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CHARTER
OF UNION LAND COMPANY.

United States of America, State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Be it known, that on this 2nd day of the month of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-eighth, before me, Scott E. Beer, a notary public in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, aforesaid, therein residing, duly commissioned, sworn and qualified, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared: the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who severally declared that availing themselves of the laws of the state of Louisiana in such cases made and provided, they have covenanted and agreed and do by these presents covenant and agree and bind themselves, as well as all such persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the articles and stipulations following, to-wit:

Article I.—The name of this corporation shall be "Union Land Company," and under its corporate name it shall have power and authority to have and enjoy corporate existence and succession for the full term and period of ninety-nine years from and after the date hereof; to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to alter and break at pleasure; to hold, receive, lease, purchase and convey, as well as mortgage and hypothecate, property, real, personal and mixed, corporeal and incorporeal; to name and appoint such managers, agents, directors and officers as its business, interest and convenience may require, and to make and establish, as well as alter and amend, from time to time, such by-laws, rules and regulations for the proper government of the affairs of said corporation as may be necessary and proper.

Article II.—The domicile of said corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana, and all citations or other legal process shall be served upon the president of said corporation, or in the event of his absence, upon the vice-president thereof, and in the absence of both of said officers, upon the secretary of said corporation.

Article III.—The objects and purposes of this corporation are hereby declared to be to acquire, own and operate plantations and other real estate, cotton gins and cotton seed oil mills, situated in the state of Louisiana; and generally to exercise all other powers incident and pertinent to the powers hereinabove set forth.

Article IV.—The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00), divided into and represented by thirty (30) shares of stock of the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each. Said stock shall be paid for in cash at such time, in such amounts and after such notice to the subscribers as may be fixed by the board of directors, or the same may be issued at not less than par for labor done, or money or property actually received by the corporation.

Said corporation shall become a going concern and be authorized to do business as soon as the entire amount of its capital stock shall have been subscribed and paid for in cash.

Article V.—All the corporate powers of said corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors to be composed of three stockholders, to be elected annually on the second Monday in October, in each year, except the first board appointed in this charter, who shall hold their offices until the second Monday in October, 1914.

All such elections shall be held by ballot and conducted at the office of said corporation, under the supervision of three commissioners to be appointed by the board of directors.

Notice of such election shall be given by the secretary of the company by publication for not less than ten days prior thereto in a newspaper published in the city of New Orleans.

At all such elections and at all corporate meetings, every stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock standing in his name on the books of the company, to be cast in person or by his written proxy, and a majority of the votes cast shall elect.

Any vacancy occurring among the directors by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term by the remaining directors.

A failure to elect directors on the date above specified shall not dissolve the corporation, nor impair its corporate management, but the directors then in office shall remain in office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Two directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

The board of directors shall elect from their own number a president and vice-president. They shall also elect a secretary who may or may not be a member of the board. They may, from time to time, name and appoint all such other officers and agents as may be deemed necessary for the purpose and business of the corporation. They shall have power to fix and define the duties of every officer and employe, and all officers and employes shall hold office and employment at the pleasure of the board. The board may make and establish, as well as alter and amend, any and all by-laws, rules and regulations necessary and proper in its judgment for the conduct, support and management of the business and affairs of said corporation.

The board shall have full power and authority to borrow money, to execute mortgages and to create liens; to issue bonds, notes, and other obligations, and generally to do all things reasonable, convenient and necessary for the proper carrying on of the business of the corporation. It is authorized to acknowledge the rights of those with whom it will transact business. It is authorized to acknowledge all privileges; vendors privileges and others.

The board may issue full-paid shares of stock for cash, or in payment of labor done or property actually received by said corporation.

Each director shall have authority to appoint in writing a proxy to represent him at all meetings of the board.

Article VI.—Whenever this corporation may be dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three commissioners, to be appointed from amongst the stockholders at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, of which meeting notice shall be given in the manner and time provided for stockholders' meetings by Article VII of this charter, and a majority in amount of the capital stock of said company represented at such meeting shall be requisite to elect. Said commissioners shall remain in office until the affairs of said corporation shall have been fully liquidated. In case of death of one or more of said commissioners the vacancy shall be filled by election by the surviving commissioners.

