

THE RED-TOPPED BOOTS.

To the last my memory wanders To the happy childhood days, Bringing joyous recollections Of its sports and childish ways; But one moment seems the brighter, And my memory longer stops, At the time I wore so proudly Boots with red morocco tops.

A CASE IN EQUITY.

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ONE WAY TO CURE ENNUI. "Just say that over again, will you, doctor? I don't think I quite took in the length and breadth of it." Thorndyke was in his shirt-sleeves, but he reached mechanically for his coat and vest when the physician replaced the stethoscope among its kinsmen in the glass case. "I said that your condition is very critical"—the concern in Dr. Perevin's voice was too real to be professional; "that if we don't look out you'll slip away from us as your Uncle Granville did."

Thorndyke had sauntered into the vestibule of the great office building with the thought that a visit to Dr. Perevin would answer the double purpose of relieving his mother's anxiety, and of enabling him to wear out a half-hour of the afternoon in a chat with the old family physician; and he went the more willingly since the half-hours had of late taken to dragging rather discouragingly, especially in the afternoons. That they dragged was due to a number of causes, the chief of which was that Thorndyke was an unsuccessful idler. His father had been a hard-working attorney, gathering and leaving an estate which would have been a fortune elsewhere than in New York, and which was a competence even in that city of millionaires. The will gave Philip half, and the irksomeness of his possession had not made itself felt until after his post-graduate course in the law had left him a squire of dames, and lacking the spur of necessity which might have made him successful in his profession. Up to the moment when he stood waiting for the next ascending elevator which should lift him to the altitude of Dr. Perevin's chambers, his life had been as uneventful as his mother's solicitude could make it. There had been no invigorating heights to scale and no nerve-trying depths to explore. In his college course, and in the choice of a profession, he had followed in the footsteps of his father, taking the one and choosing the other for no better reason than that both were selected for him by his parents. Summed up, the young man who waited for the elevator was a very fair example of the neutralizing effect of prearrangement in domestic affairs; a logical product of a cut-and-dried system of home training which makes no allowance for individual needs in the subject.

thought that he should probably never see the man, again—and this was the first of a series of leave-takings which should be for all time. III. LEAVE-TAKINGS. Philip was reading the evening paper when Mrs. Thorndyke came into the library before dinner, and he made a commendable effort to appear natural when he greeted her. The hope that she would give him time to lead up gradually to the subject of his interview with Dr. Perevin had scarcely taken shape when her first question flung him into the midst of it. "Did you go to see the doctor to-day, Phil?" she asked, moving the reading lamp that its light might serve him better. "What doctor?—oh, you mean Perevin. Yes, I went down and told him I was a very sick man—in your opinion." "What does he say is the matter with you?" "With me?—why, he said you coddled me too much, or something of that sort; that I'd better break away and go live in the woods." "But seriously, Philip, you know how we are worried about you. Doesn't he think you're in danger?" "Danger of what?" Philip threw down his paper and stood up before her. "Do I look like a sick man? Can you stretch imagination to the point of fancying me going into a decline?" His manner was reassuring enough, but the subtle intuition of maternal love is not to be hoodwinked by appearances. Mrs. Thorndyke was not satisfied, and, seeing there was no possibility of keeping her away from the dreaded subject, Philip skillfully introduced his play of migration. "Why, of course," she said; "I don't see why we hadn't thought of that before. We can find some quiet place down south where we can be comfortable, and we can take Helen with us."



"There, there, little mother."

Philip's heart smote him when he set himself to demolish this cheerful plan. Having had time to think about it, he had demonstrated to his own satisfaction the uselessness of trying to dodge his fate. He had succeeded in twisting Dr. Perevin's warning into a formal sentence of death; and he had made up his mind to take the physician's advice, not for recuperative purposes, but for reasons which were purely sentimental. He would go away into the wilderness where he could find a quiet place to die, and would so save his mother and Helen the day-to-day sorrow of the intermediary period. It was all very foolish and boyish, doubtless; but Philip was only an overgrown boy at best, so far as individuality was concerned, and Mrs. Thorndyke had herself to thank for it. And so he proceeded to put his theory into practice. "That would all be very pleasant; but don't you see that I must go alone if I mean to live out of doors and rough it? I'm not sure but it would be better for me to go into the woods with the turpentine gatherers, or in a logging camp. I don't know that I especially yearn for such an experience, but I'd do that or anything else to please you and Helen."

