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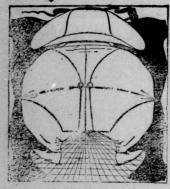
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THE MISTRESS

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CHAPTER XVI. erself for giving the address to the young woman, but she gave it and Lady Slavey departed in peace, saying by way of farewell: "I'm not going to two when he found that the mica mine When the new offices of the Canadian Mica Mining Company, Limited, were completed, Kenyon took charge of

them. He was somewhat overpowered by their grandeur, and he thought that necessary expense had been incurred in the fittings, but as they were now in for it, he said nothing, although shiver of fear ran over him when he shought of the possible failure of his scheme, leaving the rapidly accumulating debt hanging over him. He occupied a desk in one of the back rooms while a clerk in the front office gav away prospectuses to all who called and furnished useful knowledge to an equiring public. Most of Kenyon's allers were newspaper canvassers who vanted advertisements, which John

An oily young man, whose cast of cour tenance indicated that he belonged to a shrewd, thrifty and money-making ace, said he was commissioned by the Financial Field to get particular about the mine, and this information Kenyon readily supplied, feeling glad that no advertisement was asked for. Longworth was seldom at the nev offices. He was busy seeing acquain tances who would take stock in th new mining company. He constantly cautioned his partners against being in too much of a hurry, and he amazed Wentworth by informing him that he had overcome the objections and secured the cooperation of Melville, who had reported so unfavorably about

the mineral, thus showing that anything could be accomplished if you took your time over it. A Mr. King. also connected with the china works had promised his assistance.

The first meeting of proposed share holders was set for Monday afternoon, and Longworth expressed his belief that the forming of the company would be accomplished before the week was

One day when Kenyon entered the office the clerk said to him: "That young gentleman has been here twice to see you. He said it was very important, sir."

"What young gentleman?"
"That gentleman—here is his card who belongs to the Financial Field

"Did he leave any message? "Very good," said Kenyon, and he be

At three o'clock the smooth, oily ge tleman from the Financial Field put in

"Ah, Mr. Kenyon," he said, "I am glad meet you. I have called twice, but had not the good fortune to find you in. Can I see you in private for a moment?" "Certainly," answered Kenyon. "Come into the directors' room," and into the directors' room they went, Kenyon closing the door behind them "Now," said the representative of the Financial Field, "I have brought you a proof of the editorial which we pro-pose using, and which I am desired by the proprietor to show you, so it may We are very anxious to have things con rect in the Financial Field," and with this he handed to John a long slip of white paper with a column of printed matter upon it.

The article was headed, "The Canadian Mica Mining Company, Limited."
It went on to show what the mine had been, what it had done, and what hances there were for investors getting a good return for their money by

"It's a very handsome article," he said, "and it is without an error, so far as I can see."

"I am glad you think so," replied the young gentleman, folding up the proof and putting it in his inside pocket. Now, as I said before, although I am not the advertising canvasser of the Financial Field, I thought I would see you with reference to an advertise ent for the paper."

see we have not had a "Well, you see we have not had a meeting of the proposed stockholders yet, and we are not in a position to give any advertisements about the mine. have no doubt advertisements will b e remembered among the rest

"Ah!" said the young man, "that is hardly satisfactory to us. We have a racant half page for Monday-the very proprietor thought you would like to secure." est position in the paper-"As I said a moment ago, we are not

in a position to secure it. It is prema-ture to talk of advertising at the present state of affairs."
"I think you know it will be to your interest to take the half page. The

price is £300, and besides that amount we should like to have some shares in he company." "Do you mean for one insertion of

he advertisement?" "Yes, that is what I mean." "Don't that strike you as being

trifle exorbitant? Your paper has comparatively limited circulation, an hey do not ask us anything like that rice even in the large dailies."
"Ah! my dear sir, the large dailie are quite different. They have a tre-mendous circulation, it is true, but it is not the kind of circulation we have. No other paper circulates so largely among investors as the Financial Field. It is read by exactly the kind of

people you desire to reach, and I may say that, except through the Field, you annot get at some of the best men in "Well, admitting all that, as I hav said once or twice, we are not yet in a position to give an advertisement." "Then I am very sorry to say that we cannot on Monday publish the article I have shown you."

