

The Ambitions That are Blind

ADA PATTERSON

ATTORNEY JAMES LOWNSDALE was a self-centered man. That is apt to be the case with self-made men. It is to be more frank, their betting sin.

He began life poor. He was winning in the race because his handicaps were offset by grim and somewhat unlovely determination. When he was 26 years old he had heard boys of 17 discourse on love, and he had said in a shrill, boyish treble: "I'll never let sentiment stand in the way of my success."

Even after his voice had undergone the transformation from that shrill treble to a profound bass he held to his determination. Now he was 33 and he "was talked of" for judge of the supreme court in his state.

For five years he had been giving his legal advice free to Mrs. Mary Marston and her daughter, Mildred. They had needed such advice sorely, for

soporific influence in those familiar, but delightful words. "I love you." Lownsdale did not think it necessary to repeat those words. "When a man tells a woman once that he loves her that is enough," he said. "So life went on as before. And nearly three years had passed since then. He called when he was not studying a case or when he was not meeting people he "ought to know." He never called on Sunday. He had to play golf on Sunday "to keep himself in fettle," he said. "Health was indispensable to a man who intends to make a success of life. So it befell that Mildred Marston was often lonely. Her mind became the staking ground of doubt and resentment. Her business life was a narrow one, into which few strangers entered. Her only friends drifted out of her life. She met almost no one. That may be the reason that no one else found place in this sore heart, which was almost as easy of access as an empty one. When midsummer came and with it



when the vice president of the Commercial bank died it was found that the affairs of the bank were in a precarious condition. Ten days after his death the bank failed. James Lownsdale called to console with the widow and her daughter, and had offered to do what he could to make intact again the shattered fabric of their fortune. He had had no idea of how great the task was, and he found himself knitting together a few shreds instead of a mass. He disliked his task of telling her so, but he sought courage to tell her one night that one might live upon the income of the slight remnant of their fortune; it might support one, with rigid economy. But two? That was impossible.

Mildred Marston slipped a comforting arm about her mother's neck. "That will provide for you, mamma, dear," she said. "And I've gotten a position at a living salary with a publishing house."

James Lownsdale looked at her attentively for the first time. One of the characteristics of self-centered persons is that they do not watch their hands. He knew the banker's family ever since he left college, but he had never noticed that Mildred had grown up. She was a tall beauty, of the Irish type, with black hair and violet eyes that might have laughed at one time, but looked as though they would never again.

James Lownsdale called often that winter. Perhaps his purpose was to lighten the loneliness of the two women but if he permitted himself such selfishness he was compensated. He found it very pleasant to sit opposite Mildred at the fire and watch her dainty hands at her embroidery or sewing. "You make me very comfortable," he said, smiling lazy thanks as she pushed a hassock toward him.

She applied herself diligently to hemming a tablecloth. "I like this," he reflected aloud. "It's so domestic."

Mildred blushed. She never talked much. Lownsdale had a fancy for quiet women.

"I love you," he said, pushing the tablecloth from her lap and taking both of her busy hands. Again she said nothing. She blushed furiously, and there were tears in her eyes, but there was happiness in them nevertheless.

"I love you, but I have my way to make still. I have no right to talk of marriage yet."

Mildred was satisfied. There is a

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Mildred's vacation, she bade Lownsdale a rather formal "good-bye," and said she was taking her mother to the home of an old friend, one of the few friends of their prosperity who remained.

Accordingly when Lownsdale was strolling along the beach at an almost unknown seaside resort, he was surprised to see a graceful, rather weary figure, leaning against a rock. Suddenly it dropped its head into the broad lap of a burly woman servant and began to weep impetuously.

He made hurried excuses to his companion, Judge Somers, and hastened back.

"Mildred!" he exclaimed. "The figure straightened instantly and tried to look formal and dignified. But 'tis lips quivered as a child's. "You, too, Maggie?" he said to Mildred's nurse, the only servant left of what had been called Marston's retinue.

"Yes," said Maggie, looking at him with marred disfavor.

Suddenly he remembered that Maggie had looked at him in the same way for two years, only he "had not noticed."

"It is getting chilly; will you go up to the house and get Miss Marston's wrap," he said.

Maggie went away frowning. When she had gone, Lownsdale took the trembling figure into his arms.

"How do you happen to be here, Mildred?" he asked.

"I-I settled mamma with the Phillipses, and I came back and got Maggie and brought her here for a rest, away from the heat of the city, I came here because it was ch-ch-cheap." And the tears would come.

"Dear one," he said, "how unselfish you are! And why have you never told me you were unhappy? I thought you were at peace with yourself. It seemed to me I ought to wait until I was elected to a judgeship before we were married. I wanted to bestow a judicial embrace upon you at the altar. Will you be content with a mere legal one?"

A shivering little sob was her answer.