Article VII.—This act of incorporation may be modified, changed or altered, or said corporation may be dissolved with the assent of three-fourths of the capital stock represented at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for such purpose, and after notice shall have been given in one or more newspapers published in the city of New Orleans, once a week for four weeks preceding the meeting and by a written notice to each stockholder mailed to him thirty days prior to the date of meeting, at the post office address designated by him in writing.

Any change proposed or made in reference to the capital stock shall be made in accordance with the laws of the state of Louisiana on the subject of altering the capital stock of corporations.

Article VIII.—No stockholder shall ever be held liable for the contracts, debts or faults of said corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due the corporation on the shares of stock owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or of exposing a stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid amount remaining due on his stock.

Article IX.—Chas. H. Gans, Silas I. Hyman and S. L. Hiller have been chosen and selected as the first board of directors of this corporation, with Chas. H. Gans as president, Silas I. Hyman as vice-president, and S. L. Hiller as secretary, to serve as such until the second Monday in October, 1914, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.

The subscribers hereto have respectively written opposite their names the amount of stock in this corporation subscribed for by each of them, so that this act of incorporation may tiso serve as the original subscription list of said corporation.

Thus done and passed at my office in the city of New Orleans, in the presence of Messrs. E. M. Robbert and C. W. McDonnell, competent witnesses, of lawful age, both of this city, who hereunto sign their names with the said appearers and me, notary, on the day and date aforesaid, after due reading of the whole.

Signed: Silas I. Hyman, 10 shares; Chas. H. Gans, 10 shares; S. L. Hiller, 10 shares. Witnesses: E. M. Robbert, C. W. McDonnell.

SCOTT E. BEER, Not. Pub.

I, the undersigned recorder of mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of "Union Land Company" was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1088, folio —.

New Orleans, La., Argust 4, 1913.

EMILE J. LEONARD, D. R.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans.

I, the undersigned authority, certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original act of incorporation of record in my current notarial records, with the names of the subscribers thereto, and the certificate of the recorder of mortgages thereon.

In faith whereof I hereunto sign my name and affix my seal this 4th day of August, 1913.

SCOTT E. BEER, Not. Pub.

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CHARTER
OF THE AXLELESS WHEEL MNFG. CO., LTD.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ORLEANS, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

Be it known, that on this first day of the month of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-eighth; before me, Gustave A. Llambias, a notary public, duly commissioned, sworn and qualified in and for the parish of Orleans, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared; the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, all of them of full age of majority, who declared that, availing themselves of the provisions of the laws of this state relative to the organization of corporations, they have covenanted and agreed ,and do, by these presents, covenant and agree, and bind themselves, as well as such other persons as may hereafter become associated with them, to form and constitute a corporation and body politic in law, for the objects and purposes and under the clauses, stipulations and articles hereinafter set forth and expressed, which they hereby accept and adopt as their act of incorporation, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.—The name and title of this corporation shall be "THE AXLELESS WHEEL MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED," and it shall exist and continue for a term of ninety-nine years from the date hereof. It shall have its domicile in the city of New Orleans. The president of this corporation, or in his absence the vice-president, shall be the proper person upon whom citations and other legal process shall be served.

ARTICLE II.—The objects and purposes for which this corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be: to manufacture and sell wheels of any and all descriptions whatsoever, and to that end appoint agents and salesmen; to purchase, sell or lease real estate and to purchase, sell or lease machinery for the purposes of manufacturing said wheels; to purchase, sell or lease, on royalty or otherwise, all patents or patent rights, and particularly all patents used in and useful to the manufacture of said wheels; and generally to do any and all things deemed advisable by the board of directors in connection with the business and for the interest and advantage of the corporation.

ARTICLE III.—This corporation shall have the power and authority, under its corporate name, to contract, sue and be sued, to make and use a corporate seal, and the same to break and alter at pleasure; to receive, accept, purchase, lease, hypothecate, mortgage, pledge, convey and exchange, or otherwise acquire or dispose of, property, both real and personal; to borrow money and loan same, to give security and receive same therefor, to issue bonds and notes, to name and appoint such officers, agents, clerks and managers as necessary, to make and establish such bylaws, and regulations, as may be deemed proper and the same to amend and alter at pleasure.

ARTICLE IV.—The capital stock of this corporation is hereby fixed at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($250,000.00), divided into ten thousand shares (10,000) of the par value of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) per share. Said stock shall be payable in cash or its equivalent, and shall be paid at such time and in such installments as the board of directors may determine. The corporation shall be a going concern as soon as five thousand dollars ($5,000.00) shall have been subscribed.