"Very well, I cannot help it. You are not compelled to print it unless you wish. I am not sure, either, that pul lishing the article would do us an good. It would be premature, as y. We are not yet ready to court iblicity until we have had our first ceting of proposed stockholders." "When is your first meeting of stock-

"On Monday at three o'clock." am sure you would find the attendance at your meeting would be very largely id substantially increased."

"Possibly, but I decline to do any-ing till after the meeting." "I think you would find it would pay ou extremely well to take that half

o everyone else, that we are not ready o consider advertising."

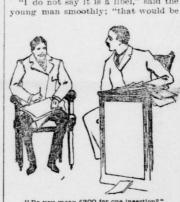
"I am sorry we cannot come to an arrangement, Mr. Kenyon, very sorry is deed," and saying this, he took another cast upon you and do nothing? What good will it do? It will do all the good give date, hour and full particulars.

Sign your name to it, and f will take it "We cannot form our company and the minister of this instead of article I showed you. Would you dily glance it over, because we would to have it as correct as possible."

"We cannot form our company and so the paper at the same time. All our energies will have to be directed toward the matter we have in hand."

"But, my dear John dear to the meeting this afternoon. It would not be a bad plan to read it to those who are here. There is nothing."

Sign your name to it, and I will take it when I come to the meeting this afternoon. It would not be a bad plan to read it to those who are here. There is nothing."



a matter for the courts to decide. You might sue us for libel if you thought we

had treated you badly. I may say that has been tried several times, but with indifferent success." "But do you mean to tell me that you intend to publish this article if I do not pay you the £300?"
"Yes; putting it crudely, that is ex-

actly what I do mean.' Kenyon rose in his wrath and flung open the door.

"I must ask you to leave this place, and leave it at once. If you ever put in an appearance here again while I am in the office, I will call a policeman and have you arrested." "My dear sir," expostulated the other.

suavely, "it is merely a matter of business. If you find it impossible to deal with us there is no harm done. If our paper has no influence, we cannot pos-sibly injure you. That, of course, is entirely for you to judge. If any time between now and Sunday night you selude to act otherwise, a wire to our

had an opportunity of coming to an arrangement with you. If not, this arti-cle will be published on Monday morning. I wish you a very good afternoon,

John said nothing, but watched his visitor out on the pavement, and then returned to the making of his report. On Monday morning as he came in by train, his eye caught a flaming poster on one of the bill boards at the station. on one of the bill boards at the station.

It was headed Financial Field, and the
next line, in heavy black letters, was

"The Mica Mining Swindle." Kenyon
called a newsboy to him and bought a copy of the paper. There, in leaded type, was the article before him. It seemed, somehow, much more important on the printed page than it had

truthful sincerity about the article that had escaped him during the brief they want." ice he had given it on Friday. went on to say that the Austrian Min-ing company had sunk a good deal of ney in the mine, and that it had never paid a penny of dividends-that they merely kept on the mine at a constant loss to themselves in the hope of being able to swindle some confiding nvestors-but that even their design vere as nothing compared to the barefaced attempt at swindling contem-plated by John Kenyon. He caught his breath as he saw his own name in print. It was a shock for which he was not prepared, as he had not noticed it eemed that this man, Kenyon, had secured the mine at something like £10,-000, and was trying to shove it off on the unfortunate British public at the enormous increase of £200,000; but this nefarious attempt would doubtless be "You are welcome to the letter frustrated so long as there were papers of the integrity of the Financial Field worth; "but do you mean to say, Mr. that took the risk and expense of making such an exposure as was here set calmly under this imputation and do

The article possessed a singular fascination for Kenyon. He read and re-read it in a dazed way as if the statement referred to some other person, not if yon's."

he walked up the street, and he felt numbed and dazed as if some one had struck him a blow. He was nearly over in crossing one of the thorough-fares, and heard an outburst of profanity directed at him from a cab amount of space to sell for a certain driver and a man on a bus; but he sum in cash?" heeded them not, walking through the

rowd like one under a spell.

