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## READE DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

NOTED IMPERSONATOR SCORES BIG HIT  
Homer and Pothos Move Auditors from Laughter to Tears—Rapid Next Seen for Graded Schools Plans Fund.

For over two hours, Monday night, Willoughby Reade, gifted elocutionist and impersonator, held his large and enthusiastic audience, in Nicol hall, spell-bound by his humorous and sedate selections, rendered in a manner peculiar to his own oratorical and dramatic attainments. Prof. Reade's appearance before the footlights was the signal for an outburst of applause which interrupted his introduction for several moments. The distinguished speaker was introduced in well chosen remarks by Rev. Leslie Robertson, rector of Trinity church. About fifty percent of the pupils of the public schools of Manassas were present, and Mrs. M. S. Moffett, supervising principal of Ruffner school, cautioned the pupils against applauding in an undignified manner, saying she wanted Prof. Reade to leave Manassas with a good opinion of their conduct. At the conclusion of two songs rendered by twenty or more female voices, Prof. Reade stepped to the front and said, "It would be strange, indeed, if I did not feel at home in Manassas after such a hearty welcome and the good words that have been spoken in my behalf by my esteemed friend and colleague." Prof. Reade explained that he had endeavored to arrange his programme to suit the taste of the humorous as well as the serious, and declared that a reader was simply an interpreter between his audience and the author of the selection. Prof. Reade's first selection was a letter written to Lord Dundreary, a character in "Our American Cousin," by his brother Sam across the waters in the South

land. The peculiar lip and accent of English dialect, together with Lord Dundreary's odd interpretation of his brother's letter and his difficulty in solving relationship afforded much amusement. When informed by his brother of his purchase of an estate in Mississippi, he marveled who Miss-sipi could be and wondered if it was not Sam's mother-in-law. "Hunting a Mouse," full of humorous incidents and vivid descriptions, concluding with an amusing explanation of why "Perkins" could not hold the innocent little mouse, with its tickling feet and hair, captive in the leg of his pantaloons and plan a campaign at the same time was the next selection. In his next number entitled "His Last Song," Prof. Reade varied his renditions from extreme humor to tender pathos. The appearance upon the scene, at a church of a mysterious stranger who volunteered his services in the absence of the organist and whose masterly rendition of the sacred songs of the service including "Abide with Me," made the old church resound with unusual melody, inspiring the choir and moving the congregation to extreme solemnity. Then it was that the devout assemblage was the more curious as to the stranger's identity. At the conclusion of the services a request was granted this strange master of melody to play his favorite song. Greatly to the astonishment of the congregation the talented organ with soft, sweet melody filled the sacred house with the strains of "Dixie" as they were never so sweetly heard before.

## DEDICATE NEW ASSEMBLY HALL

COMPLETE PROGRAM FOR CEREMONIES  
Prominent Speakers To Take Part—Fine Musical Program—Funds Raised—Building Erected at Cost of \$30,000.

With impressive ceremonies the new assembly building at Eastern college erected at a cost of \$30,000, will be dedicated on Washington's birthday, next Tuesday February 22. The exercises will be held in the main hall from 2 to 5 in the afternoon, followed by a public reception from 5 to 7 o'clock. Dr. H. U. Roop, president of the institution announces that the alumni, former students, local citizens and friends of education are most cordially invited to the dedicatory exercises, the inspection of the building and the public reception. The following is the program:

**THE PROGRAM**  
Selection—College Orchestra Overture—"William Tell."  
Rossini—Miss Eva F. Horns and Mr. Glenn C. Gorrell.  
Invocation—Rev. T. D. D. Clark.  
Hymn—"My Country 'Tis of Thee"—Congregation.  
Five minute addresses—Hon. Geo. C. Round, representing the Manassas Business Men's League; Dr. J. G. Hamner, representing the Manassas Ministerial Association; Chas. G. Maphis, Esq., representing the State Department of Education.  
Music—College Girls Glee Club.  
Address—Hon. Elmer E. Brown, L.L.D., United States Commissioner of education.  
"Songs of Norway"—Hermina Lohr—Mrs. Frances Thomas.  
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Piano Solo—Scherzo B minor, Chopin—Mr. Gorrell.  
Dedicatory prayer—Prof. Irwin F. Mather.  
Dedicatory Declaration—President Hervis U. Roop.  
Song—"God Thou Art Great"  
Song—"Eastern Choral Society."  
Benediction—Rev. S. R. Edlin.

When requested to desist for the reason that nothing but sacred music was allowed, the stranger indignantly exclaimed: "Never was there more sacred music than that of 'Dixie.'" The story closed with the tragic death, on the threshold of the sacred edifice, of the gifted organist with incoherent words of the Confederate war song upon his dying lips and the drawing from his pocket of a small Confederate battle flag stained with blood. "The Ghost Story of the Golden Arm" was told in a way calculated to cause cold chills creep over the less scary and make the small boy the more fearful of the darkness through which he would wend his way homeward.  
A new cure for rheumatism "Setting a Hen," told in characteristic German dialect, and "The Taffy Party" were selections which came in for their full share of enthusiastic applause. "Carl the Village Blacksmith," a poem which the talented elocutionist characterized as the finest in the English language, was listened to with rapt attention and gleomy forebodings. The program concluded with a selection in costume entitled "The Country School," which was the climax of humor in the evening's entertainment. The mix-up in recitations of scholars and their humorous compositions, together with the amusing attire, and true-to-nature portrayals of the gifted impersonator provoked the audience to cheer enthusiastically as the talented speaker bowed his acknowledgments and retired.  
The receipts from the entertainment were about \$25 and will go to the piano fund of the graded schools of Manassas.

## FLAMES IGNITE DRESS CHILD DIES OF BURNS

VICTIM LINGERS A DAY IN AWFUL AGONY  
Death in Terrible Form—Leopold—Stove in Evelyn Whitmer's Apartment—Fire—Child Body from Waist to Knees—Arise Racco.

Enveloped in a mass of flame, Evelyn Whitmer, 11 years old, screaming with pain and fear, ran out into the yard, into the arms of her mother by adoption, Mrs. Henry Rollins, who bravely extinguished the blaze which had ignited the child's garments while she was putting wood in a stove at their home near Gainesville late Friday afternoon. After enduring awful agony the child died Saturday night. The funeral was held Monday from Buckhall. The fatality is one of the most pathetic in the history of Prince William county.

**SPARK IGNITES APRON**  
None but the victim witnessed the fatality. Between sobs she told how the sheet of fire closed in upon her after her apron had been ignited. She had used the garment to open the stove. Then she ran for assistance from Mrs. Rollins, who with rare presence of mind and without a thought of personal danger smothered the flames and ministered to the suffering child. Dr. B. F. Iden, of Manassas, found that the flesh had literally been charred from waist to knees, the right arm severely burned and that the child undoubtedly had inhaled fire. Evelyn Whitmer was a daughter of Will Whitmer, formerly of Manassas. Her mother died some time ago.  
The Democrat is eleven weeks old today and is getting up and taking notice. Besides this it has a full set of teeth, and it is dangerous to put your finger in its mouth.

## FORM CLUB TO EXPLOIT AUTOS

ORDER TWO CARLOADS OF MACHINES  
May Erect Garage and Showroom Later—C. C. Wenrich, Business Manager—Eight Classy Cars Represent Total Investment of \$7,250.

Two carloads of automobiles, eight bright new classy machines, representing total investment of \$7,250, will be delivered in Manassas within a month to members of the Manassas Auto Club, limited, an organization formed Saturday to exploit motoring in Prince William and adjoining counties. The officers of the club are: President, R. H. Davis; first vice president, C. E. Nash; second vice president, R. A. Hutchison; secretary-treasurer, H. P. Davis. Other members are C. C. Wenrich, I. E. Cannon, E. L. Hornbaker, and R. S. Hynson.  
R. H. Davis and Harry Davis each have ordered four-cylinder roadsters; C. E. Nash and R. S. Hynson, four-cylinder touring cars; I. E. Cannon, C. C. Wenrich, E. L. Hornbaker and R. A. Hutchison, two-cylinder runabouts.

**EXPLOIT AUTOS**  
The club is a partnership formed to demonstrate and distribute Maxwell cars. Exclusive rights have been secured for Prince William, Fairfax, Loudoun and Fauquier counties, and later probably will be extended to Alexandria county and city. Plans contemplate the erection of a garage and display rooms as the popularity of motoring increases, and according to present prospects at least 15 cars will be sold in this vicinity during the summer. The business will be conducted by C. C. Wenrich.  
Interest in motoring naturally creates renewed interest in improvement of the roads, a need most apparent in Prince William county.

## ELECTRIC LINE FAVORS MANASSAS

BUSINESS LEAGUE INTERVIEWS OFFICIAL  
May Change Route to Include Manassas if Conditions Justify—Committee Offers Depot Site and Points Out Advantages.

A route through fertile valleys, now without transportation facilities, then on to Manassas as an important junction and division point, is favored by the builders of the Gould electric railway extension from Ashland to Richmond. This is to be the route selected in the event conditions justify changing a preliminary survey run within a distance of six miles east of town.

This was the outcome of a conference Thursday in Richmond between a committee of the Business League and H. W. Anderson, general counsel of the Gould system. The only obstacle confronting the proposition to bring the line through Manassas appeared to be that the route would be lengthened six miles, but this declared representatives of the road, would not enter into consideration if other conditions were favorable. There is a matter of grades and other details of the railroad construction to be considered before the final decision is made.

The Business League committee was headed by G. Raymond Ratcliffe president of the League, and accompanied by Hon. Theo. H. Lion and Senator R. E. Thornton.  
The proposition, under advisement, promises to develop favorably and the indications were never better for another railroad into Manassas. The Business League committee offered to donate a half-acre of land for a depot site, and stated that little doubt exists that a right of way through this section of Prince William county will be granted gratuitously. This latter proposition appeals strongly to the railroad builders, as it is said they are confronted with many difficulties in securing right-of-way along another section of the line, necessitating the institution of condemnation proceedings.  
The Gould railway authorities recognized the strength of the argument presented by the Business League committee that the cost of grading and bridges would be greatly reduced by building through Manassas, and this point will enter deeply into their consideration of the proposal. Again the interchange of passenger and freight traffic with the Manassas branch of the Southern will produce revenue wholly lost by eliminating Manassas from the route of the extension. These facts presented by the Business League were received so favorably that it is expected they will do much to influence the builders to construct the line through Manassas.

