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Morton and the Santa Fe.

The correspondence in the Paul Morton case consists of four principal documents. There is the letter of Messrs. Harmon and Judson, the government's special counsel; the attorney general's letter to them; Mr. Morton's letter to the president; and the president's reply to Mr. Morton.

After reading all the letters we are convinced that the president is wrong in this matter, and that his usual good judgment and his high sense of duty have been misled.

The government's lawyers said the injunction had been violated; they did not know by whom, because the accused is a corporation.

Where is that "sweltering humanity" the papers used to talk about? James Dalrymple confessed before leaving America that the thing which most surprised him about American tramways was the transfer system.

The president in closing the case, tells Mr. Morton that there is no evidence against him and accepts Mr. Morton's evasive and unsatisfactory explanation of the Santa Fe rebates as complete.

The old swimming hole has a slight attack of the shivers.

Politics Cropping Out.

The politics of the Equitable muss begins to come out. The state superintendent is implored not to bear down "too hard" on Chauncey Dewey in his report, just because Chauncey drew \$600,000 from the society's treasury for twenty years of "counseling" and never appeared in court.

Why all this political fuss over the affairs of the Equitable? How should they affect republican or democratic politics in the empire state? It may be partly offensive butting in on the part of politicians who want to have a hand in everything, it may be that the subway situation has something to do with the activity of the statesmen.

pany. The Ryan grip on the Equitable should be knocked off not because of subway contracts or politics, but because, Grover or no Grover, it is a more immoral and indecent grip than that of Hyde.

A New Field of Trade.

Something has been heard from time to time about the waterpower on the Rainy river and the prospective development of a new industrial center at International Falls. It will probably be surprising, however, to readers of The Journal generally to know that during the present year there will be an expenditure of \$200,000 made upon the harnessing of the falls of the Rainy river and the development of one of the greatest waterpowers on the continent.

The development of northern Minnesota is proceeding at a rapid rate. This is evidenced not only by these important improvements at International Falls, but by the rapidity with which the country along the line of the International railroad has been settling up.

It would make for the great advantage of Minneapolis as a trade center if this gap could be closed and not only the trade of International Falls made accessible to Minneapolis, but that of a large surrounding section which is sure to increase in productiveness and in consuming power.

But the desirability of railroad connection clear to Rainy river is further emphasized by the fact that the Duluth, Virginia & Rainy Lake Railway company, running northwest from Duluth, is heading for the same point, and there is evidence to believe that it will be built at a very early date, possibly during the present year.

Street Railway Transfers.

James Dalrymple confessed before leaving America that the thing which most surprised him about American tramways was the transfer system. He found, in New York, for example, that a man could travel almost around the city on a single fare.

The postoffice department has issued a fraud order against a concern that advertised a lotion to turn a black skin white. Some day the country will have a bald-headed postmaster general. Then the bald-headed remedy mixers will have to look out.

Chopping the Language.

The New York Sun is conducting a campaign of what Mrs. Malaprop would call "aspirations upon our parts of speech."

The paper was fresh from the press—the nearest I ever have seen; A marvel of printing, no less. All sermons, trapezoid and clean. So, having a slight relief, I halted my hurrying pen; Abrupt came whizzing my chief: "That's good. Go and do it again."

because it sounds as tho it might be all right. It is no wonder Henry James mourns the threatened extinction of the language. As a purist in speech he is bound to take notice of these lapses and utter a note of warning, but he does wrong to lay it all to the menacing influence of the newspapers.

The main trouble is probably that the habit of writing has gone out of fashion. The telephone, the telegraph and the dictated letter in which the correspondent writes about as he would talk are more responsible for slovenly habits of expression than the literature of the day.

What Chicago Needs.

The ten needs of Chicago, according to the Lake View Woman's club are: One—More woman's clubs. Two—Less culture. Three—Less noise and dirt. Four—Less extravagance in dress and living. Five—Home missionaries for children. Six—More conscientious appreciation of the obligations of citizenship. Seven—More hospital beds for children. Eight—More homes for old people. Nine—A social center for colored people. Ten—A new charter.

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FIVE GREAT AMERICANS

Fiske's School History of United States. The names of five great men stand before all others in the government under which we now live: George Washington, for his services in winning the independence of the United States and the wisdom with which he set the new government in operation; James Madison, for taking the principal part in the framing of the constitution; Alexander Hamilton, for persuading the people to adopt the constitution and for his bold measures, which gave shape and strength to the federalist party; Thomas Jefferson, for illustrating the principles of democracy, and for the sagacity with which he conducted the first great change of party supremacy in 1801; John Marshall, for his work as chief justice of the United States from 1801 to 1835, in interpreting the constitution and increasing its elasticity and strength by his profound judicial decisions. These five men, more than any others, shaped the whole future of American history.