He passed the door of his own gorized what he had done. Then he turned | printed?" back again, and, just at the doorstep,

paused with a pang at his heart:
"I wonder if Edith Longworth will
read that article," he said to himself.

CHAPTER XVII.

at him askance. He imagined that innocent gentleman had been reading

of mind, to form a correct opinion on what other people had been doing. Everybody he met in the street, it seemed to him, was discussing the norning, and was told that there had been no callers. Then he passed into the directors' room, closed the door bebows on the table. In this position

and when John looked up his face was haggard and aged. "Ah! I see you have read it."

Wentworth found him some time later,

"How do you know?" ing on Wentworth walked up and down, expressing his opinion now and then in remarks that were shown. then in remarks that were short and pithy, but hardly fit for publication. pithy, but hardly fit for publication.

When the story was done he turned on Keayon.

"Well," he said, there is nothing for "well," he said, there is nothing for get out the statement before the meet-

"What good will it do! Do you mean to say that you intend to sit here under such an imputation as they have own words as plainly as possible, and own words as plainly as possible, and own words as plainly as possible, and the other Mingan; and these are

toward the matter we have in hand."

It is nothing in nothing new, I suppose?

Kenyon opened his eyes and unfolded the paper. The heading was the same, but he had read only a sentence or but he had read only a sentence or our proposals. Every one will say:

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be paper. The issue of the paper. The issue out he had read only a sentence or out he had read only a sentence or out he had read only a sentence or out proposals. Every one will say: "Well, don't let that trouble you was one of the greatest swindles ever "What have you done about the article that appeared in the Financial Field?" well, don't let that trouble you as I say, and we will begin an interesting controversy. People like a fight,

young man smoothly; "that would be But if we commence a libel suit it his plan is the best, after all, and, as

before John could reply there was a knock at the door, and the clerk entered with a letter in his hand which had just sent it to the editor of the opposition sent it to the editor of the opposition. Wentworth. Wentworth saw the name

of their firm of solicitors at the top of the letter paper. Then he read: the letter paper. Then he read:

DEAR SIR: You have doubtless the article in the Financial Field of this morning referring to the Canadian Mica Mining company. We should be pleased to know what action you intend to take in the matter. We may say that, in justice to our reputation, we can no longer represent your company unless a suit is brought against the paper which contains the article. Yours truly,

Wontworth laughed with a contain

Wentworth laughed with a certain bitterness. "Well," he said, "if it has come to such a pass that Hawk fears for his reputation, the sooner we begin a libel suit against the paper the bet-

"Perhaps," said John, with a look of agony on his face, "you will tell me where the money is to come from. The moment we get into the law courts money will simply have to flow like water, and doubtless the Field has plenty of it. It will add to their reputation, and they will make a boast that they are fighting the battle of the investor in London. Everything is grist that comes to their mill. Meanwhile we shall be paying out money, or we shall be at a tremendous disadvantage, and the result of it all will probably be a disagreement of the jury and practically ruin us. You see, I have no wit-

