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Of course the world owes you a living, but you must be your own boss.

The man who attends to his own business is the man who gets ahead.

Nations in need of an experienced arbitrator would do well to consider Dan Johnson.

The surest way to prevent your clothes being destroyed by moths is to have only one suit.

Mr. Thomas is planning to launch the Shamrock the first week in April—not the first day, we trust.

What the president needs is a secretary that can hang pictures in a way that will suit everybody.

Carnegie needn't worry. Venezuela refused to take his money; but Venezuela isn't the beginning and the end.

Marriage licenses have fallen off 2,300 in Philadelphia. It is possible that Cupid has also gone to sleep in that city?

A locomotive struck a thousand dollar dog in Pennsylvania the other day and marked him down to less than 20 cents.

Most of these people who invent in rich-quick schemes would probably laugh at a farmer who bought a gold brick.

German law permits the Baroness to marry again provided she doesn't marry the man she ought to marry.

Schwab is trying to break automobile records in France. The report that he had recovered must have been unfounded.

The cake walk and con game have shocked Paris. Well, the French ball has shocked us, so the score may be called about even.

Complaint is made in Copenhagen that big stones are found in tubs of butter imported from Siberia. Even canny Connecticut never went so far as that.

With the Maine game tied, 12 to 12, on the question of allowing women to vote, President Virgin broke the tie by voting "No." Now, was he a wise Virgin?

The sultan has just fled another of his fair, sweet promises, and the powers will now go about their ordinary affairs, trying not to notice when he breaks it.

It's funny that a woman who will wear tight shoes and corsets for twelve hours at a stretch will complain of a tight husband every time he gets that way.

According to the adjutant-general, the United States has 10,521,396 men able to bear arms, which is one reason why most of them will never be called on to do so.

It is now announced from the Balkan ring side that the Macedonian will not be pulled off this year. The principals, however, will keep up a vigorous training.

The saddest sight on earth is the breakfast table expression of the average man.—Baltimore American. Particularly if it is preceded by his "next morning" expression.

The New York man who has contracted a second marriage while paying \$3,000 a year alimony to his first wife is clearly not of the number who are afraid of the expense of married life.

A medical expert makes the important announcement that Prize Fighter Jeffries is in perfect physical condition. This seems to be another serious blow at the theory that whisky is injurious.

Science now informs us that a mechanical shock will kill the germs in water. It is so much easier to throw the kettle downstairs than to keep it on the fire for twenty minutes. And it saves fuel.

One-twentieth of the men in New York city, according to Mr. Jerome, are in the habit of indulging in alcoholic drinks on Sunday. There is something wrong with the numerator of that fraction.

If Mr. Carnegie still has that \$365,000 which he wanted to give to Venezuela he can undoubtedly find a grateful recipient of his generosity by addressing it in strict confidence to A. Hamid, Beral Hamanyan, Constantinople.

It seems the new lord lieutenant of Ireland doesn't know whether to kiss the debaters presented at the Dublin drawing room or not. Then he certainly doesn't deserve to be told.

A spectator at the recent Oxford-Cambridge football game cracked a lung yelling for the winners. This game should be made less brutal.

Congressman Littlefield says there are 360 trusts in this country. It must be the masses and not the classes who are forming trusts, after all.

John Mitchell continues to rise in the public estimation. First he refused a \$4,000 offer to appear on the lecture platform, and then he says he has no political aspirations or affiliations.

The European powers are getting ready to make another of their justly celebrated efforts to scare Abdul Hamid with a few puff balls.

When Mrs. Vanderbilt called that limited express train back thirty miles or so she practically said: "The public"—but never mind.

No sooner is the cable to Hawaii finished than it is threatened with wireless competition. In these days of scientific progress the way of the investor is sometimes hard.

George Washington had no children of his own, but in some other respects he was managed to win President Elliot's unqualified approval.

It's a fortunate thing for man that he wants but little here below. With woman around, he wouldn't get more if he tried.

MRS. HAROLD STAGG.

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CHAPTER II. Harold, who was fond of quiet characters, found himself smiling.

"Oh, yes; every one knew the professor," was the answer, with a justifiable deliberation. "He was a fine man, the professor was; a trifle slightly in his notions, according to my lights, and not always knowing as to which side his bread was buttered; but a real Christian gentleman, and taking pains from no one in his business, too, though he did plunk out a good many dollars in the past years of his life, that never showed him in profit."

"That means you'll start day after tomorrow morning," she ejaculated, in a tone of trouble.

"Yes, I am a busy man myself, and of course, I'm anxious to get back as soon as possible."

"It would be very nice for the boys," she reiterated, and it's very, very kind of you, Uncle Harold."

"That means you'll start day after tomorrow morning," she ejaculated, in a tone of trouble.

