

Berlin Took To Roller Skates and the Streets and Boulevards At the Same Time



OUT FOR PLEASURE IN A PARK

TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

An Undercurrent Of Wall Street

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(By George Middleton Bayne.)

Beverly Croxton, gentleman, stock broker and speculator, stood at the window of his private office on Wall street, tearing into bits fragments of stock ticker tape.

Wretched Lady Now Restored Mrs. Boggs Tells All About Her Years of Wretched Health and How She Was Restored by Cardui.

Nobo, Mo.—"I am almost unable to describe what used to be my feelings," writes Mrs. Sarah Boggs, of this place.

Things In the Shops Worth Knowing About

Try a can of that large, white, select asparagus Jackson is selling for 20 cents.

am sure you have it to spare out of what I sent you. Act at once, or it will be too late. Yours, "C. C."

Croxton saw at once that the handwriting and initials were the same as those of the note which had brought the draft.

He turned uneasily in his chair, and said, "Well, but I don't understand."

"What is your brother's name?" he asked, in the same quiet tones.

"Charles,"

He took up his private check book and drawing a check for one thousand dollars rang for his cashier, and said: "Get this cashed at once, Mr. Johns, and wire the entire thousand."

"Thanked Mr. Croxton," he said, and raised his hand to silence her, and continued, "to Charles Croxton, Esq., Little Falls, Wyoming."

The girl sank on her knees by the desk and broke into tears. Presumably Mr. Croxton took from his desk the letter which had brought the draft, and said, "Is that your brother's writing?"

"I should be surprised if you did. But your name, what is it?"

Parks Filled With Thousands Who Skate for Fun and Skate to Business.

Young Folks in German Capital Infatuated With New Form of Exercise.

When the United States had roller skating fever this poor old country went the limit. There were no stages of the complaint which were omitted.

It was not confined to indoor rinks, as is the case in the United States, except among the very young. The parks and many of the streets in Berlin are as well adapted to roller skating as the floor of a rink.

The photographs above will give an idea of the craze in Germany for the sport, and young people are merely awaiting the time when snow is off the ground to be permitted to skate in the open again.

It is said there are more roller skaters in Berlin, in proportion to the population, than in any city in the world. That may be right, but it doesn't damn other cities.

never received that note and I never received the money."

"You never received the note, because I took it, and you never received the money, for I also took that."

"You, Mr. Croxton?" she asked, the tones of her voice in a rising inflection of amazement, almost incredulity.

"And what, Mr. Croxton?"

with tears. She shrank from his touch and exclaimed in hurt and saddened tones, "Oh, Mr. Croxton, don't do that. Please let me go."

"Not until you know all," he replied, as he led her to a seat.

"What more is there to tell?" she asked, wearily.

"Not much to tell, but something to do," and with the words he went to the safe, took from it a paper and returned to her side, placed it in her hand.

"What is it, Mr. Croxton?"

"Only a bit of paper, but it means much to us both. The day after I misappropriated your money I was able to return it, so I placed it in the Trust company and took out this certificate of deposit in the name of 'B. Croxton,' whoever that may be, and it has been drawing interest ever since.

The girl twisted and twisted mechanically the paper in her hands, as if still it had no meaning for her. Her cheeks flushed and paled by turns, then letting the certificate of deposit fall on the desk, she said: "I don't need that money, Mr. Croxton, now that my brother wants more than was supplied, and if it is of the slightest possible use to you, I won't take it. Nor will I touch a dollar of it, if you persist in calling yourself an embezzler. You did not, you could not know, that the money belonged to me, nor even not to you. I cannot say that what you do is right. I do not think it was; but you did what many would have done under similar conditions, and I have not one word of censure for you."

Touched to the quick by her words, Croxton placed a moment with his watch chain, and replied: "The money in the Trust company, Miss Croxton, is earning three percent, which amounts to fifteen hundred dollars a year. So you see that even with that you are quite independent. If you can do better, I should pay you at least two thousand, or twenty-five hundred, and you must make it do so—I advise that you get at once some trustworthy friend to invest it for you."

"But, Mr. Croxton, I know of no one more trustworthy than you, even if I were disposed to seek one, which I am not. I have no men friends in this city. Is it really, Mr. Croxton, to let it remain in your hands?"

"Oh, that will never do," he exclaimed. "You must get some conservative person; or better still, the Title company will attend to it for you. Yes, go the Title company. I am a speculator, and it will never do for me to touch that money again. And there is one thing more, Miss Croxton, now that you are independent, I can no longer expect to keep you in my employ as stenographer. Of course, you would not care to remain."

"Am I discharged, Mr. Croxton?" "Discharged? Certainly not."

"Then I shall remain," she replied stoically.

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without so much as a word in reply she hastily left the room. Seated at her desk in the outer room she was in a whirlwind of emotions. She could neither read nor work, though to escape the observing eye of the cashier she made a feint at doing both.

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