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OFFICE-SEEKERS AND OFFICES.

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[From the Cincinnati Enquirer.]

I met on the street to-day Mr. Wm. J. Florence, the actor. Said I: "Have you had an appointment yet?" "No; and I am afraid I won't get one now. It is my first experience in office-hunting," said Florence, "and many things about it hurt my sensibilities. Everybody has received me personally with much kindness, but I don't like the idea of dispossessing a man of a place where he is getting his bread. Everywhere I turn there is some poor fellow to be discharged if I should be appointed. Yet they say that is the only way to get an office. If it is, I am afraid I don't like the business. I would not think of giving up my profession permanently. I merely thought I would like to hold a position under the Government in some foreign country for about a year, that I might inform myself in public affairs, get a little of the tone of a diplomatist, and do myself a little additional credit as an actor. But it is pretty hard to gratify a desire like that at the expense of some fellow who wants the place much more than you did." "Did you see the president?" I said.

"Yes, and found him perfectly affable. He talked about my appointment generally with interest; but the trouble seems to be to get anybody out so as to let me in. I do not understand that there is any objection to me, but somebody's man is everywhere that I enquire about. The President said to me that he had not asked a single appointment from his own Administration on the ground of personal friendship, and that the Secretary of State has made only one or two appointments from the list of his friends. This Senator and that Senator, this State and that State, this section of the party and that faction, all claim a certain share of the President's patronage, and he remarked that there were 60,000 politicians expecting office, and only 6,000 offices to bestow among them all. While I was talking to the President he said: 'Now look at this man coming. It is John W. Francis, backed by the whole State of New York for the mission to Austria. Every politician or political influence of the State supports him, and he only gets the place of Charge d'Affaires in Portugal, a sort of temporary thing, and is glad to get that.'

Don't For Husbands.

Don't think, when you have won a wife, that you have also won a slave. Don't think that your wife has less feelings than your sweetheart. Her relationship to you is simply changed, not her nature.

Don't think that you can dispense with all the civilities of life toward her you married. She appreciates those courtesies quite as much as other women do.

Don't be gruff and rude at home. Had you been that sort of a fellow before marriage, the probabilities are you would be sewing on your own buttons yet.

Don't make your wife feel that she is an incumbrance on you by giving grudgingly. What she needs give cheerfully, as if it was a pleasure to do so. She will feel better and so will you.

Don't find fault with her extravagance in ribbons, etc., until you have shut down on cigars, tobacco, whisky, etc.

Don't leave your wife at home to nurse the children on the score of economy while you bolt down town at night to see the show or spend a dollar on billiards.

Don't eat your supper in a hurry and go off to spend the evenings, lounging around away from your wife. Before marriage you couldn't spend evenings enough with her. And if you are a good and kind husband, she'll enjoy your company quite as well as she did before marriage.

Don't expect your wife to honor and love you if you prove a man unworthy of love and honor.

Don't cuss your wife in public and snarl and growl at her in private. This proves you a hypocrite.

Don't wonder that your wife is not as cheerful as she used to be, when she labors from early morn till late at night for the comfort of a husband who does not appreciate her. Always remember that the best telegraphing is flashing a ray of sunshine into a yearning heart.

Don't, if your wife has faults, be constantly reminding her of them, while you have never a word of commendation for her virtues. If she did that with you, you would be as mad as a hornet.

Don't expect your wife to have no failings. Not to have is not to be human; and, besides, you were mar-

rying a lady when you married her, and she married a gentleman. Don't ever forget that if you both live as you should, that you will always be respected as genteel persons. Don't forget to be gentle with thy wife.

Be gentle, for you little know
How many trials rise;
Although to thee they may be small,
To her of giant size.
Be gentle; perfect there are none;
Thou'rt dearer far than life;
Then, husband, bear and still forbear;
Be gentle to thy wife.

SENATOR DON CAMERON,

Republican "Boss" of Pennsylvania.

