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LAPINER UNMOVED.

Unresponsive to Plea of Mrs. Ingersoll's Sister.

ATTEMPT TO PROVE INSANITY.

Witnesses Introduced to Demonstrate That She Was Not Mentally Responsible When She Kidnaped Gerald Lapiner - Collins Claimed His Innocence.

CHICAGO, June 30.—At the close of the evidence in the case of Elizabeth Ann Ingersoll and John C. Collins, charged with kidnaping Gerald Lapiner there occurred a pathetic scene.

Mrs. M. J. Burchard of Amboy, Ills., sister of Mrs. Ingersoll, had taken the stand in her sister's defense to show that she was not morally or legally responsible for her deed. After court had adjourned and the room was well cleared of spectators, Mrs. Burchard forced her way to Mr. Lapiner.

"Have pity on my sister, Mr. Lapiner," she cried, bowing down before him in supplication. "Don't send her to state's prison; no don't. She is old and poor. Have pity, as you hope for mercy yourself."

Mr. Lapiner brushed past her and with his wife and child, left the room, while a look of despair settled on the aged face of the supplicant.

John Collins, co-defendant with Mrs. Ingersoll, was on the stand during the day. He said he knew nothing of the stealing of the child. Mrs. Ingersoll told him she had found the boy, and, after vainly looking for his parents, had brought him with her. That was all he knew of the case.

The defense introduced testimony to show Mrs. Ingersoll insane and not responsible for what she did when she kidnaped Gerald Lapiner.

The state offered witnesses in rebuttal, all of whom declared the defendant sane. It is probable that the case will go to the jury tonight.

GENERAL MILES IN PITTSBURG.

Guest of Labor Unions—He Praised the Tenth Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, June 30.—Major General Nelson A. Miles, commander of the United States army, is in t he city, the guest of the labor organizations. In talking of the Tenth Pennsylvania, he at one point said:

"The Tenth Pennsylvania is a good regiment and did excellent fighting in the Philippines. Its soldiers are deserving of any honors the people of Western Pennsylvania may care to bestow upon their return. I would also like to see Colonel Hawkins promoted to a brigadier general. He is a first-class officer, and is deserving of some recognition, which I believe he will get before he leaves the service.

General Miles does not believe in disbanding men so far away from home as San Francisco, but from a pecuniary point of view the soldiers thus discharged, he claims, receive more advantage. He settled the point finally for Mayor Diehl, however, that the Tenth cannot be mustered out in Pittsburg and receive travel pay from San Francisco. Army rules and laws would prohibit this, and no authority, he says, could change them.

Property Damaged; Man Killed.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., June 30.—A number of buildings were struck by lighting during a storm and considerable damage was caused to property in the lowlands owing to Shamokin creek overflowing its banks. At Springfield a bolt struck a barn and killed Joseph Snoogan, aged 24 years; two horses he had just put in the stalls were also killed by the same bolt. The barn was set on fire by the lightning and destreyed. The body was rescued.

Dificit Not Over $90,000,000.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The treasury officials are confident that the deficit for the present fiscal year will not exceed $90,000,000. One week ago the estimate was a little short of $100,000,000, but during the last few days the receipts have been rather above the estimates, while the expenditures have greatly fallen off.

Young Girl Abducted.

DUNBAR, Pa., June 30.—Last Sunday night while returning from church, Grace Eicher, a 14-year-old girl, was abducted and held a prisoner for over 24 hours. Samuel Kaughman and William Knopsnider are charged with the abduction. The young woman was treated cruelly.

Fight With Highbinders.

SAN JOSE, Cal., June 30.—In a battle with highbinders in Chinatown Deputy Sheriff V. L. Bache was shot in the side and badly wounded. It was thought one of the Chinese was killed, but his body had not been found. Four of the highbinders were arrested.

Five Men Drowned.

CLARKSVILLE, Mo., June 30.—Five men were drowned in the Mississippi river a mile above here by the overturning of a skiff. They were government laborers engaged in the river improvement work.

Man Killed by Lightning.

DOYLESTOWN, Pa., June 30.—Gardenville, a small village north of here, was visited by a terrible electrical storm, during which three houses were struck by lightning and one man was instantly killed, Joseph Connelly, a farmhand.

