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# M'ILLAN IS RESTING.

Michigan Senator at Manchester-by-the-Sea.

**MAIL-BAG REPAIR SHOP SCANDALS.**

They Result in the Removal of Major R. D. S. Tyler, the Chief—Donovan of Bay City a Visitor at the National Capital—Judge Benjamin A. Harlan Very Popular with the Clerks in His Division of the Pension Office.

Washington, July 20.—Senator McMillan has been with his family at Manchester-by-the-Sea for a week or ten days taking a vacation from the worries incident to the tariff bill. The senator will probably remain at the seashore for some time, as he is greatly in need of a long vacation.

State Senator Shepard of Caspapolis was in the city recently and took the customary examination before receiving his appointment as consul at Hamilton, Ont. The examination is conducted by a special board of the state department and candidates with proper political influence almost invariably pass. Mr. Shepard will probably assume the duties of his office about the 1st of August.

Major R. D. S. Tyler, chief of the mail-bag repair shop of the postoffice department, was recently relieved from duty. This action was the outcome of the scandals which have centered about the mail-bag repair shop more or less for years, and it is the direct result of an investigation which was made by the second assistant postmaster general. Major Tyler is one of the best-known officials in Washington, and came here from Michigan. His resignation was requested, tendered and immediately accepted. Major Tyler is a red-hot Democrat and this had something to do with his dismissal.

Donovan of Bay City.  
"Lone" John Donovan of Bay City was in the city for several days during the week, and received many attentions at the hands of the Michigan delegation. Senator McMillan tendered him the use of his committee room as his headquarters during his stay, and Donovan held quite a reception, shaking hands with a number of senators and representatives. Mr. Donovan became famous for holding up the Democratic banner through the whole term of a Michigan legislature single-handed.

Judge Benjamin A. Harlan of Grand Rapids was made chief of a division in the pension office last week. The judge is very popular with the clerks of his division, many of whom have been there during the entire fifteen years that Judge Harlan has been in office. They presented the judge with a beautiful and rare spotted palm as a token of their regard for him.

Among the Michigan visitors this week was H. L. Fifield of Menominee. Congressman Spaulding a few days ago, in looking over the Wyandotte postoffice case, learned that the resignation of W. W. Colfax, who was recently appointed postmaster of that place, had not been accepted, although Mr. Colfax insists that it be done. General Spaulding fears that Mr. Colfax has nervous prostration, but hopes he may recover so that he will not be obliged to appoint another man.

"I will be able to start for home in a day or two after the adjournment of congress," says Congressman Sam Smith, "and I can see no reason why I cannot be in Michigan by the 25th of this month. I guess I will be the first Michigan congressman to return to Washington, for I will be back by the middle of September. I have some business that will require my presence here at that time, and besides, I want to bring my children here so as to enter them in the Washington schools as soon as they begin. I think it would interfere with their standing in school if I should wait until November before entering them."

"The Michigan delegation is receiving numerous applications from female office-seekers," says Congressman Spaulding. "I would rather get an appointment in any other department for a lady than one in the library. The ladies say that it would be so pleasant to work in such a beautiful building; but they do not know that hardly one of them will work where the beauty is. The great majority of them will be cooped up in rooms that are nothing more than cells, in which are nothing but row after row of books, with no view from the windows except a small court which is always quiet and dull. Therefore their work will become almost unbearably monotonous. Besides, the work of handling these books from the shelves to the trucks and from the trucks back to the shelves will be enough to wear out the strongest woman in a very short time."

First Assistant Postmaster General Heath has made the following allowance for horse hire and cartage for free delivery postoffices in Michigan for the next fiscal year: Adrian, \$200; Ann Arbor, \$500; Battle Creek, \$600; Bay City, \$200; Detroit, \$8,100; Grand Rapids, \$1,160; Jackson, \$875; Kalamazoo, \$900; Lansing, \$750; Muskegon, \$458; Saginaw, \$1,600; West Bay City, \$60; Ypsilanti, \$200.

Temporary Inspector of Hulls.  
J. H. Langley will continue to be temporary inspector of hulls at Grand Haven for ninety days. This concession has been made by the civil service commission at the request of the secretary of the treasury. Before the expiration of this term there will be a civil service examination, and if Captain Langley succeeds in passing the examination he will receive a permanent appointment.