How can we go on without vindicating ourselves?" Before anything further could be said young Mr. Longworth came in, looking as cool, calm, and unruffled as

if there were no such things in the world as financial newspapers.
"Discussing it, I see," were his first "Yes," said Wentworth. "I am very glad you have come. We have a little difference of opinion in the matter of that article. Kenyon here is averse to suing that paper for libel. I am in

favor of prosecuting it. Now what do you say?" Mr. Kenyon for once. Sue them! Why, certainly not. That is just what

t," said Wentworth, "if we do not, who is going to look at our mine?" "Exactly the same number of peo-ple as would look at it before the article

appeared.",
"Don't you think it will have any ef-

"Not the slightest." "But look at this letter from your own lawyers on the subject." Wentworth handed Longworth the letter from Hawk. Longworth adjusted his glass

and read it carefully through. "By Jove!" he said, with a laugh, "I call that distinctly good. I had no idea proof. Then he read on. It that this man, Kenyon, had sehe mine at something like £10,- me! All that Hawk wants is another suit on his hands. I wish you would let me keep this letter. I will have some

> "I mean to say nothing of the kind; but I don't propose to play into their hands by suing them; at least, I should

not if it were my case instead of Ken-

"Yes, he did." "He told you that he had a certain

"And, if you did not buy that space, this certain article would appear; wus office and walked a considerable ance up the street before he real-

"You seem to know all about it," said Kenyon, suspiciously.

"Of course, I do, my dear boy. Every-body knows all about it. That's the way those papers make their money. I think myself, as a general rule, it is cheaper to When John Kenyon enterd his office t seemed to him that his clerk looked to him that his clerk looked special on hand and doesn't want to special on hand and doesn't want to be bothered with outside issues. But the article in the Financial Field, but the truth is John was hardly in a frame of wind to form the financial field, but the truth is John was hardly in a frame and this is the result. It can be easily remedied yet, mind you, if you like. All that you have to do is to pay his price, and there will be an equally lengthy article saying that, from outarticle in the Financial Field.

He asked if anybody had been in that to the Canadian Mining company, he regrets very much that the form there is no more secure investment in hind him, sat down on a chair and leaned his head on his hands with his now, when he has come out with his editorial, I think it isn't worth while to have any further dealings with him. Anything he can say now will not matter. He has done all the harm he can. But I would at once put the boot on the other foot. I would write down "Do you think Longworth is at the bottom of that article?"

John shook his head. "Oh, no!" he said; "he had nothing whatever to do with it."

John shook his head between the control of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the control of the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the price had been all the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the price had been all the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the price had been all the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the price had been all the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the price had been all the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the price had been all the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you, tell exactions the price had been all the circumstances just as they happened—give the name of the young man who called upon you. lence, and I will have that printed in an opposition paper to-morrow. Then Kenyon related exactly what had passed between the oily young man of the Financial Field and himself in that it is all a lie, of course, but nobody will

Kenyon, who had been looking for A GREAT HUNTING OUTFIT.

attempted on poor old innocent financial London!

"Po you mean to say," cried John, looking up at him with his anger kindling, "that if I do not bribe you to the extent of £300, besides giving you an unknown quantity of stock, you will publish this libel?"

"I do not say it is a libel," said the "I do not say it is a libel," said the "I do not say it is a libel," said the "I do not say it is a libel," said the "I am astonished at you."

"I have always thought," said John, "that the capitalization is too high."

"Really, I believe you think that article is not so unfair after all. John.

I am astonished at you."

"I swy, Kenyon," said Wentworth, "that fellow is a trump. His advice has cleared the air wonderfully. I believe cannot be finished before our option has expired. If we tell the people that has expired. If we tell the people that we have begun to sue the Financial pensive lawsuit. I will leave you now to get on with your work, and will be

Field for libel, they will merely say they prefer to wait and hear what the

to get on with your conditions to get on which your conditions to get on result of the case is. By that time our chances of forming a company will be worth, who read it with approval, merepaper. Wentworth came in next, then



Melville, then Mr. King. After this they all adjourned to the directors' room, and in a few minutes the others were present.
"Now," said Longworth, "as we are

all here, I do not see any necessity for delay. You have probably read the article that appeared in this morning's Financial Field. Mr. Kenyon has written a statement in relation to that which gives the full particulars of the inside of a very disreputable piece of business It was merely an attempt at black-mailing which failed. I intended to have had the statement read to you but we thought it best to get it off as quickly as possible, and it will appear to-morrow in the Financial Eagle, where, I hope, you will read it. Now,

not of words, was a very poor speaker. you say?"

