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RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD.

Rockefeller's Wealth Probably in Excess of \$300,000,000.

New York, Nov. 30.—New proof of the probable truth of Andrew Carnegie's statement that John D. Rockefeller is the wealthiest man in the world was given in the offer of \$300 a share for 500 shares of Standard Oil stock, to be delivered on January 1 next. The offer was made in the Jefferson-Astoria Thursday evening by J. Ferguson M. Levy.

Assuming that Mr. Levy is not anxious to pay more than the actual value for Standard Oil stock, the holding of Mr. Rockefeller in that company must be worth approximately \$266,000,000. The company is capitalized at \$100,000,000, divided into 1,000,000 shares. Mr. Rockefeller, according to common reports, holds one-third of the total number of shares. His holding, calculated at the rate of \$300 a share on 333,000 shares, seems, therefore, to have a value in the market of more than \$266,000,000.

If Mr. Rockefeller had increased his wealth in no other direction than through his Standard Oil stock during the last year, he would still be worth about \$266,000,000 more than he was one year ago. Standard Oil stock was worth \$454 a share in the market on November 24, 1899, and \$799 a share was bid for it in the market on Saturday, the corresponding date of this year.

The enhancement in the value of the stock increased Mr. Rockefeller's wealth \$94,905,000. If Mr. Levy's judgment is vindicated and the stock is worth \$800 a share on January 1st, next, Mr. Rockefeller will be wealthier by \$115,200,000 at that time than he was on November 24, 1899.

Mr. Rockefeller's annual income from his holding of Standard Oil stock is estimated at over \$1,000,000. This is his share of the 48 per cent dividend paid on the market value of his holdings. This gives him an income of more than 8 per cent on his shares. This undoubtedly forms the major part of Mr. Rockefeller's income, but it is estimated that he derives several millions of dollars a year from his other investments.

At the time the Standard Oil Company announced that it would pay dividends amounting to 48 per cent for the year, in August last, the value of the shares was \$525. Mr. Rockefeller's total income was then estimated at \$300,000,000.

In addition to his returns from the Standard Oil Company, Mr. Rockefeller derives a very large income from the iron, railroad, gas and electric light interests in which he has invested a part of his wealth. He operates a fleet of steamships on the great lakes and owns stock in the New York Central, the New York, New Haven, and Hartford, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Missouri, Kansas and Pacific, the Chicago and Northwestern, the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Union Pacific, the Northern Pacific, the Chicago and Alton and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroads.

He has considerable investments in the National Transit Company, and he is identified with the National City Bank, the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company and other financial institutions in this city. He has, moreover, large holdings in the Amalgamated Copper Company and other mining concerns.

Got the Best of them All.

Benjamin Franklin was dining with a small party of distinguished gentlemen in Paris when one of them said: "Three nationalities are represented here this evening. I am French, my friend is English, and Mr. Franklin is an American. Let each of us propose a toast." It was agreed to and the Englishman, who was accorded the first honors, arose, and, in the tone of a Briton bold, said: "Here's to Great Britain, the sun that gives light to all nations of the earth." The Frenchman was rather taken back at this, but he proposed: "Here's to France, the moon whose magic rays moves the tides of the world." Franklin then arose with an air of quaint modesty, and said: "Here's to our beloved George Washington, the Joshua of America, who commanded the sun and moon to stand still and they obeyed."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Necessary Restrictions.

"Did you reprimand the typewriter girl for her pert remarks to the book-keeper?"

"Yes, I gave her to understand that she couldn't be impudent to anybody in this office but the proprietor."

As the Small Boy Wrote It.

A teacher in one of Boston's public schools had instructed her pupils in the term, wishing to see how well they could remember, told them to each write out a little story of the human body. The following is copied from the "story" one small boy handed her, with the confident assurance that he knew it was all right, for he had studied very hard over it.

"The human body is divided into three parts: the head, the throat and the abdomen."

"The head contains the brains, if there are any; the throat contains the heart and vital organs; and the abdomen contains the vessels of which there are five, a, e, i, o, and u, and sometimes w and y."—Household.

LIFE'S UPS AND DOWNS.

The Magnificent Revenue of the Governor of Missouri.

A few years ago, while Robert Stawick was Governor of Missouri, a steamboat man was brought in from the penitentiary as an applicant for a pardon. He was a large, powerful fellow, and when the Governor looked at him, he seemed strangely affected. He scrutinized him long and closely. Finally, he signed the document that restored the prisoner to liberty. Before he handed it him, he said: "You will commit some other crime, and be in the penitentiary, again, I fear."