"Would you like to go to New York to live, Silas and Hal?" she inquired, with motherly solicitude.

"We won't go unless you go, Eleanor," said the elder, stoutly.

"That's right," said Harold Stagg. "She has to go."

"Eleanor's eyes filled with tears. 'I suppose I ought,' she said, after a moment. 'You mustn't think me ungrateful, uncle, or that I don't appreciate how good and generous you are, but it's hard to leave the house and the place where I've lived so long.'"

"The journey was uneventful, but very interesting to the boys, who quickly regained their spirits and were quite talkative under the influence of novel surroundings."

"Yes, sir, she's expecting you." Whereupon his namesake scolded the uncle, by way of erasing hostility and hiding embarrassment at the same time, and began pulling it into the entry.

"As Harold Stagg followed him, a larger boy and a tall, slim young woman advanced from the threshold of an adjoining room."

"Ah, my dear!" he said, grasping Silas by the hand and embracing him. "I'm glad to be with you."

"Will you walk in, uncle," said Eleanor, ushering him into the room from which she had come.

"It was a cosy little apartment: its furniture and stuff, though slightly worn and slightly old-fashioned, were tasteful. 'I suppose you are ready for breakfast,' she added. 'It will be ready in a moment.'"

"Yes, I am a little hungry." Harold spoke cheerfully. An atmosphere of grief was instinctively oppressive to him. Moreover, he felt that he ought to try to lighten the over-weighed family. Four little girls, how pale and sad she looked, with dark patches under her eyes, that told of heartache and loss of sleep!

"Here we are," said Harold Stagg, as the carriage stopped before a new residence.

A flood of light from the doorway dazzled Eleanor's eyes, and she stared at the flawless individual who supervised their passage into the hall, until her uncle said:

"Parsons, has Mrs. Stagg gone to bed?" "No, sir; she is waiting you in the drawing-room," answered the butler.

"She is waiting to retire, sir, when your telegraphic message arrived," he added, in a lower tone, intended for his master's ear. "Supper is quite ready, sir."

"Well, were you ready for it, aren't we, boys? Twenty minutes of twelve! Mercy on us!" he exclaimed, as he closed his watch with a snap. "I dare say you were never up so late before. Now, dear, if you're finished, pick up your things and go to bed. 'I'll take you in and introduce you to your aunt.'"

Eleanor blushed vividly, and turned from the hall mirror, before which she had instinctively passed a moment in order to straighten her bonnet, that she was conscious when, when your telegraphic message arrived, he added, in a lower tone, intended for his master's ear. "Supper is quite ready, sir."

"How do you do, my dear? I'm very glad to see you," said Mrs. Stagg, looking at the cheek, and heaving kindly on the boys, who, between the butler and the mistress, stood on the platform on which stands the platform. The idea is that the one whose foot touches it first will outlive the other, and that the children will take after that one in stature, health and beauty."

"What do you suppose, Emma, I caught this young woman doing just now? Being hysterical in the parlor! It's New York, sir! I wager that within a week she'll have been inside of every dressmaker's and milliner's shop in the city. Whereupon Harold Stagg laughed gleefully.

"I imagine you have discovered by this time that your uncle's a sad case," said Emma, who was leading the way, having made, in a single glance, the capability of which poor Eleanor realized, comprehended the primitiveness of her niece's ideas on clothes. She reflected that had Harold been a malicious man he could have thought of anything more injurious than to call attention to the fact that Eleanor was, and must continue to be, in deep black. Such lack of perception on the part of her better-half prompted her to turn and link her arm sympathetically in the young girl's, while Harold, to his allusion to millinery was the reverse of well-timed, followed his endeavoring to conceal his self-consciousness by vigorously rubbing the shaggy heads of his two nephews, and treading a bluff gloe the burden of which was that his heart was true to foil.

"An hour later, the Baldwins were seated, as usual, in the blue suite, and Emma was bearing from the lips of her husband an account of the journey. Although she had mapped out in her mind a probable programme, she had waited to see the children, before giving her imagination full swing; but now that she had hoped, all sorts of thoughts were churning in her brain regarding their adaptation to her household and the proper attention to be made in their behalf. The boys were of just the right size for Mr. Stagg, as he had expected, and in the autumn, after a summer by the seaside, they could be packed off with brand-new outfits, and she be saved from further responsibility, except in vacation time, for several years to come."

"To be sure, she was already deep in debt, and she was a quiet, unobtrusive sort of girl, but she had not been able to dislodge from her mind a haunting idea of a showy, slinky young person with gaudy manners, and mourning bedstead with her, until the real scene stood before her. Emma congratulated herself that she would have very plain sailing; Eleanor was dowdy, unsophisticated and retiring, but a single season in society would work the necessary changes. She was rather pretty now, and she would be very fetching, indeed, when she learned to hold her self properly and to dress her hair with some regard to what was becoming. How preferable to have to deal with an unobtainable child who had no preconceived ideas, than with a haughty coquette whose bad manners were already formed."