## GALLANT VETERAN REVIVES MEMORIES

TELLS OF CAPTURE OF GOLDEN TREASURE  
T. C. Anderson, of Bristol, Member of Company F, Fourth Virginia Cavalry, Relates War Reminiscences.

(By R. W. MERCHANT)  
T. C. Anderson, of Bristol, who was a member of Company F, Fourth Virginia cavalry, and who followed the fortunes of the Confederate army, from Bull Run to Appomattox, relates, in substance, the following incidents of the war:  
"When Company F, Fourth Virginia cavalry, Capt. G. F. Harrison commanding, was sent from Manassas to Fairfax station, on the 17th of May, 1861, to check the advance of the Federals with orders to fire upon any who failed to promptly respond to the command of the outposts.

**ASTONISHES GUARD**  
"The guard on duty at Post No. 1, at the famous deep spring near the station, heard a noise in the bushes, on the hill above the spring, and gave the command 'halt!' Getting no response, and seeing a dark form moving in the bushes, he fired. To his great astonishment a large black hog came rolling down the hill and landed at the bottom of the spring which was the only source of water supply. It took us nearly the whole of next morning to draw the water, by means of a sweep pole, and remove the hog. So thirsty were the boys that they swarmed around the spring like flies around a molasses hogshead, each eagerly awaiting his turn to slake his thirst."

**AWFUL SCENE**  
Mr. Anderson states, that upon one occasion, he was bearer of a dispatch from Gen. Lee to Gen. Jos. E. Johnson whose headquarters was at Manassas. He found Gen. Johnson at a large hospital tent which was located, as near as he can recollect, on the spot now occupied by Morgan's livery stable. When he entered the tent a sight was presented which he says will never be effaced from his memory. Stretched on tables were scores of wounded and dying Confederate and Federal soldiers, around which numerous surgeons were gathered with glittering instruments amputating legs and arms and performing other surgical operations. Limbs of the unfortunates of war were piled in tall heaps in several places in the hospital tent presenting a most gruesome aspect. Upon a rude seat sat an Irishman of the New York Zouaves, with a portion of his skull mashed showing plainly the imprint of a guncock, a blow having been given him by one of Wheat's Battalion of Louisiana Tigers. He heard the man exclaim in Irish brogue as he entered the tent "Doctor he gave me one h-l of a lick."

**TRANSPORT OF TREASURE**  
Mr. Anderson was with General J. E. B. Stuart in his raid through Fauquier county, in Aug. 1862, when he captured the rear guard of Pope's army together with over \$100,000 in gold and silver, which came from the Treasury of the Federal government to pay off Pope's army. When he saw a four mule team leave Warrenton for Richmond, in charge of General W. H. F. Lee, with a detachment of the Ninth Virginia cavalry, Lieutenant Yager, of Company C, of the 4th regiment, asked Mr. Anderson and others, if they had any idea what the wagon contained, making answer that it contained the amount of coin, stated, together with a new uniform which Pope had sent to him to be worn with all the pomp of splendor, when he rode at the head of his army into the Confederate Capitol.

## MANASSAS CITIZENS DO THINGS

MANASSAS has set a precedent for civic pride and for practical enterprise that is attracting wide attention and extensive comment throughout the State. Manassas is known as a town composed of citizens who do things. It is a proud position for any community to occupy, an advertisement beyond price.

The leading daily and weekly newspapers of Virginia are devoting much space to comment on the remarkable progress of Manassas. Among the representative newspapers exploiting Manassas as an example for other towns to follow, is the Fauquier Democrat, of Warrenton, its issue last Saturday containing the following significant editorials:

"We cannot help but notice the manner in which our sister town Manassas is pushing to the front. On last Saturday night a crowded hall of enthusiastic citizens were in evidence there. Harmony and brotherly feeling existed among all. Business men of the town made five minute talks. Addresses were made by Hon. C. C. Carlin, Judge C. E. Nicol, and Mr. M. V. Richards of the Southern Railway.

"The Business League of Manassas is going to accomplish something. It is going at it in the right way. Why can't Warrenton do the same thing? Let's form a real Business Men's League here, not a merchants association, not a credit association, but a real Business Men's League, composed of men who want business and who are willing to spend money in order to get business, and men who will lay aside personal prejudice and let unkind feelings be a thing of the past, and of men who want to see Warrenton made a busy, prosperous town."

"G. R. Ratcliffe, president of the Manassas Business League will leave this afternoon to head a special committee of the League accompanied by Senator R. E. Thornton, and Hon. Theo. H. Lion, to interview W. H. Anderson, general counsel for the new Gould railway, for the purpose of inducing the company to build the line from Richmond to Washington through Manassas.—THE MANASSAS DEMOCRAT, February 10."

"We wonder if Senator C. L. Fletcher and Hon. J. M. Price of Fauquier county are looking after the interests of the people along the above line. No, because our people are not interested enough in a matter of so much importance as to ask them."

## DEATH OF MRS. SYLVIA NELSON

Death claimed a life-long resident of Prince William county Friday night, when Mrs. Sylvia Nelson succumbed to a third stroke of paralysis at her home near Blind's Ford bridge. She was born and reared within a mile of the scene of her death. She is survived by her husband Joseph Nelson, to whom she was married about ten years ago. Mrs. Nelson was about seventy years old.  
Before her marriage she was Miss Sylvia Fair. The funeral was held Saturday from the residence with interment at Fairmont cemetery.  
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FOREIGN NATION HONORS  
COMMANDER PEARY

King Humbert Gold Medal Awarded to Him.

HE HAS ANOTHER... Secretary Meyer... Wilkes Land... Antarctic... Peary's expedition...

Washington, D. C. (Special). Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the North Pole... Secretary Meyer... Peary's expedition...

Secretary Meyer, on whom the offer called, announced that it was decided to have Commander Peary lead the expedition...

Neither Secretary Meyer nor Commander Peary would divulge the nature of their conference... Peary will retain his present status pending action by Congress...

To Cross Ocean Is Driftable. Madrid (Special). A special dispatch from Tenerife says that in his attempt to cross the Atlantic in a dirigible balloon...

Rams Auto Over Daughter. Beaumont, Tex. (Special). Seeking his automobile out of his garage, William Cook, a well known lawyer, felt the machine strike an obstacle and striking on more power forced the car backward...

Frank Lee Fur Older. Pittsburg, Pa. (Special). Henry Heberling, an aged merchant at Pottsville, died after eating a swallow of concentrated lye...

French Fete In Roosevelt's Honor. Paris (Special). The Figaro announces that President Fallieres will be a grand fete at the Elysee Palace on ex-President Roosevelt's visit here.

Baby Set Homes On Fire. York, Pa. (Special). While the mother was at market Raymond, the five-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Warner, set fire to the home and burned itself to death...

FIFTY DROWNED  
IN SHIPWRECK

Magellan. The Pacific Navigation Company's Steamer Lima Goes Ashore In The Dangerous Humboldt Passage...

Santiago, Chile (Special). The Pacific Navigation Company's steamer Lima is ashore on one of the islands of the Humboldt Passage...

The British steamer Hathumet rescued 205 of the persons aboard the stranded steamer, but was forced to leave many persons aboard whom it was impossible to rescue.

JOINED IN CHASE FOR HIMSELF. Youthful Bank Robber Escaped A Posse By This Race.

San Bernardino, Cal. (Special). Surrounded in an orange grove by a sheriff's posse, the boy highwayman who robbed the First National Bank of Highland of \$1,600 escaped...

WASHINGTON  
BY TELEGRAPH

J. J. Voorhes, counsel for Secretary Ballinger, announced at the Ballinger-Pinchot hearing that missing papers from the East Ohio oil lease were found in a box belonging to Louis R. Glavin in the grand jury at Seattle.

The American Legation at Belgium has notified the Secretary of State of the postponement of the Maritime Conference, which was to have been held in April.

Vice President A. R. Marsh, of the New York Cotton Exchange, testified before the House Committee on Agriculture at the hearing on the anti-option bill.

Least Sir Ernest H. Shackleton, the British Antarctic explorer, will be presented with the Hubbard medal by President Taft.

The Home Market Club, of Boston, invited President Taft to a dinner to be given in his honor at any time during this spring that will suit him.

The subcommittee of the House Committee on Naval Affairs decided to report adversely the bill to retire Commander Robert E. Peary, with the rank and pay of a rear admiral.

Secretary Knox, it is said, will write to the United States representatives abroad acquainting them with his desire to promote commercial relations with foreign countries.

MURDER CHARGE  
AGAINST HYDE

Doctor Accused For Killing Millionaire Swope.

RAIL FIXED AT \$50,000, RELEASED. Accused by Attorney John G. Paxton, Executor of The Philanthropist's Estate—Looks Upon His Predicament Calmly And Asks That Wife Be Telephoned That He Will Return Home For Dinner—Dr. Hyde Dismisses His Libel Suit For \$600,000.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special). As a climax to the lengthy investigation of the mysterious death of Col. Thomas H. Swope, on October 3, 1909, Dr. B. C. Hyde, husband of the late millionaire's niece, was arrested here charged with the murder of the aged philanthropist.

The warrant upon which the arrest was made was issued at the request of Attorney John G. Paxton, executor of the Swope estate. First degree murder is charged. The warrant says that Dr. Hyde, with felonious intent, administered strychnine to Colonel Swope on the day of his death.

ALL ON BOARD LOST BUT ONE

106 Persons on French Liner Perish—The Sole Survivor Crazy by His Sufferings.

Soldiers and Officers Who Were Retaining to Their Posts in Algeria—In A Terrible Storm On The Mediterranean The Steamer General Chanzy Goes To Pieces—The Reefs Near The Island of Minorca—Every Man In The Crew Dead—Ships Report The Worst Storm On The Mediterranean In Many Years.

Palma, Island of Majorca (Special).—Driven helplessly from her course in one of the wildest storms that has swept the Mediterranean Sea in 40 years, the French Transatlantic Steamship Company's steamer General Chanzy was wrecked at high speed in the dead of night...

The sole survivor is an Algerian customs official, Marcel Rodet, who was rescued by a fisherman and who lies in the hospital at Ciudadela, raving as a result of the tortures through which he passed and unable to give an account of the disaster. In the ship's company there were 87 passengers, of whom 30 were in the first cabin. The crew numbered 70. It is not thought that any Americans were aboard the liner.