The man solemnly promised that he would not. The Governor looked doubtful, mused a few minutes, and said: "You will go back on the river and be a mate again, I suppose?"

The man replied that he would. "Well, I want you to promise me one thing," resumed the Governor. "I want you to pledge your word that, when you are mate again, you will never take a billet of wood in your hand and drive a sick boy out of a bunk to help you load your boat on a stormy night." The steamboat man said he would not, and inquired what the Governor meant by asking such a question.

The Governor replied: "Because some day that boy may become a Governor, and you may want him to pardon you for a crime. One dark, stormy night, many years ago, you stopped your boat on the Mississippi river to take on a load of wood. There was a boy on board who was working his passage from New Orleans to St. Louis, but he was very sick of fever and was lying in a bunk. You had plenty of men to do the work, but you went to that boy with a stick of wood in your hand, and drove him with blows and curses out into the wrecked night, and kept him toiling like a slave until the load was completed. I was that boy. Here is your pardon. Never again be guilty of such brutality."

The man covering and hiding his face, went out without a word.

What a noble revenge that was, and what a lesson to a bully.—Success.

Women Who Wear Well.

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life will make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshness, the charm, the brilliance vanish like the bloom from a peach which is rudely handled. The matron is only a dim shadow, a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change, ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage. Many neglect to deal with the pleasant drains which are often consequent on marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness. As surely as the general health suffers when there is derangement of the health of the delicate woman, so surely when these organs are established in health the face and form at once witness to the fact in renewed comeliness. Half a million women and more have found health and happiness in the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well.

An Unusual Suit.

A chancery suit of unusual interest is now being heard before Judge R. R. Prentiss, of the Circuit Court in Norfolk.

The case is one in which three negro children of F. E. C. Rach, white, who died near Portsmouth in March last, seek to deprive Mrs. Rebecca Ann Rach, the white widow, of an estate valued at about \$20,000 which Rach owned. The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, when he died, made in June, 1899, a deed by which he three negro children were to inherit his estate. His wife died two days before he died. Rach made a will leaving all of his property to his widow during her life and at her death to the negro children. Mrs. Rach now comes into court and asks that the deed made by her deceased husband to the negro children be set aside and the will sustained. Counsel for the negro children claim that both the deed and will are valid, but that after deceiving to them his property Rach had nothing to leave by will, and they ask for the entire estate. The negro children are Erastus Rach, about 33 years old; Emma Wright, formerly Emma Rach, about 30 years old; and Ernest Rach, about 22 years old. Their mother was Lydia Skinner, a Portsmouth negress, now dead.

Almost an Angel.

"Most ingratiating man I ever knew," said the former acquaintance of the deceased. Why, that fellow could wheel a baby buggy along the sidewalk during a street parade and get nothing but smiles."

Not that Kind of Neighbors.

Bixby doesn't seem to be able to see his own personal defects. "And yet he's never sighted."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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THE INCOMES OF ROYAL FOLKS.

These Who Enjoy The Luxuries of Abundant Wealth.

Seventy-four men and two women divide among themselves the governments of the world. In other words, there are 76 rulers. Of these 22 govern as presidents, 15 as kings, 11 as dukes and grand dukes, 6 as emperors, 5 as princes, and 5 as sultans. There are 2 Shans, of Beluchistan and of Khibra; two amirs, of Afghanistan and of Bokhara; 2 Queens, Queen Victoria and Queen Wilhelmina; 1 khedive, of Egypt; 1 shah, of Persia; one bey, of Tunis; 1 maharaja, of Japan; 1 maharaja, of Nepal, and 1 rajah, of Siam. Of these august potentates, Queen Victoria and her grandson, William II, of Germany, are the only ones who sport two titles—the one Queen and empress, the other emperor and king.

The most venerable of these rulers is the Shah All Pasha, Bey of Tunis, born in 1817. The youngest head of a nation is Wilhelmina, of Holland, born in 1880, the young king of Spain not yet being seated on his ancestral throne. In the spring and summer seasons one-third of the birthdays of these potentates occur, April, May and August being the particularly favored months.

When it comes to the civil lists the Emperor of Russia, who is said to be the richest man in the world, shows the largest bank account, \$15,000,000 being his yearly income. This is no more, however, than some citizens of our republic have as their income.

Seven other sovereigns have incomes reaching the million figure—the Sultan of Turkey has \$10,000,000; the Emperor of Austria has \$3,875,000; Emperor William, of Germany, has \$3,852,000; the King of Italy has \$2,858,000; the Queen of England has \$1,925,000; the King of Bavaria has \$1,412,000; and the King of Spain has \$1,400,000. The King of Spain, however, has an additional \$600,000 for his family, and the King of Italy must deduct from his millions \$180,000 for his family.