"My dear fellow," replied Longworth,
"I am delighted to be able to agree with
Mr. Kenyon for once. Sue them!
Why, certainly not. That is just what impression was not so bad as might have been expected. After a moment's it was Mr. King who spoke

"As I take it," he said, "all we wish to know is this: Is the mine what it the best for the use Mr. Kenyon has in dicated? Is there a sufficient quantity of that mineral in the mountain h speaks of to make it worth while to organize this company? It seems t me that this can only be answered by some practical man going out there and seeing the mine for himself. Mr Melville is I understand a practical man. If he has the time to spare, would propose that he should go to America, see this mine and report."

Another person asked when the optio on the the mine ran out. This was answered by young Longworth, who said that the person who went over and reported on the mine could cabl the word "right" or "wrong;" the there would be time to act in London in getting up the list of subscribers. "I suppose," said another, "that in case of delay there would be no trouble n renewing the option for a month or

To this Kenyon replied that he did not know. The owners might put a higher price on the property, or the mine might be producing more mica than it had been heretofore, and they perhaps might not be inclined to sell He thought that things should be arranged so that there would be no ne cessity of asking for an extension of the option, and to this they all

Melville then said he had no obje tion to taking a trip to Canada. It was merely a question of the amount of the mineral in sight, and he thought he could determine that as well as any body else. And so the matter was abou to be settled, when young Longworth rose, and said that he was perfectly willing to go to Canada himself, in company with Mr. Melville, and that he would pay all his own expenses, and give them the benefit of his opinion as vell. This was received with applause and the meeting terminated. Longworth shook hands with Kenyon and

Wentworth. "We will sail by the first steamer, he said, "and, as I may not see you again, you might write me a letter of introduction to Mr. Von Brent, and tell him that I am acting for you in this affair. That will make matters smooth in getting the extension of the option if it should be necessary."

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delightfully naive rejoinders. "How

sir, is it possible," angrily demanded

Interests of social economy, and the re

sults of his humble efforts were no

the opposing counsel of the bankrupt "to live in the luxurious style you have affected on \$200 a year?" The witness eplied, with an air of justifiable pride that that "was a problem to which he had devoted considerable time in the

Her Ideal.
For wealth I do not clamor
Nor do I care for fame;
But when I take a husband
He must have a stylish name.
—Chicago Record. Willis-Dobbs, in all my life I neve saw a more natural expression of con tempt than you have put in the face o this woman. Who was your model?
Dobbs—I used two models at the san time. One was an old maid and the oth

as much as to say: "The Keepers of the Mastiff Dogs." Each of these brothers hath 10,000 men under his orders; each body of 10,000 being dressed alike, the one in red and the other in blue, and whenever they accompany the khan to the chase, they wear their livery, in order to be recognized. Out of each body of 10,000 there are 2,000 men who are each in charge of one or more great mastiffs, so that the whole num ber of these is very large. And when the prince goes a-hunting one of those thing like 5,000 dogs, goes towards the right, whilst the other goes towards the left with his party in like manner. They move along, all abreast of one another, so that the whole line extends over a full day's journey, and no an-imal can escape them. Truly it is a glorious sight to see the working of the dogs and the huntsmen on such an oceasion! And as the khan rides a-fowling across the plains you will see these big hounds coming tearing up, one pack after a bear, another pack after a stag, or some other beast, as it may hap, and running the game down, now on this side, now on that, so that it is

really a most delightful sport and The two brothers I have mentioned. writes Noah Brooks in St. Nicholas, are bound by the tenure of their office to supply the khan court from Octo-ber to the end of March with 1,000 head of game daily, whether of beasts or birds, and not counting quails; and also with fish to the best of their ability, allowing fish enough for three persons to reckon as equal to one head of game,