"Mildred, I've been a blind brute. But can you believe me?—I was as ambitious for you as for myself."

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With the Spell of Superior Values We Hold the Trade of the Masses

TOMORROW WE START

A Week of Big Bargains for Everybody, Our Object is To MAKE ROOM for HOLIDAY GOODS.

Which are double that of any previous season, many lines are already displayed, these need better display, and others yet unpacked, must have a showing. Regular lines must move, either into cramped quarters or be sold, HENCE THEY GO--MUST GO. If you need dry goods of any description, come tomorrow and every day this week. Prices will not be a barrier, the lowest quotations will be in evidence at every counter.

MAIL ORDERS

At this season of the year, particularly people residing in small towns and districts remote from trade centers feel the inability of local dealers to supply their needs.

We have done everything to perfect our mail order service.

Written requests receive the same attention as if the customer stood at our counter. Need we say more?

Frederick & Bro.

To Start the week with a rush, we offer these invincible bargains Monday Morning from 9 to 11 o'clock, not one minute longer.

We Repeat Again, Monday Morning from 9 to 11

and within the limits of these two hours, all must buy who would buy at this price.

120 Bolts (all there is left) The Best Amoskeag Outing Flannels,

Twenty-eight inches wide, in the prettiest and neatest patterns; stripes, checks and fancy plaids, light, medium and dark colorings; plenty of pinks and blues; value 12½¢; limit, 12 yards to a customer; at

7½¢ a yard.



A "Corsetine" Bust Support Wrapper, \$1.00.

This Wrapper is made with a boned support, clasps in front like an ordinary corset; can be detached when garment is washed, cut extra full on hips, prettily trimmed, made of heavy fleecelined flannelette; sold everywhere at \$1.75; here from 9 to 11 a. m. Monday at

\$1.00

The Newest Coats and Jackets Among Our December Butterick Patterns

Are the much talked of Louis XVI coat, the new long coat adapted to all sorts of weather, the blouse semi-fitting and strapped effects, etc.,

BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS

can be relied upon to produce satisfactory results. Our lady Patrons should visit our Paper Pattern Department and inspect these jacket patterns particularly.



RED HOT BARGAINS IN OUR OVERFLOWING CLOAK AND SUIT DEPARTMENT.

As a December sendoff we will have something SPECIAL every day during the coming week. The extraordinary wrapper special is only a forecast of what may be expected each day. The extremely small profits marked on every article of Ladies' Ready to Wear garments forces us to make the assertion that our values are invulnerable and cannot be matched for lowness of prices anywhere. Read the following and watch our windows.



Jackets \$5.00 In castor and black only, all wool, fine kersey, worth \$8 per yard, 27-inch semi-fitting, elegantly tailored, early value \$8.50; here at— \$5.00	Dress-Skirts \$3.75 A great value in Fine All Wool Ladies' Cloth, silk strap and braid-trimmed, black only; early value \$5; here at \$3.75	Waists \$2.50 The greatest value ever offered. A Fine French Flannel Waist, embroidered all round, yoke, button down back, all lined, six shades; here at— \$2.50	D. Sacques 50c A very pretty Flannelette Dressing Sacque, well made and prettily trimmed, worth 75c; here for— 50c	Tailored Suits \$10.00 Four styles of new, up-to-date Tailored Suits, all shades and stripes; early season prices up to \$15; here at— \$10.00	Fur Scarfs \$2.98 An assorted lot of Fur Neck Scarfs, in river mink and imitation black marten; worth up to \$6.50; for— \$2.98	Raglan Quotations In gray frieze, velvet collar, perfect hanging, correct eastern mode— \$12.00 Other grades at \$14.50, \$16.25, \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00
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Children's White Aprons.

New and mobby styles just received. Sizes 4 to 12 years.

Best Finished. Neatest Trimmed. Finest Materials. Lowest Prices.

Everyone a Bargain at

35c, 50c, 75c, 95c, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$1.90.

Dolls.

Prettier dolls, greater variety and lower prices are the prominent features of our doll display this season.

Kid Body Doll, 10½ inches long, with pretty bisque head, glass eyes, long, flowing curls, shoes and pretty open-worked stockings; special at—
25c

Kid Body Doll, 15 inches long, with pretty bisque head, movable glass eyes, long, flowing curls, open-worked stockings and shoes; grand special value—
50c

Very fine quality Cork Stuffed Kid Body Dolls, with very fine French bisque head, movable glass eyes, extra quality, light or dark hair, pretty shoes and open-worked stockings—

16 inches high, at, **\$1.25**
18½ inches high, at, **\$1.70**
21 inches high, at, **\$2.25**
22 inches high, at, **\$2.75**
28 inches high, at, **\$3.25**



Dressed Dolls.

