

...he said, an ever help... She was... that lay... "I will hinder... At that very moment the fortunate... was cursing his luck, and pacing... the street in a reckless way—seeing... nothing, of his surroundings. The... world has grown indifferent to him, for... he was standing face to face with death...—death or disgrace. He had been... forced by his own reckless folly into a... corner where he must choose between... the two. And life was sweet to him... because of his love, and disgrace was... all the more unbearable because of her.

**JOB HACKETT SAID "RATS!"**  
Why the County Senator and the Handsome Widow Laughed.  
Letter in Chicago Herald: One of the handsomest women who haunt the capitol is a tall and magnificently formed widow, who is the agent of a prominent book concern. She has lustrous brown hair and splendid eyes, and many and many a member of congress has willed under their expressive glances. She solicits subscriptions, and it is understood, is the most successful of all the vast army of book agents who prey upon the community. If there is one thing above another that will interest glib Senator Hackett, it is a handsome woman. The widow by some means, ascertained that the county Kentuckian was somewhat susceptible, and so went up to the senate chamber and sat in her card. Several of the senator's associates learned that "General Joe" was about to receive a call, and they made up their minds to play a practical joke at his expense. They enlisted the services of a messenger, and substituted for the widow's card one bearing the name, "Mrs. Wratz." Blackburn came out into the ante-room, and when he caught sight of the beautiful widow his face was wreathed in smiles and his breast swelled out like a pouter pigeon. Advancing in his most fascinating manner, he extended his hand and said with great cordiality, "I am very glad to meet you, Mrs. Wratz." The widow's eyes snapped, as she replied sharply: "Senator Blackburn, I am appalled. I came here to see you on a matter of business. You are the first member of congress who has ever said 'rats' to me." The senator looked confused for a moment, and then drew out the card which the practical joker had prepared, and said: "I'm sure there must be some mistake; the name reads W-r-a-t-z." The widow looked at the card and then they both laughed. A few moments later the widow put down the senator's name for two copies of her book. Then they shook hands and the widow went to look for a fresh victim.

**A Famous Detective.**  
Sing Sing (N. Y.) Daily Register: James Jackson, the famous state detective, resides in Sing Sing, and is generally in attendance at the prison. His duties are to examine carefully the face of every convict as he enters, and to scrutinize every visitor in order to prevent any discharged convict seeing his pals. Occasionally he has to make long journeys in pursuit of runaway prisoners or identify criminals convicted in other states. He never makes a mistake; if once he looks a man in the eye he will know him under any disguise, as he tells his man by the look of his eyes. Once an escaped convict had his nose pared down one-third, but Jackson detected him at once, notwithstanding this remarkable change of feature. Mr. Jackson is about 5 feet 8 inches in height, about 35 years old, of a light and sinewy build, with black hair and piercing black eyes, and is altogether remarkably handsome. He knows about 10,000 criminals, and it is simply wonderful that he can distinguish the features of every one. On his long journeys he eats very moderately and always takes one Brandreth pill at night. When ruck fagged by the jolting of the cars on his tiresome trips he uses two Alcock's Porous Plasters on the small of the back, which give him renewed vigor and quickly relieve him of all weariness. These are the only two remedies he uses, and he attributes his vigor and remarkable health to Alcock's Porous Plasters and Brandreth Pills.

**That Clung to the Flesh Pots.**  
Paterson Press: During conference in Hackensack eleven brothers and one sister were at dinner at one of the hotels where the dessert was sweet pudding and pie. Each brother signified his preference for pudding, and each, upon tasting the dish, changed his mind to pie. The sister also took pudding, but, to the surprise of the eleven partners, proceeded to dispose of it with unmitigated relish. Looking down from his seat at the head of the table, the senior brother said in solemn tones to the other side: "Sister Briggs, do you know what you are eating?" "Why, yes, Brother Perkins, I'm an eating sweet pudding, and it is very good, too." With deeper solemnity the brother again remarked: "Sister Briggs, you are eating brandy sauce." Having enjoyed about one-half of the contents of her plate, the good sister was not disposed to forego the pleasure of finishing the remainder, and looking scornfully up at the horrified dining companions she said: "Well, Brother Perkins, I may as well be killed for a sheep as a lamb, and shall therefore hold fast to that which is good."

**She Wore Seven Suits.**  
San Francisco Chronicle: Among the Chinese who came off on a return certificate was one giving the name of "Leland Stanford." His luggage was marked in that name. He was formerly an employe of the senator. He was accompanied by his wife, who, to all appearances, as she tottered down the gang plank, was a round matron. Inspector Kincaid thought that the pseudo Mrs. Stanford was extremely bulky in her dress and invited the lady to a secret investigation. The inspector removed what she supposed to be Mrs. Stanford's dress. When the article was taken off Mrs. Stanford was still dressed, though in a suit of different color and texture. So, marveling, the inspector drew off the garment. Another dress of even finer satin was revealed. Mrs. Stanford wore seven suits.

**At the Graves sale of pictures in New York last week C. P. Huntington, the railroad magnate, paid \$10,000 for one of Corot's pictures.**  
—Ex-Secretary Windom has an office in the Mutual Life building, New York, where he is pushing his Topolobampo Bay, Mexico, railroad project.

**FOR WEAK WOMEN.**  
Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass.: "About the first of September, 1881, my wife was taken with uterine hemorrhage. The best styptic the physician could prescribe did not check it, and she got more and more enfeebled. She was troubled with Protoplasma Uteri, Leucorrhoea, numbness of the limbs, sickness of the stomach and loss of appetite. I purchased a trial bottle of your Vegetable Compound. She said she could not believe a solitary effect from the first dose. Now she is comparatively free from the Protoplasma, Stomach's sickness, etc. The hemorrhage is very much better and is less at the regular periods. Her appetite is restored, and her general health and strength are much improved. We feel that we have been wonderfully benefited, and our hearts are drawn out in gratitude for the same and in sympathy for other sufferers, for whose sakes we allow our names to be used." C. W. EATON, Thurston, N. Y.  
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