A Virginia Mother says she used five bottles of Mother's Friend, beginning six months before confinement. She felt perfectly well up to a few hours before the baby was born, and was in labor less than two hours. She had no morning sickness, no headache, no distressing tightness, no swollen or rising breasts. Her baby was strong and the picture of health.

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BRAVE YOUNG SOLDIER.

Fourteen-Year-Old Charlie Delaney With the Tenth—Dubbed the Drummer Boy of Manila.

PITTSBURG, June 30. — The Tenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, has, as far as known, the youngest soldier that has fought in the war between Spain and the United States and in the Philippine rebellion. He is Charles Delaney, the 14-year-old son of Captain J. C. Delaney, formerly state librarian and superintendent of buildings and grounds at Harrisburg. He is now on his way back from the Philippines, uninjured and in the best of health.

Charlie Delaney was under 14 years when the war between Spain and the United States broke out and when President McKinley called for volunteers he begged hard to be allowed to enlist. At first his father thought it but a boyish whim and refused permission, because he was so young. But he persisted and his father finally said that if he could get Lieutenant Barnett to take him along he could have his permission. This was at Mt. Gretna.

The boy went to Washington, Pa., begged Barnett to take him and offered to go as a drummer boy, as he was too young and too frail to carry a gun. Barnet was finally induced to accept him, and he has been with the Tenth ever since.

When the regiment was ordered to Manila he was in the throng and through its hard campaign in the tropics young Delaney was often at the front. The boys made him the pet of the regiment and by a rising vote dubbed him the "Drummer Boy of Manila."

FIRM FOR M'KINLEY.

Roosevelt Says He Is For Him For Renomination, as Is "Everybody in the West."

ALBANY, June 30.—Governor Roosevelt declared that he is not a candidate for the presidency in 1900, but advocates the renomination of President McKinley.

In an interview at the station he said: "I have had an exceedingly good time, and have thoroughly enjoyed myself. I have been as much touched as surprised. I have been delighted with the west.

"Everybody in the west is for McKinley's renomination, and I am most emphatically for his renomination, of course. I feel that both the extreme rapidity with which the country has gone up the path of prosperity under President McKinley's administration and the conduct of the war in the Philippines makes it the duty of every man to stand with it and renders President McKinley's renomination a necessity. We must smash out this insurrection there by force of arms, and then we can consider terms of peace."

NEW YORK, June 30. — Governor Roosevelt, accompanied by his secretary and several friends, arrived here.

The governor dined at the Metropolitan club as the guest of Generals Leonard Wood and Francis V. Green, after which he took a late train for his home at Oyster Bay, L. I.

MICHIGAN FOR M'KINLEY.

Burrows Said Any Man Against Him Would Go Down In That State.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Senator Burrows of Michigan was among the president's callers. Much interest was attached to his visit. Upon leaving the White House Senator Burrows said the Michigan situation had not been mentioned. "You can say, however," said he, "that Michigan is unqualifiedly for the administration, and that any man who is opposed to the administration, directly or indirectly, will go down in that state."

Senator Burrows declined to discuss the question of Secretary Alger's possible retirement from the cabinet. Senator Burrows is enroute to New York to attend a meeting of the senate finance committee.

NO APPLAUSE OVER DEWEY'S NAME.

Speech Against Expansion at a Meeting In Buffalo.

BUFFALO, June 30.—The national social and political conference resumed its sessions to discuss non-partisan efforts in political reform.

Rev. H. W. Thomas of Chicago presided and discussed "Expansion and Militarism." Mr. Thomas was one of the first to espouse the cause of the Cubans. In speaking of the war in the Philippines he declared it the saddest thing in the history of the United States. As militarism tends to despotism, he opposed it, believing that industrialism means democracy and the preservation of the liberties of the pen. During Mr. Thomas' remarks not a syllable of applause greeted Admiral Dewey's name.

Dr. William J. Ghent of New York took the opposite side of the question and declared that popular sympathy was with the government.

"When it is possible," said Mr. Ghent, "for a man to mention the magnificent victory of Dewey, without the loss of a man or ship, and to speak of the great victory at Santiago, where not a ship was lost and only one life was lost—when this is possible in this country without a single sign of applause, I say to you that it simply illustrates the impotence of the body before which the remarks were made."

DIED OF YELLOW FEVER.

Two Deaths In Cuba Were Reported by General Brooke.