plained: "I know that's what Helen would wish if she could be consulted. She has always objected to the settlement, and she says she will insist upon turning it over to my mother when it comes into her hands. I thought it would simplify matters to include it with the rest." "I knew about that," replied the lawyer, taking up his pen again; "and so I thought perhaps you might want to leave it as an anchor to windward in case your mother's property ever became involved. I don't like your obstinacy in the matter of investments; I mean the way you both keep all your money tied up in Hallam's bank stock." "I know that's always been an eyesore to you, colonel, and I could never understand just why it should be. Hallam is as safe as the subtreasury, and he always pays good dividends." "That may all be," replied Van Cott, testily; "I don't know anything to the contrary; but it cuts no figure with the principle of the thing. It's a plain case of putting all your eggs in one basket; and that's never a good thing to do." Philip wrestled a moment with a new sense of responsibility. "I guess you're right; though I never thought much about it before. It's hardly worth while for me to make transfers now, but I'd be glad if you could get mother to do it." And the making of the will went on without further interruption. During these days of preparation Philip found it convenient to avoid being much alone with Helen. Since telling her of his intention, he had been beset by a fear that she suspected a more serious reason for the journey than the one he had given her. The fear was not wholly unfounded, for, on the following day, Miss Morrison had gone straight to Dr. Perevin. Fortunately for that gentleman's reputation as a keeper of family secrets, he happened to be engaged when she called, and so had time to reinforce his caution. Helen waited, quaking, in the reception-room, losing the vantage ground of attack in the same proportion that the physician strengthened his defenses by delay. When she was finally admitted, she threw away her one chance of success by abandoning strategy for assault. "Doctor, I want you to tell me all about Philip's trouble," she began. "Why are you sending him away? and why won't he talk about what you told him?" The doctor was suave and considerate sympathy personified. "Why, my dear young lady, one would think that Philip had been ordered to Siberia! Is it so remarkable that I should have suggested a change of scene and climate?" "No, no, I suppose not; but, doctor, please tell me why you advised him to go alone."

ROYAL PHRASE-MAKING.

Fine Speeches Made by Monarchs of the Past and Present. Phrase-making two or three generations ago played an important part in French politics. Louis XVI. had a literary prompter who used to prime him with phrases and plan for him scenes such as would excite the people's admiration. "Your majesty will soon be going to the races," said this prompter one day. "You will find a notary entering the bets of two princes of the blood; when you see him, sire, make the remark: 'What is the use of this man? Ought there to be written contracts between gentlemen?' Their words should be enough."