(To be continued.)

The Missouri Legislature

The Proceedings of Both Houses Are Here Given in a Condensed Form

MONDAY. Sessions of both branches were held today.

In the House extension of the barber's license law was defeated for the second time. The Senate omnibus bill was passed by the House.

Clay's bill empowering the Governor to call on the Attorney General to assist prosecuting attorneys was passed with an emergency clause. A similar bill has been reported adversely in the Senate.

Senator Matthews' bill to prohibit trust companies from engaging in the real estate business or practicing in the probate court was defeated in the Senate by a vote of 13 yeas to 15 noes.

Senator Smith's bill prohibiting monopolies in coal, coal or other necessary commodities passed, as did also a house bill to be amended, relating to the disposition of the dead bodies of human beings among medical colleges.

An important bill passed the Senate requiring telephone companies to establish and maintain long-distance lines at county seats and defining "long-distance telephony."

An effort was made to secure a reconsideration of the vote passing Senator Zevilly's bill relieving accident companies from liability in case of death due to suicide. The bill was passed Saturday. A request was made of the Senate to return the bill, but before it received further consideration its return was asked by the Senate.

Duncan's joint and concurrent resolution providing for the submission to the voters of a constitutional amendment for a tax of 5 cents on the \$100 valuation for the purpose of erecting a new State Capitol in Jefferson City, was killed in the House this morning.

The bill appropriating \$50,000 for the World's Fair came back to the House this afternoon and came near occupying most of the afternoon. Huck of St. Genevieve wished to amend by increasing the number of Commissioners for the Missouri building from nine to eleven. This was defeated. Another motion, lowering the salary from \$10 to \$5 a day, was adopted. Still another, compelling all materials of the Missouri building to be from and in Missouri, was passed.

Senator Marshall succeeded in getting through the Senate in double-quick time a bill appropriating \$30,000 for the construction of levees in Mississippi County. This bill was only received in the Senate from the House last Friday. It has an emergency clause and will permit the money to be used in Mississippi County immediately.

Senator Rubey today signed the free text-book joint and concurrent resolution. It will now go to the people for ratification at the next general election.

Senator Rubey's bill, compelling trust companies to keep a reserve fund of 10 per cent of the demand deposits, passed the Senate this afternoon.

Senate bill No. 429, one of the election bills prepared by the Jefferson Club committee, providing punishment for offenses against election laws, passed the Senate this morning. Harris explained his negative position on the measure by saying that the provision which made it a misdemeanor for a duly appointed judge or clerk to fail to appear was dilatory.

Governor Dockery today sent the following nominations to the Senate, which were confirmed: Ralph Wammack of Bloomfield, a member of the State Board of Charities and Corrections, for a term of six years from January 1, 1923.

C. J. Farris of Carthageville, a member of the Board of Curators of the State University, for a term of six years from January 1, 1923.

Trustees Federal Soldiers' Home—Henry E. Warren, Richland; Charles F. Vogel, St. Louis; Jeremiah Fenton, Springfield, for terms ending February 1, 1925.

John W. Farris, Lebanon; W. A. Young, Salem, for a term ending February 10, 1927.

WEDNESDAY. The day was devoted to the civil service bill.

Several amendments were adopted and a larger number beaten. The most important change requires that the law shall not become operative until submitted to a vote of the people.

An effort to reconsider the vote on this proposition will be made tomorrow.

Judge Sherman introduced an amendment which carried and which Miss Roosevelt starts on a visit.

Washington: Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President left Washington Friday evening for New York City. She expects to join Miss Hunt, daughter of the Governor of Porto Rico, and will sail in a few days for San Juan.

Strike New Oil Well. Evansville, Ind.: The Standard Oil Company made another strike in DuBois County Friday. The new well is a few miles from Huntington, and has a strong flow.

Three Miners Killed. Pontiac, Ill.: Three men were killed and thirteen severely injured Friday night by an explosion of fire-damp in the mine of the Cardiff Coal Company. The dead: Josiah McClosky, Joseph Huett and Zrel Aronin.

Trains Collide in Runaway. Tulsa, I. T.: The Reverend C. W. Myatt, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at this place, was thrown violently from his buggy in a runaway Thursday night and sustained severe injuries.

Old Man Shot by Negro Boy. Pine Bluff, Ark.: J. M. Taylor, cousin of Secretary Taylor and brother of Doctor C. M. Taylor of Little Rock, was shot Friday evening by Garfield Watkins, a negro boy, at South Bend. Taylor was setting up some of his brother's plantation desks when shot. The boy claimed Taylor owed him \$1, and when Taylor denied the debt the boy shot him through the right lung.

