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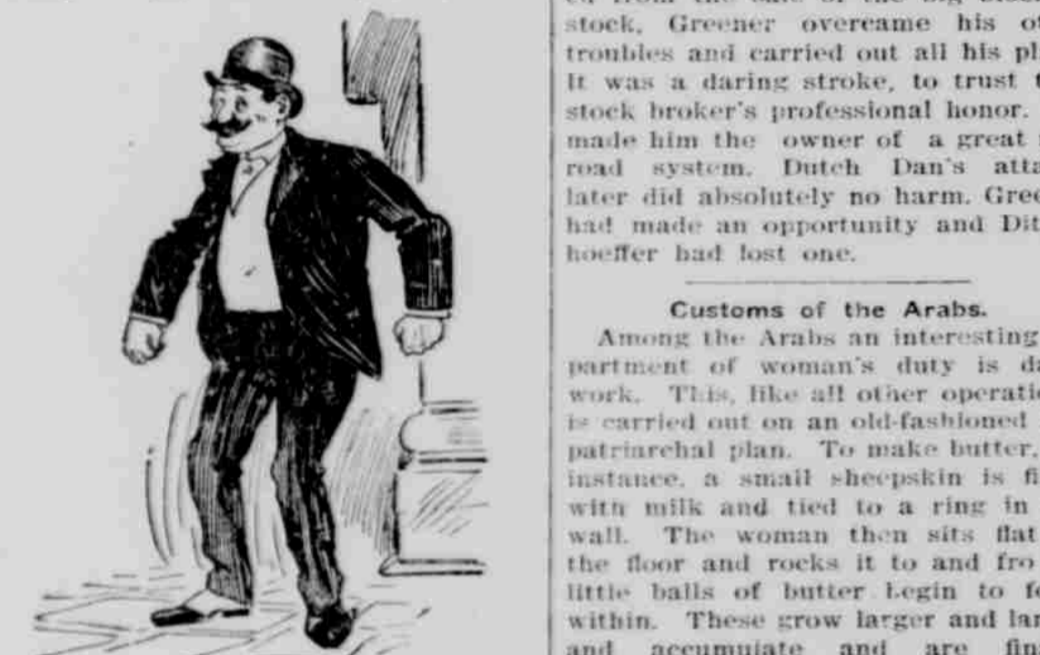
It's small and frail and dainty,
And when the sunshine plays
Upon its bright, its shimmering
With opalescent rays.
Emblem of the moonbeam,
It murmurs of its mood,
Interpreting its mood
And all its witchery.
So delicate its beauty
Of curves and lines,
It seems a wistful fairy,
Whose faintest sigh
—R. K. Munkittrick, in Philadelphia
Leader.



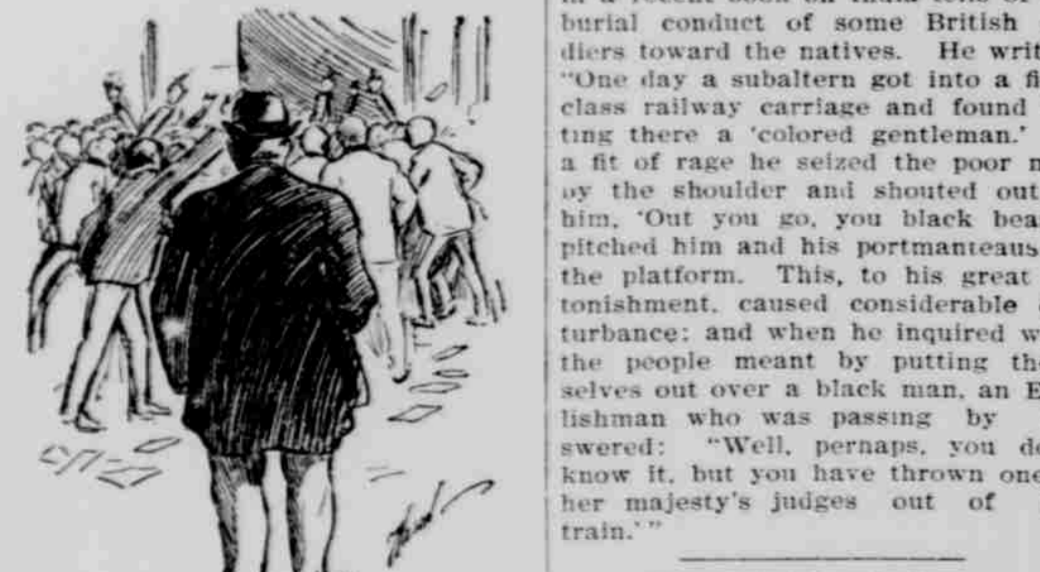
THE LOST OPPORTUNITY

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In Three Parts

"Good morning," said Dittenhoeffer at length, and the little man's high-browed head nodded dimly.
Dittenhoeffer hastened back to the Exchange. At the entrance he met his partner, Smith—the "Co." of D. D. Dittenhoeffer & Co.
"Bill, I've just got an order from Greener to sell 50,000 shares of Federal Telegraph."
"Wh-what?" gasped Smith.
"Greener sent for me, asked me whether I'd accept an offer from him. I said yes, and he told me to sell 50,000 shares of Telegraph and I'm—"
"You've got him, Dan; you've got him," exultantly.
"I'm going to cover my 20,000 shares with the first half of the order and sell the rest the best I can."
"Man alive, this is your chance! Don't you see you've got him? Smiley of the Eastern National Bank tells me there isn't a bank in the city will lend Greener money, and he needs it badly to pay the last \$10,000,000 to



