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"What I want in a wife is amiability. I don't care how many other good traits she has, if she hasn't that I don't want her."

"How are you going to find out about a woman's disposition before marriage?"

"Take her unawares and test her." "That reminds me of a story," rejoined the other, and, lighting a cigar, he told it:

"One morning a gentleman was sitting in a railway car when three well-dressed young ladies got in and began to look about for seats together. There was one entirely vacant seat, the next in front of the gentleman mentioned. One of the girls, who seemed to be taking the lead, stopped before these seats, turned over the back of the forward one and looked hard at the gentleman sitting in the other, plainly saying by her manner: 'We three girls can have a nice little party of our own in these seats if you will take one with some one else. Haven't you the politeness to do so?'"

"But the gentleman sat still in his seat. Evidently there was no politeness in him. The leader of the trio took the seat next the window, facing the impolite man; one of her party sat beside her, while the third dropped into the seat beside the man. They were evidently chums and kept up a clatter with their tongues. The man sat among them like a black crow among white doves, paying no attention to them nor they to him. He was young and bore the stamp of a gentleman. Surely it was surprising that he should not have given them the whole of the two seats and chosen another for himself. Instead he sat stolidly looking in front of him, not even glancing out of the window or reading a newspaper. The leader of the party began to fidget. Sitting facing the man, she was subject to his constant gaze. It was, to say the least, annoying.

"This is intolerable," she said, fanning herself angrily. "Did any one ever see such rudeness?"

"Gently, Alice," said the girl beside the sterner in a cautioning tone. "If you think you can stand it, Bet, you change seats with me."

"I'm willing," Bet replied softly. "You shall do no such thing. You haven't the spunk of a kitten. I shall stay right here, and if he doesn't stop I'll try to find a way to make him."

"The man paid no more attention to the words than if they had not been spoken. If he had occasionally turned his eyes upon the other girl facing him or glanced at the one beside him his action would not have been so noticeable. But, no; he had fixed his gaze on Alice and ignored the others.

"I can't endure it any longer, Mame," she said. "I must keep my eyes fixed on you or I shall do something terrible."

"Why not apply to the conductor?" suggested Mame.

"I will just as soon as he comes along."

"But the conductor did not come along, and Alice's position was not comfortable. She turned again toward the man. He was still staring at her. She resolved to try the effect of returning his insolence in kind. Fixing her eyes upon him, she stared at him for a full minute. Making no impression whatever, her temper broke away completely. Closing her fan tightly in her fist, she drew it back and landed it vigorously on the man's cheek.

"There!" she exclaimed. "Perhaps it will teach you not to stare a lady to death."

"The man brought his hand to the hurt, half rose and in a gentle voice full of sorrow said: 'There is some mistake. You do not understand, I am blind.'"

"Oh, Alice!" moaned Bet. "What have you done?"

"Why didn't you tell me?" said Alice to the man.

"You have said nothing to make me understand that I was offending you, though now some of your remarks are intelligible to me."

"People in such condition," said Mame coldly, "shouldn't travel alone."

"Girls," exclaimed Bet, "neither of you seems to appreciate that it is you and not this poor man who is to blame."

"No one is to blame, ladies," said the man. "It is simply my misfortune."

"The train slowed up for a station. The man arose and, feeling his way with a walking stick, started to leave the train. The girl called Bet took his arm and saw him to the platform."

"I see the pith of your yarn," remarked the listener. "Your man and Bet became lovers, were married, and she ministered all her life to a blind man. Very touching, but somewhat hackneyed."

"Nothing of the sort. The fellow wasn't blind at all. It was a put-up job on his part. He wanted a wife, just as you do, who was amiable. He found her in the girl who befriended him, but instead of hunting her up and marrying her what do you suppose he did? Why, he hunted up the girl who struck him and married her."

"For heaven's sake! What did he do that for?"

"Who knows? She was homely, while Bet was pretty. She had no money and was not remarkably interesting. In such affairs no one knows what either sex will do."

