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SPOILED A BRAKEMAN AND MADE A LAWYER

Because Hugh L. Dickson of San Bernardino, Cal., was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States a few days ago, every man or boy in the United States should cheer up.

He may not know Dickson, and he may have some doubt as to the honor, in the abstract, of being admitted to practice before the United States supreme court, for undoubtedly many scoundrels have that distinction.

But Dickson's case is worth thinking about. He is general counsel for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers.

Before he became a lawyer he was a locomotive fireman. In an accident he lost both hands.

Useless on a locomotive, he studied law. It sometimes seems as though lawyers with two hands have a hard time finding the right page in the law books, but Dickson, without any hands, has found enough to get before the supreme court of the United States, even if he did have to hold the pen between the stumps when he signed the roll of the highest court in the world.

Sometimes we think things are coming hard and we are disposed to rest on our oars and say that the world owes us a living anyway.

The world owes some of us a living.

It owes men like Dickson a living.

And if it does not pay they get out and collect it, with or without the hands that nature gave them to work out their salvation.

The Dickson spirit does not wait; it starts things.

FOR FREEDOM

The recommendations of the Ohio legislative commission, appointed to investigate the high cost of living, have passed practically unnoticed, yet its treatment of economic and domestic subjects is of the very highest importance to the whole nation.

What relief is there finally in howling about high costs, cold storage and combinations controlling prices of foodstuffs, when conditions are such as set forth in the two paragraphs following:

1. The bureau of commerce and labor reports that the value of foodstuffs exported has fallen from \$550,000,000 in 1898 to \$330,000,000 the fiscal year of 1910; cattle exported in 1910, 127,000, as against 593,000 in 1904; lard in 1910 one-half that in 1906; wheat one-third that of 1902; corn one-fifth that of 1900; meat and dairy products \$140,000,000 worth, as against \$211,000,000 in 1906. In short, we are rapidly approaching a time when we WILL NOT PRODUCE ENOUGH TO EAT, and that old theory about Uncle Sam feeding the world will be but a hazy dream.

2. The Washington authorities put the immigration for the fiscal year 1910 at 1,000,000. The first nine months show 667,949. Taking last month as a sample, there came to us 8400 Germans, 31,086 Italians, 22,003 Polish and 5906 Greeks, mostly agricultural folk.

It is safe to say that over 90 per cent of these people will be non-producers—that is, they will locate in the cities or mines, virtually BECOMING SLAVES IN ALL SAVE THE NAME.

Here we have a threatened shortage in production and big increases in non-producing consumers. It is plainly the burning of the economic candle at both ends, to say nothing of the great national moral issues involved.

The Ohio statesmen referred to suggest remedies. They would have the state maintain agricultural schools and experimental farms in each county.

They would have a labor bureau to furnish laborers to farmers.

They would have the moral, physical and domestic advantages of country life taught in all the public schools.

They would push to the front everything having a tendency to ATTRACT THE YOUNG MEN OF THE COUNTRY TO THE FARMS instead of to the city.

We venture to say that very few thinking patriots can be found who do not feel that the future of our nation and its highest ideals depend upon serious, powerful movement along the lines indicated by these Ohio investigators.

We have got to have more teaching and practicing of freedom, a larger percentage of our people INDEPENDENT OF THE FOOD TRUST, THE TRANSPORTATION POOL AND THE COLD STORAGE PLANT.

PENCIL POINTS

There is one advantage in being a chauffeur. You can't be arrested on a charge of cruelty to animals.

The impression among some scientists that the hookworm is a myth may be due to the promptness with which Mr. Rockefeller eradicated it.

A New York divorcee has applied for an increase in alimony, alleging that it costs more to live these days. A man is taking desperate chances when he marries.

Seattle has a population of 235,000. That is only 90,000 less than that city claimed.

Carry Nation says that she only wrecks saloons when she receives an inspiration from God telling her to use the hatchet. Several Spokane saloonmen are considering the proposition of installing wireless telegraph apparatus so that they may get next in time.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD

THE CASE OF "COMPOUND" PEPPER

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 2.—The department of agriculture has Co., Albuquerque, N. M., which made public a bulletin telling of the prosecution of the Hanley & Kinsella Coffee & Spice Co., St. Louis, in the United States district court of eastern Missouri.

The government charged that the company shipped to Albuquerque, N. M., a can labeled "Compound P

pper, packed by the Chas. H. Field Co., Albuquerque, N. M., which was made public a bulletin telling of the prosecution of the Hanley & Kinsella Coffee & Spice Co., St. Louis, in the United States district court of eastern Missouri.