J. R. HINDMAN, Of Adair County, Named for Clerk of the Court of Appeals by the Kentucky National Democratic Convention. LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 15.—J. R. Hindman of Adair county, was nominated Wednesday on the first ballot for clerk of the court of appeals by the Kentucky state national democratic convention. The convention adopted resolutions declaring for "a sound, stable and sufficient currency of gold and silver, interchangeable with each other at equal commercial value." Resolutions were adopted favoring a tariff for revenue only, applauding the administrative acts of Cleveland and Carlisle and denouncing free silver and mobs. The convention refused to fuse with the Republicans. The national democratic party, by Wednesday's presence in convention, and the work of that convention, evidenced its determination for a distinctive and independent existence. It is a minority party, at present pronounced by some, but it is a future. The developments of Wednesday's convention show plainly that the Kentucky democracy is hopelessly, irretrievably divided. Union of the discordant elements would seem impossible within the ken of the present generation. The convention assembled promptly, and at 2 o'clock music hall was filled. Many ladies occupied seats on the stage and in the boxes among them Mrs. W. C. P. Breckinridge and Mrs. Henry Watterson. The first of the distinguished delegates to arrive was United States Senator William Lindsay. His appearance was greeted by a burst of applause. Similar greeting was given ex-Secretary Carlisle and Mr. Henry Watterson as they entered by the stage door with a party of ladies, who took seats in the box to the right of the stage. As warm welcome was given Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge and ex-Gov. S. B. Buckner, who soon after appeared. Mr. Breckinridge was accompanied by Mrs. Breckinridge. A hand placed on the rear of the balcony played national airs. Hon. A. J. Carroll, of Louisville, secretary of the state executive committee, acting in the absence of Chairman Davis, called the convention to order. Rev. C. E. Craig, of Christ's cathedral, read a prayer from the Episcopal service. Mr. Carroll formally launched proceedings in a well-delivered and well-received five-minute speech. John W. Buchanan, of Louisville, was made secretary. Mr. Carroll introduced Hon. James C. Sims, of Warren county, the temporary chairman. Mr. Sims was received with a generous expression in the way of cheers and hand-clapping. On a call of the districts the committees were named. On Resolutions.—Henry Watterson, Louisville; W. C. P. Breckinridge, Lexington; R. T. D. Powers, Paducah; J. D. Powers, Paducah; W. H. Vest, Muhlenburg; S. H. Buckner, Hart; John M. Atherton, Jefferson; C. J. Helm, Campbell; William Lindsay, Franklin; R. T. Jacobs, Boyle; M. C. Swinfort, Harrison; D. R. Joett, Clark; H. C. Baker, Adair. The first motion was made for Col. Breckinridge. He excused himself. He said he had a present duty to perform as a member of the committee on resolutions. After that he would speak if they still desired to hear him. He felt, though, that there was not the need for him to speak that existed last year; that "Watterson was back from Europe, Carlisle was no longer secretary of the treasury, Lindsay had recovered his health, and they were all here. "The rally elicited laughter and applause. There were large calls for Watterson, Carlisle and Buckner. All except Mr. Carlisle were busy in committee work. At this point W. B. Haldeeman, as chairman of the committee on resolutions, reported the election of Hon. John G. Carlisle as permanent chairman and Mr. Ed. Pearce, of Lexington, as permanent secretary. Mr. Carlisle was escorted to the stage, and his appearance was the signal for vociferous applause. The delegates arose to their feet, and cheer after cheer was sent up as he stood, bowing and awaiting silence. When the expression of enthusiasm had exhausted its ardor Mr. Carlisle addressed the convention. Mr. Carlisle spoke impressively, and his utterance was received with an enthusiasm that broke frequently into applause. When he closed the convention again arose en masse and gave three rousing cheers in his honor, and indorsement of the Cleveland administration. United States Senator Lindsay was the next speaker, followed by Henry Watterson. A call for counties was ordered, that names of candidates might be placed before the convention. Gen. S. B. Buckner named ex-Lieut. Gov. J. B. Hindman, of Adair county. Sam Hooker, of Logan, named John G. Orendorf, of his home county. Gray Fauquier, of Fayette, presented the name of Prof. C. M. Alberti, of Lexington. Gov. S. B. Buckner, of Ashland, moved that Hindman be named by acclamation. He was ruled out of order. Prof. Alberti withdrew his name. A call of the counties was proceeded with. Hindman received nearly all the votes cast. When Logan county was reached G. Orendorf in a graceful little speech, cast the vote of his county for Hindman, and moved to make his nomination unanimous. The motion was carried with applause. Gen. Hindman was escorted to the stage by Gen. Buckner, who had placed his name before the convention, and he accepted in a speech much in the spirit of those that had gone before. Gov. Hindman is an excellent speaker. The close of Gov. Hindman's remarks the convention finally adjourned. Rev. Dr. Whitsett Will Not Resign. LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 15.—Rev. Dr. Whitsett, president Southern Baptist Theological seminary, denies that he will resign. Many rumors relative to the resignation have been published in different parts of the country. The following statement was obtained from the distinguished gentleman on his return from the south Wednesday morning: "LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 14, 1897.—I have not the remotest idea of resigning the presidency of the Southern Baptist Theological seminary. Nothing has been further from my thoughts. —WILLIAM H. WHITSETT."