All transfers of stock of this corporation shall be made on the books of the corporation at its domicile in the city of New Orleans.

ARTICLE V.—All the corporate powers of this corporation shall be vested in a board of directors consisting of five members, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business, and their acts shall be valid and corporate acts.

The first board of directors and officers shall remain in office for the term of two years. After the expiration of said term all future boards shall be elected annually on the first Monday of August of each year; and they shall continue in office for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

The election of directors shall be held at the home of the corporation, under the supervision of two commissioners appointed by the board of directors. Twenty days' notice of such election shall be given to each stockholder, by the secretary, by letter addressed to and mailed to such stockholders at their usual post office address. All elections shall be by ballot; a majority of the votes cast shall elect. One vote shall be allowed for each share represented by the holder in person or by proxy.

Any vacancy occurring in said board of directors from any cause shall be filled by the remaining directors for the unexpired term. Failure to hold election shall not dissolve the corporation. Each board of directors shall have the power to fix the compensation of all officers and managers and clerks and agents, and shall have the power to suspend or discharge, any officer, manager, clerk or agent, for neglect of duty or misconduct.

Any director may, in writing, appoint and at his pleasure revoke, a proxy to act for and represent him in his absence at the meetings of the board of directors, and such proxies shall exercise all the powers and privileges of their constituents; provided that the persons so appointed must be stockholders.

The board of directors, with the exception of the first board, shall at their first meeting in each year, elect out of their number a president and manager, a vice-president and a secretary and treasurer.

The following named persons are to compose the first board of directors, and they shall hold office until the first Monday in August, 1915, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified: Charles W. Nichols, Henry P. Meyers, Victor E. H. Robin, Paul F. Chanute and Dr. Charles V. Kraft, with Charles W. Nichols as president and manager; Henry P. Meyers, vice-president, and Victor E. H. Robin, secretary and treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.—Whenever this corporation is dissolved, either by limitation or from any other cause, its affairs shall be liquidated by three (3) commissioners to be appointed for that purpose from among the stockholders of said corporation, at a general meeting held for that purpose, after thirty (30) days' prior notice given in the same manner as above provided for the election of directors, and on the assent of the majority in amount of stock. The said commissioners shall remain in charge of the affairs of the said corporation until fully liquidated. Any vacancy among said liquidators shall be filled by the remaining liquidators, who shall continue to act during the said vacancy.

ARTICLE VII.—This act of incorporation may be changed, altered or amended, or the corporation dissolved, by a vote of three-fourths (¾) in amount of the stockholders, at a general meeting convened for that purpose, after thirty (30) days' prior notice of said meeting shall have been given to all the stockholders, as above provided for.

ARTICLE VIII.—No stockholder shall ever be held liable or responsible for the contracts or faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance due on the shares of stock subscribed by him or owned by him; nor shall any informality in the organization have the effect of rendering this charter null, or subjecting any stockholder to any liability beyond the amount of his subscription to the stock.

Done and passed in my office, at New Orleans, the day, month and year first above written, in presence of Messrs. Delvaille H. Theard and Frederick Leland, competent witnesses, who have signed with the appearers and me, notary, after due reading.

(Original signed): C. W. Nichols, H. P. Meyers, Dr. Charles V. Kraft, P. F. Chanute, Victor E. H. Robin. Delvaille H. Theard, Frederick Leland.

GUS. A. LLAMBIAS, *Not. Pub.*

I, the undersigned, recorder of mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the Axleless Wheel Manufacturing Company, Limited, was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1088, folio 714.

New Orleans, August 2, 1913.

(Signed) EMILE J. LEONARD, D. R.

A true copy:

GUS. A. LLAMBIAS,

(Seal) *Not. Pub.*

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CHARTER
OF SANITARY CARPET CLEANING CO.

State of Louisiana, Parish of Orleans, City of New Orleans.

