injured on Hawthorne street at noon to-day.

The fate of Mr. Root's bill will also be the fate of the bill of Mr. Auerbach of New York and other counsel called in by the Mayor as his private attorneys.

Despatches from Awomori describe the capture of Korskakov, Sakhalen. The Russians fired only three or four shells in reply to the Japanese bombardment.

It is stated that numbers of the Russians looted and set fire to houses. The city burned for two days and a half, and is now a vast ruin.

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Mr. Alexander's brother William, secretary of the Equitable Society, said that Mr. Alexander was very ill and that that was all he could say about it.

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He received his early education in this city and then went to Princeton, graduating with the class of 1860.

On Nov. 24, 1864, he married Elizabeth Beasley Williamson, daughter of Chancellor Benjamin Williamson of New Jersey.

Mr. Alexander is a director in the Mercantile Trust Company, the Western National Bank and the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company.

He had been an officer of the society ever since until his recent resignation. He was elected second vice-president in 1871 and first vice-president in 1874.

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MR. ROOT'S FEE HELD UP.

Philadelphia Council Pigeonholes the Mayor's Bills.

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JAS. W. ALEXANDER VERY ILL.

IN RETIREMENT WITH A MIND PARTLY CLOUDED.

Equitable's Former President Now in the Hands of Two Physicians in a Retreat Near New York City—Removed Some Time Ago From the Catskills.

James W. Alexander, until recently president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, is not in the Catskills, but is in retirement near New York City, on Long Island, it is said.

One of his friends said last night that he had been removed from the Ontario Club some time ago. He is under the care of two well known physicians and his condition is such that there is danger of his death.

Since the middle of June, when Mr. Alexander succumbed to the strain caused by the troubles in the Equitable, he has been under the care of physicians, and he knows nothing about the more recent developments in the affairs of the Equitable society.

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KING SEEKS MR MORGAN'S AID.

Leopold Crosses Channel to Confer With American Financier.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN. LONDON, July 13.—King Leopold crossed the Channel to-day to Dover to meet J. Pierpont Morgan, who boarded the royal yacht and took lunch with the King.

It is supposed that the King is in reference to the financing of important schemes for developing the Belgian littoral.

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DIVORCE FOR MRS. TRAVERS.

DECREE ANNOUNCED BY A RELATIVE AT NEWPORT.

William Reggin Travers Will Not Discuss It and Mrs. Travers is Abroad—She Was Little Harriman—The Episode of the Tea House and the Bungalow.

NEWPORT, R. I., July 13.—It is learned here to-day on the best of authority that Mrs. Travers has secured a divorce from her husband, William R. Travers.

The report reached Newport several days ago, but little credence was put in it from the fact that nothing had been heard of court proceedings.

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