OUR ALMANACS The Tables in Them Are Made by a Blind

"I had rather a novel experience last year in the matter of gathering tables year in the matter of gathering tables showing the rise and setting of the sun, the changes of the moon, high and low tides, etc.," said a publisher to a Washington Star man. "But I am fixed for this year. In my experience as a publisher I had printed about everything that I thought could be printed. Finally an advertising concern wanted ly, an advertising concern wanted me to get out an almanac for them. They furnished all the copy for the almanae except the almanae itself—that is, the tables. I supposed I would have no difficulty in getting them, but I soon found out that I was mistaken. My desire was to get the tables correct, and to have them prepared in an authoritamoney to get as comfortable an in tive way. After interviewing some of the experts in Washington I found that they were all disinclined to take any outside work. Finally one of them con-sented to do it, and he did it, charging me \$300 for the calculations-\$25 for each month. I am about having a similar work done this year, and caunhere for that purpose, but I learned that all the calculations for the various knows all about the market gave me a tip and I bought some stock in the patent medicine and many other al-manaes are made by a blind man in Pittsburgh, Pa., an amateur mathema Mr. Kenyon, perhaps you will tell us something about the mine."

Kenyon, like many men of worth and local reputation. I sent for the tables and have received them. He charged me exactly six dollars, or 50 cents for

PASSING OF THE WATCHDOG. tors than to the exhibitors. Falls ar frequent in New York city during the

each month. I understand that the

"The place of a watchdog on the farm or country place," said State's Attorney McGuire the other day, in making some observations about mad dogs, reports on tiptoe and Leeping the heel of the the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, "might be very well taken by peacocks and guinea fowls. I long since adopted pea-cocks alone to guard my place, and nothing can come around the premises might or day without causing an alarm from them. They are more watchful had time to select the safest spot. night or day without causing an alarm than any dog I ever owned. My experience with guineas has not been so extensive, but I believe they are also sure to give an alarm, or rather a good many alarms, if any strange man or beast should venture near them by night or day. Perhaps the days of the watchdog would be numbered if it were generally known how well peacocks and guinea fowls would take his place. Then, certainly, with fewer dogs there would not be so many cases of hydrophobia."

The statement of Mr. McGuire as to ensive, but I believe they are also

The statement of Mr. McGuire as to the watchfulness of peacocks was borne out by numerous Howard county farm-ers, among the number being County Commissioners Hess, Dorsey and Smith, and Mr. James L. Hobbs, who superintends the farming operations of Senator Gorman. Mr. Hobbs stated that he and down on the senators larin he ar-ways keeps six or eight of them to guard the premises. So it appears that peacocks are useful as well as orna-mental.

Geology.

The scientific beginnings of geology are said to have been treated of in Chinese works long before the Christian era. Some degree of geological in-formation is displayed in the book of Job, several passages of which have been held to indicate an exact knowledge of the different strata of the earth The science is treated of by Aristotle, Pliny, and Theophrastus. Geology did not become what may be called an exact science until the present century.

The Aberavon (England) town council lately unanimously elected as mayor Mr. Henry Richards, who is totally

Others.

De song birds, dey hab lef' de lan';
We doan' know whah dey's at;
But de eagle is a screamin' an'
De tuhkey's gittin' fat.

—Washington Star.

AN UNINTENTIONAL REBUKE.



and good night, Herr Professor. I'm "Ach, Fraulein, when you come to see us your stays are always so short!"

"Greatest girl at our boarding-house you ever saw," declared Quirkly, with a giggle, according to the Detroit Free Press. "Never says what you expect her to say, and you'd be disappointed if she did, after hearing her. "Dry goods clerk sits opposite her and asked the other day if she really thought there were bargains in the

matrimonial lottery. 'Of course there are,' she answered, with a laugh. 'I myself have been marked down from 35 to 25. "Old bachelor that sits next to her at the whole spilled his ice cream in her lap. She never screamed nor ran away, but effusively took him by the hand and congratulated him on the coolness of the entire proceeding.