Know all men by these presents, that on this 31st day of the month of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, before me, Mark Mayo Boatner, a notary public, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the city of New Orleans, parish and state aforesaid, and in the presence of the witnesses hereinafter named and undersigned, personally came and appeared the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, who declared that availing themselves of the laws of the state of Louisiana in such cases made and provided, they have covenanted and agreed and do hereby mutually covenant and agree for themselves, their successors and those who may hereafter become associated with them, to form a corporation for the objects and purposes and under the conditions and stipulations contained in the following charter, to-wit:

Article I.—The name and style of this corporation shall be: Sanitary Carpet Cleaning Company, and it shall have corporate existence for the term of ninety-nine years from the date hereof, unless sooner dissolved, under the provisions of this charter; it shall have power to sue and be sued, under its said corporate name; to make and use a corporate seal and to alter same; to hold, receive, purchase, lease and otherwise acquire, by any title whatsoever, property of all sorts; to lease, sell, mortgage, pledge or otherwise convey and encumber the same; to borrow money, to name and appoint such managers and directors and other officers and such agents and employees as its interests or convenience may require; from time to time to make, establish and amend such by-laws, rules and regulations for the management of the affairs of the corporation as may be necessary or convenient and generally to have and exercise all such other and further rights and privileges not inconsistent with this charter as are now or may hereafter be conferred on like corporations by the state of Louisiana, or any other state, territory or country in which it may do business.

Article II.—The domicile of this corporation shall be in the city of New Orleans, state of Louisiana. The president, or in his absence or in case of his disability, the vice-president is hereby designated as the officer on whom citation and other legal process shall be served.

Article III.—The objects and purposes of this corporation and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are hereby declared to be as follows: To carry on the business of manufacturing and making carpets, rugs, curtains and other similar articles, and cleaning, repairing, renovating and storing same and the cleaning of ships, cars, houses and other structures.

Article IV.—The capital stock of this corporation shall be the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00), divided into two hundred and fifty (250) shares of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each; the same shall be paid for in cash on the acceptance of subscriptions therefor, or in such installments, payable at such times as the board of directors hereinafter established may from time to time prescribe, or same may be issued by authority of the said board of directors in payment for property or for labor or services actually performed for it.

2. This corporation shall begin business and become a going concern as soon as three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) of its capital stock shall have been subscribed.

3. That portion of the authorized capital stock of this corporation which shall not be subscribed for by the original incorporators shall be held in the treasury for the corporation until the issue thereof shall be authorized by the board of directors and in that event, existing stockholders shall have the right to subscribe for and take such stock in proportion in which they at that time hold the issued stock of the corporation, provided, however, that the board of directors may reserve out of said unissued treasury stock not more than two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) in par value, to be subscribed for by Thomas D. Sadler and to be paid for by the said Thomas D. Sadler on such terms and conditions as the said board may prescribe.

Article V.—All the powers of this corporation shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors, composed of three stockholders, who shall hold their offices for the term of one year or until their successors are elected.

2. The election of directors shall take place annually on the second Monday of January. Such elections and all other elections under this charter shall be by ballot. The same shall be held at the domicile of the corporation and in its head office, under the supervision of a commissioner appointed by the board of directors. Notice of such elections shall be sent to each person who appears by the books to be a stockholder, by mail, at his last known address, the same to be posted, charges prepaid, at least ten days before the election and no other or further notification therefor need be given. If the address of any stockholder be not known, it shall be sufficient to deposit the notice in the post office, addressed "General Delivery New Orleans, La."

3. Any vacancy occurring among the directors or officers shall be filled up by the board of directors for the remainder of the term then running. Failure to elect directors on the day above appointed shall not dissolve the board of directors nor the corporation, but the directors and other officers theretofore elected shall remain in office until their successors shall be elected.

4. The first board of directors shall be composed of Clarence O. Sherrill, Thomas D. Sadler and Stella H. Sadler, of whom Thomas D. Sadler shall be president, Stella H. Sadler, vice-president and Thomas D. Sadler, secretary-treasurer, and they shall hold office until the annual meeting of 1914 or until their successors shall be elected. The board shall elect one of their number to be general manager of the corporation. The term of said officeds shall be the same as that of the board electing them and their powers and duties shall be such as are appropriate to their several offices or such as may be prescribed by the by-laws or resolutions of the board. Provided, that at any meeting of the stockholders, the stockholders by a vote of at least a majority of all the outstanding stock may recall said board and officers and replace them by others then elected.

5. The said board shall have plenary power to make and from time to time amend by-laws, rules and regulations for the conduct of the affairs of the corporation and generally to have all such powers as may be reasonably necessary or convenient for the transaction of the business of the corporation and for effecting the objects and purposes of the same.

