

AMBITION.

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Uncle Sam—Fight it out, boys, if you must, but confine your attentions to each other.—Minneapolis Journal.

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"He's—ah," I stammered. "We hadn't begun that deal then. The property I spoke of was—er—well, Rogers, here."

There were four scuffed faces in the room. Dolly and I looked at each other. I felt like a culprit; probably I looked like one. Dolly looked several things. Miss Hollings gathered and Rogers had apparently managed to understand each other, for Rogers came up and gripped my hand. "You're all right, old man," he exclaimed joyously. "You've the making of a fine lawyer in you."—Indianapolis Sun.

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Some of these features must disappear with the march of commercialism developing the territory. The relic hunter, imbued with the spirit of vandalism, is no respecter of nations, and many a ruddy carved cedar pole has been transplanted. In stead of standing like grim sentinels guarding the secrets of the frozen northland and to the initiated telling the story of the life and death of the semibarbarian who needs it as a talisman, the chances are that it will decorate the private grounds of relic-hunting tourists.

Hat Adorns Coffin. There is one woman in Chicago, the wife of a young minister, by the way, who has always had a liking for hats of the flowered variety. At present the owner a "dream" of a "sky piece" that is covered with violets. The pretty young wife wore this hat to a funeral recently, at which her husband officiated. Going into the room which contained the coffin, she reached the hat and placed it on a stand. The sad-faced, sick-headed undertaker came in a few minutes later to arrange the "dormitory" on the coffin. After placing the bouquets, wreaths, pillows, broken wheels, anchors and the usual run of flowers in the place, he picked up the hat and placed it on a stand. The undertaker, who had just been placed in the "dormitory" of a "sky piece" that is covered with violets, the minister's wife wanted to grab her hat and run. She had to let it alone, however, until the close of the ceremony. When she marched past the bier she lunged for the hat and succeeded fully made her escape.

F. H. B. A guest visiting a family containing a number of children was frequently puzzled at meal-time by hearing one or another member of the household murmur in a warning tone, "F. H. B." Finally his curiosity became so acute that he asked his host what the saying meant. "It means," replied the head of the household, smilingly, "that it isn't safe to ask for a second helping, or to accept it if one be offered—that there isn't any more of that particular dish in the kitchen."

"I see," returned the partially enlightened guest. "But what is the exact significance of those three letters?" "They stand," said the host, "for 'Family, Hold Back.'—Woman's Home Companion.

Positive Indications. Mabel—Did Gladys have a fashionable wedding? Maude—Very. Why, her wedding dress was nearly torn off before she got inside the church.—Judge.

The Trouble with the Shoes. Mrs. Buggins—I don't feel at all comfortable in these shoes. Mr. Buggins—What's the matter; don't they hurt you?—Philadelphia Record.

Many a man's conscience troubles him only when his neighbor does something wrong.

THE STATE OF IOWA.

OCURRENCES DURING THE PAST WEEK. Release for Mrs. Hossack—Des Moines Man Indicted for Wife Murder—Mother Friend Kidnaped Son—Big Farm Sold—Tramp Has Rights.

Mrs. Margaret Hossack, tried, convicted and sentenced to prison for life for the murder of her husband at Winterset Dec. 2, 1900, is a free woman. On motion of the State the case in rehearing was stricken from the docket and the defendant discharged. The crime for which Mrs. Hossack was given a life sentence at Anamosa was one of the most atrocious in crime annals. Her husband, a young man, was murdered with an axe while he was sleeping. She aroused the household at 2 o'clock in the morning, claiming that some one had entered the house and struck the blow. A day later she was arrested at her husband's grave, tried and sentenced for life. A new trial was granted and a discharge resulted. A third trial resulted similarly and the State concluded it was a waste of funds again to try the case.

Indicted for Wife Murder. Charles W. Graves, under arrest in Des Moines charged with putting his wife to death at Burlington, was indicted for murder in the first degree. The charred remains of Mrs. Graves were found by her husband, Dec. 18, 1903, in a box in the home in Des Moines. Evidence of threats expressed against his wife, together with conflicting stories told by Graves regarding the finding of her body, led to Graves' arrest. A daughter, Mrs. Graves, Miss Winnie Leader of the Grau Opera Company, arrived home a week after her mother's body was found to spend the holidays, and was first informed of the tragedy by her father and brought to Waterloo. The father and mother had separated and the mother claimed that he took the body and carried it to Waterloo with the intention of remaining a year and then returning to Waterloo. The father's first wife died at Waterloo, Iowa, but arrived too late; she followed the father and son to Fort Dodge, where she was killed. The father was living near Washington, and the boy was taken from the school room of that town unknown to the father.

Big Farm Deal. George H. Peavey of Fort Dodge has just traded the remainder of the famous Owl Lake farm in Humboldt County, amounting to about one section, for 2,000 acres of land in Butler county, in eastern Kansas. The Owl Lake farm is very valuable and the deal involved real estate valued at \$50,000. Originally there were 2,300 acres in the great tract, which was covered by the Peavey family, and under the direction and ownership of George R. Peavey of Fort Dodge.

Jail Attache Gets Legacy. Charles Rowen, an unknown electrician who has been doing odd jobs about the Des Moines city hall for his board, received notice that there was a legacy of \$20,000 awaiting him in the bank of Syracuse, N. Y. Accompanying the letter was a check for \$954.80. The letter was from Rowen's sister, who stated that a wealthy uncle had died, leaving such a sum.

Tramp Has Rights, Says Court. The Iowa Supreme Court has decided that a tramp has rights which a trainman must respect. The case was brought from Pottawattomie county, in which Joseph Johnson secured judgment for injuries sustained by reason of forcible ejection from a moving train.

State News in Brief. Terril is suffering from a potato famine. A Chautauqua association is being organized at Mediapolis. Washington painters and paper hangers are forming a union. The home of Chas. Merritt, near Dubuque, burned, and the family fled. Springfield Methodists are preparing to build a \$2,500 parsonage. The Miller grocery store at Burlington was badly damaged by fire. Dr. James Vaughn, a pioneer physician of Stuart, is dead, aged 83.

Fire in the home of Geo. H. Lewis of Des Moines did \$2,000 damage. Fred Osterburg, a well known C. R. & Q. conductor, is dead at Creston. Frank Boyle has been chosen playing manager of the Fort Dodge ball team. David McCreeary was arrested at Council Bluffs in the act of passing bogus checks.

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