

TAKING A REST

ILSON had always been reckoned the clever member of the firm, but there are times when Mrs. Wilson, her husband's devoted admirer, shows up rather well in this connection. One of these times came when Wilson went to Florida.

Wilson, who is an eager young lawyer, had overworked shockingly last winter. Several weeks ago the doctor prescribed rest in no uncertain tones.

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Mrs. Wilson. "If you can't get away, that's all there is to it. I must try to make you as comfortable as possible at home."

"Bunch"—the five-year-old hopeful—"can go to Sister Alice for a fortnight, she'll be only too glad to have him, and he loves staying with her. And all the other children are in school all day. You must sleep late in the morning, and I'll give you a nice breakfast in bed."

But, alas! Wilson woke even earlier than usual, and although the children were good as gold, their creaking footsteps past the door annoyed him extremely; the hushed whispers in which they exhorted one another to silence nearly drove him frantic. When, with the last of them, they started schoolward, Mrs. Wilson came up with a dainty tray it was to find him nervous and inclined to be cross.

The house was very cold, moreover. Charles, the colored man who looks after the furnace, had allowed it to go out. He would be back at ten o'clock to empty the ashes, so Mrs. Wilson would not consider Wilson's suggestion to light the fire. But Charles did not appear until half-past eleven, and by that time Mr. Wilson, in an enviable mood, was himself struggling with the unaccustomed task of "clearing out" the furnace. The appearance of Charles by no means consoled him for the awful odor that presently stole through the house.

"Jennie"—the cook—"has gasoline for fuel to wash a waft in gasoline for weeks," Mrs. Wilson explained, with deprecating patience, "and I thought she could do it safely this morning, with no fire in the basement. But the smell seems unusually bad, I admit."

Wilson, who is sensitive to odors, made no answer, because he disliked to give rein to his ill humor. A delectable luncheon only partially soothed him, and he flung himself down on the library sofa to struggle with the

IS BEST PAID WOMAN

MISS ANNIE AMENDT RECEIVES SALARY OF \$12,000 A YEAR.

Is First Assistant to Vice President Tarbell of Equitable Society—Began Work as Ordinary Stenographer.

New York.—A few years ago a young woman who taught school in Logan, Ohio, saved \$300, came to Chicago to learn stenography, took a course and got a diploma and went to work in an insurance office.

To-day this young woman commands a salary of \$12,000 a year is said to make an extra \$10,000 writing insurance policies on the side, and is first assistant to Gage E. Tarbell, second vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance society and leader of the fight against First Vice President James Hazen Hyde. The name of the "highest salaried woman in the United States" is Miss Anna L. Amendt. She went to New York, where she now resides, when Mr. Tarbell left his Chicago offices for that city, taking with him several of his office associates here.

Miss Amendt is described as a woman well along in the thirties, with the bright look of girlhood still in her face. She has brown hair, with just a suspicion of gray, a trim figure, an alert pose.

She may be found any day at her desk in the New York offices of the Equitable. If Miss Amendt so desires, the caller may see her. It may be added that of the hundreds that come to see Mr. Tarbell of a business day, not one in ten ever sets by Miss Amendt. She can transact his business with the average caller fully as well as Mr. Tarbell himself. It is her business to relieve her chief from all the possible de-

tails that appertain to the business of life insurance.

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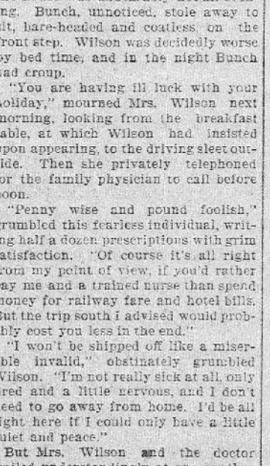
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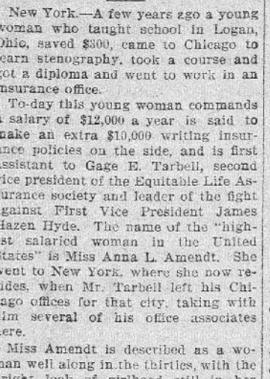
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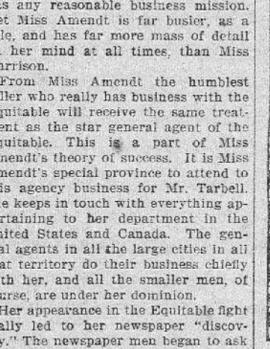
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Questions Which Many Persons in Exalted Business Positions Should Ask Themselves.

What kind of an expression do you wear habitually? asks Orson Sweet March, in Success Magazine. Is it sour, morose, repellent? Is it a mean, stingy, contemptible, untrustworthy, unattractive expression? Do you wear the expression of a bulldog, a grasping, greedy, hungry expression, which indicates an avaricious nature? Do you go about among employees with a melancholy, despondent, hopeless look on your face, or do you wear the sunny expression which radiates good cheer and hope, which indicates a feeling of good will and of helpfulness? Do people smile and look happy when you approach them, or do they shrink from you, and feel a chilly goose-flesh sensation come over them as they see you approach?

It makes all the difference in the world to you and to those whom you influence what kind of an expression you wear.

It may not seem quite so romantic to the man who fell in love with a woman, married her when he hears the same voice asking for more money.—Chicago Sun.

Were Good for Both.

Pauling, Miss., May 30th.—(Special)—In this neighborhood men and women like are telling of the great benefit they have received from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and it frequently happens they are the means of curing members of both sexes in the same family. Take the case of Mr. and Mrs. E. Erby. The latter voices the sentiment of both when she says:

"My lips cannot express too much praise for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I suffered with Backache and Female weakness for four or five years and I feel that I have been wonderfully helped by Dr. Williams' Kidney Pills. My husband, for the same reason, for five years from a weak bladder and they also cured him."

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A Berlin scientist has discovered a medicine to cure baldness, not some people are too lazy to take the medicine.—Cleveland World.

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In the pursuit of the dollar we find that it is not always speed that pays in the long run.—Puck.

Ladies Can Wear Shoes One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease. A certain cure for swollen, sweating, hot, aching feet. At all Druggists, 25¢. Do not substitute. Trial package FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

There is often a wide gulf between the mark of breeding and the dollar mark.—Philadelphia Times.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

A ready-made cure is like any other hand-me-down.—Chicago Tribune.



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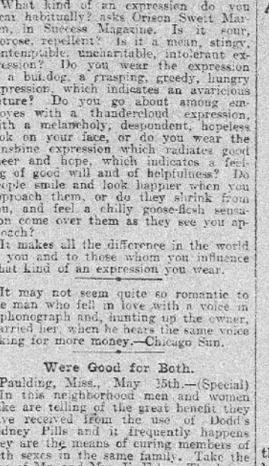
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