NO BARRAGE BARRAGE COMET

Case No. 104. New York (Special).—Prof. Harold Jacoby, head of the astronomical department of Columbia University, said in reply to a question as to danger from the approaching comet, that the amount of matter in the tail of the comet was so small that no danger was probable.

Escape From Fire In Detroit. Detroit, Mich. (Special). Six men made a spectacular escape from the top floor of the building occupied by Schulz Brothers, wholesale saddlers, when fire which practically razed the building hemmed them in.

New Kisses Too Long. New York (Special).—My wife's kisses last 10 minutes, and I don't like 'em that long," was Sol Lowenthal's jest in Magistrate Corrigan's court when his wife accused him of not loving her any more.

Star Mine Blown Up. Stearns, Ky. (Special).—An explosion, caused by a windy shot in Mine No. 1 of the Stearns Coal Company, killed six white miners outright. None of the other workers in the mine was injured.

BROUGHT  
BACK TO LIFE

Remarkable Case of Resuscitation in Chicago.

THE MAN HAD CEASED TO BREATHE. A Patient Who Was Afflicted With Neurotic Oedema—The Nurse Finding Him Apparently Dead Calls The Physicians—Atropine, Nitro-Glycerine And Oxygen Used Effectually—Now The Man Is Out Of Danger, But Weak.

Chicago (Special).—Breathing and pulsation ceased entirely in the body of Frederick McNear, at the Chicago Baptist Hospital for about 10 minutes, and now he is clamoring for a breakfast. McNear was brought to the hospital suffering from neurotic oedema. His face and neck had become badly swollen while he was at home and when his tongue, glottis and larynx began to swell he was rushed to the hospital.

He was hardly able to breathe and through the greater part of the night had a nurse to hold his tongue out if his mouth with a pair of forceps so that he might breathe. Mr. Francis W. McNamara was at his bedside almost constantly, giving him external and internal treatment. Toward morning he seemed improved and Dr. McNamara and the nurse, Miss Anderson, had both left the room for a few moments. Returning with an oxygen tank, Miss Anderson was horrified to find him apparently dead.

She screamed for Dr. McNamara and hasty examination showed that his heart had ceased to beat and his pulse was not beating. Miss Anderson again seized his tongue with forceps, while Dr. McNamara began to massage his breast, while an attendant brought a loaded hypodermic needle and the oxygen tank close to the bed.

Injections of atropine and nitro-glycerine were hastily administered. Dr. McNamara continued his efforts at artificial respiration and at the end of about 10 minutes McNear gasped. Oxygen was then administered, and for more than half an hour the physician and the nurse continued to work over him vigorously. His breathing had then resumed a somewhat normal status and his pulse was fairly regular, though very weak. Now he is much improved and is considered out of danger.

JURY DECLARES "PENNY" IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTICLES LEFT IN CASE

Philadelphia (Special).—A case of interest to travelers was decided in Common Pleas Court here when a jury held the Pennsylvania Railroad Company liable for the full value of baggage lost in a 10-cent package room at one of its stations in New York.

The company contended the package rooms were maintained only for the accommodations of passengers and the small cost charged did not impose any obligation beyond \$10. The judge said the company had assumed the safekeeping of the baggage, and its failure to do so amounted practically to violation of contract. He, therefore, permitted the case to go to the jury, which rendered a verdict of \$254.25, the full amount of claim, with interest. The company will appeal.

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Burrill, S. C. (Special).—Solomon Shepard, charged with killing Engineer Holt, of the Southern Railway, 14 months ago, was convicted by a jury in Judge Biggs' court of murder in the second degree and sentenced to serve 30 years in the penitentiary. The defendant testified that the killing was accidental and that he fired a shot intended for the brakeman of the train.

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Belmont, Fla. (Special).—Irvin Hanchett, a 16-year-old white boy, was arrested charged with the murder of Mary Tedder, at Glenwood. The girl was stabbed in sixty-five places, being literally cut to pieces. It has not been determined whether she had been assaulted, but this is believed to have been the boy's purpose. The boy was from a school of correction in Connecticut. He has been spirited away by the sheriff.

Saved Daughter, But May Die. Toledo, Ohio (Special).—Quick work of Mrs. George Croll, living in Tontogany, saved her daughter, Hilda, but it was feared that her devotedness as a mother may cause her own death. The daughter, entering the house, was mistaken for a burglar by her father, who had a large sum of money in the house. Mrs. Croll recognized her daughter just in time to throw herself in front of her husband's revolver as he fired, and she was shot twice.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH

Jersey Shore, Pa. (Special).—A fire in the First National Bank Building in this place caused the death of three persons, the injury of two others and the complete destruction of the building. Mrs. Dravenstadt, 64, was burned to death and Mr. Dravenstadt died from injuries received in jumping from a window. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The fire was caused by crossed electric wires.

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NATIONAL SUGAR COMPANY GIVES UP \$604,304.37

But Does Not Affect Criminal Proceedings—Total Receipts By Federal Authorities From Underweighing Frauds Now Over Three Millions.

New York (Special).—The National Sugar Refining Company, the \$20,000,000 corporation in which the Sugar Trust holds stock, has paid into the United States treasury \$604,304.37, which the government has proven to the satisfaction of the National Company was owed in duties on under-weighed sugar imported by that company between 1898 and 1907.

The official announcement of the refund, as stated by Henry L. Simson and Winford T. Dennison, the government's special counsel in the customs cases involving the under-weighing of sugar is as follows: "In July last Messrs. Simson and Dennison, as special counsel for the government, commenced an investigation as to the weights on which duties were paid on sugar landed on the docks of the sugar refineries of the National Sugar Refining Company of New Jersey, at the port of New York."

"That company voluntarily gave them access to its books and a thorough investigation was made of those books and of the books of the constituent companies and of the company's purchasing agents and of the custom-house records. As a result it was ascertained that there had been a shortage in the payment of duties on importation of sugar made by representatives of that company and its predecessor between 1898, when the refineries began business, and the end of 1907, amounting to \$604,304.37. This shortage was reported to the officers of the company, and as soon as they had verified the government's figures they voluntarily offered to pay this sum without suit into the treasury of the United States, and to make good the offer they deposited the full sum in cash."

"This payment has been accepted by the Secretary of the Treasury, with the concurrence of the Attorney General and on the recommendation of the solicitor of the Treasury and the special counsel for the government."

"This settlement in no wise affects the criminal prosecution of any individuals who may be shown to have been responsible for any criminal frauds."

James R. Post, president of the National Sugar Refining Company, refused to discuss the situation in which his company found itself, nor would he say anything in explanation of the statement made by him last December that the stealing from the government had been done, if done at all, without the knowledge or consent of any of the officials of the National Company. Mr. Post referred his questioners to his counsel, who was out of town.

The \$604,304.37 turned into government treasury by the National Company bring the total of payments made by the various sugar companies for short-weighed sugar importations and in one case a fine for short weighing up to in-round figures \$3,424,877. The American Sugar Refining Company refunded \$2,000,000 and was fined \$135,000, and Arbeck, Dege, made a refund of \$855,573.

WRIGHTS GIVEN MEDALS

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Wilbur and Orville Wright received the recognition of the Smithsonian Institution for their great achievements in the science of aviation. This was in the presentation to them of the "Langley medal," authorized by the board of the institution and named in honor of Samuel W. Langley, late secretary of the institution, who was a pioneer in aeronautics in this country.

BLIND GIRL SEES AGAIN

Minneapolis, Minn. (Special).—Totally blind for almost three weeks as the result of a neuralgia, a sight returned to Miss Christine Canfield, a stenographer. Nearly three weeks ago the sudden closing of a typewriter desk shocked Miss Canfield so that when she opened her eyes after the crash she found herself sightless.

NINE-YEAR-OLD KILLS MOTHER

New York (Special).—While playing with his father's revolver, John Brady, 9 years old, shot and killed his mother, Agnes Brady, in their home in Harlem. The bullet plowed its way past the cheek of John's baby brother, Thomas, whom the mother was carrying, and entered the woman's heart. She sank to the floor without a cry, dead. Mrs. Brady was 31 years old.

SPITZER'S SENTENCE BEGINS

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—Oliver Spitzer, former dock superintendent of the American Sugar Refining Company at Williamsburg, New York, who was convicted of conspiracy in the sugar underweighing frauds, has started on his two years' sentence at the Federal penitentiary here.

### ART OF TOWN BUILDING

(From the September, 1914, issue of the "Lighthouse")

It takes spenders to make a city. It takes spenders to make business. So far as the individual value of a rich man to a community is concerned it is not vastly different to that of a poor man. A bond clipping millionaire is not worth nearly so much as a carpenter or a brick mason unless he be actuated by public spirit and is willing to turn his money loose.

### SNAP SHOTS

Resignation tempers sorrow.

Resignation is the only remedy that applies to their scars.

A man can always flatter his wife by being jealous.

In the game of hearts diamonds usually are trumps.

### A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY

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Ninety-four per cent of all the diseases with which the human system is afflicted originate in the blood. Assuming himself of this fact, Dr. Barker gave the matter of catarrh his entire time and study, and after several years of most thorough research for a remedy which would positively cure catarrh in any form, he prepared a prescription which he used in his private practice without a single failure of any case of catarrh he treated. After a considerable amount of persuasion he consented to put the prescription in convenient form, so that sufferers from this terrible disease could purchase the treatment at the nominal cost. The prescription will be found in most any drug store in the United States under the label "Bloodine". In a recent introductory sale in the city of New York, more than 20,000 bottles were sold in a single week.

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### COAL, OIL AND GAS IN VIRGINIA

#### OPINIONS OF FAUQUIER COUNTY CITIZEN

Predicts Successful Results Through Activities of Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company—Approves Plan for Deep Drilling.

(G. T. WILLIAMS, in The Fauquier Democrat)

Is it worth while, or is there any chance of getting one's money back, if one takes a few shares in the Penn-Vir company, which is now preparing to dig a deep prospect well near Nokesville. That is the question and I think that it can be safely answered in the affirmative. The first attempt to prospect this country of ours began just eighteen years ago. Up to that time few but those who could "read sermons in stones," thought that there was oil in the neighborhood, or anything else of value for that matter.

#### SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS

So the present attempt to discover it is not a sudden one, but has been worked out by the accumulated experience of many years. The reason that all previous attempts were unsuccessful was, that the prospect wells bored were too shallow, and the people who undertook them, did not have sufficient knowledge and experience to carry their undertakings to a successful termination. But, notwithstanding this, some wonderful and significant things were discovered which went to prove they were on the right track.

#### CRUDE PETROLEUM

From the bottom of one well drilled about 200 feet into the rock formation, a solid core of limestone was taken, which was saturated with crude petroleum. It was seen by the writer the day after it was taken out, and it was a revelation to all who inspected it. A fissure leading up from the oil deposits at a much lower depth had been struck, and it satisfactorily proved that there was a lake of it further down.

#### NECESSITATES DEEP WELL

To have pushed this discovery to a successful termination, would have necessitated a well, probably 2,000 feet deep. Why this had not been developed is still a mystery. In West Virginia petroleum is found at 2,500 feet. In this neighborhood, six miles southwest from Warrenton, we find that we are 500 feet lower down in the geological formation, so it is probable that we could strike it at a lesser depth. Still a prospector here ought to have tools to drill 2,000 feet, and be prepared to go 1,000 feet.

#### STRIKE QUANTITY OF OIL AND GAS

Small leads of oil were struck at intervals all the way down, also quite a perceptible quantity of gas.

#### CRUDE PETROLEUM WOULD FLOAT UP ON THE SURFACE OF THE WATER

Crude petroleum would float up on the surface of the water from the bottom of the well and cover the surface of the run into which it was drained.

#### THE ROCK FORMATIONS APPEARED TO HAVE OIL FILTERING ALL THROUGH THEM

The rock formations appeared to have oil filtering all through them, and as the strata was excessively hard, it went to prove that there must be large deposits deeper down, under a sufficient heavy pressure, to force it up in considerable quantity through the cravelling rock.

#### AND THESE HAVE BEEN THE INDICATIONS WHICH PRECEDED THE DISCOVERY OF OIL IN PAYING QUANTITIES IN MANY PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS

Another well was drilled near Midland which gave some peculiar and promising results. When it was abandoned, owing to a want of funds, an oak plug was driven with a heavy maul into the casing at the top.

#### CURIOUS COINCIDENCE

Some months afterward, the owner of the land came to me and said: "What is the matter with the well we drilled? It has been blowing and carrying on at a great rate."

#### I ASKED HIM WHY HE DID NOT TAKE AN AXE AND KNOCK OUT THE PLUG, AND HE REPLIED: MY DEAR SIR, I WAS AFRAID TO GO WITHIN FIFTY YARDS OF IT

It is a curious fact that the Jamaica earthquake took place about this time. Whether this catastrophe had anything to do with the sudden development of gas in this well, which was trying to escape, it is impossible to say. Certainly it was a curious coincidence.

#### LARGE DEPOSIT OF PETROLEUM

All these things go to show that there is a large deposit of petroleum, under heavy pressure, somewhere in the

country, and that it only needs a thorough and deep exploration to find it, by people who understand how to do it, and where to bore.

The Penn-Vir officials in all probability will fill the bill, for the chances are very much in their favor. Many further illustrations of this interesting subject could be given, but it is hardly necessary, nor will space permit it.

#### AN UNSOLICITED LETTER

Timely with the foregoing came yesterday to Dr. W. R. Tullos, general manager of the Penn-Vir company, an expression of confidence in the enterprise in the following unsolicited and signed letter from William Beverley, of Broad Run:

"To Dr. W. R. Tullos, general manager of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company:

"My Dear Doctor—I have not seen or heard from you for a long time, suppose you have been busy getting up your market. How are you getting along with it? The weather has been so bad I expect it has delayed you. When do you expect to get ready to commence boring?"

"I enclose you a check for ten shares of stock. I would with all my heart like to see you undertake a success. As far as my judgment and experience go there is positively no doubt about this being an oil producing section, as the surface indications and borings as far as we have gone show actual presence of both oil and gas, and I believe the indications as good as ever were in Pennsylvania, W. Virginia or any other section. As to quantity that could not be known without going down to the oil sands, which requires capital, so in my opinion the trouble is not whether there is oil but whether sufficient capital can be raised to reach the oil.

"If your Company has capital sufficient to put down say three wells the chances would be very much better as you might sink the one well and just miss the oil vein only a short distance. I wish you success and if I were plus would risk one hundred dollars on it. You have never asked me to take stock but I expect you might get a fellow who had been burnt as badly as I was sick of it, but I consider this oil business much better than many of the fool risks I have seen in like our gold mine, etc. of the West. I hope you may believe it is good in the first one.

Very sincerely yours,  
"(Signed) Wm. Beverley."

#### BISHOP WRITES LETTER TO CHILDREN

The Sabbath school pupils of Trinity church, of Manassas, have each received a letter from Bishop Robert A. Gibson, of the Diocese of Virginia, calling upon them to aid in raising the sum of \$6,000, which the churches within the Diocese are expected to contribute through the "mite" boxes.

"This amount may seem large," says Bishop Gibson, "but it is a small contribution in consideration that there are over 10,000 children in the several churches throughout the Diocese to aid you, the task will not be so great after all." "Do not let the word duty frighten you."

Mr. Gladstone and Robert Lee said that it was the sublimest word of the English language. Keep this assertion in mind and it will give you courage for the task before you."

#### BUTCHER'S LARGEST STEER IN COUNTY

T. B. Fickinger, of Nokesville claims the honor of slaughtering the largest steer ever butchered in the county. The beef dressed, netted over 1,000 pounds, the hind quarters being over five feet in height when hung on the hook in his brother shop.

H. J. Jones, who is authority, on such matters, asserts there is no fry-pan in Nokesville or Manassas, large enough to fry a full steak cut from one of the hind quarters of this monstrous beef.

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Extremes meet when the hair-dresser is introduced by the chiropodist.

Perhaps all the bachelors haven't talked to a pretty girl in the firelight.

Some people never know the meaning of love until they have loved and lost.

Nothing helps a fellow's chances more with a girl than parental opposition.

Faces in the firelight are usually visions kindled from hopes turned to ashes.

Sometimes a man's chins never are better than when hope seems all but lost.

A girl never truly loves a man until she tries to make him believe that she doesn't.

If it wasn't for the mystery where they come from, valentines would hold little charm.

All the romances of the dream-book would be gone if we didn't long for some of them to come true.

At any rate the prodigal son acquired more fame than the virtuous brother who stayed at home and was decent.

The girl who says she wouldn't marry the best man living probably will have the satisfaction of knowing she didn't.

When one woman has a grudge against another she tells the neighbors how sorry she feels for the woman's husband.

Before she is married to a man a woman always wants to think of him; afterward she always wants to think for him.

A woman can look at a man in a way that makes him feel like a plugged nickel; then she spoils the effect by saying things.

#### PICKLED PEAR PLANK

L. T. Sullivan, of near Canova, made THE DEMOCRAT office a friendly call on Friday. His presence recalled to a member of the staff an incident which occurred years ago, when Wm. A. Garner, now of Warrenton was night operator in the Western Union telegraph office at this place and Mr. Sullivan was track walker. Mr. Garner related an experience which he had when a boy, in stealing his mother's pear preserves.

"I had about satisfied myself," said Mr. Garner, "when I pulled from the preserve jar an extra large pear which I put in my mouth, as I left the pantry, holding it as I thought by the stem, when to my great surprise I found I was sucking a candied mouse, holding it by the tail."

Mr. Sullivan was so sickened by the story that he had to abandon his night round over the railway tracks.

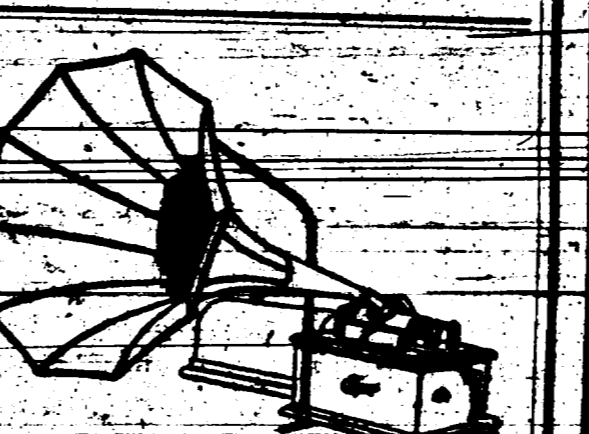
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**TOPICS OF THE TOWN**

Mrs. Mary Hovatt has been quite ill. Mrs. W. E. Merchant, of Clifton, is on the sick list. R. W. Adamson has returned from a visit to Richmond. Mike Lynch suffered a severe attack of rheumatism last week. The Southern is introducing steel coaches on several of its branch lines. Thruston Wolfe of Washington visited his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. Wolfe, this week. The Rev. T. W. T. Noland, of Falls Church, will preach at Woodbine, Sunday, March 6. Miss Lillian Evans and Miss Rosie Duffy, of Alexandria, were guests Sunday of Mrs. B. C. Cornwell. Sergeant Willcoxen is making his rounds with the corporation tax books and tax-payers are looking glum. The Prince William County Teachers' association will meet at the Ruffner school building, Saturday, February 26. Lenten services will be held in Trinity Episcopal church, Tuesdays and Fridays at 4 p. m. and Wednesdays at 7:30. T. A. Metz has sold to J. R. Tillet a tract of nine acres of land on Dockhall branch. The consideration is not stated. Will Jordan, of Haymarket, is recovering from a recent operation he underwent at University hospital, Charlottesville. Mrs. Bettie Harrison, of Bristow, and daughter, Miss Lucy of Clarendon, have started house-keeping here in the residence owned by Mrs. Sarah Keys. Elder R. A. Norton of Washington, delivered interesting sermons before large congregations at the Primitive Baptist church Sunday morning and afternoon. W. H. Green of W. B. Moses & Sons of Washington, and who was operated upon for appendicitis is visiting his relative, R. H. Davis at Bristow, pending his convalescence. That the operations of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas company last week received an order for eighty shares of stock from Mandan, N. D., shows they are gaining wide publicity. A fine new piano costing \$1,200 is to be installed in the music department at Eastern college. The instrument was purchased in Baltimore last week for the institution by Mrs. Frances Gordon. A team driven by F. E. Saffer ran off when opposite Hottle's marble yards on Monday afternoon and collided with William Thomason's buggy in which he was riding. The buggy was badly damaged. The students of the Normal class and the pupils of the grammar grades will give scenes from colonial life and national games in Nicol hall Friday night, Feb. 25, at 8 o'clock, for the benefit of the piano fund. Touches of winter tempered by suggestions of approaching spring, characterized the weather during the last week. Although the mornings have been severely cold, the warm sunshine during the day relieved conditions. O. T. Martin, who recently bought the Compton farm, near Bristow, at a cost of \$30,000, has made many improvements to his fine estate, including a commodious barn which will enable him to house his farm implements and machinery, and store the grain from his fertile farm. The hearts of the youngsters were set aflutter Monday as the romantic significance of St. Valentine's day dawned upon them in form of pretty missives, symbols of undying affection. Many of their elders were reminded of faults and eccentricities through medium of the coming valentines.