"And how did the marriage turn out?"

"She got him under and kept him there."

"I reckon," said the other thoughtfully.

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AGED MAN WANTS HIS WIFE AGAIN

New York Divorced Couple Had Lived Happily Together Nearly 50 Years.

New York, Oct. 15.—Divorced by his wife after nearly half a century of married life, Andrew Logan, 70, has asked the appellate division of the supreme court to set aside the decree obtained last spring by the wife, Elizabeth, his senior by several years.

The Logans lived happily together 47 years. Children and grandchildren were born. Family dissension arose and their children arrayed themselves against each other on the side of one or the other until the home was broken up. Husband and wife, it is said, desire a reconciliation but the children hold them apart.

According to the story told in court, a son and daughter followed their father once when he met Mrs. Lydia Williams, to whom, they allege, the aged man was too attentive. It was on this testimony given by the son, William Logan, that the divorce was granted.

By the decree, Logan was ordered to pay his wife \$60 a month alimony. The Logans were married on March 24, 1860. Decision on the appeal was reserved.

IN COSTA RICA.

Cartago—Vegetables—How to Make Black Coffee.

At an elevation of 5,000 feet, Cartago, once the capital of the country, is reached. There the tourist finds excellent snags, well stocked with both American and French goods. The houses are nearly all only one story, with the patio in the center. The streets are paved, but there is no sewerage or side gutters, and the water runs through the center of the streets. There are no alleys or exits from the rear, and the front door is used for all purposes. Frequently a man will lead his horse in and out by the entrance used by the family. Buzzards are the scavengers of the country, and as the penalty for killing one is a heavy fine, they are quite tame. The old cemetery, with its "oven" vaults, is especially interesting.

Costa Rican vegetables are grown the year round, and the tables of the Panama canal employes are supplied from there. Six or eight fresh vegetables are found on the tables of the residents every day in the year. Although a tropical country, the mountain air of the interior is bracing, and this, in a measure, accounts for the comparative industry of the tiller of the soil. Next to bananas coffee plays the most prominent part in the exports of the country. The Costa Rican is a large consumer of this beverage. The coffee served tasted so different from ours that I asked a young matron at San Jose for her recipe. "Use sufficient coffee," she said, "not less than two ounces to a pint of water. Warm your coffee pot, put the coffee into it, boil the water and pour the boiling water on the coffee and the thing is done. If the coffee itself is boiled the aroma is dissipated and the beverage spoiled. Just let it come to a boil." Then she added: "You Americans have your coffee too weak. Make it strong and use three-fourths milk if necessary; that is better than to use half milk and half coffee."—Leslie's Weekly.

The Only Bad Man.

When ma has got mos' dreadful cross, an' wants to whack me bad, Folks doesn't say to her (like me), 'Now don't be gettin' mad' An' sulky, like the way you has.' They says, 'Oh dear, oh dear! We'd better call the doctor in, ma's gettin' ill, we fear.'

When sister Nell has got a grouch, an' sulks 'long for a week, An' every day gets madder, an' doesn't eat or speak, Folks doesn't say to her (like me), 'Go hungry, then.' To Nell They says, as sweet as honey pie, 'Now ain't you feelin' well?'

When pa he gets into a rage an' swears the air all blue, Folks doesn't say to him (like me), 'I is ashamed of you.' Oh, no, they is all meeker than a mouse. It seems to me that only I's the bad man in the house.

—Harper's Weekly.

PERSIANS THREATEN

Europeans in City of Tabriz in Danger

THE REBEL COMMANDER

Unable to Restrain Followers—They Have Already Begun to Pillage—Fear of a General Massacre of All Foreign Residents.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—The correspondent of the Novoe Vremya at Tabriz, Persia, says in a dispatch published yesterday that the situation of the foreign residents of Tabriz is critical. The nationalist legionaries threaten a general massacre and to pillage the city. Already they have sacked the houses of a number of rich merchants known to be monarchists. Satar Kahn admits his inability to restrain his followers. Ahmed-Dowlah, the government commander, has evacuated the camp in front of Tabriz and retired.