7-year-old boy shot and killed his baby cousin accidentally with a shotgun near Jonesboro, Ill.

James H. Blount, Commissioner of the Hawaiian Islands under Cleveland, is dead.

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA MAY BE GERMAN RULER'S CONSORT



The plans of Emperor William of Germany to visit the aged King Christian of Denmark upon his eighty-fifth birthday, has given new life to the rumor that a match is intended between the Crown Prince and Princess Alexandra of Cumberland, a granddaughter of King Christian. This rumor started several months ago when the emperor gave orders to have the royal palace at Hanover fixed up for the use of his oldest son, Prince Alexander, in the second daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Cumberland, who was Princess Thyra of Denmark. She was born in 1882. Her older sister married Prince Maximilian of Baden.

PARIS BEHIND THE TIMES.

First Building With American Comforts Has Been Erected. It is only in these days that even the more pretentious houses in Paris would create any enthusiasm in the minds of Americans, accustomed as they are to many conveniences which are considered great luxuries in France.

It is an unusual thing to see a cart with a yellow painted bath tub and a tank of hot water set before houses in fashionable quarters.

Elevators have just come into general use and with the exception of those of American manufacture, are usually slow, uncertain and completely in mechanism. Wax candles are to be seen in the chandeliers as often as electric lights.

Things are, however, changing, and last year in the avenue du Bois de Boulogne a model building was erected, which combines French elegance with all the American comforts. It is of white sandstone in late Louis XV. style, with the entrance at the side through heavy iron and glass gates.

The building consists of two "hotels" or private residences, and one apartment. The first "hotel" occupies the first two floors, the apartment the third and the second "hotel" the fourth and fifth. The rooms for the servants are on the sixth floor.

The "concierge" or gatekeeper, has his lodge just inside the entrance. He opens the gates and has the supervision of the general halls and staircases, and also charge of the heating of the entire house in winter.—Architectural Record.

PLIMLEY A UNION VETERAN.

Gallant in Army and Author of Postal Improvement. Major William Plimley, who was appointed subsecretary of New York a few days ago, is 63 years old. He served on the union side in the civil war, rising from the ranks until he received the brevet of major for conspicuous bravery before Petersburg.

Queer Lot of Names. Thomas E. Drake is about to give up his position as superintendent of the insurance department in the District of Columbia government. By doing so he will break up a combination of names which has furnished unending food for amusing comment. But four persons are connected with the insurance department as are their names: Thomas E. Drake, superintendent; Raymond Tongue, chief clerk; Daniel Curry, examiner; Ross Fish, assistant clerk.

To Honor Pioneer's Memory. In accordance with the will of Jefferson Kearny Clark, who died in St. Louis four years ago, a handsome monument is to be erected in Bellefontaine cemetery in that city to perpetuate the fame of his father, Gen. William Clark, the northwestern pioneer. The monument will overlook the Mississippi river at the point where Gen. Clark and Meriwether Lewis departed from their celebrated exploring trip to the mouth of the Columbia river.

Will Sell De Biowitz Collection. Mr. De Biowitz's collection of paintings, bric-a-brac of many sorts, including glass and porcelains, and his photographs and letters bearing the signatures of nearly all the sovereigns of Europe, are to be sold at auction at the Hotel Drouot in Paris. De Biowitz's personal estate, aside from these matters, was less than \$10,000.

Soldiers' Handkerchiefs. The Russian government has decreed that in future all soldiers of the empire must use handkerchiefs of the color of their own regiments. A thousand has been included in this luxury—and that all the handkerchiefs must contain picture emblematic of a soldier's life, both in battle and in time of peace.

Woman Given Professorship. Margaret E. Maltby, Ph. D., has been appointed adjunct professor of physics in Barnard college. Although the college is solely for women, Dr. Maltby is the only woman professor and is the second ever appointed by the trustees.

French Pretender's Good Qualities. The duke of Orleans, who was recently reinstated into the good graces of King Edward, is a man of varied attainments. In spite of his fallings, invariably manages to favorably impress those with whom he comes in personal contact. The duke is an all-around athlete, a fine horseman, a good shot, a perfect skater and is one of the best amateur boxers in Great Britain.

Cuban Philanthropist Is Inmate. Henry Rosa, the wealthy Cuban planter, who it is said, gave the greater part of his fortune in aid of the Cuban revolutionists, is confined in the Bloomingdale asylum for the insane. Mr. Rosa's estate, which at one time was in the millions, has dwindled. It is said, to \$50,000.

Book Costs King of Italy Much. The work on ancient and modern coins which the king of Italy is about to have published at his own expense will, it is said, cost the king \$140,000. The coins in the valuable collection owned by the king number 80,000 pieces.