B. W. Cleaveland will coach the Agricultural High school base ball team this season. Miss Marie Simpson, of Clarendon, was here Friday day visiting Miss Mary Garrison. J. C. Harrell of Nokesville, made two visits to Manassas this week to consult an "Official Chiropractist."

Isaiah Jacobs, one of the most progressive farmers in upper Prince William, was in town Tuesday on business. The Gaither Construction Company, of this place, has closed down its stone crusher at Nokesville for sixty days for repairs. W. C. Hall, of Uniontown, Pa., youngest son of S. T. Hall, of Manassas, and who is a representative of The Prudential Life Insurance Company, visited his parents last week. W. R. Tomlins, of Monroe yards, has succeeded the late David Bailey as supervisor of the Brandy and Monroe section of the Washington division of the Southern Railway Company.

Miss Mae Simpson of Clarendon, Fairfax county, who has charge of the Bristow public school, spent the week end with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. S. S. Simpson. She reports a good attendance at her school. Many readers in Manassas were deprived of Sunday newspaper pabulum last Sunday when the pouch containing the voluminous Washington and New York dailies were thrown under the wheels of a mail car and cut into shreds. G. V. Copp, of Bowie, Ariz., general manager and superintendent of the Peacock Gold Mining Company, with properties in Cochise county, Ariz., was in town Tuesday. His brother, D. R. Copp, who lives near town, has purchased a large block of the company's stock. R. L. Gaither has recently installed a boring machine on his farm, near town, for the purpose of prospecting for oil. A well has been dug to the depth of one hundred feet, and indications are flattering for oil in paying quantities. C. E. Nash and others are interested in the project.

In last week's issue we stated that J. W. McLain, of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, had been transferred from the Washington office to take charge of this field as successor to G. W. Leith. The facts are that Mr. Leith and Mr. McLain have this territory of the Singer Company in common. February, the shortest month in the year, having only 28 days, is notable for its observances. They are Ground hog day which fell on Wednesday the second,rove, Friday on the eighth, and Wednesday on the ninth. Lincoln's birthday last Saturday the twelfth, St. Valentine's day last Monday the fourteenth, and Washington's birthday next Tuesday the twenty-second. High grade platinum ore has been discovered by G. W. Bell on his property at Sinclair's Mill, and according to the belief of experts the lead may develop a paying mine proposition. The vein is 14 feet wide and the prospect runs a distance of one-half mile. Recent assays show that samples from the property run .70 ounce to the ton. Platinum, more valuable than gold, is quoted at \$26 an-ounce. Mr. Bell uncovered the lead while excavating to fill the mill dam.

THE DEMOCRAT'S representative, while in Bristow, last Friday, called on Sam Robertson, who is the oldest surviving business man in the county of Prince William. Mr. Robertson, although having passed his eightieth year, still manifests a very lively interest in his business and the current pews of the day. He still holds to the views he cherished years ago, that the removal of the court house from Brentsville to Manassas, was an unjust procedure, at the cost of many, for the benefit of few.

Miss Lucy Dogan, of Groveton, was a guest Monday and Tuesday of Mrs. W. M. Wheeler. W. J. Sheiton, a former townswan and who now is a citizen of the National Capital, was a Manassas visitor yesterday. J. W. Murphy of Strasburg, came all the way to Manassas to smash the duckpin record. He can be seen in motion any day about 9:30 a. m. W. L. Mayhugh, son of Jos. M. Mayhugh of near Manassas, after a visit of several days with his parents returned to his home in Monroe, Va., Tuesday noon. It is rumored that a survey will soon be made for the Richmond and Washington Electric railway and that Dumfries and Manassas will be objective points through this county. Mrs. S. H. Willis, and her little daughter, Louise, accompanied by Mrs. Willis's brother, S. G. Anderson, left last Wednesday for a week or ten days stay at Ballston, Va., and Washington, D. C. W. H. Breeden, who was treated for cancer of the neck, over a year ago, by the Curry Cancer Institute of Lebanon, Ohio, reports that there has been no evidence of a return of the disease since he was pronounced cured. W. J. Hubert, past grand high priest, and grand lecturer of royal arch masons of Virginia, is visiting Manassas R. A. Chapter No. 59 and conferring degrees on a number of candidates. He will remain in town the balance of the week. William Harris of Dumfries, and Miss Ines Crouch, of near Bacon Race church this county, were married in Washington, on Tuesday. Bill was a pretty mischievous boy, but the years of maturity have greatly lessened his propensity for playing pranks, and now having taken unto himself a wife, we have no doubt he will be a model young(?) man. Chan Huff, a negro inmate of the Soldiers Home, in Dayton, Ohio, and who was a member, he says, of the Fifth United States Volunteer infantry in the Spanish-American war, arrived in Manassas Saturday, on his way to his home in Richmond. Huff, sometime after the close of the war suffered, by accident, he claims, the loss of his right leg, from the knee down, which has incapacitated him from earning a living by manual labor, and being barred from pension on account of his disability having been sustained subsequent to his military service and being without means he is depending upon charity from place to place to pay his railroad fare home. Tuesday night the town was in darkness and the business houses had to resort to primitive methods of lighting, as a result of the explosion of the acetylene gas plant owned and operated by the acetylene gas lighting company of Manassas. In the forenoon there was an explosion of a part of the apparatus, which although sufficient to put the gas supply out of commission resulted in no considerable damage, but this was followed early in the evening by a more terrific one which utterly wrecked the plant. Fortunately no one was in the gas depot at the time of the explosion. It will be several days before the damages can be repaired and gas service furnished.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ruff stopped over here Sunday on their return from Florida to their home in Amsterdam, N. Y. They were in the company of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Austin. The regular meeting of the Ladies Memorial Association will be held at Mrs. Albert Speiden's, Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 3 p. m. Very important business requires attendance. Mrs. Frances Thomas Gordon announces that dress rehearsal of Eastern College Choral Club will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock. The club is preparing for the dedicatory exercises of the new assembly building to be held on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. A prominent officer and a director of the Nokesville bank, and who both reside in Washington, have enclosed their subscriptions to THE DEMOCRAT and expressed their great satisfaction with the excellent report given by this paper, of the bank opening at Nokesville. Walter Shannon who recently sold his business to J. Fred Dowall, of Hamilton, Va., will shortly leave Manassas, for Philadelphia, where he will engage in a stamping machine business. His many friends in Manassas and throughout this county, deeply regret his severing his social and business relations with them but will follow his career and his future endeavors with interest and best wishes for his success and happiness. An old fashioned Virginia dinner will be given by the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at their headquarters in the M. I. C. building tomorrow. Dinner will be served from 12 to 2 o'clock; supper from 5.30 on through the evening. Chicken, meat, salads, coffee, cocoa, with plenty of nice hot corn bread and hot biscuits, can be had for the small sum of twenty-five cents. Pies of different kinds will be sold five cents per slice. Come, bring your friends and help in a good cause.

**DRAMATIC CLUB ENTERTAINMENT**  
The Athalia Dramatic club of Eastern college will give an entertainment in the new Assembly building, Tuesday night, February 22, for the benefit of the Athletic association. Following is the program: Piano duet, "Fantasie Il Trovatore," Miss Horn, Mr. Gorrell. Reading from "The Sign of the Cross," Miss Shyrook. Vocal solo, Mrs. Gordon. Reading, "Daisy's Music Practice Hour," Miss Sadie Wheeler. Piano solo, "Romance of Rubenstein," Miss Ollie Leachman. Monologue, "A Telephone Romance," Miss Shyrook. Play, "Booster Club of Black Hills," Athalia Dramatic club.

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Messrs. C. M. LARKIN & Co.,  
Manassas, Va.

GENTLEMEN: We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 29th, inst., and note your request to be advised the analysis obtained by this Department for Sucrene Dairy Feed; and we have the pleasure to advise you the analysis made of the above numbered sample of Sucrene Dairy Feed drawn from the stock of Richardson & Company, Richmond, Va., and analyzed in our laboratory, shows the following results:

Protein, 17.25 per cent; Fat, 7.89 per cent; Crude Fibre, 11.25 per cent

All of which comes well above the guarantees of the manufacturers.

Very truly,  
(Signed) BERT L. PURCELL,  
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Watch this Space and We will Give You Ample Testimony to the Superiority of SUCRENE Feeds

Marvel not that "Marvel Flour" will make about thirty loaves of bread more to the barrel than other brands. Why? Because it makes LIGHT BREAD.

Call or write us for prices on Flour, Feed, Hay, Salt and Grain of all sorts. We are headquarters in these lines. Custom grinding done every day except Saturday.

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Wholesale and Retail Feed and Grain Dealers,  
Manassas, Virginia.

Authorized Capital, \$200,000, Divided into 200,000 Shares

# Penn-Vir Coal, Oil & Gas Co.

## What it is Doing in Promoting Developments in Virginia

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It is necessary that the people in the vicinity of this particular proposition should subscribe for the stock of this company, as it is an absolute fact that in all new fields it has always been up to the local people to develop the first oil, as capitalists never go into undeveloped fields, but are ever ready to take hold of any and all things, when proven valuable.