WASHINGTON, June 30.— General Brooke cabled the war department the following death report, dated Havana, June 28:

"June 27, Santiago, Musician James McCarthy, G, Fifth infantry, yellow fever; Puerto Principe, Sergeant Hugh Lotow, C, Eighth cavalry, yellow fever."

Major General Madilla Died.

TOWANDA, Pa., June 30.—Major General Henry J. Madilla died at his home here, aged 70 years. He enlisted in the Sixth Pennsylvania reserves in 1861, and was made major of the regiment. On Aug. 30, 1862, he was appointed colonel of the One Hundred and Forty-first Pennsylvania volunteers and led the regiment through many memorable battles. At Gettysburg he was with his men in the peach orchard, when of 200 who went in, but 19 came out alive. He was made brigadier general in 1866 and breveted major general.

Hugh D. Scott Dead.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., June 30.—Hugh D. Scott, superintendent of the second division of the Western Maryland railroad, died at his home here of Bright's disease. He was aged 54 years and for more than 35 years had been prominently identified with the railroad service.

Alvah E. Chamberlain Dead.

TOWANDA, Pa., June 30.—Alvah E. Chamberlain, for 17 years cashier of the L. V. R. R. at this station, died of Bright's disease.

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RHEUMATISM

SANK IN A STORM.

The Margaret Olwill Foundered Off Lorain, O.

NINE KNOWN TO HAVE PERISHED.

One Man Rescued Floating In Wreckage In the Cleveland-Toledo Course—Another Too Weak to Use the Line and Drowned—Three Others Saved.

TOLEDO, June 30.—Nine lives were lost by the foundering of the steam barge Margaret Olwill off Lorain. The following are those who went down:

John Braun, captain.
Mrs. Braun, wife of Captain Braun.
Blanchard Braun, son of Captain Braun.
Mrs. Cora A. Hitchcock, a passenger.
W. Doyle, fireman.
George Heffron, wheelman.
Frank Hipp, watchman.
Two seamen, names and residence unknown.

All were residents of Cleveland.

The rescued were:

John Smith, first mate, of Cleveland.
Alex McRea, chief engineer, of Cleveland.
Lake Schinski, second engineer, of Cleveland.
Duncan Coyle, seaman, of Cleveland.

Smith, McRea and Schinski were rescued by members of the crew of the steamer Sacramento and taken into Lorain by the tug Cascade. Coyle was picked up by the passenger steamer State of Ohio and landed at Toledo.

The barge left Kelly's island about 6 o'clock at night, bound for Cleveland, with a cargo of stone. There was little or no wind blowing, and everything was favorable for a pleasant run. About 8 o'clock the wind began to blow from the northwest and the little boat with 1,000 tons capacity began to go at a lively clip. About 10 o'clock the gale commenced and the wind blew at the rate of 50 miles an hour. Suddenly the gale turned to the northeast. Captain Braun found that the boat was making little headway and concluded the only thing to do was turn back and go with the storm. According to the story of Coyle it was about 2 o'clock when the captain gave the order to turn about. The vessel had turned half way round when the rudder chain parted and in an instant the boat was at the mercy of the storm. She was caught between two waves and as she was borne along the top of one of them she rolled over on the side. The cabins were torn loose and floated on the water, while the rest of the ship went to the bottom. Whether any of the occupants were able to take advantage of this was not known, but Coyle said he saw Schinski, the second enginner, and Heffron, the wheelman, after the boat went down, but that was all. Coyle caught hold of part of the after cabin and climbed up on it. Heffron was clinging to a part of the same cabin.

Captain Willoughby of the steamer State of Ohio sighted the wreckage about 5:15 in the morning, directly in the course from Cleveland to Toledo. The big steamer immediately put into service her lifesaving crew and, after sailing around the wreck for an hour and a half, Coyle was rescued. Heffron was thrown a line, but he was too weak to take hold of it and went down in the presence of a large crowd on board the steamer.

OPE REPORTED ILL.

Said to Have Suffered Great Prostration, Also a Slight Attack of Fever.

LONDON, June 30.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily Mail says:

"In consequence of his exertions during the recent religious ceremonies the pope is now suffering great prostration, together with a slight attack of fever. He was confined to his bed today (Thursday) and some anxiety is felt regarding him."

A MAYOR MURDERED.

Disappointed Office Seeker Shot Him and Committed Suicide.