POLICY HOLDERS MIGHT HEAR OF IT

In ordering a complete investigation of the Equitable's accounts and past methods of business, Mr. Paul Morton concludes his letter to the export with the injunction: "It is very essential that the entire matter should be treated confidentially." Essential to what interests?

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AMUSEMENTS

Wonderful beyond all powers of description was the Elks' show at the Orpheum last evening. The musical agent found his vocabulary bankrupt after an attempt to describe the joyful eccentricities of the spectacular minstrel production put out and pulled off by the Best People of Earth. Men who in everyday life send men to prison for life or to the grave for eternity; men who sell smokes and gas, neither of which will burn when wet, and men who make crockery teeth, attired and disguised in gorgeous raiment, passionate linen and burnt cork, gambled before the footlights for the delatation of the assembled elite.

The entertainment started with a red rose plucked from a harmonious bouquet of vocal and eccentric effusions. In a touching and natural manner Albert For. Hall sang the ditty entitled "Lazy Bill," with trombone and clarinet obligato, played by himself. Mr. Hall's stage presence was something wonderful in view of the fact that he is a native of a retired disposition and seldom seen in public. "Courage," a barytone solo by Leon Rooks, was well sung, the troupe joining in the chorus with fine effect.

Have you embarked on "life's voyage" yet? Or didn't you graduate? The ten needs of Chicago, according to the Lake View Woman's club are: One—More woman's clubs. Two—Less culture. Three—Less noise and dirt. Four—Less extravagance in dress and living. Five—Home missionaries for children. Six—More conscientious appreciation of the obligations of citizenship. Seven—More hospital beds for children. Eight—More homes for old people. Nine—A social center for colored people. Ten—A new charter.

These seem many needs even for Chicago, which needs nearly everything, but they are all comprehended in the first. What Chicago needs is more woman's clubs. The rest will follow.

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FIREWORKS AT WUNDERLAND

Wonderland announces a display of fireworks for tonight at the conclusion of a program of five open-air acrobatic acts. Considering cool weather, the park is a good place for the opening of the crystal maze and myth city by Sunday are being rushed and the alrship swing will be inaugurated for the opening of the week. Today an excursion of several hundred pupils from the Southern normal college of Austin visited Wonderland.

Foyer Chat.

At the Lyceum theater a most successful week is closing. "The Banker's Daughter," Bronson Howard's romantic comedy of New York and Paris, has proved a popular bill, in which the members of the company are exceptionally well cast. Next week Bulwer-Lytton's great love play of the eighteenth century, "The Lady of Lyons," will be given.

WHEN THE AWFUL PAUSE COMES

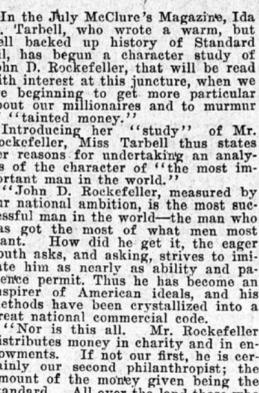
When the conversation lags you should bow a lob; and you should always have a ready-made excuse for a sudden silence. It matters nothing what you say, so long as it can be hit to the boundary. Turn to your neighbor at the stricken dinner table, and say: "That's good. Do it over again."

MR. CARNEGIE'S ADVANTAGE

Carnegie has one great advantage over Mr. Rockefeller. He can get his gifts acknowledged without having to have them look for work.

"MONEY MAD, MONEY MAD! SANE IN OTHER WAYS!"

Senator Hanna's Estimate of John D. Rockefeller—Excerpts from Ida M. Tarbell's Character-Study of the Wily Billionaire in the July McClure's Magazine.



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER. In Church From Ida M. Tarbell's Character Study in the July McClure's.

In the July McClure's Magazine, Ida M. Tarbell, who writes of Standard Oil, has begun a character study of John D. Rockefeller, that will be read with interest at this juncture, when we are so busy getting more particular about our millionaires and to murmur of "tainted money."

Introducing her "study" of Mr. Rockefeller, Miss Tarbell thus states her reasons for undertaking an analysis of the character of "the most important man in the world."

Mr. Rockefeller's origin. "Now, a man who possesses this kind of influence cannot be allowed to live in the dark and the public not only has the right to know what sort of man he is; it is the duty of the public to know. How else can the public discharge its most sacred obligation, it owes to itself and to the future to keep the springs of its higher life clean?"

Typically American. "As to Mr. Rockefeller's origin," says Miss Tarbell, "it is typically American. He sprang from one of those migrating families which, coming to this country in the seventeenth century, brought with them a sturdy generation seeking a betterment of condition. He and his brothers were the first great product of a restless family searching for a better life."

