# For the Fair Sex



### BOSTON MISER'S STORY

HE LIVED ON TWENTY-ONE CENTS A DAY

Left His Money to City for Charity When There Was No Charity in His Soul-Value of Money Is in Purchasing Power

One sometimes wonders at the makeup of the human mind when its ole desire is to make money to leave behind when it is blotted out. When a man has a family to provide for, especially many daughters, he naturally thinks of the future.

But what of the childless widower? Or the man with a wife who is already well provided for? Why cannot a man stop working when he has enough and try to get some enjoyment out of life while he is still young enough to en-

by the story of a Boston miser who reduced his living expenses to twentyone cents a day. He was never known to give a dollar in charity or to act in any way like a normal, rational being, but at his death it was found that he had left a large fortune to the city of Boston and its charitable institutions.

Now, of course, no one can judge accurately of another human being, but may be permitted to wonder about his may be permitted to wonder about his mental processes and point of view. Some minds have never been able to grasp the joy there is in being praised after death. It is human and rational to want to do pleasant things while one is alive and see the comfort they bring to others. Money when properly regarded is essentially valuable only because of its purchasing power. In itself it is so much dross. But when bringing cheer to human beings and driving the wolf away from the door of those who suffer, it is doing a great work.

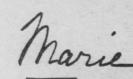
The Boston miser can only be de-pised, and when one reads that he ived an unlovely life, without friends,

helped no man and worshiped only money; then his will, instead of being beautiful becomes doubly absurd. Sometimes those who coldly refuse to give in charity while living are the very ones who give all they have for charity at death. One has one's doubts. reary ones who give all they have for charity at death. One has one's doubts whether this is real charity. There are indeed those who have no doubt about it, but are quite decided in their minds and affirm that post-mortem charity, following a life of miscrliness, has no value whatever.

mmortal soul, the kind of a mind he others, it has not been discovered. Why any man should be called upon to save and skimp for the benefit of the city of Boston is not stated. Now some of his nieces and nephews may be obliged to seek aid from the very institutions which their uncle enriched.

After all, what a pitiful soul he was, and how fate has robbed him of the only thing he seemed to want, the admiration of the world when he was gone. In place of it there is only exe-

cration, and his relatives will probably contest this will. Let us hope they will succeed and spend it as lavishly as he did the exact opposite. Some one may say: "It was his money; if he chose to saye and leave it thus, he had a right to." Yes; legally, he was within his rights, but morally he was unspecified.



#### Mainly About People

Mrs. Henry Reimers, of Cedar street, ciety this afternoon.

Mrs. and Mrs. Ashton Yokem have returned to Minneapolis.

Mrs. Milton Baldy, of Laurel avenue, left yesterday for her home in Spo-kane.

Mrs. H. A. Stone, of Dayton avenue,

gave a card party yesterday afternoon.

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### FASHIONS FROM VOGUE



remarkably pretty and picturesque dinner gown is shown by the accompanying Illustration. It is made of the copy, but in reality it could be carried out quite reasonably, particularly if one has a slightly solled or unused light yellow brocade combined with sold miser had nieces and nephews in plenty, but did not even speak to them. He owned a valuable building in Boston, and in order to save, was his own janitor, even scrubling the windows himself to spare that expense. He spoke to no one, had not friends, because friends cost money. His will was a most remarkable document. He specified what charities he wished to endow, remembered his relatives with a few hundreds and the bulk of his estate went to various institutions. If any blessing follows the expenditure of this money, many will wonder. The worship of money as money, and not for what it can do is the most despicable trait which flesh is heir to.

When one thinks what this horrid old miser could have done with this money which he loved more than his immortal soul, the kind of a mind he had becomes more of a mystery. If the church, corner of McBoal and Mrs. Codman were taking an automo-

Miss Hare, of Western avenue, has eturned from school in Virginia for

Miss Hazel Thompson, of Summit avenue, has returned for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hatch, of Chica-

Mrs. F. L. Johnson, of Dayton ave nue, has gone to Florida for the winter.

#### GOSSIP FROM GOTHAM

Shetlands are the newest fancy in the way of equine pets, and Mrs. Reg-inald C. Vanderbilt is responsible for the craze. She started it in the course of the Chicago horse show, when she offered unusual prices for tandem and parallel teams and promised a small fortune to a dealer who should procure for her a quartette of perfectly matched ponies for a four-in-hand. The young matron is likely to astonish the avenue when her husband returns from evile for she already has a ish the avenue when her husband returns from exile, for she already has a four-and-aft pair of the funny little horses which she drives to a Kentucky breaking cart. Both are so black charged would make breaking cart. Both are so black char-coal would make a white mark on them, and each is such a morsel one them, and each is such a morsel one wonders how they can draw even so ethereal a beauty as Mrs. Vanderbilt. Yet they prance along with a knee action highly creditable in view of their ambling ancestry and with palpable consciousness of their position as the favorites of a millionaire's chatelaine. So wide is the demand for Shettands that a design on a large scale seells them. that a dealer on a large scale sells them by carloads fast as he can ship them. They are sold "sight unseen," usually being offered for sale by mail and or-dered by wire.