MUSKEGON, Mich., June 30.—Mayor James Balbirnie was assassinated by J. W. Tayer, a disappointed office seeker. Tayer shot Mayor Balbirnie while the latter was standing in the doorway of his store. The ball entered his left breast above the nipple. After the shooting Balbirnie turned and ran upstairs to his living rooms and dropped in the hall. He expired in about 15 minutes later.

Tayer swallowed some carbolic acid and then turned the revolver upon himself and fired. The ball entered his left breast. He died later.

NEW YORK, June 30.—John Johnson, mate of the Norwegian bark Krim, was removed to Swinoburn Island hospital, suffering from yellow fever, and his condition was serious. The Krim sailed from Havana on June 20 for Matanzas, arriving at that port the same day. Mate Johnson, who had been ailing, was taken severely ill two days after the arrival at Matanzas.

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PRISONERS NOT SHOT.

Allegations by a Volunteer Denied by Worcester.

CHARGE FOUNDED ON ONE INSTANCE

Said It Was Believed Two Rebels Were Shot For Refusing to Go to the Rear In the Heat of Battle—The Insurgents Were Well Treated.

CHICAGO, June 30.—Dean C. Worcester, member of the Philippine commission, cabled The Times-Herald denying reports that Filipino prisoners were shot by order of American officers. This was in response to a cable inquiry sent by H. H. Kohlsaat, as follows:

Worcester, Manila:

Charles Brenner, Minneapolis, Kan., writes home: "Company I had four prisoners and didn't know what to do with them. They asked Captain Bishop what to do. He said: 'You know orders.' And four natives fell dead." Cable the truth. (Signed) KOHLSAAT.

Commissioner Worcester's answer follows:

MANILA, June 29.

Editor The Times-Herald, Chicago:

The original statement of Brenner is untrue.

Brenner's charge was promptly investigated by the military authorities here.

No facts were ascertained to support the charge at the time of first inquiry, but the investigation has been renewed and is being prosecuted vigorously and extensively. This investigation has not yet been completed.

Brenner's charge has some semblance of truth, for the reason that it is now believed that two prisoners were shot in the heat of battle for refusing to pass to the rear when ordered to do so.

This matter is being probed to the bottom. It is an isolated case.

The inhabitants of the towns recently captured had been maltreated, robbed and left destitute by the insurgents.

The natives rejoice at the arrival of the American troops, who neither burn their homes nor lost their property, and who feed the hungry.

The inhabitants are resuming their ordinary occupations and are ready to co-operate with us.

The wounded insurgents are brought to Manila, where they receive the same care and attention as our own wounded.

(Signed) WORCESTER.

MAKE THEM SOLDIERS.

This Will Be First Task, Before Sending Members of Provisional Army to Philippines.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The first volunteers to be raised for service in the Philippines will be those for the skeleton regiments now beingformed by General Otis. It is not believed there will be the least difficulty in obtaining these men. It is probable that some time will elapse before the troops of the provisional army are sent to Manila, but meanwhile they will be drilled and taught marksmanship in camp. It is estimated that three months are required to make soldiers of new recruits. The officers of the war department think that a number of volunteers now coming home will desire to return to the Philippines for a short service after they have had an opportunity to see home and friends. These men are regarded as the most desirable for the regiments being organized by General Otis.

It is learned at the war department that there is no actual rush to get the new organizations to General Otis at the present time. The rainy season having set in it is not believed that these troops will be necessary for service, except to relieve those who have been on active duty.

The transport service is said to be sufficient, though ships may be chartered temporarily if needed.

The announcement that a portion of the provisional army was to be raised has caused a swarm of applications to be sent to the war department by those who are seeking commissions in the new regiments.

PEACE RESTORED IN PANA.

Governor Tanner to Send Some of the Negroes South.

PANA, Ills., June 30.—The departure of state troops and closing of mines resulted in complete restoration of peace in Pana. The agents of mining companies at various places secured some of the negroes to take union men's places.

Some of the negroes on passing the works of the Pana Coal company opened fire upon the office and mine buildings, doing considerable damage.

The committee of negroes returned to Springfield, where they presented resolutions passed at their meetiug and a list of families wishing transportation to return to former homes, to Governor Tanner, who furnished them transportation for 300 persons. This will cover transportation for all remaining blacks who will return to southern states.

THE CZAR RUMORED DISPLEASED.

Said to Have Sent a Confidential Emissary to Berlin.