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS. Extraordinary Session. WASHINGTON, July 9.—SENATE—The session of the senate Thursday was devoted to the deficiency appropriation bill being considered throughout the day. Among its provisions is one accepting the invitation of France to participate in the Paris exposition of 1900. The bill was not completed when they adjourned. During the day, Mr. Berry (Ark.) offered a resolution requesting the president to demand of Spain the release of Ona Melton, one of the Competitors prisoners. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations. HOUSE—The house Thursday sent the tariff bill to conference. Chairman Dingey (Pa.) (N. Y.), Dalzell (Pa.), Hopkins (Ill.) and Grosvenor (O.), republicans, and Bailey (Tex.), McMillan (Tenn.), and Wheeler (Ala.), democrats, were appointed conferees. The proceedings were in no wise sensational. This action was taken by means of a special order brought in from the committee on rules. The minority made no objection to it, but protested because the majority refused in advance to enter into an agreement as to the length of time to be allowed for debate when the bill is reported back by the conferees. The house spent the afternoon under the special order adopted last week listening to eulogies on the life and public services of Judge Holman. Those who paid tribute to the memory of their departed colleague who began his service in the house 40 years ago, were Messrs. Steel (Ind.), Richardson (Tenn.), Zeno (Ind.), Henderson (Ill.), Cummings (N. Y.), De Armond (Mo.), Clayton (Ill.), Sayers (Tex.), Miers (Ind.), McMillan (Tenn.), Bromwell (O.), Hunter (Ill.), Robinson (Ind.), Lanham (Tex.), Clarke (Mo.), Cox (Tenn.), Wheeler (Ala.), and Catchings (Miss.) At 5 p. m. as a further mark of respect, the house adjourned. WASHINGTON, July 10.—SENATE—The senate met Friday under the depressing influence of the death of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, who has been one of the conspicuous figures in the upper house of congress for over twenty years. The desk occupied so long was not draped, as the senate had as yet no official knowledge of his demise. Rev. Mr. Johnston, the chaplain of the senate, in his invocation referred feelingly to the loss the senate had sustained, and spoke of his rugged but honest and unswerving attachment to his political principles, his opposition to all he considered wrong, his devotion to his state and his service to the nation. After the journal had been read Senator Hale (Tenn.) made the announcement of the death of his colleague. In doing so he paid a high tribute to the memory of the distinguished dead. The senate, out of respect to the memory of the dead senator, adjourned. A committee to attend the funeral was appointed. WASHINGTON, July 13.—SENATE—A discussion of Union Pacific railroad affairs occupied the attention of the senate Monday. The deficiency appropriation bill was taken up early in the day, and Mr. Morgan proposed an amendment designed to prevent the consummation of an agreement made some time since for the settlement of the government's claims against the road. Mr. Morgan spoke throughout the day, severely arraigning the Pacific railroad managers. Late in the day the entire subject was disposed of by the withdrawal of the paragraph to which Mr. Morgan had offered his amendment. The deficiency appropriation bill was not completed up to the time of adjournment. WASHINGTON, July 14.—SENATE—The price to be paid for armor plate for the three new battleships now in course of construction was the theme of extended and a spirited debate in the senate Tuesday. Late in the day an amendment to the deficiency appropriation bill was agreed to, reducing the price of armor plate to \$300 per ton, or \$125 less than the amendment reported to the committee and recommended by the navy department as the minimum rate acceptable to the armor contractors. Another amendment inserted in the bill directs the secretary of the navy to investigate as to the establishment of a government armor factory, and to report to the next session of congress. The first vote was on an amendment limiting the cost of armor to \$300 per ton. It was carried on a viva voce vote, Mr. Hale and one or two others being the only ones to vote in the negative. Mr. Butler offered an amendment authorizing the secretary of the navy to investigate and receive propositions for the establishment of a government armor factory and report to congress at the next adjournment. An amendment was adopted to pay balance to claimants under the Spanish-American claims commission and then the deficiency bill was passed. Mr. Hale moved that the senate adjourn over Wednesday, lost on a viva voce vote. HOUSE—The house was in session about three minutes and adjourned until Wednesday. WASHINGTON, July 15.—SENATE—The senate was in a deadlock for several hours Wednesday with business at a standstill, while calls of the senate roll and other parliamentary expedients were resorted to. It was due to the effort to secure action on the resolution of Mr. Harris (Kan.), designed to prevent the disposal of the government lien on the Union Pacific railroad under the terms of a recent agreement. There were many roll calls on Mr. Harris' motion to consider the resolution, quorums appearing and disappearing and from 12 to 5 o'clock no final vote on the motion was secured. It did not go over until Thursday. Pending one of the roll calls a resolution was passed allowing the sculptor of the Sherman statue to erect a studio near the site of the statue. This afforded a text for some strictures by Mr. Morgan on the deadlock which had occurred. HOUSE—When the house resumed its session Wednesday after the adjournment, Mr. Anderson (rep. Iowa) asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a joint resolution to permit the erection of a temporary studio on the future site of the statue of Gen. Sherman, for the erection of which a contract has been made. There was no objection, and the resolution was adopted. Mr. Cannon moved non-concurrence in the senate amendments to the general deficiency bill, which came over from the senate Wednesday. The motion prevailed and Messrs. Cannon, Northway and Sayers were appointed conferees. Mr. Morris (rep. Minn.) asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution to appropriate \$10,000 of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the Mississippi flood sufferers for the relief of those who have been rendered destitute by the recent floods near Atkinson, Minn. Objection was made at 12:30 the house adjourned until Thursday. Protection for President Faure. PARIS, July 15.—In view of anarchist threats special precautions were taken for the protection of M. Faure, the president, while en route to the review Wednesday. Many suspects were arrested. The thickest near the cascade in the Bois de Boulogne, was surrounded by detectives. More than 150 other detectives mounted on bicycles were ready at various points to carry out instructions and to pursue anarchists in case any emergency should arise. Death of "Bonnie Brae" Higgins. SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 15.—H. M. Higgins, better known as "Bonnie Brae" Higgins, is dead at his home on Bonnie Brae ranch, ten miles east of this city. Thirty years ago H. M. Higgins was the most noted publisher of Chicago and the northwest. He was the author of many noted songs, chief among which were "The Old Musician and His Harp," and "Hang Up the Baby's Stocking." These two ballads attained a popularity in this country and Canada that has seldom been surpassed, and the composer realized over \$50,000 in royalties.