This company has 28,800 acres of land under lease. This land was leased under the directions of Prof. F. J. Flinck, of Bradford, Penn., an eminent, practical and expert Geologist in field work, who also located the point at which the first well will be drilled. The actual work of sinking the wells will be under the personal supervision of Mr. J. M. Sullivan, an oil and gas expert of life long experience, hence the Company's entire undertaking will be under the management of men of known experience in the oil and gas fields, of not only this, but of many foreign countries—men of experience. The Company has placed 80,000 of its 200,000 shares of capital stock in its treasury for sale, consisting of preferred, guaranteeing 8 per cent accumulative annual dividend, to be paid out of the earnings of the company, and common, in which it will add in the future other stocks when found necessary. The company offers this stock at its par value, \$1.00 per share, but will not accept any subscription for less than five shares. All payments will be made one-half cash and balance in two equal instalments of thirty and sixty days from date of subscription. The stock is non-assessable. No certificate will be issued until it is fully paid. As an illustration to the reader of the great profits accruing from the investments in new oil fields here is submitted below the last and newest development in the United States, the Bremen oil field, and some instances of the paying capacity of this field. The Bremen oil field was a wild cat proposition for fourteen years. The first wells were drilled by a man named J. E. Purvis, who sank his capital in the venture. Though at first unsuccessful, Purvis believed in his proposition, and finally succeeded in getting a few friends to raise enough money to promote a stock company called the Bremen Oil and Gas Company, holding 1,000 acres of land. The first well drilled was a 60-barrel producer, and for fourteen consecutive wells he did not strike a single dry one. The Bremen company, after two years and two months, is selling fifty-five thousand dollars worth of oil per month; its stock, which originally sold at \$25 per share, now sells for \$625 per share, and some is on the market.

As another example: While the first well was being drilled at Lima, Ohio, the State Geologist called the people of the community to a mass meeting, held them and ridiculed the idea of any one taking stock in such a scheme, declaring that there was no possibility of getting either oil or gas in that locality, as all indications necessary for their production were absent. (This geological talk has been the same in Texas, California, Oklahoma, Indiana and other fields that have been heavy producers of oil.) Just while this meeting was in progress, he, and behold, the well began to flow at the rate of eighty barrels of oil per day. The people left the lecturer and fled to the oil fields. Now this field is a large producing and refining one.



### READ CAREFULLY

Compare the holdings of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company (holding 23,000 acres), with the holdings of the above companies mentioned and you will readily see what the great possibilities of the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Company will be.

You may think you can do better by waiting and buying stock after oil is struck. Study the table of California above and decide how many shares you could buy after development, in its good companies, and compare it with what you could have bought before development, and remember they were all "wild cat" properties at one time.

The following Table Shows How the Stock of Various California Oil Companies Has Advanced:

	Started at	Has been sold at
Central	\$0.10	\$1.50
Monte Cristo	.10	2.87 1/2
Lycile	.15	5.00
Dillon	.25	3.50
Kern	.25	2.75
Starling	.50	4.27 1/2
West Shore	.50	4.50
Peerless	.25	8.75
San Joaquin	.20	12.00
Kern River	.50	21.50
New York	.50	200.00
Oil City	2.50	24.00
Pacific	8.00	150.00
Hanford	10.00	180.00
Pomona	10.00	150.00
St. Lawrence	10.00	200.00
Kristenborg	10.00	250.00
Home	10.00	500.00

\$100 invested in New York Oil Company has since had a value of \$3,900.  
 \$100 invested in Hanford Company has since had a value of \$4,000.  
 \$100 invested in Peerless Co. now has a value of \$3,350.  
 \$100 invested in San Joaquin Company has since had a value of \$5,700.  
 \$100 invested in Kern River Co. has a value of \$9,500.  
 \$100 invested in Central Oil Company has since had a value of \$15,000.  
 \$100 invested in Alameda Oil Company has since had a value of \$30,000.  
 \$100 invested in Home Oil Company has since had a value of \$20,000.  
 Its oil sells at from 25c to 30c per barrel.

The foregoing articles were gleaned from official sources and doubtless are not overdrawn. That the Petroleum Oil Industry is an inviting field for small investors will be readily admitted after reading this circular.

Recent geological examinations made by the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Co., whose holdings are situated in Prince William and Fauquier counties, Virginia, led them to believe that in the not very distant future, as much may be said of Oil Production in Virginia as is now related of California, and more; because the oil is high grade. Hence, only enough stock will be sold at the present low prices to develop these promising holdings of the Company to the point of assurance, when the books will be closed; therefore, we would advise those who are disposed to invest not to defer the matter until it is too late to get in on the ground floor.

In transferring the products to the markets of the world, the Penn-Vir Company will have a very great advantage over all other oil-producing sections of the United States—being in the neighborhood of 70 miles from tidewater on the Potomac and about 80 miles from Washington City.

Does not the Penn-Vir Coal, Oil and Gas Co. offer an unheard of opportunity for investment? We claim we do. Then, why not invest in it now? Not to-morrow, for its stock will go rapidly, and only a sufficient amount of stock will be sold to develop paying values. When the expected happens the stock-books will be closed.

The Oil of Virginia, is of a Grade Bringing \$1.53 Per Barrel—the Product Indicated in Our Field is of Same Quality

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COMMERCIAL

Woman's Power Over Man



DYSPEPSIA

Having taken your wonderful 'Cascarets' for three months and being entirely cured of stomach catarrh and dyspepsia, I think a word of praise is due to 'Cascarets' for their wonderful effect.

HALLEY'S COMET

Interesting facts regarding the movements of the Comet and the time it will take to reach its perihelion in May, when we shall see it through the telescope.

Head Bookkeeper

The chief bookkeeper in a large business house in one of our great Western cities speaks of the harm coffee did for him.

Foreign

Cof. Gabriel Conrad, chief of artillery of the Nicaragua revolutionary forces, was severely wounded in the fighting near Santa Clara.

Domestic

Members of the American Cannery Association have each agreed to pay one cent on all goods packed, the money to be used to advertise in newspapers the guaranteed purity of all its food products.

Madame Periwinkle

Madame Periwinkle, convinced that jarring attendances a generation ago really acclaimed her the greatest actress of her time, died in Cincinnati.

George Ebeling

George Ebeling, who confessed he took part in the train robbery near Eureka, Mo., pleaded guilty to a charge of robbing the mails.

Fire caused by explosion

Fire caused by an explosion in a hardware store, destroyed several buildings at Lancaster, Pa., the loss amounting to \$400,000.

Robbers looted the Bank of Memphis

Robbers looted the Bank of Memphis, Neb., and escaped with \$2,700 in currency.

Protesting minority stockholders

Protesting minority stockholders of the six independent telephone companies of Ohio and Indiana recently purchased by J. P. Morgan & Co.

The National Sugar Refining Company

The National Sugar Refining Company formally turned over to the United States Treasury the sum of \$604,304 due the Government for shortage in importations of sugar between 1907 and 1908.

Clarke Howell, editor of the Constitution

Clarke Howell, editor of the Constitution, Democratic national committeeman and a director of the Associated Press, was operated on for appendicitis at his home in Atlanta.

Mrs. Bessie Ryan, of Hinsdale

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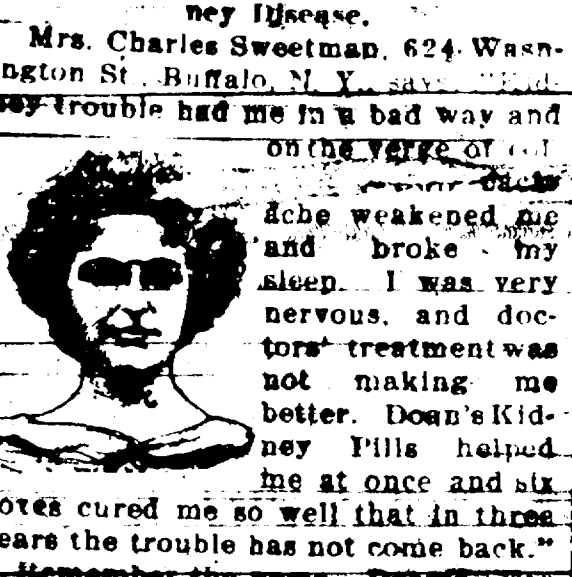
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The Antarctic exploring steamer

The Antarctic exploring steamer Pourquoi Par was spoken in the Straits of Magellan, but Dr. Charcot, the explorer, refused any information.

Many Women Brought to It by Kidney Disease.



Mrs. Charles Sweetman, 624 Washington St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: 'My trouble had me in a bad way and on the verge of death.'

Her Large Experience.

The attractive young lady who had written 'urgent' on her card when shown into the consulting room of Sir Chopham Fyne, head of the famous surgical hospital in Spitzburg.

The Baby's Medicine.

The mistress of the house had been to a concert, and when she returned she was met by the servant with 'Baby was very ill while you were out.'

Files Cured in 6 to 14 Days.

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The climate of Holland is damp

The climate of Holland is damp and rainy the year round. It is planned to extend the New York Central electrification to North White Plains.

Wireless telegraph apparatus is prohibited

Wireless telegraph apparatus is prohibited in British India except upon government business.

The production of mercury at the Almaden mines

The production of mercury at the Almaden mines, Spain, was 1,017,022 kilos, or 29,472 tons, in 1907. At Mexico it was 50,885 kilos.

The estimate for dividends in the United States

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Weekly Review of Trade and Market Reports.

Bradstreet's says: 'Trade still maintains the quiet, unobtrusive, but not unsteady, character of the year, when buyers are gathering at leading markets in preparation for the opening of the spring campaign.'

Wholesale Market.

New York—Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red, 12c; sales elevator, do, 12c; No. 1 Northern Duluth and No. 2 hard winter, 12c; nominal, 12c; No. 2 soft, 12c; nominal, 12c.

Philadelphia—Wheat—Firm; contract grade February, 125@127c; Corn—Firm; 1/4 higher; February, 60@61c; March, 60@61c.

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Can be handled very easily. The sick are cured, and the healthy are made more so. It is a safe, reliable, and effective remedy for all forms of distemper.

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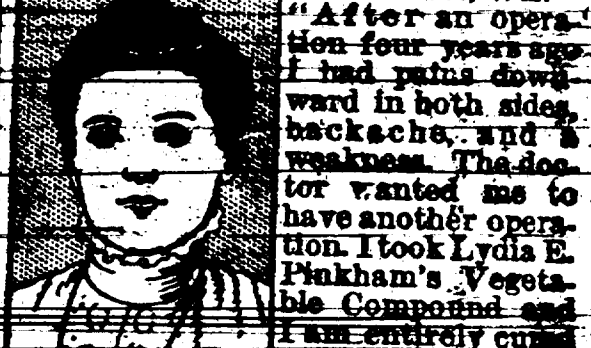
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Cures instant relief when children are sick with colic and worms. Contains no opiates and is as pleasant to take as milk.