Their cousins, the Iceland ponies, also are in demand, and another Vanderbilt matron—Mrs. Willie K.—reently purchased four of this breed for her little girls. But, cross as the Shet-land can be at times, he is more patient than Griselda when compared with the Iceland dwarf. Millionaires therefore prefer the "shelties" for their children's use. It is an interesting example of the fickleness of fashion to recall that twenty-two years ago an attempt was made to popularize a particularly small breed of pony, several specimens of which were between thirty and thirty-six inches high, and the rich would have none of it. The bare idea of requiring such diminutive steeds to draw even governess carts was regarded as equally absurd and cruel, although the breeder demon-strated the ease with which a pair of the ponies could pull a phaeton holding a heavy man. Now that same breed would be worth its weight in gold— and even the Vanderbilts and Goulds

on't know where to find them.

Disappointment is the doom of the many fashionables who looked forward to this month for the reopening of "Castle Romance," as society dubbed the beautiful home built by the widow of H. Walter Webb before her marriage to young Ogden Codman. The newly wedded pair made arrangements for a December housewarming, but the death of the bridegroom's father, Ogden Codman the elder, in his country home in Lincoln, Mass., the last week in October, killed that plan. Mr. and Disappointment is the doom of the

thad becomes more of a mystery. If the church, corner of McBoal and there can be any greater pleasure than using money to lighten burdens of the church, corner of McBoal and Leech streets, this afternoon from 2 bile trip from Paris to Vienna when until 5. it was impossible to get the news to them for two or three days. At the request of the family they continued their wedding trip, and at last ac-counts were touring Austria. They counts were touring Austria. They will do no entertaining on their return until the customary period of mourning is past. It is expected that at the end of that time the palace built with Walter Webb's money, the accumulation of which cost his life, and constructed on plans supplied and contion of which cost his fife, and constructed on plans supplied ante-nuptially by young Codman, who is an architect of repute, will become famous for the size and brilliance of its house parties, to say nothing of more go, will spend the holidays in St. Paul formal affairs.

> There is a genuine eagerness among the dowagers to entertain Tom Law-son, of Boston, because, whatever may be thought of his methods in frenzied finance, he is regarded by every woman who has met him as an undeniably handsome man, of charming address

> On Jan. 17, in Trinity chapel, will take place the marriage of Miss Catherine Morgan Dix, daughter of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Morgan Dix, to Willian

Mrs. Robert Hunter, the young millionaire philanthropist, believes it would be salutary for New York society girls to emulate their London cousins by taking a course as trained nurses to prepare them for the care of a household. She has money enough to hire every hospital staff in Manhattan in the event of illness in her own home, but she looks on it as a woman's duty to be able to supervise the work of those engaged to look after patients, and thinks that knowledge can be acquired only by experience. Besides, the relief of human suffering is a task that must deepen any young woman's nature and teach her that life, even for the wealthiest, is not all champagne and chiffon. Hundreds of debutantes in the neighboring dominion hold nurses' certificates—indeed, many of Naw York's hospitals recent their New York's hospitals recruit their forces largely among Canadians. The



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its students or graduates Lady Maud Keith-Falconer; Admiral Sir John Dal-rymple's daughter, Mrs. Howard Marsh; Miss Campbell, daughter of Sir John Campbell; Lady Hermione Blackwood, one of the chief workers in the Queen Victoria Institute for Nurses, and scores of others whose names are pubtheir lives to unbroken frivolity.

The society queen, by the way, is interested hugely in a little English girl, who, though only thirteen years old, has published poems that hold rare promise of excellent work in maturity. promise of excellent work in maturity. Violet Firth is the name of the fortunate lassie, and she is not in need of the rich woman's patronage, for her father, Mr. Arthur Firth, has a handsome home in Queen's Gate Gardens, Kensington, and she is a pupil in one of the most expensive schools in England, a seminary in Weston-super-Mare. But she has literary ambition of a high order, and doubtless is grateful a high order, and doubtless is grateful for the interest expressed by Mrs. Astor in her early efforts. The leader of fashion says the child has a rare con-ception of the purely pastoral in poetry. She quotes as an instance an excerpt from little Miss Firth's poem 'The Cornfield," which runs:

And now the moon rules all alone,
A silver queen on a silver throne,
With her page, the evening star.
Mrs. Astor admires another couplet
from the same piece, reading:

The evening star has sunk from sight, The owl is warden of the night. Shortly after perusing extracts from

the schoolgirl's poems Mrs. Astor or-dered several copies of the book from London. Violet heard of the compliment and forwarded by the next steamship an author's copy with a graceful inscription in a girlish scrawl. It is all well enough to poke fun at the poets, but the habit, which cer-tainly yields no proof of high intel-lectuality, is dying out in the best cir-cles. Mrs. John Jacob Astor is an ar-

dent reader not only of the classics, but of contemporaneous verse, and Mrs. Edwin Gould has one of the most complete collections of American poetry in the United States. Of course, literary women like Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cru-ger and Mrs. Clarence Mackay are in-terested in everything that flows from a worthy pen, but dozens of their friends who have never attempted to ride Pegasus with a side saddle are as earnestly devoted to perusal of really excellent verse as are the fashionable authors. Mrs. Burke Roche is an authority on dialect poems and can re-peat reams from the volumes of such men as James Whitcomb Riley, Frank Stanton and Paul Dunbar. Perhaps the most ardent admirer of the Amer-ican school is Mrs. Ogden Goelet—and she shares her sentiment with the Southern beauty, Mrs. J. W. Henning. Mrs. Ogden Mills has autographed books from all the living poets in America and England.