AMERICANS TO MEET MIKADO.

Commissioners to the Tokio Exposition Are Highly Honored.

Tokio, Oct. 15.—The American commissioners to the Japanese national exposition, with the ladies of the party, will be presented to the emperor and empress next Friday, and on Saturday they will be the dinner guests of Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, the German ambassador. With this dinner the official capacity of the commissioners will end. During the visit of the American fleet, the commissioners will visit places in the interior of Japan.

BRAZIL HONORS DR. CHARCOT.

Leader of the French Antarctic Expedition Well Treated.

Rio Janeiro, Oct. 15.—The Geographical Society of Rio Janeiro has elected Dr. Charcot, the leader of the Antarctic expedition, which arrived here Tuesday on the Porpoise, an honorary member. The minister of marine visited the Porpoise yesterday and the French consul will look over the steamer on Saturday. The Brazilian government has offered to supply Dr. Charcot with all necessaries for his expedition.

ANTI-TUBERCULAR SERUM.

Ten Out of Eleven Patients Said to Have Been Cured by Its Use.

Paris, Oct. 15.—Professor Lannelongue, the university of Paris has discovered an anti-tubercular serum, which is said to be the most efficacious remedy of the kind ever used. Of eleven phthisical patients inoculated with the new serum, ten have either been cured or have shown improvement. Further experiments are expected to show even better results.

AGAINST OUR SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

French Senate Committee to Confer with the Government.

Paris, Oct. 15.—The agricultural group in the French Senate, which is agitating against the establishment of American slaughtering houses at Havre and Bordeaux, has appointed a committee to confer with the government.

Pope Gets \$14,000 from Philadelphia.

Rome, Oct. 15.—Mgr. Kennedy, rector of the American college, Tuesday presented to the pope \$14,000, this amount representing Petr's pence from the archdiocese of Philadelphia. The pope was greatly pleased with this generous offering and said that he would write a personal letter of thanks to Archbishop Ryan.

Fallieres Receives Senator Aldrich.

Paris, Oct. 15.—President Fallieres on Tuesday received in special audience Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, who is here studying the French financial institutions. The American ambassador, Henry White, presented Senator Aldrich to the president.

Abruzzi to Marry Miss Elkins Soon.

London, Oct. 15.—The Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent says that he is able to state on the highest authority that the wedding of the Duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Elkins will certainly occur very soon.

CRETANS ACT.

Provisional Government Created Pending Move by Greece.

Ganea, Crete, Oct. 15.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday appointed a committee to act in an executive capacity, with power to govern the island provisionally in the name of the King of Greece and in conformity with Greek laws.

The committee's power is to lapse as soon as the Greek government shall take over the administration of the island.

RUSSIES

St. Petersburg, Oct. 15.—Ivan Shipoff, Russian minister of commerce, was married yesterday to Mlle. Kropotova, the daughter of a noble Russian family.

Mr. Shipoff was a delegate to the Porto-Rico peace conference, and is well known in the United States.

Mlle. Kropotova is a teacher in one of the imperial schools for girls in St. Petersburg. Her family is not wealthy.

ROOSEVELT CANNOT ACCEPT.

He Says He Is Unable to Visit Australia.

Melbourne, Oct. 15.—Premier Deakin yesterday presented to the House of Representatives the answer received from President Roosevelt in reply to Australia's invitation to visit the commonwealth on his return journey from Africa. Mr. Roosevelt expresses his appreciation of the courteous invitation, but he regrets that he will be unable to visit Australia on his way back from his hunting expedition. In conclusion the president says he hopes at some future time to be able to come to the great young commonwealth of the Southern Hemisphere whose success is of the greatest importance to the civilized world.

SETTLER, ALBERTA, AFIRE.