The Millionaire's Father. "Godfrey Rockefeller had not been long in Richmond when he was followed by his grandfather, Godfrey Rockefeller, a man of 23 or 24 years of age. It is with William A. Rockefeller, father of John, that we have to do here. There is enough in his authentic biography about him to form a picture of a striking character. William A. Rockefeller was a tall and powerful man with keen, straightforward eyes, a man in whom strength and fearlessness, and in life, unfettered by education or love of decency, ran riot. The type is familiar enough in every farming settlement, the type of the country sportsman, the hunter, the racer, the gambler, and carouses in the low and mean ways which the country alone affords. He owned a costly rifle, and was famous as a shot. He was a carefree, wild horse rider, and to trade in horses, indeed, had all the vices save one—he never drank."

Irregular and wild as his life apparently was, his mind was clear and daring, his frankness, his careful dress, for he paid great attention to his clothes, as well as the mystery surrounding his occupation which kept him aloof from the young and reckless and, unhappily, with women. On one of his trips he met in Moravia, N. Y., the daughter of a prosperous farmer, Eliza Davidson. She was a girl of 17, and her father in the face of strong opposition by her family. However that may be, it is certain that about 1837, William A. Rockefeller brought Eliza Davidson to the Rockefeller settlement as his wife, and here three children were born, the second of whom—the record of his birth is dated July 8, 1839—was named John Davison.

In 1843 William A. Rockefeller moved his family to a farm near Moravia, Cayuga county. The reputation he had built up in Richmond as a successful farmer was duplicated in Moravia. He soon became the leader in all that was reckless and wild in the community, and was classed by the respectable and serious going as a dangerous character of whom no doubt much was fastened that did not belong. It may be for this reason, as well as because of his constant long and unprofitable absences, that he is well classed popularly in Moravia as one of the gang who operated the "underground horse railroad"—and ran off horses from various parts of the country. There is absolutely no proof of this, but the conviction and sentence to the state prison, in 1850, of three of his closest pals for horsetealing, coupled with his bad reputation, made many of his disapproving neighbors fix the crime equally on him, and today old men in Moravia nod their heads sagely and say, "He was smart to be caught."

He is now over 90 years old and is living in humble seclusion in Iowa. "Glance of Rockefeller's Youth. When William A. Rockefeller took his family to Ohio, his oldest son, John Davison, was a lad of 14 years. A quiet, grave boy by all accounts, doing steadily and well the thing he was set at. Up to this time his training had been that of the ordinary country boy. He had gone to a district school a few months of the year, and the rest of the time he had worked in the fields as a boy ordinarily does in a country settlement. It is quite probable that it was Mrs. Rockefeller's influence which persuaded her husband to send John to school in Cleveland when after the family moved to Ohio.

The boy spent a quiet year in the town studying diligently, so his former schoolmaster has testified, his only outside interest being in the Baptist church and Sunday school—to which he had been directed by a wise landlady. In 1855, after a year of study, young Rockefeller left school and began to look for work.

"The struggle and discouragement of the days he spent walking the streets of Cleveland looking for work made a

deep impression on Mr. Rockefeller. Again and again in his later years he has referred to the experience in the little talks he has given at Sunday school and church gatherings. Again and again he has expressed his lasting regret that he had not found a position. It was a modest enough one—that of a clerk in a warehouse on the Cleveland docks.

Rockefeller's Good Mother.

"No doubt his mother had much to do in shaping the boy's mind to serious living. There is a something in the face of John D. Rockefeller's mother which recalls the face of Letitia Ramolino, mother of Napoleon Bonaparte, and convinces one that she could not but have been a power with her boys, though there is little enough to go on in trustworthy tradition and records. That she kept her children in school and church is certain. Old friends of hers at Strongsville and Parma, Ohio, speak of her with profound respect.

How Rockefeller Keeps Mum.

"From the first concealment was the very first of his life, Rockefeller's skill in concealing the truth was mastered. His is not a frank nature. He was a silent boy—a silent young man. His was the habit of silence, and he was not long after the Standard Oil company was founded before it was said in Cleveland that his offices were the most difficult in the town to enter. Mr. Rockefeller the most difficult man to see. If a stranger got in to see any one he was anxious. Who is that man? he asked an officer near the door one day, calling him away when the latter was chatting with a stranger. "An old friend," Mr. Rockefeller said. "What he wants to see is Rockefeller. He will find him out anything." But he is my friend, Mr. Rockefeller. He does not want to know anything. He has come to see me. Be very careful, very careful. This caution gradually developed into a Chinese wall of seclusion. 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