Article VI.—A stockholder or stockholders owning at least ten shares of stock shall have the right to call a special meeting of stockholders at any time on giving notice thereof as provided in Article V, but no business shall be transacted at such meeting except such as may be indicated in said notice.

Article VII.—This charter may be amended or the said corporation dissolved, at any time, with the assent of three-fourths of the captial stock thereof, represented at a general meeting of the stockholders, convened after notiec thereof, given as prescribed in Article V and stating the purpose of said meeting.

2. The capital stock of this corporation may be increased or decreased in accordance with the laws of the state now in effect or which may hereafter be enacted.

Article VIII.—Whenever this corporation shall be dissolved either by limitation or otherwise, its affairs shall be liquidated and wound up by three commissioners who shall be elected from among the stockholders at a general meeting convened for that purpose, notice of which shall be given as provided in Article V. Any vacancy among them shall be filled up by the survivors or survivor.

Article IX.—No stockholders shall ever be held liable or responsible for the debts and faults of this corporation in any further sum than the unpaid balance, if any, due by him to the corporation on the shares of the stock owned by him, nor shall any mere informality in organization have the effect of rendering this charter null or of exposing any stockholder to any liability beyond the unpaid balance remaining due on his stock.

Article X.—The said appearers hereby declare that in order to organize this corporation and to serve and stand as the original subscription list thereof, they do each of them severally subscribe for the number of shares of the capital stock thereof written by their hands after their respective names.

In faith whereof, the said appearers have hereunto set their hands, with me, said notary, and George E. Lods and Irene G. Pendergast, competent witnesses, here residing, at my notarial office in the city of New Orleans, on the day, month and year herein first above written, after reading of the whole.

(Names of Signers.)

Witnesses: George E. Lods, Irene G. Pendergast.

M. M. BOATNER, Notary Public.

I, the undersigned recorder of mortgages in and for the parish of Orleans, state of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing act of incorporation of the Sanitary Carpet Cleaning Company was this day duly recorded in my office, in book 1088, folio 710. New Orleans, La., Aug. 1, 1913.

EMILE J. LEONARD, D. R.

A true copy of the original act:

M. M. BOATNER, Notary Public.

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Crater Lake.

Crater lake, National park, is situated on the summit of the Cascade range in south central Oregon. It has an area of 159,360 acres and is located in the midst of a beautiful mountain country, the principal attraction being Crater lake, a body of water having an area of twenty and one quarter square miles (water surface), which is situated in the caldera of an extinct volcano. The lake is surrounded by unbroken cliffs which range from 500 to nearly 2,000 feet in height. The coloring of the water and of the surrounding cliffs presents some of the most striking pictures seen in the western mountain country.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

We ought not to look back unless it is to derive some useful lessons from past errors and for the purpose of profiting by dear bought experience.—Washington.

She Learned to Keep a Bank Account

By OSCAR COX

"My dear," said Robert Read, "what is this nonsense about your joining the suffragists?"

"Why, it's no nonsense at all, Bob. I've joined."

"Will you kindly tell me your object?"

"Well, you see, there are lots of women who own property, and they are interested in making the laws that govern that property. They should have a voice in electing the right officials."

"But you have no property?"

"Haven't I a husband who has? And mayn't he die and leave it to me?"

Mr. Read found this argument too much for him. He thought awhile.

"What you have said," he remarked later, reminds me that, I being liable to die before you do, you will need some knowledge of taking care of property. I think I had better give you some instructions in that direction, else a vote will do you no good, for you won't know enough to use it."

"No fear of that. However, I am ready to be instructed."

"I shall begin with teaching you to keep a bank account. Ever since I went away and left orders with the bank to honor your checks and you forged my name I have felt that you should know more about such matters."

"That was very stupid, wasn't it?"

"I should say so."

A few days later the husband gave his wife a check book, a pass book and a check for a hundred dollars, explaining what each book was for, and told her that she was to deposit the check in the bank. He also told her how to enter each deposit in her check book and subtract each check from her total deposits so that her balance would be always before her. He wrote "For deposit" on the check and told her to sign her name under it, explaining that the words were to indicate the purpose for which it was indorsed and that it was not to be paid to any one. Then he made out her deposit ticket for her, put it with the check in the pass book, and the lesson was ended.