Loss of \$250,000 to The American Settlement.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 15.—A large section of the town of Settler, Alberta, was burned yesterday, including five hotels, twenty stores, the bank and the post office. The man lost his life. Loss \$250,000. There was a heavy wind, which made the efforts of the firemen practically futile. Settler was one of the American settlements in western Canada. Practically everyone in the town was from the United States.

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EXPEdition TO HUNT EXPLORER TALKED OF

No Word from Dr. Cook Since Message of March 17—Failed to Reach the Base from Which Messenger Started.

New York, Oct. 15.—The first message from Dr. Frederick E. Cook, the intrepid Arctic explorer, since he started for his dash to the pole from a point north of Etah on Feb. 26 last, has been received here. It was brought by Rudolph Franke, who accompanied Dr. Cook on the early stage of his journey and who received it from the explorer by messenger whom he sent back to the winter base after he was well on his way to the farthest north.

The message was written on March 17 last, about three weeks after Dr. Cook had started on the last stage of his journey. It was dated "Polar Sea, North of Cape Hubbard." Dr. Cook wrote: "I am making a straight course for the pole. The boys are doing well and I have plenty of dogs. I hope to succeed. At any rate I shall make a desperate effort."

"While I expect to get back by the end of May, still I wish you to be ready to go to Anopon, the island of North Star, where the whalers come, June 5, and, if I am not back, to go home with the whalers. I think, however, we will be back."

Dr. Cook did not reach the base before Franke started for home and no word yet has been received from him. Members of the Peary club and the explorers have been considering for some time the advisability of sending an expedition in search of Dr. Cook. He was the only white man in his expedition. He had a large suite of Esquimaux and plenty of dogs.

DANIEL COIT GILMAN DEAD.

Was First President of Johns Hopkins University.

Norwich, Ct., Oct. 15.—Dr. Daniel Coit Gilman of Baltimore, formerly president of Johns Hopkins university, died here suddenly. He had gone to his room to prepare for a drive after dinner and was found helpless on the floor by his wife. He arrived here Tuesday for a visit with his sisters.

The cause of death was heart disease. Dr. Gilman, first president of Johns Hopkins university, was born at Norwich, July 6, 1831, the son of William Charles and Eliza Coit Gilman. He was a descendant of Councilor John Gilman, one of the original settlers of Exeter, N. H., who came from England in 1638.

One of Dr. Gilman's hobbies was excursions, and for the last 25 years he attended nearly every one held either in Europe or America.

His ideas on university and collegiate education were presented in articles contributed to the North American Review, the Cyclopaedia of Political Science and other publications.

One of his most notable works was the publication of a life of James D. Dana, the geologist. The book is remarkable, not only as a life of Dana, but as a study of ale, with which both Dana and Dr. Gilman were closely associated.

REPORTED DEATH OF GIRL AS A JOKE

Miscreant Put Stolen Crape on Door, Then Telephoned Story of Accident.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 15.—Some grovome joker stole the crape from the door of the home of the late John M. Denison, one of Baltimore's wealthy retired merchants, at 1204 North Charles street, and hung the black streamer on the doorbell of the home of Mrs. Nelson Perin, a wealthy widow and mother of Miss Gladys Perin, one of last year's debutantes, at Charles and Chase streets, the most fashionable corner in Baltimore. Then the miscreant telephoned that Miss Gladys Perin had been killed in an accident in New York, where she, with her mother and sister, arrived.

The telephone call in the Perin home was answered by Mrs. Ella Banks, the housekeeper, and the news gave her a terrible shock. Her screams aroused the other maids and all rushed from their rooms to find Mrs. Banks hysterical and crying "Miss Gladys has been killed! Miss Gladys has been killed!"

Then the telephone call came in for the particulars of Miss Perin's death. It was decided that Mrs. Banks should call up Mr. Lawrence Perin at the Hotel Devon in New York, where Mrs. Perin and the Misses Perin were visiting, and it was learned that there had been no accident.