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wisely directed, will cause her to give to her little ones only the most wholesome and beneficial remedies and only when actually needed, and the well-informed mother uses only the pleasant and gentle laxative remedy—Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna—when a laxative is required, as it is wholly free from all objectionable substances.

WALTHAM WEALTH, CLIMATE

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Woman Detective Wins. Pittsburgh. Amusing the court with the recital of her experience as a scullery maid, Mrs. Jennie Jamison, an agent of the State Pure Food Commission, through her testimony was instrumental in convicting for the second time Jesse M. Bowers, charged with selling oleomargarine.

No Water At Mine Fire. Shamokin. The big pipe line which has been frozen up by the zero weather, the work of fighting the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company's Bear Valley shaft mine fire has been gravely handicapped.

Two Dogs Kill Forty Hens. Meach Chunk. Two young dogs owned by Joseph Stroth, a farmer residing about ten miles from this place, killed forty of his laying hens in one day.

Leaves \$25,000 to Charity. Altoona. Mary Ann Hodnett's will disposes of an estate of \$25,000, of which \$5,000 and her home go to the bishop of Altoona for the Cross Orphanage.

Hurt As Work Is Done. Bloomsburg. Just as he was placing the last weatherboard on a new house at Numidia, Columbia County, Charles Rhoades slipped and fell striking a scaffolding fifteen feet below, breaking his jaw and fracturing several ribs and an arm.

Train Hits Auto Truck. Chester. The Beacon Light Company's automobile repair wagon was struck by a fast freight at the Fourteenth Street crossing, Elwood Cain, who was operating the car, jumped from the machine and escaped with a sprained ankle.

Burned Woman Dies At Chester. Chester. Mrs. Patrick Cassidy, an aged woman of the Ninth ward, who was burned several evenings ago while preparing supper, died at the Crozer Hospital from her injuries.

Asks Court To Punish His Son. Altoona. Three days ago John Leary was arrested as a runaway boy, and when escorted before Magistrate John D. Irwin, said his home was in Philadelphia. Irwin wrote to the father, Michael Leary, and yesterday received a reply that the boy was incapable. The father asked that the law be dealt with as severely as the law would allow.

These Killed. Pittsburgh. A feud among miners which has for months terrorized the residents of Midway, a mining town near here, culminated in the killing of three men, who were shot down in their own homes.

Sharon Steel Strikers Win. Sharon. The American Steel Foundries Company has settled differences with its molders and core makers by granting an advance in wages.

William P. Yohn Dies In West. Lancaster. Word was received here of the death of Pennsylvania, of William Preston Yohn, a native of Montville, this county.

Woman Lawyer Leaves \$80,000. Wilkes-Barre. The will of Miss Laura Cannon, the well-known woman lawyer, who died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident, was probated here.

Joseph S. Gillard Dies. Chester. Joseph S. Gillard died at his home from a complication of diseases, aged 66 years. For several years he was in charge of the chipping shop at the Penn Steel Casting Company's plant.

Railroad To Aid Minersville. Pottsville. Philadelphia & Reading Railway officials, after a conference with business men of Minersville, gave assurance that the town will be donated a new passenger station, additional train service and freight extension.

Col. William L. Nichols Dies. Glendora. Colonel William L. Nichols, a veteran of the Civil War, and a well-known contributor to historical periodicals, died at his home in Glendora as the result of paralysis.

Drop Spark In Cap Box. Hazleton. A spark falling from his lamp into a box of 100 dynamite caps, as he was taking one out to prepare for a blast, John Becket, a Harwood miner, sustained injuries that will prove fatal.



Cartoon by Macaulay, in the New York World.

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There is Now a One-Man Power Which, Embracing Banking and Trust, Insurance, Industrial and Transportation Companies, Controls or Influences Capital Amounting to More Than Six Thousand Millions of Dollars.

New York City. While the American public has been sufficed with the details of the muckrakers, and stories of fraud, chicanery, corruption, outrage and oppression have followed each other in such bewildering succession that the ordinary citizen can hardly keep abreast of the headlines describing them, much less become acquainted with the minutiae of details, there is one process, started years ago, which has never halted, and which steadily and relentlessly keeps its course, utterly regardless of and unaffected by the narratives of fraud and corruption that ostensibly form the important news of the day.

Life Insurance Companies. Equitable Life Assurance Soc'y. \$42,000,000 N. Y. Life Insurance Company. 57,000,000

Bank and Trust Companies. First National Bank. \$139,000,000 National Bank of Commerce. 122,500,000

Railroad and Transportation Companies. Southern Railway. \$179,900,000 Erie Railroad. 120,000,000

Miscellaneous Companies. Anglo-American Nitrate Syndicate in Chile. \$12,500,000 North American Company. 29,779,000

Grand total. \$1,143,210,000

More Sheep. It seems hardly worth while preaching an increase in flocks while the high-priced demand for lambs continues. One can not have his cake and eat it too, and there will surely be a sheep famine by and by.

Clean Stables. One can not have clean milk without clean stables. With some farmers any old place is good enough for the cow, but those who are getting great profit from their herds have learned that it pays to have everything in a sanitary condition.

Care of Stock. Successful breeders have recognized the importance of caring for the young stock. If you are raising a young dairy herd the care you give the calves during the winter will pay you in profits when you are milking the cow in future years.

Lazy and Gluttonous Hens. Discard the sluggish, inactive hen. Look at a flock and you may see a part of them that show more activity than others.

Fowls to Sell. The egg-farmer always has trouble to sell. He sells his surplus chickens in the spring, his old hens in the fall.

Feeding for Eggs. Here is the "bill of fare" one experienced poultryman recommends for producing the greatest quantity of eggs.

Pasture for Hogs. Wherever situated, no farmer is rightly prepared to raise hogs profitably in any considerable numbers unless well provided with pasture and grass or facilities for providing acceptable substitutes.

Paralysis in Horses. This is a disease which comes on suddenly and is due to an acid in the blood. It sometimes affects the front parts as well as the hind parts, and the animal may come out of the barn feeling fine, ambitious, willing to go and often goes faster than usual.

pain and counteract and... An injection of warm water should be given to unbind the rectum of the faeces, so that the animal can, if possible, urinate. If unable to do so the urine should be drawn.

The animal should be given plenty of drinking water with the oats from it; a very little, if any, food should be given before he gets up, and he should be fed on bran mashes and a very little hay after he is up until full recovery has been brought about.

When there is not much work for the orchard, but orchardists can plan for the days to come, and the planning is just as essential as anything they can do.

There is very little use in trying to keep the boy on the farm unless the work can be arranged so that he has some time for study and play. A judicious mixture of work and play makes a balanced ration for anyone.

A farmer better know how many friends he has until the hunting season opens and town folks tell him they've always admired him for his grit and good crops and then, quite casually, ask permission to hunt through his fields.

A New Jersey farmer has discovered that music plays in the dairy business. He employed a Swiss milkmaid who yodled, and the daily supply of milk increased.

Results of the Use of the Nasatin System in Burma. Vice-Consul John H. Monson, at Rangoon, writes of the experimental treatment for leprosy at Mandalay, British Burma.

Three Burmese patients were chosen at different times for trial. The first was 30 years old, and the duration of the disease 16 years. During all that time several remedies were tried, without any beneficial results.

The second case treated had the disease for eight years, the patient being 25 years of age. He had dark pigmented deposits in skin of forehead, malar prominences on chin, with thick infiltration or nodular deposits under the pigmented portion of skin and face, discolored and anaesthetic patches scattered all over the body; thickening of sheath of ulnar nerves; atrophy of muscles of the right metacarpal bones. After 15 weekly injections, with a few interruptions, the patient has shown no unfavorable reaction; all pigmented deposits and nodules, as well as thickening of skin, have completely disappeared.

A third case of 16 years' standing and in an advanced stage was complicated with nephritis. One injection alone brought on turbid reaction, with high fever, etc.; so more injections were given.

"Oh, dear," sighed her husband's wife. "I can't find a pin anywhere. I wonder where all the pins go to, any way?"

"That's a dumb question to ask," replied his wife's husband, "because they are always pointed in one direction and headed another."

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# The Lure of the Mask



By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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### SYNOPSIS

Jack Hillard, a wealthy New York clubman, hears a mysterious voice singing in the night under his window. He inserts an advertisement in a personal column to find the singer, and receives a reply. He visits the mysterious singer, but she wears a mask. He falls desperately in love with her, but he has not seen her face. The unknown woman gives her name as Mrs. Angot, which is assumed. They have dinner. She refuses to see him again. Hillard and Dan Merrihew decide to go to Italy. Merrihew loves Kitty Killgrew, a comic opera singer, who has gone to Italy. Hillard receives a black mask in an envelope. Hillard and Merrihew arrive in Italy and later dine with Mrs. Sanford, an American society woman, who tells Hillard considerable about the mysterious woman with whom he is in love. She is now posing as an opera singer in Kitty Killgrew's company.

No; they must go their separate ways till the end. With a sigh she rose and went into the room. Kitty was busy with the finishing touches of her toilet. The older woman kissed her fondly. "And do you realize that you are the most beautiful woman in the world?" asked Kitty. "Little flatterer!" "If it were a man," Kitty paused. "I'd fall in love with you and marry you." La Signorina looked into the mirror.

### CHAPTER XII

THE fascination of Monte Carlo is not to be described—it must be seen. Vice shall be attractive, says the mother of Saturn. At Monte Carlo it is more than attractive; it is compelling. A subtle hypnotism prevails, the lure of gold. Feet and robes, and all manner, here they meet and mingle and change. To those who give Monte Carlo but a trifling glance, toss a coin or two on the tables and leave by the morrow's train, it has no real significance. It is simply one of the sights of Europe.

### CHAPTER XI—Continued

"It is not curiosity," declared Kitty. "It is because I love you and because I think you are a man." "I hear you laugh, when I see you beat your hands against the chair as you did just now." "La Signorina turned again in a passion which was as fierce as it was sudden.

"There is a man," she hissed, her eyes dilating. "But I loathe him. I hate him, I abhor him! And were it not wicked to kill he would have been long ago. Enough—do you even ask another question I will leave you." "I am sorry," said Kitty. "He was like to you and broke your heart."