Mrs. Mary Rowman, who has been popular as janitress of the senate galleries at Lansing, is very anxious to secure a similar position at Washington, where the pay is nearly double that which she receives at Lansing. She has written to the Michigan senators and has furnished strong recommendations from members of the legislature. It is not likely, however, that the colored woman will receive an appointment, as places in the senate are very scarce, and very few women are employed.

Senator Burrows has made a strong fight for \$2 lumber and has been supported by the Republicans of the house of representatives, but the senators have persisted in demanding that the rate be fixed at \$1 per thousand. Senator McMillan favored a compromise at \$1.50 per thousand.

General Alger will go to Iowa and address a veteran's campfire at Spirit Lake on the 19th inst. He will then go to Chicago and participate in the Logan

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**SIMILIA SIMILIBUS CURANTUR.**  
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But just read on, and when you've done You'll find yourself much better. My mass will make you die with fun If I will only let her. Leastways, you'll have a perfect fit (Laugh here), as said the tailor, If her exhaustless well of wit Doesn't dry up and fall her.

My jokes can't fail to make you well, For they are simply killing (Laugh here), surpassing philter's spell For heart's distempers' stilling. Don't see the point? Laugh all the same—The joke's on you! (Now sneaker.) If you'll just follow up the game, You'll die with mirth the quicker.

Some say this life's but one huge joke, If people only knew it. (Now, here just double up and choke And you will never rue it.) Now, don't take time to catch your breath, But roar and scream with laughter, And how I've tickled you to death I may explain hereafter. —Emile Pichard in Boston Globe.

**A BIT OF JEALOUSY.**  
Near the Parc Monceau is a pretty little house that seems to hide in a bush of clematis the home of a young and charming widow of 22. The sacrament of baptism gave her the name of Louise and the sacrament of marriage made her the Countess of Viry. She had as a pet and constant companion a delicate little Mexican pebble, all white and woolly, to which was given as its sole nourishment a lump of sugar in the morning and a sweet biscuit in the evening. His name was Nito.

It was 4 o'clock. Louise was running along the pebbly paths of her garden, fitting among the rosebushes like a butterfly. Nito playfully pursued his mistress with barks of delight, at times seizing with his teeth the ruffle of her blue muslin dress, and propping himself upon his paws, pulled at it with all his strength.

In the midst of their play M. Jacques de Beauchamp entered the garden. The little widow, perceiving him, hid herself behind an orange tree. But Jacques ran to her and, surprising her, kissed her on the forehead. "Ah, M. de Beauchamp," she cried, "that is not nice of you."

Louise was of medium height. She had very small hands and feet, white shoulders and thick black hair. Her teeth were so white that when she laughed they glistened like pearls. How well she carried her widowhood and in a way to honor herself! The young maid is generally too timid and bashful. She blushed and cast down her eyes at the least word of compliment. The widow, on the other hand, has the right to hear everything, and when one speaks to her of love she knows readily what that means.

Louise leaned upon the arm of M. de Beauchamp, and they went into the parlor, followed by Nito, who threw some jealous glances at him who was to be the future husband of his mistress. Of course the poor little animal could not have known that it must have been a jealous instinct.

Louise and Jacques agreed so well that they had planned to be married. Nevertheless each of them had a defect. M. de Beauchamp was jealous and Mme. de Viry was coquettish.

"Louise," he said to her, "you will drive me to despair. You say that you love me, but how can I believe it when I see you smiling at every admirer and giving to every comer so sweet a reception? When I see you in society so full of life and gayety and hear your ringing laughter from the midst of a circle of ardent admirers, it is impossible for me to tell you the tortures and anguish I endure."

"And what can I do, dear?" replied Louise. "I am gay, it is true, but is that a crime? And why should I be cold to those who approach me only to say pleasant and agreeable things?"

"You are a coquette, and your laugh makes me despair, because if you laugh thus against my wish it must be only to show your teeth. You know very well how adorable you are when in laughing with a fixed purpose you throw back your head and show your pretty white neck."

"I suffered for years from displacement, debilitating drains, inflammation and weak back," writes Mrs. Jessie McPherson, of 38 So. Main St., Providence, R. I. "I traveled with my husband, and first noticed my weakness coming on when the jolt of the cars became unbearable. I stopped traveling but the trouble steadily grew worse, I suffered so that I became despondent and wished for death. I took only a few bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and was permanently cured."