IF "Constant Reader" who writes that we are concealing dreadful truths about the comet, so that our advertisers can sell goods before the awful crash comes, will send his full name to this office, we'll give him some very valuable information, free and plenty; not necessarily about comets, but worth having ready at hand.

THE ARTLESS ANSWER



'MOST ANYTHING

Josh Wise Says: "People let their children grow wild, an' then expect ter gather a crop o' good citizenship."

"I want the quiet society of the home," said the young man.

"But often it's a debating society," said the older.

Russia occupies nearly one sixth of the globe.

A brute suggests to the suffragets a "demonstration by silence" as practiced by the socialists in Berlin.

May 1st is the 12th anniversary of Dewey's victory at Manila.

"I suppose you don't keep dog biscuits in this benighted village?" asked the dandy autoist.

"Oh, yes sir," answered the keeper of the general store. "In a bag, or do you want to eat 'em here, sir?"

Twenty six years is regarded as the maximum useful life of a first class battleship.

Jones: One head is enough for any household.

Smith: I think so, too. I have just settled for the hats of my 10 daughters.

Butcher (subscribing to local charity): Well, put me and my wife down for \$5.

Collector: I see, a joint gift. Butcher: Not for a minute! We are going to give money, not meat!

"Johnnie, why is it you never remember to say 'Thank you,'" asked the aunt reproachfully.

"I spect it's cause I don't get things given to me often enough for practice," said Johnnie.

be on the alert to profit by the extraordinarily good favor of the time.

Builders, architects, surveyors, gardeners, masons and others interested in houses should prosper their undertakings. The day favors real estate transactions.

Aged persons usually are able to give good advice in signs like those that rule today.

The period is excellent for hiring men.

Lucky numbers should be 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 20, 24, 26, 27, 28.

A sign arises that controls Spain and speaks of financial and political troubles to come.

Persons with this birth date will benefit during the twelve-month by bearing with the faults of others, and restraining their desire to dominate.

Children are born today undisciplined, but promise active intelligence, a light and airy but honest temperament and a generous, broad nature.

It will be necessary, however, to beware against visionary enterprises. The only safe avenues of the period are in the direction of sound, material things. Speculations is under an excessively malignant aspect.

The best favor lies over anything connected directly or indirectly with the earth. All who are concerned in any way with timber, wood, farm products, fruit, animals, minerals, metals, water or anything needed in agriculture or mining should

Young men are looking for homelike rooms. They read 'The Press,' Tell them of your vacancy tomorrow. Costs little. Phone the ad. Main 374.

Fun Facts Fiction Froth Fads Folly

Virginia of the Air Lanes

By Herbert Quick Author of "Double Trouble."

(Continued.)

"Not in the least," replied Craighead sleepily. "Ingrowing conscience, and all that rot. Get over it as you get richer, you know."

"I shouldn't much object," said Carson, "to your making a fair fee out of it; for they really confined me here."

"I allowed myself a fee of 50 per cent," said Craighead. "It's buried, far, far beyond your ken, even as Tighe buried the bone. That roll you've got is only your half, sonny. Any time Craighead, the sleuth, gets left—but let me sleep, gentle knight, I would fain dream of Caroline!"

CHAPTER VII

The Inception of "Uncle Theodore"

To a man like Theodore Carson, who, in a desperate sort of groundlessness for hope, had for a long time nevertheless hoped, arbitrarily and with youthful audacity, leaning the ladder by which he mounted against the clouds of his vision, the transition to a merely rational hope was uncomfortable, disquieting. Dreams are so plastic. The chateau en Espagne is built of smoke and based on morning mists; but the family dwelling rises through compromises with the exactions of other minds, in blue prints, elevations, perspectives, tie deeds and plumbing estimates. His mind, habituated to the airy case of an untried faith in his mastery of the air, felt the galling of reality as he walked westward from the station toward dilapidated Carson's Landing. While remorselessly computing everything relating to the aeronaut, allowing for errors and providing amply for the "margin of safety," while certain as experiment could make him that it would fulfill his promise to Waddy, he had been, save in his engineering, visionary, unacquainted with the world and its "margin of safety."

Seated on a stump he sought mental adjustment before entering his house. He had had his chance with Shayne, "the Prince of the Powers of the Air," and had thrown it away in hot words to Shayne, in a blow to Silberberg, and by leaping from the Ros into the unknown abyss of night. These were actualities. That broken deflector of the lightning he carried beyond that, as did the memory of his foolishness over Shayne's niece, now happily forever past.

