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A REPORTER'S STORY

"We fellows," said a reporter sitting with a number of his companions about a stove at midnight, "have it in our power to do lots of good or lots of harm."

"What d'you mean?" asked one of the party.

"Oh, there are millions of ways. What I have in my mind just now is suddenly thrusting some one into prominence. When I was looking after the social lions I made a deal with an impoverished swell to give me spicy bits about them. He had the entire, and I hadn't. Well, one day he told me that Lord Martingale, a fresh importation from London, had said that a certain Mrs. Ringletter he had seen in Central park beat anything for beauty they had in England. 'Here's a go,' I said to my informer. 'I know Mrs. Ringletter. I'll just run that item in the social tidbits next Sunday, and she'll be tickled to death.'

"Sure enough, the next Sunday morning I cooked up a beautiful announcement of the fact that we had a prettier woman in New York than they had in London and no less a critic than Lord Martingale had said so. A few days later I met Guy Ringletter, and he told me his wife had suddenly stumbled on to the item and it had pleased her immensely.

"That's all I thought about the matter. You know we fellows can't keep our minds on one subject very long. One evening I dropped into the Metropolitan Opera House to jot down who was there, when I heard two swells talking beside me. One of them spoke with a decidedly English accent.

"Can you tell me who that woman is in the first box from the stage in the second tier?" he was saying.

"That's young Mrs. Mickleton, recently married. Why do you ask?"

"Because she is the most beautiful woman I ever saw. We've nothing like her in London."

"You don't mean it?"

"Well, I skinned around and found out who the fellows were and learned that one of them was Lord Martingale. Now, you may suppose that I remembered what he'd said about my friend, Mrs. Ringletter, but I had clean forgotten it. Back I went to the office and wrote out that Lord Martingale had remarked at the opera that young Mrs. Mickleton was the most beautiful woman in New York and there was nothing like her in London."

"About a week after that I was strolling along upper Broadway. I had just lit a cigar and was feeling very comfortable. Truth is I had \$10 in my pocket, something that hadn't occurred before since I entered journalism, and I was wishing some one would come along that I could 'blow off.' I felt a touch on my arm and, turning, saw a seedy individual looking out of a pair of the most melancholy eyes I ever saw. I was about to give him a nickel when I stood stock still with astonishment.

"Guy Ringletter, can this be you?"

"Yes," he said mournfully.

"What's the matter?"

"I've been ruined."

"Come in here and tell me about it."

"I led him into a cafe. We sat down at one of the tables, and I called for a lunch and something with which to wash it down. 'Now,' I said, 'let's hear it.'

"Do you remember nearly a year ago an item you put in your paper stating that Lord Martingale had said that my wife was the most beautiful woman in New York?"

"Slowly the matter got back into my brain."

"Yes," I said. "I think I remember something like that."

"Well, when you published that item I was fairly prosperous. I was doing a good business and making money. But from the appearance of your statement I saw a change in Lucy. One day she told me that now we were doing so well we ought to go out more, and I soon learned that she meant we were to begin a systematic climbing to get into the Four Hundred set. I did what I could to dissuade her, but it was no use. The queen of society had got into her bonnet; Lord Martingale had said that she was the most beautiful woman in New York and by the spending of some money she could easily enter the select set with such a recommendation at once become a leader."

"The most fashionable dressmaker was hired for her clothes, and the principal jeweler of the city furnished the gems. We gave two entertainments and got in five swells in all. They were young men of fashion who live by their wits and were glad to get 'full' on my champagne. Several women who claimed to be in the smart set were at our soirees, but we found out afterward that they were impostors."

"Meanwhile the bills began to come in, and I found the work of setting my wife up as a professional beauty was a terrible expense. You see, I couldn't attend to my business and keep track of the expenses at home. I left everything of that nature to Lucy, who was so anxious to succeed in her undertaking that she took no account of money that stood between her and a position in keeping with that cursed lord's opinion."

"Well, what's the use giving details? One day I found my business and everything closed out. To cap the climax the other day I took up your paper and read that Lord Martingale had said that the most beautiful woman in New York was a Mrs. Somebody Else."

The reporter paused and gave a few vigorous puffs on his cigar. Then he concluded:

"Boys, that's the worst job I've done since I've been a reporter."

MARTIN C. BATTERSON.

"Which would you rather marry, Ethel, brains or money?"

"Money, of course. I can get along without the luxuries, but I must have the necessities."—Brooklyn Life.

Ten men have failed from defects in morals where one has failed from defects in intellect.—Mann.

PROGRAM

For Grant and Union District Institutes
 Which Will Be Held at
 West Milford.

A teachers institute for Grant and Union districts will be held Friday, Feb. 12, at West Milford. Following is the program:

Opening exercises promptly at 10 a.m. Enrollment of teachers.

Music—By Institute.

Round Table Topics—"Is the grading of the public schools a part of the teacher's duty?" Truman Payne; "The right use of text-books," F. Davison; "Should the pupil be required to do much memory work in the common school?" Okey Hall; "Where should the emphasis be placed in the teaching of Geography?" Wade Coffindoffe; "The use of stories, their educational value," Mrs. Lee.

1. 30 p.m.—Round Table Topics, continued—"The daily schedule of an ungraded school," Byron P. Bailey; "How can the principal be helpful to his teachers?" George O. McKinley; "Elements that characterize successful discipline," Ada McMillan; "Teaching as a profession," Dr. Swartz; "School room decoration and its influence upon the children," I. D. Cole; "Should the rural districts have more than five months of school? If so, why, and how best obtained?" S. J. Ward.