"Dude boarder had the nerve to propose to her and she took half an Lour explaining to him how it was all she eould possibly do to support her mother and herself. When she thought of taking on any more obligations she would certainly have another talk with him. The chump went around telling it, proud

as a turkey gobbler.
"Real estate fiend wented to sell her a lot for twice what it was to reflect to the half his commission and give him equit claim to the lot. He still scrat, hes his head and looks at her from the corners of his eyes.

"Think of laying my own fortune at her feet. Haven't the slightest idea that she will accept and for that very reason am inclined to think that she will." DOWN ON TOBACCO NOW.

He Went Up with It, However, When the Stock Rose.
"Nicotine," said the moralist, according to the said the moralist, according to the said ing to the Washington Star, "is a terrible drug."
"I sometimes think that it doesn't hurt a person who indulges in modera-tion," responded the Star reporter, who was smoking a cigar.

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"That's the danger of it. It is the more pernicious because of its many insidious phases. If I had my way I'd abolish every leaf of tobacco from the markets. It's a constant temptation to waste, and I am thankful that I never propagated my recognized in any such

way."
"You never smoked?" "Never."
"Nor chewed?" "Certainly not"
"Nor used snuff?" "The idea is preposterous!" "I suppose you must have saved a great deal of money, then? These small expenses count up very rapidly. But, of course, a man must invest his

as you appear to enjoy. A friend of mine was telling me about how you laid the foundation for your fortune. It was a small appear. It was a small speculation, was it "Would you mind telling me just how you managed it?" "Why, you see, a friend of mine who

ON SLIPPERY STREETS.

The Only Way to Walk to Keep from Falling.

There are right and wrong ways to do most things, and walking on icy side-walks is no exception to the rule, says the New York World. Many people follow the wrong method, and as a re-sult they often make exhibitions of themselves more pleasing to the specta-

shoe from striking the pavement until the foot is armly in position slipping is avoided. If, on the contrary, you start with the heel and toe gait popular with pedestrians your heel will slip from un-This is readily explained by the fact that when the ball of the foot is placed on the ground a large section of the shoe

Among the numberless stories of the quick wit and felicitous sayings of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is one connected with the breakfast given in his honor by the publishing firm of Houghton, Osgood & Co. on the occasion of his long ago discovered what excellent pro-tection peacocks afford about a place, and down on the senator's farm he al-ways keeps six or eight of the guest on that memorable occasion, and had written one of the many bright poems which formed part of the en-tertainment. In referring to the late festivity, the doctor said to his friend: "I knew there would be a good many things said that would be calculated to draw tears. I was resolved that I would not cry—that nothing should make me cry; and so I went to the breakfast determined to maintain a

rigid upper eyelid!" It is stated that recently a young unbeneficed clergyman in an English suburban parish received a spontaneous and unsolicited offer from member of his flock to her solicited offer from a lady money and hand." In reply the spinster was advised by the unsentimental cleric to give her heart to the Lord, her money to the poor and her hand to the man who asked for it.

A Tribute.
The worried-looking business man turned in his chair and gloomily looked after the clerk as he went through the "That," he said, in tones of suppressed emotion, "is the most reliable man in this establishment."

"Why, he's one that's always making "That's it. Whenever I give him a piece of work I can rely implicitly on his doing it wrong."—Washington Star.

A Serious Case.

Mrs. Briske—Johnny, did the doctor call while I was out? Little Johnny (stopping his play)—Yes'm. He felt my pulse an' looked at my tongue, and shook his head and said

this prescription, and said he'd call again before night.

Mrs. Briske—Gracious me! It wasn't you I sent him to see; it was the baby. -N. Y. Weekly.

If the conductor doesn't see her, nor yet the motorman, She has made a "signal failure," sure

THE CITIZEN.