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A WOMAN AND A BABE.

A beautiful story that spoils the grumble of the pessimists comes from Omaha.

A society woman arose in a street car, removed her silken petticoat and wrapped it around the shivering form of an infant 2 years old.

The woman was Mrs. Harry Cartan, the daughter of a millionaire.

Despite the zero weather the street car was without fire. In one corner sat a poorly clad man, with a beaten, hopeless look on his face, holding the babe on his knees.

Mrs. Cartan came into the car and sat down opposite the father with his pitiful charge. She gave one look at the forlorn pair and one glance at the passengers. The latter sat and pitied, but none offered to help.

In the next instant the angel of mercy in the sealskin sacque had her hands behind her, under her cloak. She let fall the heavy silken garment. Rising and holding to a strap she stepped out of it. While the women gasped and the men drew in their breath she walked over to the man and child. Stooping she snuggled the petticoat about the infant's legs, smiling into the child's face, remarking to the father, "I'm afraid baby has scarcely enough on for this weather."

The father's eyes filled with tears and he murmured under his breath, "God bless you."

And the woman? When the reporters visited her at her home Mrs. Cartan said: "I hope it will not be spread broadcast over the country. It is such a little thing."

A little thing? Yes, but significant and heroic.

The woman's pity overcame her woman's delicacy. In a moment she decided that the act in such a cause could not be immodest. And the tender bit of charity was done and the color gradually crept back into baby's face.

Dickens says there is a way into every human heart. It may be up a winding stair. And if you can find the way and knock at the door in some sacred name the door will open.

Baby—helpless, innocent, cold, went up no winding stair to this woman's heart. It went straight to the door and entered.

MEN WHO REFUSE TO BE OLD.

Is old age to be made a crime? It is a question that comes with the discharge of old railroad men; with the attempt to remove the old captains of Cleveland's police force; with a pathetic incident in New York, where a police inspector, old in years, was made to turn flip-flops and "skin-the-cat" in order to prove that he was entitled to remain on the force.

Any law or regulation that fixes a rigid business age limit; that forces men to retire when they have lived a stated number of years, is bound to be unjust. It also makes liars. The man who looks 40, feels 40 and is 60 isn't going to be an idler the rest of his days simply because somebody with a thirst for young blood in business has fixed an age limit.

Age can not be a matter of years alone. It is a matter of correct livin; of temperament; yes, of determination.

There are old men at 30 and young men at 70. There are grandfathers who can endure more and do better work than their grandsons.

At 89 Gladstone was working off his superfluous energy felling trees, and Plato is said to have wrestled for the sport there was in it at 83.

Jem Mace was the most famous fighter of his day, and at 76 he was sparring. John Ericsson wanted to prove his soundness in wind and body, and so engaged in a tug-of-war with two young men. He pulled them off their feet with ease. Yet their combined years did not equal his age. He was 80.

There isn't any end to the list. Broken-down men are usually men who never learned to live; men who never knew the real value of health and who insulted their bodies.

The rules that are made for them should never apply to the old caks, white-crested and unbending, who refuse to measure their lives by years, and who ask no odds of the busy world, and would be men as long as there is work to be done.

TABLE FOOT BALL IS THE LATEST GAME.



LONDON, Dec. 16.—An amusing and difficult game has succeeded in pinging-ping in England. It is table football. It is played by two or more persons on an ordinary dining room table. Goals made of little nets are clipped to the ends of the table. Each player is provided with a long, thin wire, at the end of which is a wooden "foot" and with this they try to push the disk into the goals. The disk is a difficult football. It is played by two or more persons on an ordinary dining room table.