A few days later he came home and found his wife in tears.

"What is it, sweetheart?" he asked anxiously.

"I dare not tell you!" she moaned.

"Anything happen to the children?"

"No."

"Don't keep me in suspense."

"I've lost the hundred dollars you gave me for the bank."

"Why, I didn't understand that you were going to draw it."

"I didn't put it in."

"Oh, well, if you've only lost the check it doesn't matter."

"I haven't lost it." Fresh tears started.

"Well, what became of it?"

"I was cleaning out my desk and burning the old papers in it. I threw a lot of things into a wastebasket and dumped them into the kitchen range. The check and the little book it was in are all burned up."

She sobbed as though her heart would break.

Her husband looked at her pityingly, a smile of hopelessness on his lips. She thought the check was destructible, like a bank bill.

He kissed away her tears, explained how he would give her another check in place of the one she had burned and gave her another lesson on the subject. She was sure she understood him perfectly. The lessons were continued for many months, and Mr. Read became convinced that his wife had learned all about banking. At any rate, she made deposits and drew checks as well as anybody.

Then one day when Mr. Read went into the bank he was called in to the office of the cashier, who gave an "ahem" and said:

"Your wife, who has an account with us, needs some explanation of banking methods."

"What's she been doing?"

"Nothing of any importance; nothing wrong. It is simply a matter of ignorance of banking. We notified her a few days ago that her account was overdrawn, and she sent us her check on our own bank to cover the deficiency."

"Humph!" grunted Mr. Read. "How much is it?"

"Two hundred and forty dollars."

Mr. Read drew a check for the amount and when he went home in the evening kissed his wife as usual and began reading the evening paper.

"Anything new in town today, dear?" asked Mrs. Read.

"Yes; it is reported that a new banking law has passed congress."

"Indeed! What are its main features?"

"It will make paying an overdraft with a check of the person overdrawing, drawn on the bank where the overdraft has occurred, illegal. You can't do that any more."

"Isn't it fortunate that I paid up before the law was passed?"

"Very. If you're tired of the trouble of keeping your account suppose you put yours in with mine."

"I think I will. You know I only did it to learn how, and, now that I have learned, I don't need to bother with it any more."

"Just so. Let's go down to dinner."

"Bob," she said a few days later, "I've been thinking that if you should die before me how nice it will be now that I've learned business and will be able to take care of my own affairs."

"You won't need another husband, will you?"

She looked at him reproachfully.

One For the Lawyer.

A lawyer the other day in a London police court was cross examining a woman who was evidently a match for any man while her husband, obviously the weaker vessel, sat sheepishly listening. The lawyer was pressing a question urgently when she indignantly remarked:

"You needn't think to catch me. You tried that once before."

"Madam," replied the counsel, "I haven't the least desire to catch you, and your husband looks as if he was sorry he did."

Uncommon Candor.

Father—Do you think you can support my daughter in the manner to which she has been accustomed?

Suitor—I think I can, sir.

Father—Then you can't have her. She's never had anything in her life.

Cautious.

De Quoter—Opportunity knocks once at every man't door.

McFact—Opportunity will have to ring my bell. I don't answer knocks.—Chicago News.

Merest Trifle.

"Oh, how do you do, dear? I haven't seen you for some time. What's new?"

"Nothing special, only my husband."—Fliegende Blatter.

Feathered Aid.

"How's your garden coming out?"

"Thanks to the neighbors' chickens it's coming out faster than I can plant it."—Pittsburgh Press.

Posted.

Schoolteacher—Can you tell me the kind of illumination they had on the ark?

Little Willie—Arc lights.—Boston Globe.

A Marriage of Convenience.

Mrs. Askit—Is Van Velvet charitable?

Mr. Tellit—Is he! Why, he got married just to satisfy his creditors.

Had a Way of His Own.

"Well, Harry," asked the visitor playfully, "what are you doing for a living now?"

"Why," replied the little fellow solemnly, "I do just the same as you do—I eat."—Chicago News.

Making Sure of Him.

Young Doctor's Wife—Oh, Jack, just fancy—there's a patient in the sitting room.

"All right, dear; I won't be a moment. Just run and lock him in."—Life.