"But what must I do to prove my love for you? It is becoming desperate. Ask of me what you please, but do not ask me not to laugh any more. I am only happy when I am glad and free to be light hearted."

M. de Beauchamp assumed a solemn air. "You said to me one evening that you would make for me the sacrifice of your life. I do not ask so much as that. But listen. Do you wish to make me the happiest man on earth?"

"You have but to speak."  
"Even at the price of suffering?"  
"Yes, at any price."  
"Well, then, make me the sacrifice of one tooth."

"What are you demanding of me? It is barbarous."  
"Only a tooth. The smallest one in the front. And afterward you may laugh as much as you please."

"But you will think I am ugly and will not love me any more."  
"I swear to you there is no other way to assure my happiness."

The countess rang the bell. John, her valet, took her orders and came back a quarter of an hour later with a gentleman carrying in his hand a leather case such as is used by surgeons.

"Who is that person?" asked M. de Beauchamp.  
The countess answered: "It is Mr. James, the American dentist."

The little countess entered her boudoir, followed by Nito, his tail between his legs, as if he understood that something serious was about to happen. Louise returned shortly afterward, ashamed and humbled, and gave to M. de Beauchamp a little tooth as white as milk, which he carried to his lips and covered with kisses. Seeing this tribute of affection, Louise ran away.

Jacques had the tooth set in a medallion and carried it religiously around his neck as a souvenir.

From that day the little countess became very sad. Only upon rare occasions was her face lighted up by a smile. She kept aloof from society as much as possible, but when she was forced by her social duties to appear among her friends they saw her keeping apart from the others or sitting in a corner with a serious air, her mouth closed like a prison door.

Jacques did not easily recognize her. In fact, she was greatly changed. "Poor countess!" said some evil minded ones. "She is getting old. How changed she is! She seems to be mourning the dead."

And Jacques felt his love diminish little by little. He began to understand that what he loved in her was especially her smile, her playfulness, her gayety, and he also became sad. The more he tried to regain his love, which seemed to be leaving him, the more he realized that he himself had killed his passion.

One day he went in despair to Mme. de Viry. "Louise," he said, throwing himself at her feet, "do you love me still?"

"I have sworn to love you always, and the stiller you are the better," she answered.

"Will you prove to me the sincerity of your words?"

"I ask nothing else."  
"Well, then, if you love me have the dentist put in a new tooth."

"What folly is this?" said Louise, weeping. "I was right when I said that you would not love me any more. That is just like you men. And you reproach us for being capricious."

"Louise, I beg you to forgive me. I curse my jealousy—my foolishness!"

"So you really are regretting the weakness with which I acceded to your caprice?"

"I am desolate and full of remorse."  
"You recognize the cruelty of your unreasonable request?"

"I will reproach myself for it all my life."  
"Would you be happy if I had disobeyed you?"

"I would give anything for that."  
The little countess gave a burst of laughter, which showed all her teeth complete.

"What does this mean?" asked M. de Beauchamp, holding in his fingers the medallion in which was incased as a souvenir the little pearl of the sacrifice. The countess opened the mouth of Nito, saying:

"Here is the victim."  
"Ah," cried M. de Beauchamp. "You never loved me." —Waverley Magazine.

**Dangerous Ink.**  
It sometimes happens that a trifling scratch or puncture made with a pen gives rise to dangerous septicaemia. The chemical constituents of the ink which is introduced by the pen into the wound are not capable of producing septicaemia, but microscopic examination proves that the ill effects are due to the liability of ink to contain pathogenic bacteria. Dr. Marquand of Leipzig has recently published the results of the microscopic examination of 67 samples of ink used in schools. Most of them were made with gall nuts and contained saphrophytes, bacteria and micrococci. Nigrosin ink taken from a freshly opened bottle was found to contain both saphrophytes and bacteria. Red and blue ink also yielded numerous bacteria. In two instances Dr. Marquand succeeded in cultivating from nigrosin ink a bacillus which proved fatal to mice within four days. This ink had stood in an open bottle for three months, and the inference to be drawn from the inquiry is that ink used in schools should always be kept covered when not in use.—London Lancet.

**A Different Matter.**  
The Man (expectantly)—Then you will be my wife?  
The Girl—No, indeed. I simply said I loved you.—New York Ledger.

**To Live.**  
To live is to have justice, truth, reason, devotion, probity, sincerity, common sense, right and duty welded into the heart.—Victor Hugo.