ELKS BEING KILLED FOR THEIR TEETH

OMAHA, Dec. 13.—Retail and jobbing jewelers in this city assert that some one is attempting to get a corner on elk teeth. Wyoming mercilessly slaughtered for their teeth, which have a local value of from \$10 to \$40 according to the age of the animal killed. Retailers and jobbers tell of one man in Montana who has 60,000 elk teeth stored away, having been engaged for years in gathering them. His intention is to hold them for a rise, which they say is sure to come as a result of the rapid extermination of the animals. The Omaha merchants also declare that a great fraud is being perpetrated on the public by color-

SPOKANE GROWING RAPIDLY BUILDING DEMANDS CONTINUE

Since January 1, 1902, the city commissioners have issued 1127 building permits and the value of the buildings erected reaches the sum of \$1,453,413. The total number of permits issued during 1901 was 1029 and the value of the buildings \$1,317,055. There are still 12 days of this year left and it is probable that the total value of buildings erected this year will reach that of a year ago, while there is a large increase shown in the number of permits issued. The difference is accounted for by the fact that an unusually large number of costly structures were erected last year, including the Spokane Club building, the Great Northern depot, while this year more attention has been paid to residence building. There is probably no one thing so greatly needed in this city as a large number of new dwellings. The real estate men, they say, are practically not a vacant residence in the city and hundreds of families are

obliged to reside in the upper stories of business buildings on account of the lack of better accommodations. The hotels of the city are also inadequate to meet the demands of the traveling public, as nearly all are continually crowded beyond their capacity. Spokane is a rapidly growing city. It can be seen in every department of trade, in inquiries for real estate and in the large numbers of new faces seen on the streets from day to day. No one, perhaps, realizes this more forcibly than the real estate dealer who has houses to rent and the landlords who are reaping a harvest from the high rents they are able to demand. Reports from the trades council show that there are but few idle workmen in the building trades of this city, yet there are enough workmen to fully supply the demand. In most of the cities in the east there are apartment houses which accommodate many families comfortably and are much more convenient,

TEN MODERN HOUSES.

The plans for 10 handsome dwelling houses have just been completed by Messrs. Permain and Jones for C. Swedde of this city.

Five of the houses will be erected upon property recently acquired by Mr. Swedde at Corbin Park and the other five are to be put up on Avenue 2. The entire cost of these buildings will be in the neighborhood of \$12,500, one block of five to cost \$100 each, the other \$100 each, and will be intended for rental.

WILL BUILD.

A. J. Thompson has just purchased through the Alonzo Murphy company lots 1 and 2, block 4, in Hyde's addition, upon which he at first proposed erecting a home for himself, but later changed his plans and will now begin the construction of three modern dwelling houses for rental purposes. The consideration for the lots was \$1075.



Chas. Taylor, a New England harness horseman, is the most remarkable man on the turf. He has been driving trotters and pacers all his life, and is now 96 years of age. He still takes a seat in the srlky whenever the opportunity offers.

Milton, Ore.—The good government crusade here has extended to the practical prohibition of dancing. A license of \$25 for all public dances has been provided.

A SWEET MORSEL FOR THE GOSSIPS.

THE DIVORCE SUIT OF THE HARTOPPS FURNISHES LONDON SOCIETY WITH A SENSATIONAL SCANDAL OF MORE THAN USUAL UNSAVORINESS.



LONDON, Dec. 18.—Though nearly all the circumstances of the divorce action of Sir Charles Hartopp, baronet, against his wife, Lady Millicent, for "misconduct" which the earl of Cowley, which was dismissed by the jury yesterday, are sufficiently out of the ordinary to make it a remarkable one, the affair is, perhaps, most interesting on account of the connection of the principals therein with the family whose name is associated with one of the greatest sensations that ever leaked out in this country. It is significant, too, by reason of the light it throws on the doings of a certain section of English "high society" of today. Lady Hartopp, the young and beautiful wife who, it is alleged, was rather more than friendly with Sir John Willoughby, and afterwards on still better terms with the third earl of Cowley, is the daughter of Charles Wilson, member of parliament and one of the owners of the great Wilson line of steamers. It was at the house of Charles' brother, Arthur Wilson, that the famous "baccarat scandal" took place. Earl Wilson, the countess of Chesterfield, is Lady Hartopp's sister.

Sir Charles Hartopp tells a moving tale of his young wife's behavior, but the baronet himself is not to be commiserated as altogether a paragon of virtue. The evidence in his divorce case has brought out the fact that, early in his married life, he was obliged to go to his father-in-law, Charles H. Wilson, for \$6000, with which to satisfy the demands of a former mistress. As for the noble earl, who is correspondent in the Hartopp case, he

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RAILROADS.