LONDON, June 30.—The correspondent of The Times at The Hague said:

"The naval and military sub-commissions will tomorrow (Friday) scatter to the four winds the last vestige of doubt and illusion as regards disarmament. A rumor has been in circulation today, which I am unable to confirm, that Emperor Nicholas, displeased at the trend things have taken, has dispatched a confidential emissary to Berlin, who will afterward come here to take part in the conference."

Pennsylvania Railroad Report.

PHILADELPHIA, June 30.—The report of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, for May, 1899, compared with May, 1898, showed: Lines directly operated—Net earnings, increase, $289,000. For the five months, ending May 31, 1899, compared with the same period of 1898, net earnings, decrease, $84,600. Lines west of Pittsburg and Erie—For May, net earnings, increase, $214,600. For the five months, net earnings, increase, $655,000.

Webster Continued His Speech.

PARIS, June 30.—The Venezuelan arbitration commission was again in session and Sir Richard Webster, the British attorney general, continued the presentation of England's side of the case.

Meeting of Commission Postponed.

OTTAWA, June 30.—A meeting of the International commission, which was to have taken place on Aug. 2 at Quebec, has been postponed until October. The exact date has not been fixed.

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ANDREE MAY BE DEAD.

Norwegian In Alaska Had a Message From the Explorer.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30.—H. J. Baron, formerly an eastern newspaper man, wrote the following to The Associated Press from Wrangel, Alaska, under date of June 24:

"Information received here several days ago, seemingly confirms the story that Andree, the Arctic explorer, is dead. A Norwegian, who was a passenger on the Rosalie, a Seattle boat bound for Skagway, showed a letter supposed to have been written by Andree. The letter, in a sealed bottle, had been washed ashore off the Norwegian coast and dated May 4. The latitude was given as 74 north and the balloon was somewhere to the westward of Iceland.

"'I am leaving balloon and provisions—Andree' were the words written."

Mrs. Ramsey Tried Suicide.

NEW YORK, June 30.—The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that Harvey J. Ramsey was murdered by his wife while she was temporarily insane. She cut his throat last Friday, and gave as a reason that he snored. As Mrs. Ramsey was on her way across the Bridge of Sighs to the Tombs she attempted to thrust a hatpin into her neck. She made several determined attempts to commit suicide.

President Intends to Go West.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Senator Warren of Wyoming called upon president with reference to his western trip. The president contradicted the published reports that he had abandoned the idea of going west this summer. He still intends to go unless circumstances should intervene to prevent, but he has been unable as yet to consider detailed plans and both the time and extent of his trip on matters for future determination.

Daniel F. Tiemann Dead.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Daniel F. Tiemann, mayor of New York in 1857-58, died, aged 94 years. He was chosen mayor on a citizens' ticket, defeating Fernando Wood.

To Ship Gold Abroad.

NEW YORK, June 30.—Lazard Freres will, it was reported, ship $2,000,000 in gold tomorrow.

Why She Wouldn't Marry Him.

Penelope was making a braided rug, and Mrs. Amos Skinner was knitting a stocking. A silence had fallen between them. Mrs. Skinner was trying to think of some way to lead up to the subject of Job Liscomb.

"Have you ever found out why Penelope wouldn't marry Job Liscomb?" Mrs. Amos had asked of her sister when they were talking about Penelope that afternoon.

"No, we haven't," Mrs. Simeon had replied.

"I believe I'll find out this afternoon. I'd just as lief ask her right out."

"Oh, I don't believe you'd want to!"

"Yes, I would. She and I used to be good friends, and it's so many years since I've seen her that she'll be feeling like telling me things that she wouldn't tell the rest of you that have lived right along with her, as you might say. Yes, I'd as lief ask her as not."

But now as she looked at Penelope she hesitated. She decided not to ask her right out, but to lead up to the question cautiously.

"You do seem to be real comfortably situated," she said at last, "and you ain't grown old, like me. Your house is just as pretty as can be, and—well, I guess you've done better than some of that's married." She laughed a little nervously. It wasn't as easy as she expected. She wondered if that was too abrupt a beginning.

Penelope smiled placidly. "I'm greatly favored," she said, "and don't feel any reason for complaint with my lot."

Mrs. Skinner went on with more confidence, "I guess you didn't make any mistake that time you gave Job Liscomb the mitten. They say they're as poor as picry, and now he's had to go and break his leg, and—well, they seem to be in a peck of trouble all the time."