Imitating the Ostrich

By ELLIOTT SMITH

One crisp October day a young man alighted from a train in a quiet village. During the summer he had met at a country resort a Miss Mathews, with whom he had dawdled about, boating, fishing, swimming, dancing—in short, doing those things which, when done in company with a pretty girl, generate love almost as surely as a dynamo will generate electricity.

During the period that they were together another young man named Dargan had come from the city, evidently for the purpose of being with the girl, for he immediately proceeded to monopolize her. Since he showed plainly that he was a suitor the young man of the first part, Emery, who had no more idea of marrying a wife than he had of establishing a bank, dropped out in his favor, leaving the young lady free to accept his attentions. After several days passed in company with her Mr. Dargan left the resort, and Miss Mathews was again unabsorbed. Mr. Emery slowly drifted back to his former status.

There is no position more capable of exciting a man's self contempt than to occupy the time and attention of a young lady whom he has no thought of marrying. But let him once realize that he doesn't wish any one else to marry her and he cannot but consider himself a veritable dog in the manger. Such was the position occupied by Mr. Emery when he recommenced spending his time in Miss Mathews' company.

As he afterward said, he was like the ostrich that hides its head in the sand to avoid being observed. Yet he was observed not only by others, but by himself.

When Mr. Emery left the resort and Miss Mathews' society he had made a step in advance. He knew that he would rather be hanged for Mr. Dargan's murder than that the said Dargan should marry Miss Mathews. But why? Did he want her himself? Surely he had not gone on his outing with the intention of becoming engaged? It was not feasible that he should become engaged. He had but $3,000 a year, and that was not sufficient to meet his own personal requirements. He did not know what Miss Mathews had and didn't care. Matrimony was with him out of the question anyway.

Some five or six weeks after the parting he was weak enough to go to the place where Miss Mathews lived. He went there to see her, but why he did not know. He had no more intention of entering the lists with Dargan—or any one else, for that matter—than he had gone away in the summer to marry a wife. He had written her that he would be in the vicinity of her home and would make a stop for the purpose of "renewing an acquaintance so pleasantly formed during the summer." He would call on a certain afternoon.

Why will persons say things they don't mean, knowing that those to whom they say them know they mean something else?

In what occurred during that visit I don't charge Miss Mathews with having purposely brought it about. Nevertheless if she did she had a perfect right to do so. When Emery called on her that afternoon he was ushered by a maid into a cozy library, where stood a lady's writing desk on which Miss Mathews wrote her letters, and he had no sooner entered than he saw a letter ready for the post lying where it had been written. He could not well help seeing the superscription.

The epistle was addressed to Dargan.

Was it one of a correspondence? Was it an acceptance? Was it a rejection? That was for him to find out.

When Miss Mathews came in—tastefully arrayed, of course—she expressed herself "much pleased to meet again a summer acquaintance."

A summer acquaintance—that was true, but it was galling. He had said that he was pleased "to renew an acquaintance," etc. That, he knew, was all folderol, but the same thing coming from Miss Mathews was very different. It was depressing, saddening. Indeed, it was worse than a dozen funeral bells all tolling at once.

Miss Mathews' eyes fell on the letter on the desk. She started. Emery didn't start, but there was a sudden whirlwind of feeling within him which coagulated with a purpose. He plunged into the Rubicon.

Nevertheless he plunged so quietly that the net was not perceptible. He asked Miss Mathews whether she would go back to the same resort next year, and she said she didn't know; she hadn't thought much about it. Then he remarked that he thought he should spend his vacation next season in the autumn since he proposed to hunt. Both were talking about one thing and thinking about another—the letter on the desk. There was a pause in the conversation. Both looked up from the letter at the same moment, and their eyes met. Emery reached for it and tore it into little bits.

"You had no right to do that," said the girl.

"I'll write another."

Taking up pen and paper, he wrote on it: "I have to announce to you my engagement to Mr. Emery, whom I met last summer in the country." Holding it up before her, he asked if she would put it in her own handwriting and mail it.

"Yes," she said, and that is the end of the story, except that she afterward told him she had refused Dargan before he left her at the summer resort.

Her Generosity.

He—I wish that you were poor, so you would be willing to marry me.

She—Evidently I am far more generous than you. I wish you were rich, so that I might be willing to marry you.—Exchange.

Attractive.

Rival—What a color Miss Smythe has tonight. I wonder if she paints.

Adorer (turning wistful eyes toward the central figure of an admiring circle)—I don't know. She certainly draws well.