In all the different sizes and styles, fully dressed, with full suit of under-clothing, beautifully designed dresses of silk and satin; bisque head, with movable glass eyes; beautiful styles, at from

65c to \$5.50 Each

Dolls.

Make your selection this week, it gives you ample time to dress them prettily. Avoid the rush later on.

Kid Body Doll, 17½ inches high, pretty bisque head, with movable glass eyes, flowing curls, pretty shoes and plaid open-worked stockings; a good \$1 doll at—
89c

Kid Body Doll, 19 inches high, with jointed leg, pretty bisque head, with movable glass eyes, flowing light or dark curls, open-worked hose and shoes; a bargain at—
\$1.13

Finest quality Kid Body Cork Stuffed Double-Jointed Doll, with very fine French bisque head, light or dark finest curled hair, movable glass eyes, open-worked hose and pretty shoes—

14 inches long, at, **\$1.25**
17 inches long, at, **\$1.90**
19 inches long, at, **\$2.75**
22 inches long, at, **\$3.50**
24 inches long, at, **\$4.50**
26 inches long, at, **\$5.50**
28 inches long, at, **\$6.50**

Underwear Dept.

Timely and Interesting Offers to make this another very busy week in our Underwear section. Note the very remarkable specials:

85c. Union Suits at 63c.

THE MELBA—Ladies' perfect fitting Union Suits in all sizes, natural gray or cream, heavy fleeced Jersey ribbed; this special price is positively for this week only. **63c**

\$1.35 Union Suit at \$1.00.

THE HARVARD—Ladies' finest grade, perfect fitting, heavy fleeced Cotton Union Suits, in cream only; this is another of our special attractions for this week, all sizes, **\$1.00** at—

\$2.00 Union Suits at \$1.50.

82c. Ladies' extra quality 75 per cent wool "Melba" perfect fitting Union Suits in cream or natural gray, guaranteed non-shrinkable, in all sizes; unsurpassed for fit and wear; this week at—
\$1.50

\$4.00 Silk and Wool Union Suits at \$3.00.

Ladies' extra fine Silk and Wool mixed Union Suits in cream or natural gray, unsurpassed for warmth, fit and comfort, all sizes; special this week at—
\$3.00

"FIGHTING JOE" A PROMOTER.

Is Organizing a \$6,000,000 Company to Manufacture New Firearms. (Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Philadelphia, Pa.—General Joseph Wheeler is organizing a \$6,000,000 arms company in this city, which will erect a large factory, probably in connection with Cramps shipyard, and manufacture guns invented by S. N. McClean of Cleveland. The weapon which represents twenty years' work by the inventor, is of such a radical departure from modern guns that experts believe it will revolutionize warfare on land and sea.

Members of the United States Ordnance Bureau have conducted secret tests and assurances have been given that the entire army may be re-equipped with the new weapons. General Wheeler, who announced today that he has removed to Philadelphia for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the company and superintending the manufacture of the guns, says that he can take one regiment armed with the new weapon, and whip any three regiments using rifles of the ordinary kind.

At a secret test held by government inspectors at Newport, R. I., recently, four admirals, headed by Dewey, and five generals watched the firing. It is said that the most prominent officers in both army and navy are "backholders." Secret tests have also been held in Cramp's shipyard. Of the \$6,000,000 of stock \$500,000 has been disposed of here privately and it is not believed that a public offering will be made. The McClean Arms company now has a small factory in Cleveland, but this will be abandoned as soon as the local plant is ready for operation.

McClean has covered his invention with over 30 patents and has had them recognized in all civilized countries. Not until this was done did he reveal the result of his life work. He is now

in Philadelphia, as is also W. D. Condit of Cleveland, who is interested in the matter. The gun at each pressure of the trigger fires five shots through a single barrel, ejects the cartridges and cartridge holder and reloads the weapon, and all without recoil.

In this way a speed of twenty-five shots a second can be attained through a single barrel. This is accomplished by boring a small hole in the lower part of the barrel. Connecting this with this hole is a tube running to the breech. Through the hole generated at each discharge escapes in the tube. Inside of the latter is a piston rod that acts against a spring and thus provides the power that neutralizes the recoil and ejects and receives the cartridges.

General Wheeler said today: "I have stered heart and soul in this project because of my desire to give my country in the possession of the most effective weapons on earth. Money is a secondary object. The invention is pronounced revolutionary by army and navy officers who have witnessed the tests."

"The matter of equipping an entire army requires much time and consideration, yet I believe our troops will get the new weapons. The lack of recoil and the rapidity of action of big guns of this variety would turn the tide of any battle between ships that were fairly evenly matched."

A Russian naval officer of high rank came to Philadelphia a week ago solely to inspect the weapon, so it is evident that other governments are interested in the invention.

A Cup of Lane's Tea at Night Moves the bowels next day, and its continued use will cure habitual constipation, sick headache and indigestion. It will do you more good, and cost you less money than any other medicine on earth. Your druggist will refund you the purchase price if you are not satisfied. Price, 25c a box a package. For sale by Godbe-Fitts Drug company.