The one who obtains the bulk of his income in the most original manner is the Sultan of Sulu, who raises it by fines. He has men whose business it is to watch his subjects who are making money, and as soon as a man gets something ahead he is charged with some crime, and the result is a fine. If a man has amassed \$500, for example, he is accused of some crime, and to save himself from prison or death must pay a fine of \$2,000. The Crown Prince is often sent out to collect the fines. From the rents of lands he receives \$5,000 a year, and the United States adds \$3,000 in silver to the royal treasury yearly.

The monarch who stands last on the list as regards his income is King Malietoa Tanu, of Samoa. He ekes out an existence on the paltry sum of \$150 a month, or less than \$2,000 a year. The salary paid to his predecessor for upholding the dignity of the Samoan throne was \$50 a month, and with this sum he was well satisfied. When the new king, a year ago, came to draw his first month's salary he struck for \$150, and got it—after going to law about it. The cashier of the treasury, which is now controlled by the consuls of the United States, England and Germany, at first refused to pay the amount demanded.

The fact that the king is drawing such a large salary is a source of gratification to his adherents, who expect him to wear a clean calico shirt every day at least on account of his new accumulation of wealth.—Chicago Chronicle.

Clifton Forge Wedding.

The Baptist church of this place was the scene of a beautiful wedding Thursday night, when J. William Hatch, now of Chicago, but formerly a resident of this town, was married to Miss Hattie Elsie Ham. The church was crowded to witness the ceremony, which was impressively performed by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Barker. Messrs. Silas R. Roadcap, Emmett Roberts, Frank Peaco, and L. G. Humphries acted as ushers. Miss Cora Carpenter was maid of honor and Harry V. Wheeler the best man. The young people are very popular, and their many friends wish for them much happiness. They will reside in Chicago.

He Isn't Looking for It.

"There is trouble brewing for you, my reckless young friend."

"Perhaps so, but I'm not looking for the Brewery."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Timely Application.

Mrs. Watson—Did I understand you to say that you were going to a club dinner to-night?

Mr. Watson—Yes.

Mrs. Watson—I have got to have \$10 this morning to buy Ethel a new coat.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Presents for His Wife.

"Hello, old man, what have you in all those bundles?" asked a gay, curly young bachelor of a careworn, solemn-looking man as they met in a suburban railway train.

"Presents for my wife," was the sententious reply. "It's her birthday."

"Well, what are you bringing your wife in that package from your tailor's?" gaily pursued the bachelor.

"Trousers," was the answer.

"What?"

"Yes, I repeat—trousers. Just you listen. I had a birthday last November. My wife got me three or four beautiful lace handkerchiefs, such as women carry at afternoon teas and such places, and a black velvet hat with high feathers, one of the three-story kind that obstruct your view of the stage in the theater. They looked mighty well on her, and she asked me if I wasn't having a nice birthday."

Well, I didn't mind that very much, but when Christmas came I got another deal of the same sort. I gave my wife a pretty gold ring. She gave me a turquoise ring, too small to go over my knuckles, and she wears it now next to the one I gave her. But that wasn't the worst of it. She got her sister to give me some after-dinner coffee cups, and my sister to make me a lot of lace dollies. That was all I got for Christmas."

To-morrow is my wife's birthday. In this package I am bringing her a pair of trousers, which I had made to my measure and which I shall wear. In this parcel is a pair of the best patent shoes, size 8½, a good deal too big for my wife; in this package is a merschaum pipe and a package of tobacco. Now, I don't see how she can fail to have a happy birthday, do you? I hope she'll enjoy it, for I want to get even for all the pretty things she has given me."

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Money No Object.

Her Father—And what are your prospects?

Her Lover (with dignity)—I don't know, sir, I am not so mercenary as to inquire.

Her Father—What do you mean by that?

Her Lover—I mean that it never occurred to me to look you up in Bradstreet's.—Philadelphia Press.

I always like to see a girl and her father good friends, and by that I mean chummy, advisory friends, who can talk like equals about anything that comes up, in the family life or out of it. Such a girl is likely to be level-headed. She is apt to make up her mind more slowly, and to keep it made up when she has once done so, after she has observed the caution and judicial way in which her father's mind sets to work.—Helen Watterson Moody in the December Ladies' Home Journal.

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Quite Correct.

Freddie: Uncle George, what is a kissing bee.

Uncle George: A kissing bee, Freddie, is a species of bee that gets his honey from tulips.

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