"You've got him, Dan! You've got him!"
The Indian Pacific bondholders. He's bit off more than he can chew, damn him!"
"Well, Bill, we'll treat Mr. Greener as we do any other customer," said Dittenhoeffer.
"But," began Smith with undisguised consternation, he was an honest man when away from the Street."
"Oh, I'll get him yet," this won't save him. I'll get him yet, with a confident smile.
It would have been very easy for him to take advantage of Greener's order to make a fortune. He was short 20,000 shares which he had put out at an average price of 95. He could have taken Greener's block of 50,000 shares and hurled it bodily at the market. Not even a self-steeled stock could withstand the impact of such a fearful blow, and the price of Federal Telegraph doubtless would have broken 15 points or more, and he could easily have taken in his shorts at 75, or possibly even at 70, which would have meant a profit of half a million of dollars and an arch foe of a much-needed million to his arch foe, Greener. And if he allowed his partner to whisper in strict confidence to some friend how Dan was selling out a big line of Telegraph for Greener the "Room" would have gone wild and everybody would have hastened to sell, and the decline would have gone so much further as to cripple the little Napoleon possibly beyond all hope of recovery. Had Greener made the most



A score of madmen were shouting, colossal mistake of his life in giving the order to his enemy?
Dan went to the Federal Telegraph post, where a score of madmen were shouting at the top of their voices the prices they were willing to pay or to accept for varying amounts of the stock. He gave to twenty brokers orders to sell 1,000 shares each at the best obtainable price, and he himself, through another man, took an equal amount. On the next day he in person sold 20,000 shares, and on the third day the last 10,000 shares of Greener's order. This, so the Street thought, was for his own account. It was all short stock; that is, his colleagues thought he was selling stock he didn't own, trusting later on

SOME GOOD HEALTH MAXIMS.

Physician's Ideas That May Be Worth Remembering.
A physician gives these common-sense health maxims:
Have no faith in the popular notion that catarrhs and colds are due to cold weather. Most often they are the result of impure air breathed in badly ventilated, overheated dwellings. Adirondack guides, northern trappers or Klondike miners seldom have colds. The inference is obvious.
Pay no attention to the idea that late suppers are injurious. The most vigorous and healthiest of natives have eaten their principal meal at the close of the day's work. Let the brutes, guided unerringly by instinct, be our teachers. They eat heartily before going to sleep. In healthy persons the stomach knows when it has appetite. It has a voice of its own.
Disregard those who say night air is poisonous and advise you to shut tight the windows. The air without is infinitely purer than that within. Absence of sunlight does not poison air, unless the millions who pass the night under the stars would soon perish. But they don't.
Never be persuaded that bodily strength depends upon eating much flesh food. Meat yields fat, and fat is needed by the human system; but olive oil, nut food, milk and butter would answer the purpose just as well.
Finally it is prudent to bear in mind that alcoholic stimulants are not indispensable in a cold climate; and that missing a meal often saves a sick man a doctor's bill and a course of drugs.—New York Press.

COULD NOT BE DECEIVED.

Russian Peasants Did Not Understand a Polite Conductor.
An Englishman traveling in Russia furnishes the following incidents to a London paper—an incident which he personally witnessed and which he says "shows better than volumes of description the customs and social conditions of Russian peasants: At a railway station the train is on the point of starting. As usual in Russia, the bell rings three times before departure, to warn the passengers to take their seats. At the first ring the chief conductor, seeing on the platform a group of peasants standing humbly and cautiously together, says very politely to them: "Gentlemen, the first signal is given; please take your places."
One of the peasants, turning to his comrades, says: "Dimitri, Ivan, Steven, do you hear? The master tells us to enter the train. 'Oh, you stupid!' says another. 'Are you a gentleman? You heard him say 'gentlemen.' He invited the gentry.' There is a second ring of the bell. The conductor calls, hurriedly and angrily: "Please, gentlemen, take your seats; you hear the second signal."
The same peasant says to the others: "It is for us. We must take our seats. The train will start. 'You ass!' says his companion. 'Do you think you are called a gentleman? Were you ever a gentleman? The third ring of the bell is heard. The conductor, losing his temper and hustling the peasants forward, cries: "Idiot! Pig! Beast! Do you hear or not? Be off and take your seats!" "That is for us," say the peasants. "Dimitri, Ivan, hurry up. We must take our seats."