C. H. Gleim, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Colorado Midland, is in the city.

R. N. Kolbeck, district freight and passenger agent of the Pennsylvania lines, is in the city from Portland.

Heavy snows in the Rockies caused a delay at Browning, Mont., of the Great Northern Westbound this morning.

It is persistently rumored that James J. Hill will retire from the management of the Great Northern to give his undivided attention to the Northern Securities company.

The Great Northern brought in two carloads of men from Grand Forks, B. C., today. The men have been employed on the two-mile extension which is building to the Granby smelter.

Tomorrow morning will occur the funeral of Michael Lutz, the aged railroad man who was killed by a switch engine while he was cleaning switches at the Northern Pacific yards last Tuesday.

The Northern Pacific is taking extreme measures for the protection of perishable freight in transit across the Rocky mountains. The cars are to be heated and when not in motion they must be hoisted.

The California Short Line Railroad company has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$1,250,000. It is proposed to build a line from Alamo Gordo to Deming to connect the Rock Island with the Southern Pacific.

A gigantic mud slide at Tonga, a small station in the Cascades, delayed Rock 4, the Great Northern's bound, last night and it reached Spokane 11 hours behind time this morning. No damage was done to cars or passengers.

The peaceful denizens of the town of Columbus, Ore., are puzzling their heads over the appearance of 11 survivors. It was neither denied or affirmed that they are working for the Northern Pacific. The survey seems to parallel the line of the railroad that is being constructed to Goldendale by Portland capitalists.

The Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association and Washington Red Cedar Shingle Manufacturers' association have instructed all mill men of the state to begin action against the St. Paul-Chicago lines to compel the roads to refund the difference between the rates charged Washington lumbermen and eastern lumber and shingle manufacturers. It is estimated that between \$100,000 and \$125,000 is involved in the suits.

At a conference of Harriman freight agents held in New York it develops that the Harriman people have been stirring up rebellion against the roads controlled by the Northern Securities company. Shippers of the northwest are organizing a protest against the increase in freight rates as planned by Hill. His rate of 40 cents per hundred offered to the government for army provender between Chicago and Manila in the attempt to take the business from San Francisco proves that existing freight rates are too high.

CHANGES AMONG FIRE FIGHTERS.

A number of changes have been made in the fire department on account of the resignation of Captain M. Dolan of No. 5 station. Captain J. F. Lindsey of No. 2 station has been made captain of No. 5 truck. H. Keenan, foreman of No. 5 truck, has been promoted to the position of captain at No. 2 station and J. F. Grant has been made foreman of No. 5 truck.

Advertisement for Medical Lake Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman and child, and text describing the soap's benefits for skin conditions.

Advertisement for Inland Printing Co., located at 610-612 Sprague Ave., offering various printing services.

Advertisement for Seehorn Transfer Company, located at 222-224 Post St., Tel. M. 523, offering storage and moving services.

Advertisement for John T. Huetter, Contractor and Builder, located at Symons Block, Spokane, offering construction services.

Advertisement for Baggage and Quick Parcel Delivery Co., located at 720 First Ave., offering shipping and delivery services.

Advertisement for Michigan Cash Grocery, located at 911 Sprague Ave., offering grocery supplies.

Advertisement for The Owl Bar, Cafe and Club, located at 1003 Sprague Ave., offering dining and entertainment.

Advertisement for Studebaker Carriage Repository, located at 513-515 Sprague Ave., offering carriage services.

Advertisement for Prism Glass, sold by Jones & Dillingham, offering optical services.

Advertisement for The Pennsylvania Mortgage and Investment Company, offering financial services.

Advertisement for Exchange National Bank, located in Spokane, Wash., offering banking services.

Advertisement for Chant Music Co., offering musical instruments and services.

Advertisement for The Washington Water Power Co., offering utility services.

Advertisement for Spokane Brewing & Malting Co., offering beer and brewing services.

Advertisement for The Fidelity National Bank, offering banking services.

Advertisement for Oregon R. R. & Nav. Co., offering rail and shipping services.