The sun shone down with April warmth on the red soil, the Bermuda grass sod of the old fields, the Indian corn in the garden, the house. Blue with magic was the clump of high pines across the clearing, the haze and dream of an Alabama spring. The woodpeckers wore festoons of flame from tree to tree, the tall Spanish bayonet stood like a row of saluting garrises by the road; the buckeye touched every angle of the fence with fire; the oleanders at the corners of the gallery blushed faintly pink. He knew that from the scuppernon arbor the carpenter bees were yawning back and forth, tiny black aerostats, from the blossoms to tunneled galleries in the red cedar rails of the old veranda. They were boring audibly in the rafters, their sawdust scattered over the cypress floor. The whole familiar scene, so peaceful, so utterly at one with the irresponsible past, aided that enchanting southern haze in restoring illusion, obliterating realities and regulating to dreamland the incredible Slattry Institute, Mr. Craighead, Mr. Waddy, his "reversion to type," and the great "Carson-Craighead Aeronaut Corporation."

Mr. Waddy's money and Mr. Craighead's telegrams saved the day for the real. The former was actual currency, and felt comforting to his pocket. The latter proved the objectivity of Craighead—and if Craighead turned out to be substantial, anything might be believed. The first three yellow dispatches

had come in one delivery at Nashville, addressed to "Theodore Carson, the Illustrious Inventor and Thaumaturge, Care Conductor, Train 75." Theodore, the Illustrious, could not accumulate the courage to ask for them, but the wise conductor had pounced suddenly upon him and said, "I reckon you are Mr. Carson?"

"Yield not to temptation, fear or cold feet," the first read. "Your Uncle Fuller is at the helm." This was signed "The Great Uncalled," with the first two words run together as "The great" in a telegraph operator's effort to reduce to the semblance of a name Mr. Craighead's nom de guerre. The second ran: "Have no fear, monopoly is as clear in the air as on the land. Apologies to Sir Humphrey Gilbert. None to any one else by a dam site. Consueve Shayne." This was signed "Craighead, the Legal Bloodhound." "An old Broom," "albeit minus one cover and dog's eared, nevertheless sweeps clean. He yokes the whirligig to our car, and sweeps the howling skies!"

(Signed) Dandy Jim of Caroline Graybill." The fourth, delivered at Birmingham, was addressed to General Theodore Carson, M. A. (Monopolist of the Air) and consisted of ten repetitions of "Eureka," signed "D. J. C." The last came at Bay Minette, and consistent with Carson's sobriety and sanity, "Caroline's dad," it read, "falling dead of unbellying broom idea. Sees absolute cinch, and rises to it as per life long custom. Formed today Universal Nitrates and Air Products company. Laws of West Virginia. Carline impressed. Either universal genius or rodents in campanile. Greatly encouraged, not to say titivated. Almost converted to belief in my own schemes and self, but am cautiously suspending judgment. Will have Chicago surrounded by time you return. Go east to Wheeling (or is Charleston capital?) tonight, and will incidentally run up and construct first line of circumvallation (see cyclopedia) about Greater New York. Monopoly end of deal absolutely nailed down; brass nails; with Waddy doubloons coming copious. Up to you to produce a flier. Getting wabbly in head. Losing faith in you as a concrete entity. Have you any acetone? Answer 'Yes' or 'No' at once." This also was signed "D. J. of Caroline."

If the telegrams were inexplicable, his own yielding to command of this man Craighead, whose antecedents and surroundings should have made anyone cautious, was more so. Yet Craighead had taken control by sheer audacity. These baffling communications, the odd skips and jumps of his intellect in his conversation—were they the capers of insanity, or the fundamentally rational movements of a mind showing its devious course at intervals only, uttering things which appeared unrelated because the past in position to position was passed so swiftly and directly that the ordinary mind lost sight of it, as one catches glimpses of a humming bird only at the moments of its rest before the flower?

What could he mean by an "an old Broom"? The old copy of Brooms Legal Maxims in Craighead's "library" was indeed minus a cover, and dog's eared; but how this "Broom" could, even in metaphor, yoke the whirligig to any car and sweep the howling skies, was son could not guess. Mr. Waddy's demand for aeronautical monopoly was being complied with, to Mr. Craighead's mind, and the last telegram seemed to imply that the

buoic financier had been convinced. His "falling dead" might mean much or little; but his "doubloons coming copious" was eloquent of faith. And what in the name of all the gods at once could a "Universal Nitrates and Air Products company" mean in an aerial navigation, gloves, handkerchiefs, and open work things of mystery and terror. On the hooks were many, many others quite as awful; frilled and tucked and ruffled and plaited garments; silks, dimites, cashmeres, linens, cottons and soft light woolens; filling his closet; and spread against the wall for occult reasons connected with keeping them in shape; and protruding from the trunk were more clothes, while in corners of the bedroom were more trunks.

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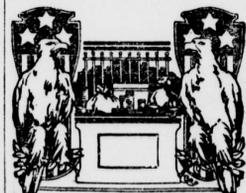
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