Mrs. Skinner waited a moment, but there was silence.

"No," she went on hastily, fearing that Penelope would change the subject, "no; I guess you knew what you were about."

She waited till the pause was just the right length for the effect she wished to produce, then said, "But I've always wondered how you happened not to have him."

"I suppose there's a good many would like to know that," said Penelope calmly.

Mrs. Skinner had held her breath and looked at her friend with bright, piercing eyes, but at this answer a disappointed expression came over her face. "Well, you can't deny 'twas curious," she said, with the slightest trace of irritation in her voice. "There he'd been going with you steady that spring, and then all at once he stopped short, and neither of you gave any reason for it that I have heard of."

"No," said Penelope; "I'm sure I never have."

A tinge of color flamed up in Mrs. Skinner's face. This was rather disappointing. She controlled her voice with an effort and went on patiently: "It was awful strange. My! I can remember just how you looked that spring. You had a lavender delaine, and it was terrible becoming, and everybody said that you and Job were the best looking couple in town. That hit me, for that was the year Amos and I began to keep company. But you were good looking that year," she said generously, glancing at Penelope to see the effect of her words.

"Well, everybody was thunderstruck when it came to an end so sudden, and everybody guessed a different reason. Some thought it was his mother made the trouble, and some said you hated smoking so bad, but I always thought it was her he married afterward."

She paused and looked at Penelope, trying to decide if she was going too far.

"You know, he began to go with her pretty soon after you got through with him. Well, I thought p'raps he didn't know his own mind, and maybe you'd seen him larking round her"—

"Well," said Penelope suddenly, "do you blame a girl for being mad under such circumstances?"

Mrs. Skinner caught her breath. It was coming out now.

"So that was the reason?" she said, her voice shrill with excitement. "So that was the reason? You don't say!"

"No, I don't say," said Penelope. There was a mischievous gleam in her eyes. "I don't say so, and that wasn't the reason. I was just fooling you."

Mrs. Skinner knit very fast, and her mouth was closed like a trap. Penelope looked at her now and then. "They say Job's fat now," she said mildly, "and bald too."

Mrs. Skinner plucked up courage for one more trial. "Yes," she said, "he is I knew he'd be bald; it runs in the family. Say, Penelope," she pleaded, "wish you'd tell me the reason you wouldn't marry him."

"Well, I will," said Penelope, relenting. "I'll tell you the real reason." She paused, and Mrs. Skinner laid down her knitting and leaned forward eagerly.

"He never asked me," Penelope said impressively.

Mrs. Skinner looked blank for a moment, then she rose to her feet. "It's awful late; Mirandy'll be expecting me." She put on her things in haste, then she said goodby and went out.

Penelope stood in the door with an amused smile on her lips and watched her visitor till she reached the road, then she stepped out and ran lightly after her. "Mis' Skinner," she called.

Mrs. Skinner paused and waited impatiently.

"You forgot to inquire why he didn't ask me," she said.

"Well?" said Mrs. Skinner.

There was a quiet dignity about Penelope as she answered. "I always held that if a girl wasn't going to marry a man she had no business to let him propose, and so I didn't let him ask." She turned and went swiftly back to the house.

Mrs. Skinner stood still. "Well," she said, "I don't see's I've found out much after all," and she walked slowly along defeated and dejected.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

It Was Wasted on Him.

He was a callow youth and assumed many liberties.

"Ah, Lucy," he said to a young woman with whom he was somewhat acquainted, "you look tired. What you been doing?"

"Hunting a flat," she answered.

"And did you find one?" he asked.

Her eyes snapped.

"I found one," she replied with a meaning look.

But, of course, he didn't see the point of it.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Practical Father.

Wife—Why shouldn't Mr. Goodsoul make a nice husband for our daughter?

Husband—Won't do. He's a miserably paid, wage earning producer.

"Well, how about Mr. Kindheart?"

"He won't do either. He's a poor, money spending consumer."

"Hum! The only other one she cares for is Mr. Hardhead."

"He'll do. He's a middleman."—New York Weekly.

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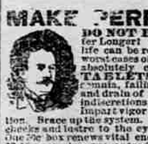

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The Rejected One

By Eliza Armstrong.

He Came to Her Wedding, but There Was a Disappointment.