General discussion—"Should a free school diploma exempt students from taking the common branches in our normal schools?"; "Should and teacher use tobacco?"; "Why is it necessary for the teacher to visit the patrons of the school?"

Evening session, 7.15 p.m.—Music—Committee.

Lecture—Dr. Swartz, of Broadus College.

All teachers of the two districts are expected to attend this institute and will be given credit for the day.

L. WAYMAN OGDEN,
 County Superintendent.

COL. KUNST

May be Nominated by Lewis County Republicans For House of Delegates
 —A Happy Choice.

Col. Karl Kunst was here Monday night from Weston on business and circulating among his many friends in this city. Col. Kunst is one of the leading young Republicans of Lewis county and has been quite active in politics the past few years. It has been suggested that he run for the house of delegates from that county and there is a probability he will do so. Such a nomination would be a happy one and the party would make an excellent selection. He is strictly Republican and sound on its principles, but he has many Democratic friends, who would give him their hearty support. The Republicans of Lewis county could not do better than to nominate and elect Col. Kunst to the Legislature.

TRANSFERRING

Exchange Office of Consolidated Telephone Company From the Despard Building to the New Quarters.

The work of transferring the exchange office of the Consolidated Telephone Co. from the Despard building on South Third street, to the Irwin building on the corner of South Third and West Pike streets began Tuesday. The first work undertaken was the transfer of the messenger and cables. Superintendent J. W. Barnes, of Fairmont, was here giving it his personal supervision. The transfer will not be completed for about two weeks.

CELEBRATION

Of Christian Endeavor Day Being Planned For Next Friday Night by the Endeavor Societies of the First Baptist Church

The three endeavor societies of the First Baptist church are planning a most enjoyable celebration of Christian Endeavor Day for next Friday night, February 5, in the church auditorium. The endeavorers will render a special exercise, "Christ for the World and For Me," and they will have as their guest of honor Rev. George W. Pollock, the state president of the Christian Endeavor Society, who will make an address. Mr. Pollock is a very earnest and attractive speaker. All young people of the various churches are cordially invited to be present and to remain to the reception which will follow in the dining room where light refreshments will be served. The public generally is cordially invited.

MACABEES GO TO WHEELING.

Wheeling gets the state convention of the Macabees of this state. It will be held there May 3 instead of April 5 as previously announced.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

The public will take notice that the firm of Fittro & Morrison, druggists composed of J. S. Fittro and J. E. Morrison, and doing business at Wilsonburg W. Va., was this January 27, 1904, dissolved, J. E. Morrison withdrawing from the firm and not to be responsible for any debts which may be contracted hereafter in the name of the firm.

Jan. 27-04. J. E. MORRISON.

STATUES IN ITALY.

When a Monument is Not a Monument in Rome or Florence.

Rome is in the absurd condition of possessing a monument which the municipal authorities declared nonexistent. Long ago a monument was raised to the philosopher Spedaliere, but never unveiled, as there was a difference of opinion about the advisability of having the monument at all. So through sun and rain, wind and hail, the poor statue stood, swathed in its dingy drapery, an eyesore and object of derision to all.

Finally, in the dead of night, to put an end to the scandal and disputes, the police stripped off the old and rotten cloth, and in the morning the Eternal City found herself enriched by the ownership of a new work of art. The citizens laughed and crowded to see what had become a curiosity, but the city fathers were furious, said the police had overstepped their powers and absolutely refused to acknowledge the existence of the monument.

Florence has had a similar experience. A tablet to Gustavo Modena, in his day a celebrated actor and still more celebrated patriot, had been attached to the house in which he lived. But the authorities refused to allow it to be unveiled for fear of provoking an anti-Austrian demonstration, just as in these days when public feeling is in a state of effervescence. Day after day passed until the students made a sudden dash, and, stripping off the cloth, added another interest to the City of Lilies. The municipality here also was highly offended and informed the citizens that the tablet does not exist.

All this irresistibly raises the question, "When is a monument not a monument?" When it is in Italy!—Pall Mall Gazette.

THE USE OF IRON.

Its Effect in the Industrial World as a Barometer of Trade.

There is an old industrial tradition that the iron mark is the "barometer of trade." This saying has been ascribed to many modern authorities, ranging from Jay Gould to Andrew Carnegie. As a matter of fact, it is much older than any oracle of its century or the last. It had its origin in the earliest days of the period when iron manufacture and the use of credit were simultaneously rising to importance. The basis (or the tradition) is that the use of iron and of its products is essential for the prosecution of virtually all other industries. Before the output of miscellaneous manufactures in a community can be much enlarged the industries concerned must be equipped with new tools and new machinery. Before a railroad system can be prepared to transport a greatly increased traffic it must have new rails, new bridges, new stations, new cars and new locomotives. In these days of the steel and iron office-building a "boom" in the building trade cannot go far without increasing enormously the demand for structural iron. Even in the agricultural industry it may be said that expansion and prosperity involve necessarily largely increased demand for farm machinery. Since the use of such additional equipment must precede any increase in the business of these other trades it naturally follows, first, that demand in the iron market will be felt aggressively even before other industries have shown full measure of activity, and, second, that if such other industries foresee a period of slack demand and idle mills the first thing they will do will be to reduce their orders from the iron and steel mills.—Alexander D. Noyes in Forum

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* C. Clarksburg, A. Adamston; W. Wilsonburg, O. O'Neill.
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