TO USE BILL OF LADING.

The Railroads Send Notice to The Shippers.

Chicago, Oct. 15.—Announcement was made yesterday that all of the 416 railroads in official classification territory have arranged to address notices to shippers to the effect that on and after Nov. 1 shippers using the new uniform bill of lading prescribed by the interstate commerce commission will be charged the regular rates provided in the official classification. If a shipper shall elect not to accept the conditions of the new bill of lading the property will be transported at carriers' liability, limited only as provided by law, and the charge will be ten per cent. higher than the regular rate.

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Off Their Feet in New York City

POLICE ACCUSE STRIKERS

Explosive Thrown from an Auto Landed in Taxi cab Near Tank of Gasoline, and Watchers Expected to See Great Destruction.

New York, Oct. 15.—There was a terrific explosion, said to have been caused by a bomb, in a big tent occupied by the taxicabs and repair shops of the New York Taxicab company at Fifty-seventh street and Eighth avenue at 2 p. m. yesterday, just after three automobiles had scurried east through Fifty-seventh street. The police unhesitatingly declared it was the work of striking chauffeurs of their sympathizers.

The bomb landed just inside the fence and under the edge of the tent, only a few feet from a tank of gasoline. Firebrands were hurled on the sides of the tent, and for a time it looked as if the gasoline tank would explode. This was prevented by the prompt use of fire extinguishers. Luckily the tent was drawn tight, and fire falling on the canvas rolled to the ground.

There were 230 taxicabs in the tent when the explosion occurred, and all about the canvas garage were special policemen, uniformed police and detectives especially assigned by Commission or Bingham.

The officials of the New York Taxicab company, through a secret agent, got wind last night that an attempt would be made to blow up the tent and the taxicabs under its cover.

This word was passed to the police, and in anticipation of an attack a policeman in uniform was placed at Fifty-seventh street and Eighth avenue. A second man in uniform was at Sixth street and Eighth avenue. Plain clothes men were stationed in the Y. M. C. A. building and in the doorway of the Church of the Strangers, across the street.

When the automobiles came rushing through the street none of the policemen saw a missile hurled from any of the machines.

So great was the concussion that a policeman who was standing on Eighth avenue was hurled from his feet. Inside the tent were 17 special policemen. Not a man was left standing. The explosion was heard for a radius of half a mile or more.

After the excitement had subsided the police began stopping all automobiles and suspicious looking men. Not an arrest was made.

MAGAZINE REVIEW.

A Domestic Use for Sunshine. A simple method for utilizing sunshine for domestic purposes has been adopted quite extensively in southern California, where many dwellings are provided with roof-tanks to contain water, which is heated by the sun's rays. Such a tank ordinarily holds seventy gallons, and takes the place of a boiler in the kitchen, supplying the bath, laundry and the stationary wash-stands, as well as the sinks. The receptacle is set into the roof in such a way as to slant at an angle of thirty degrees, facing south. It somewhat resembles a skylight in appearance. Once installed, it demands no attention and involves no expense, inasmuch as there is no machinery connected with it to get out of order. It never wears out, and its operation costs nothing.—Suburban Life for October.

Russians Pigeonholed Reports of Japan's Fighting Strength. Before the war with Japan, Russia sent officers to investigate Japan's fighting strength, but refused to credit their reports, says Gen. Kuropatkin in the October McClure's. He continues: "In 1903, Colonel Adambash, who had just visited Japan, gave to General Zhilinski, of our general staff, very important information with regard to new reserves which the Japanese were organizing for service in case of war. Inasmuch, however, as this information did not agree at all with that previously furnished by Colonel Vannofski, General Zhilinski did not give it credence. A few months later Captain Busnie, a very talented officer who was acting as naval observer in Japan, made a similar report upon Japanese reserves to his superiors, and extracts from it were furnished to General Sakharoff, chief of staff for the army. Although the information contained in this report ultimately proved to be perfectly true, the report was pigeon-holed, simply because General Zhilinski and Sakharoff did not believe it; and in our compendium of data with regard to the military strength of Japan in 1903-4, no reference whatever was made to additional reserve forces. According to the figures of our general staff, therefore, the total number of available men in the standing army, the territorial army, and the regular reserve of Japan, was a little more than 400,000.