Rich Black Silks.

We have selected an unusually attractive line of guaranteed Silk Bargains—derived from a most advantageous purchase—which we gladly share with our customers to demonstrate the great and unsurpassable value-giving of this mammoth store.

36-inches wide, of high grade; a superb silk for linings and waists; good value at \$1.50; sale price, a yard—
\$1.13

24 inches wide, soft finish and rich lustre, the kind that wears well and a good value at \$1.25; sale price, a yard—
85c

21 inches wide, neat dots and pin head designs; all new designs and sample pieces of "coming season" styles, value \$1.25 and \$1.50; price sale, a yard—
98c

Regular \$3.00 quality, rich, all silk, lustrous silk back, of French make, warranted not to break, crock or slip, for, a yard—
\$2.19

Great Values.

Always Something of Surpassing Value in the Famous Muslin Section.

Here are a trio of underpriced offerings that illustrate how we sell the most staple of goods:

100 Dozen Ready-Made Pillow Cases, bleached and finished with a wide hem, size 45x35; regular price 15c; on sale this week at, **10c**

50 dozen Bleached Hemmed Bed Sheets, the celebrated Defender Mills grade, two and a half yards long and two and a quarter yards wide, never sold for less than 75c; on sale this week at, each, **59c**

30 dozen Hemstitched Bleached Bed Sheets, the very best in the market, finished with a wide hem, value \$1.25; on sale this week at, each, **79c**

Boys' Clothing and Gents' Furnishings.

The weather bureau predicts colder weather for December month so now is the time to buy your Boys' Clothes while the assortment is at its best. We have a rattling good December bargain in a two-piece double-breasted suit made up of Dark Gray Cheviot, pants double seat and knees, ages 9 to 16 years, well worth \$3.50, which we will sell, while they last, for **\$2.25**

Mother's Friend Waists, with separable belts, in dark Percale all sizes **At 40c.**

A BLANKET AND COMFORT SALE.

Two immense manufacturer's stocks, gathered in for ready cash, go on sale tomorrow (for one week) at prices that will shatter old records and make past sales look insignificant.

Good Quality Fleeced Bed Blankets, as long as one cas elasts, per pair **48c**

Largest 11-4 White and Gray Fleeced Bed Blankets of heavy quality, and worth \$1.50; on sale Monday, per pair **96c**

Extra Heavy 12-4 White Double-fleeced Cotton Blankets, 12-4 size, worth \$2.25; on sale this week, per pair **\$1.45**

10-4 White Wool Blankets, a good quality, worth \$3.50; on sale this week, per pair **\$2.55**

11-4 size Steam Shrank White Wool Bed Blankets, worth \$4.75; on sale this week, per pair **\$3.30**

Regular \$5 Comforters, size 30x30, on sale **\$3.80**

Down Comforters, value \$8; on sale at, each, **\$5.85**

Largest 10-4 Blue Gray Bed Blankets, three-fourths wool, weighing 7 pounds; worth \$6; on sale **\$4.20**

Red All-Wool and Unshrinkable Blankets, 10-4 size, very heavy; value \$5.25; on sale per pair **\$3.85**

Extra Heavy 12-4 White Lane's Wool Bed Blankets, steam shrunk; worth at least \$11; on sale this week, per pair **\$7.85**

Extra Size Extra Heavy and Extra Large White California Blankets, 14-4 size, worth \$14; on sale this week, per pair **\$10.90**

Large Size Calico-covered Bed Comforters, filled with white cotton; worth \$12.50; on sale **88c**

Down Comforters, value \$10; on sale at, each, **\$7.80**

Silk Covered Down Comforters, value \$14, at **\$10.50**

Bed Comforters, covered with fast colored flowered robe print and filled with white cotton; value \$1.50; on sale this week at **\$1.10**

Full Double Size Comforters, with English satine covering and pure white cotton filling, with fancy quilting; value \$3.50; on sale at **\$2.45**

Hand Knotted French Satine Covered Comforters, with finest white cotton filling; worth \$4; on sale this week **\$2.90**

Extra Large Double Size Comforters, with best grade of figured satine covering and fluffy white cotton filling; well worth \$4.25; on sale this week **\$3.10**

Silk Covered Down Comforters, value \$17.50, at **\$14.90**

Silk Covered Down Comforters, value \$22.50, at **\$18.00**

Warm Lined Shoes and Slippers.

Only 89c.

Elegant assortment for Ladies', Misses and Children. Specials for one week.

Ladies' Warm Lined Shoes (worth \$1.00) **79c**

Ladies' Fur Trimmed Nullifiers (worth \$1.15) **89c**

Child's Fur Trimmed Nullifiers (red) **89c**