James Donald Cameron was born in Middletown, Pennsylvania, in 1833, graduated at Princeton College, and began life as clerk in the Middletown Bank, where he rose to the position of cashier. He learned railroading by engaging in the transportation of troops and supplies, and in 1866 became President of the Northern Central Railroad, now a part of the Pennsylvania Central. President Grant made him Secretary of War, May 22, 1876, and he served till March 3, 1877. When he left the office of Secretary, his father, Hon. Simon Cameron, who was growing old, resigned his seat in the U. S. Senate, and instructed the Legislature of Pennsylvania to elect Don. It did so. The young "Boss" was re-elected in 1878, and on the death of Chandler, in 1879, he succeeded him as Chairman of the National Republican Committee. It is now a matter of history that if the other third-termers of that committee had sustained his position at the Chicago Convention, when he claimed that by precedent he had the right of naming the temporary chairman, Grant would have been nominated instead of Garfield.

There have been repeated unsuccessful revolts against the Cameron rule, in Pennsylvania. There, as elsewhere, the machine is credited with the corruption of the public service, but the Camerons have never been personally tainted. Cameron is a man of keen foresight, unflinching determination, and of great executive ability. He concedes when concession will win; he defies when defiance is victory. He triumphed last year over an independent ticket that polled 50,000 votes. It is thought that he has a heavier contract on his hands this year, and consequently the eyes of the country are upon him. Mr. Cameron has been married twice. His second wife is a beautiful daughter of the late Judge Sherman, of Cleveland, and a niece of the Senator and General. By his first wife he has a daughter older than his second helpmate. It was thought at one time that his connection with the Sher-mans would disturb his loyalty to Grant, but the ties of relationship rest lightly upon him, as he has repeatedly wrecked the political fortunes of the ex-Attorney General MacVeagh, who is his brother-in-law.

HERE AND THERE.

Among many signs of changed tendencies at St. Petersburg is the recent decision to stop the publication of the letters and papers of Peter the Great.

Humboldt told Sir John Bowring that all the dahlias of Europe are descendants of a few seeds that he had gathered in Mexico and sent in a letter to Lady Holland.

The Marquisate of Hertford, from having been almost the richest, is now almost the poorest of English Marquisates, three-fourths of the estate on Thackeray's Lord Steyne having passed by will to Sir Richard Wallace.

Mr. Robert Browning completed his seventieth year on Sunday, May 7, and to commemorate the event some friends of the poet presented to him a set of his works, handsomely bound, and enclosed in an oak case emblematically carved.

A Boston widow married an English clergyman, a few years ago, and gave him outright half her fortune of \$500,000. He at once retired from the ministry, became a drunken spendthrift and gambler, and abused his wife so much that she has sued for a divorce.

The Western Missouri town of Liberal is zealously anti-Christian. Believers in Christianity cannot buy land there, and are excluded from residence as far as possible. The founder is an atheistic lawyer named Walser, and he has gathered a population of about 300 infidels, who, however, differ widely in their own theories.

Earl Grey, the reform bill agitator, vehemently opposed the Irish union. His last eminently prophetic words were: "Though you carry the measure, yet the people of Ireland will wait for an opportunity to recover their rights, which, they will say, were taken from them by force."

Three peers voted against the measure—Grey, Derby and King.

A woman refused to pay a Boston photographer for a dozen pictures of herself on the ground that they did not do justice to her face. He sued, and in the trial the woman and the photographs were submitted to the jury. She was dressed carefully, her hair was arranged in the most becoming manner, and she put on her pleasantest expression; yet the verdict was that the portraits were accurate.

A miserly farmer of Litchfield, Mass., has been buying broken-down horses every spring, working them hard all summer and killing them in the fall. As he paid hardly anything for the beasts, and avoided the cost of wintering, the plan proved profitable, until a Bergh society had him heavily fined.

The fittings of the magnificent stables which were built in Paris during the reign of the late Emperor Napoleon were sold at the Louvre in Paris a few days ago, and the stables themselves have been converted into storehouses for the statues and marbles for which room cannot be found in the Louvre.

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