Recently published official reports of General Kipke, chief medical inspector of the Japanese army, show that the loss of the Japanese in killed and wounded, in the course of the war, was as follows: Killed ..... 47,387 Wounded ..... 173,425 Total ..... 220,812

Their loss in killed, wounded and sick was 554,885—a number considerably greater than the whole force which, according to the figures of our general staff, they could put into the field."

GREAT SCHOLARS AMONG BLIND. In All Countries and Ages, Blind Men Have Been Among the Leaders in Science and Letters.

In intellectual pursuits, blind men have attained distinction. Nicholas Saunderson, blind from childhood, was professor of mathematics at the university of Cambridge in the first part of the eighteenth century. He lectured on optics and the theory of vision! Henry Fawcett, blind at twenty-one, became professor of political economy at Cambridge university, was a member of Parliament for twenty years, and, as postmaster-general in Gladstone's government, introduced the parcels post. A blind man, Professor E. D. Campbell, holds the chair of chemistry at Ann Arbor. Professor Edward Crowell, who has taught Latin at Amherst for fifty years, has been blind for twenty years. Prescott, the American historian, was nearly blind. All the world has heard of the eloquence of the Hon. T. P. Gore, the blind senator for Oklahoma. General Brayton, the blind boss of Rhode Island, lacks physical sight and perhaps some other kind of sight. Chris Buckley, the blind boss of San Francisco, prospered for years on his discerning sense of "touch." (And speaking of San Francisco, the Japanese give their blind a practical monopoly in massage.) Dr. Campbell, an American blind man, who, by the way, has climbed Mont Blanc—is head of the Royal Normal College for the Blind in England. Homer, Milton, and Helen Keller are three wise ones whose paths through the dark have been lighted by the stars of poetry.

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Pegasus at The Plow.

At the close of a grand ball a celebrated actor of the court theatre in Berlin stands in the passage waiting for friends. A beautiful and fashionably dressed lady approaches him and says: "Beg pardon, have I the honor to see before me our famous Herr Donnerstimm, whose powerful and sonorous voice I had the pleasure of admiring last night in Macbeth? Might I ask you to do me a little favor? I am quite at your service, madam. Then will you be good enough to call out in the street in your loudest tones for the carriage of Baroness Swartz—Tit-Bits.

A Fakir Who Buried Himself and Was Dug Up—Exceedingly Dead.

This being the time of year when fakirs are busy "burying people alive" at country fairs and city resorts, the following comments by Dr. Woods Hutchinson in the October American Magazine are of unusual interest.

"Some of the trance-like conditions into which individuals fall and lie for days or weeks have been studied and have been found to be frauds. The 'subjects' are surreptitiously supplied with food and drink by their attendants or family. The same is true of the alleged power possessed by Hindu fakirs and esotericists of all ages, of going into states of trance in which they will allow themselves to be buried alive and dug up again and revived after several months have elapsed. In one instance on record an individual of this class allowed himself to be buried alive and his grave watched by a guard of English soldiers, and was dug up at the end of the time, exceedingly dead. In another, the English officer in charge became alarmed on the third day, and had the fakir 'resurrected,' when he was found still alive. A rope or bamboo at one corner of the grave to supply air would explain all these cases. The whole subject is involved in such an atmosphere of mystery and 'fakery' that it is impossible to attach serious weight to the claims made.

"Most of these claims, both Occidental and Oriental, to the power of existing for indefinite periods in this trance-like sleep seem to rest simply upon the well known power possessed by many weak-minded individuals, of throwing themselves by auto-suggestion into a hypnotic sleep