When Women Vote When women vote, and grafts demise, oh, speed the day!—shall signalize Their entrance into politics. Progressive man, mayhap, will fix for them an apropos surprise.

The stoveman's grimy shop; likewise
The dingy plumber's, small in size,
Are not the ones nice judgment picks;
As polling places, "Puck" predicts
Department stores we'll utilize,
When women vote.

—Puck.

The trustees of THE STATE SAVING BANK, 4th and Minn., sts., have declare heir 28th semi-annual interest diver

#### TROLLEY HONEYMOONS

Advent of Electric Cars Increases Mar riages in Towns Near Chicago

Near-Chicago towns have broken all records in the matter of marriages during this much of the year 1904. In Rockford during the ten months lished in the peerage or baronetage and who popularly are supposed to devote riages. In the same period in 1903 there were 564, and in 1902 490.

The electric railways are in a meas ure responsible for the increase of this class of business. There are now three interurban lines centering in the town They bring in hundreds of couples from other towns and from across the state line in Wisconsin.

other electric railway centers. Aurora although it is not a county seat, gets a great deal of business of this class. The town is now connected with Chicago, Joliet and all of the Fox river towns, the third rail system grid-ironing the most prosperous section of the near-Chicago territory.

The court officers are performing most of the out of town marriages. Now and then a minister is hunted up and the ceremony said in the parson-age. A Rockford minister relates that recently a Wisconsin young man gave up his last dime to be married in his parlor. He had saved enough to carry himself and bride back home on the himself and bride back home on the trolley line. But 10 cents of his store of cash remained. He apologized to the minister for his not being able to offer more, and when the parson found that he was giving up his last cent he refused to accept it, telling the blushing groom that he was quite welcome to his services and insisting that he keep his money. But the young Badg-

er refused to do any such thing; he laid it within the reach of the good pastor and went off with his bride as happy as if he was carrying with him

Let This

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The choosing of the little gift troubles

everybody. The more you think and study.

the more puzzling it becomes. How weary

you grow of the same old shop suggestions

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In the days of Barnum an old "auntie

ocketful of coin.—Chicago Tribune

mar-1903 to be of great age. Like all of her kind, she was extremely proud of the distinc-tion, and never underestimated her age in the least. She had outgrown that

in the least. She had outgrown that weakness decades past.

Barnum heard of her, and concluded that if she was as old as rumor made her, she would be a valuable acquisition to his show, and so he sent an agent down to make an investigation. She caught the direction of the wind very promptly, and was prepared for any test question that might be asked. Gradually the agent led up to the crucial interrogatory, and at up to the crucial interrogatory, and at last said:

"Aunty, do you remember George Wash-

ington?"
"Does I remember George Washington?"
"Does I remember George Washington?"

"Does I remember George Washington? Wy laws-a-massy, mistah, I reckon I does. I orter, ortent I? Fer I done nussed him. We played together ev'y day when he was a ii'l 'chile"

"Well, do you remember anything about the Revolutionary war?"

"G'way chile! Yes, indeed, I does, honey. I stood dar lots er times, an' seen de bullets flyin' aroun' thicker'n rain drops."

"Yes-well, how about the fall of the Roman empire? Do you remember any-

WOMEN WHO DROP IN Social Nuisance That Apartment Hotels

Are Fortified Against One nuisance that modern customs

have done away with and that promises to become extinct in cities is the per-son, man or woman, who makes a habit of dropping in to call on a friend or an acquaintance at all sorts of hours,

an acquaintance at all sorts of hours, without regard for the engagements or duties of the one visited.

In villages and in towns, where life is not so filled up with the duties imposed on persons socially active in New York, it is perhaps possible that persons may welcome the occasional dropperin, but in this city it argues a fine and well developed selfishness in the woman who, because she may have an hour or two to kill, at once argues that some two to kill, at once argues that some nearby acquaintance must necessarily

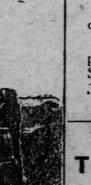
welcome a visit from her.

People who dwell in houses are, of course, protected by their servants from these unexpected visits. Flat dwellers are the principal victims of the bore who assumes that she must be welcome at whatever hour she may happen to have the leisure to present herself.
So pronounced has this form of friendly intrusion become that in most of the well managed apartment houses visitors are not permitted to ascend the elevators unless their names are first sent up. A receiving day indicated on a card means that on that day the presence of friends is expected and provided for, but the indiscriminate caller, who takes chances of disturbing

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