"There is no romance in the world nowadays," sighed the young woman in blue.

"What, you a bride and saying such things?" cried the girl in the chiffon hat. "What would Harold"—

"Please do not suppose that I confound Harold with the world," said the young woman in blue, with great dignity. "But in days of old the knights were wont to face—er—lions and that sort of thing for fair ladies. Now they"—

"Marry them and face the tax collector and the janitor. I don't see any great difference," returned the girl in the chiffon hat.

"I shouldn't keep on being sarcastic if I were you, dear. Men think it funny in a debutante, but they are suspicious after one's first season."

"I know it, dear, but I am perfectly safe in allowing myself freedom of speech among feminine friends, at any rate. They are so careful never to repeat one's clever remarks, with credit given, at least."

"But, as I was saying, there is no romance nowadays. When Aunt Marian was married, all the ushers were men who had wanted to marry her. There was romance, if you like."

"If'm. Has she any proof?" asked the girl in the chiffon hat. "Somehow it does seem that all the women of the last generation claim at least 19 offers of marriage apiece. I don't see where such a superfluity of men came from. Then, all the stout women remind one constantly that their waists when they were married measured only 18 inches, and"—

"Why, that is true!" cried the young woman in blue. "I never thought of that. Dear me, Laura, the very sight of you is comforting"—

"Mercy on us, is my hat so unbecoming as all that? But tell me, do, what has caused all this pessimism. One would expect a bride"—

"Oh, Harold is ever so much nicer now that the ordeal of introduction to my friends and relatives is safely over and the ceremony a thing of the past. He"—

"H'm, I was just thinking, Mae, what a horror men have of appearing publicly in the role of bridegroom. I've often wondered hom polygamy ever gained a foothold for that reason. One ceremony seems to reduce a man to such an abject state that"—

"Oh, I suppose he gets accustomed to it after one or two weddings. The thing which caused me to lose faith in humanity was this: I had heard Aunt Marian talk so much about the excitement her wedding created that I thought I'd try to have a little romance about my own. You remember George Saphed, don't you?"

"I do. He used to be such an imaginative person. I was never sure whether he would turn out a poet or just a common everyday liar. But what of him?"

"Well, you remember that he said he would die if I refused to marry him?"

"I do. I also remember telling you that you both would die—of starvation—if you married him."

"I—er—I don't remember that. I do remember that I lay awake for several nights expecting to hear a pistol shot under my window. Oh, papa was so heartless about it! When I wanted him to notify the police or the newspapers, he said he'd do nothing of the kind. He hinted that it would be the best thing poor George could do, unless he chose the new front steps as his scene of operations. He didn't want them all spotted up. He actually wanted me to tell George that."

"How horrid of your father! But George didn't kill himself after all."

"N-no; not exactly—but he went west to live. Now, when I was sending out the invitations to the wedding, I decided to send one to George—it would show the poor fellow that I remembered him in the happiest hour of my life."

"True. And his dejected presence might be a sort of a comfort to Harold if he stubbed his toe coming out of the vestry or couldn't find the ring."

"The ring was all right, dear. I knew the clergyman was more accustomed to weddings than Harold, and I gave it to him to keep until it was needed."

"What a clever idea! I wonder that Harold dared to marry such a resourceful girl!"

"I didn't mention to him what I had done until he had gotten the license, dear. Let me see, where was I? Oh! I knew George would come, however painful it might be, because he had always said he would do anything in the world I might ask of him"—

"Humph! I wouldn't put too much faith in that, dear. Nowadays the men are demanding their rights, and the privilege of changing their minds seems to be one of them. Dear me, I am so sorry that I was away from home when you were married. But of course you told all the girls beforehand that George was coming. It would make it so much more interesting to watch him"—

"I know. I even showed them a photograph of him, so they would be sure to know in case he had learned the Indian habit of concealing his feelings. I am sorry now that I did it."

"You don't say so? Was his grief so harrowing as all that? Oh, how deliciously picturesque!"

"M, no, but—you see"—

"Oh, then he didn't come after all? Just because you changed your mind and wouldn't marry him he felt himself justified in breaking a solemn promise! Some men will seize any pretext to"—

"Oh, no. He came, but"—

"Oh, I see. He was so changed from years of sorrow that nobody recognized him?"

"He was not changed at all. He kept his promise and came to the wedding. All the girls recognized him as soon as they saw him, and"—

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