"No, Kitty, only my pride." "It is a strange world," mused Kitty. "Let us turn to our affairs. I received a letter today."

"From home?" eagerly. "I have no home, Kitty. The letter is from a friend in Naples. Mr. Hillard and Mr. Merrihew, friends of yours, are in Italy."

Kitty could scarcely believe her ears. "Where are they? Where are they stopping?" "That I do not know. But listen. They have started out to find us. When I tell you that Mr. Hillard is the gentleman I dined with that night before we sailed you will understand my reasons for wishing to avoid him."

From this time on we must never appear on the streets without our veils. If by chance we meet them we must give no sign. It will be only for a little while. Your letter will come soon and you may renew your acquaintance with these two gentlemen when you return home. It may be hard for you, but if you wish to stay with me my will must be a law unto you."

"Not to speak to them if we meet them?" urged Kitty in dismay. "But that is cruel of you. They are both gentlemen."

"I do not know Mr. Merrihew, but I can say that Mr. Hillard is a gentleman. As for being cruel, I am not only willing, but I am glad."

"Are you not a queen who has run away from a kingdom?" asked Kitty musingly. "One reads about them every day in the papers."

"My dear, you are free to choose one of two paths. I shall not urge you one way or the other, but you must choose."

Several minutes passed. Kitty looked out the door, and La Signorina closed her eyes. In her heart Kitty knew that she could no more leave this woman than she could fly. She was held by curiosity, by sentiment, by the romantic mystery.

"I have chosen," she said at length. "I shall stay with you."

"And I can prove it," Merrihew replied. "I have just \$50 left." He took out the gold and toyed with it. "Can't you hear it?" he asked. "Hear what?" "The rattle of those tender Napoleons."

Merrihew had played the numbers, the dozens, the columns, the colors, odd and even. Sometimes he would win a little, but a moment later the relentless stake would drag it back to the bank.

"Nature has done this very prettily. Quite clever with her colors, don't you know," he drawled, plucking the down on his upper lip, for he was trying to raise a moustache, convinced that two waxed points of hair at each corner of his mouth would impress the hotel waiters and other fawning bashers.

"Don't be a jackass!" Hillard was out of sorts. "You agreed with me that I was one. Why not let me make a finished product?" good humoredly.

"Well," Merrihew finally said, "you might as well let me have my letter of credit now."

"You will not set eyes upon it till we return to Genoa. That's final. I know you, my boy, and I know Monte Carlo. Even with your fifty, a watch and a ring I'm afraid to trust you out of sight."

"I can see that you will never forget me nor forget those bad cigars. Come on. We'll take a look at our Italian friend. He's a bad loser. I have seen him lose his temper. He's a desperate man."

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So they walked round to the entrance to the gaming hall, where the lights, the gowns, the jewels, the opening eyes, the natural beauty and the beauty of enamel, the vague perfumes, the low murmur of voices, the soft rustle of silks, the tinkling of rings, as beautiful as a mirage and as false. They joined the never ending procession which passes in and out of the swinging doors day after day, year after year.

"There's the chap with the scar. He is a handsome beggar," Hillard admitted. "I wonder what sort of blackleg he is. He's no ordinary one, I'm certain. I begin to recognize the face of the man with him. He's a distinguished diplomat."

"The Italian played like an old hand, a number once in awhile, but making it a point to stake on the colors. He began to repeat itself. He doubled and doubled. On the sixth consecutive turn he played the maximum of 12,000 francs and won. The diplomat touched him on the arm significantly, but the player shook his head. Ten minutes later he had won 40,000 francs. Again he refused to leave his chair.

"If he stays now," said Hillard, "he will lose it all. His friend is right." "Forty thousand francs, \$8,000!" murmured Merrihew sadly. "Why couldn't he have luck like this?"

Hillard was a true prophet. There came a change in the smile of fortune. The game jumped from color to color, seldom repeating, with zero making itself conspicuous. The man with the scar played on, but he began to lose.

Small sums at first, then larger till finally he was down to his original stake. The scar grew livid. He waited five turns of the wheel, then placed his stake on the second dozen. He lost. He rose from his chair scowling. His eye glanced to meet Hillard's, and their glances held for a moment.

"Fool!" said Merrihew in an undertone as the man strolled leisurely past them. "Eight thousand, and not content to quit!"

Meanwhile the trolleys from Nice and Mentone had poured into Monte Carlo their usual burdens of pleasure seekers. On one of the cars from Nice there had arrived two women, both veiled and stumpy gowned. They seldom addressed each other and never spoke to any one else. Doubtless they were some sober married women out for a lark. Upon leaving the car they did not get on into the casino, but directed their steps toward the terraces, for the band was playing. They sat in the shadow of the statue of Magenta, and near by the rasp of a cricket broke in upon the music. When the music stopped they looked across and sauntered up and down the wide sweep of stone, mutually interested in the crowds. Once as they passed behind a bench the better to view the palaces of the prince they heard the voices of two men.

"As they went on the women heard something about 'those bad cigars.' The men were Americans evidently. It was only an inconsequential incident, and a moment later both had forgotten it.

"At which table shall I make the stake, Kitty?" "The center. There is always a crush there, and we shall not be noticed."

"I do not agree with you there. However, it shall be the center table. What would you do, Kitty, if I should break the bank?"

"Of excitement!" truthfully. "You will live through this event then." With a light, careless laugh La Signorina pressed her way to the table.

She lost steadily from the start. She gave no sign, however, that her forces were in full retreat from the enemy. She played on, and the hand which placed the bets was steady. And when the gold was all gone she opened her empty hands expressively and charged. She was beaten.

Behind the chair of the banker, opposite, stood the Italian. The poor wretch, who had spread out her hands, was started. There was something familiar in that gesture. And then the woman saw him. For the briefest moment her form stiffened.

"Kitty," La Signorina whispered, "let us go out to the atrium. I am tired." They left the hall leisurely and found a vacant table in the atrium.

"How odd you look now," exclaimed Kitty. "Kitty, I am a fool, a fool! I have unwittingly put my head in the lion's mouth. If I had not reached this seat in time I should have fallen. I would willingly give all my things if at this moment I could run across the hall and out into the open!"

"Merciful heaven! Why, what is the matter? What has happened?" "I cannot explain to you."

"Was it some one you saw in there?" "None, and all perfectly still."

A man in evening dress came out into the atrium, lighting a cigarette. At the sight of him both women were started.

silken bands of crape. He nodded. The veils did not move. "Furtive glances, but only the foolish."

There was no response, but the small shoe of the woman nearest began to beat the floor over and over. Hillard was chagrined.

Thereupon he bowed and sought another seat. The women hurried to the lobby. He would have given them no further thought had not the Italian with the scar appeared, eyed the retreating figures doubtfully and then started after them. That he did not know them Hillard was reasonably certain. He assumed that the Italian saw a possible flirtation. He rose quickly and followed.

The four departed from the casino and crossed toward the Hotel de Paris, the women in the lead. "As yet they had not observed that they were being followed. The car stops at this turn. As the women came to a stand one of them saw the approaching man. Instantly she fled up the street. The other hastened then pursued her companion. Whatever doubts the Italian

"A lady! Grace of Mary, that is death!" might have entertained, this fight dispelled them. He knew now—he knew! With a sharp cry of exultation he broke into a run. So did Hillard. People turned and stared, but no one sought to intercept any of the runners. In Monte Carlo there are many strange scenes, and the knight errant often finds that his bump of caution has suddenly developed. And there were no police about; they were on the casino terraces or strolling through the gardens.

Past the park the quartet ran. Then came a stretch of darkness between due electric lamp and another. And then, as if whisked away by magic, the foremost woman disappeared. The other halted, breathless. She started again, but too late. The Italian caught her roughly and quickly tore aside the veil.

"Kitty Killgrew!" Hillard cried. He sprang forward and grasped the Italian by the shoulders. The Italian sprang out savagely, but Hillard seized his arm. Each man could hear the breathing of the other, quick and deep.

"You meddling dog!" gasped Hillard. "Take care lest the dog bite, signor. Release my arm and stand aside!" "Presently. Now, that way is yours," said Hillard, pointing.

"Are you certain?" the Italian inquired. "Be certain that if you do not obey me I shall call the police."

"I should like nothing better," replied the Italian, with a coarseness which stung Hillard.

"Do you?" impudently. "Knowing them does not matter. But it is any gentleman's concern when a man gives pursuit to a lady who does not wish to meet him."

"A lady! Grace of Mary, that is death!" Hillard released the imprisoned arm. There was a patent railway, a quizzical lookman which convinced Hillard that the Italian had not given chase out of his own purpose.

"We shall meet again," the Italian said softly. "I hope not," replied Hillard frankly. "However, you may find me at the Hotel de Paris."

The Italian laughed again. "You understand the language well," he said. "And the people too." Hillard had no desire to pass the time of day with his opponent.

"Well, I have said that we shall meet again, and it must be so." "And your hat, as well as mine, is still in the casino. The sight is odd."

The Italian permitted his glance to wander over Hillard critically. He swung round on his heel and walked rapidly down the street. Hillard turned to see what Kitty, Kitty and Merrihew.

"CONTINUED NEXT WEEK"

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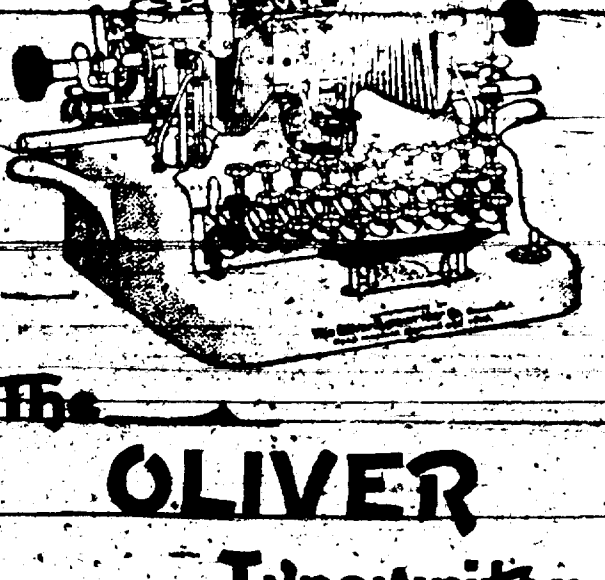
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