Told of Disraeli.
Disraeli once told a lady that two possessions which were indispensable to other people he had always done without. "I made," she said, "every kind of conjecture, but without success, and on my asking him to enlighten me he solemnly answered that they were a watch and an umbrella. 'But how do you manage,' I asked, 'if there happens to be no clock in the room and you want to know the time?' 'I ring for a servant,' was the magnanimous reply. 'Well,' I continued, 'and what about the umbrella?' What do you do, for instance, if you are in the park and get caught in a sudden shower?' 'I take refuge,' he replied, with a smile of excessive gallantry, 'under the umbrella of the first pretty woman I meet.'"

Show Your Hand.
If you've a point on a fellow, don't make it.
Just stop and consider this fact. That he sometimes or other, with interest, may want to know what you are up to. Then a moment with strife never embitter, forgive and forget if you can. Last time, with a devious shuffle, deals trumps to a wretched man.
No matter for clothes or condition. 'This man may be found under all; There's never been a spark of humanity lost.
To the race since the time of the fall; It's there if you only can reach it.
But the heart can't be opened with blows.
And kicking a man when he's already down
Will never raise him higher, God knows.
For body and soul there's many a man; Battling with life and its truant.
That just by the flip of a penny, perchance,
May come smilingly up to the front. So this fact it were well to remember.
As a point in one's own interest to make it.
That the hand giving help to another
May sometime itself need a stake.
—La Porte City (Iowa) Press.

Prohibition Districts.
According to statistics recently gathered about 30,000,000 people are living in prohibition territory in this country. This is more than one-third of the entire population. In Maine, Kansas and North Dakota they have prohibition by state law, and in thirty-eight other states they have it by local option.
New Uses for Soldiers.
The British soldier in India is to become a baker and a butcher as well for reconnoitering was recently called for non-commissioned officers and men from commandants of units with a view to the formation of classes for instruction in bakery and butchery.
Foreign Bibles.
Grants by the British and Foreign Bible Society to Dr. Morrison and his assistants for producing the first Chinese Bible totaled \$50,000, while to Dr. William Carey and his associates in the various Serampore versions the grants of money and material exceeded \$25,000.

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Commoner Comment.

A CONSCIENCE CAMPAIGN.
The elections of 1902 are past and the campaign of 1904 is upon us. What shall the democratic party do? Experience has shown that compromises and evasions are as useless from the standpoint of expediency as they are vicious from the standpoint of principle. And, moreover, a defeat which follows evasion and compromise leaves the party weaker for future conflicts, while a fight for principles scatters seed which will bring a harvest later. In 1896 the democratic element in the democratic party, after a fair and honest contest at the primaries, won a decisive victory and obtained control of the party organization. The plutocratic element of the party deserted and ever since that time has been plotting against the party. It threatens defeat in its division, resisted and is powerless to give victory where the party yields to its demands. It is planning now to give the democratic nomination to a representative of corporate wealth whose campaign would be made on money furnished by the trusts and whose administration, if he won, would be controlled by Wall street, as Mr. Cleveland's last administration was. There is no more hope of success if the democratic party can't win a democratic victory by the use of money, even if it were base enough to try it, for such a victory would not be democratic in any possibility it was needed. If the Cleveland administration needed reforms they must conduct a conscience campaign; they must use honest methods and appeal to honest men who desire honest government.

NOT AT ALL REAL.
The Wall Street Journal says: "The men who are opposed to Mr. Roosevelt because he believed it to be his duty to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law may believe that it is an injury to their interests, but they will find the injury is only apparent, not real." To be sure, the Journal did not mean to be really candid. As a matter of fact, Mr. Roosevelt has not made a serious effort to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law. If the Journal really thinks otherwise, it might explain, what no spokesman of Mr. Roosevelt has ever yet undertaken to explain, how it happens that the president has failed to direct the enforcement of the criminal provision which is the chief feature of the Sherman anti-trust law. The Journal unwittingly stated the truth when it said that the trust magnates will find that the injury to trusts brought about by Roosevelt's "fight" against them is "not real."

KNOW WHAT THEY WERE DOING.
The Wall Street Journal reminds the members of the American Bankers' association that "when they recommended that deposits of government money be made in the national banks secured by securities acceptable to the secretary of the treasury, they substantially advocated an idea which, carried to its last limits, would make the government a partner in all the business enterprises of the country." The Journal need not imagine that it can frighten the gentlemen who adopted this resolution. They evidently knew what they were doing and it may be taken for granted that they would not be persuaded from their plan by the claim that it tends to socialism. They knew that plan was to their own personal advantage and they will doubtless insist upon it regardless of any label that may be applied to it.

"PROSPERITY" AND PROSPERITY.
With craves in Wall street, bank failures in Baltimore and Pittsburgh, runs on savings institutions in St. Louis, men and women complaining that the cost of the necessities of life having increased to such an extent that they cannot make both ends meet, there is no great encouragement for republican editorial writers to prate that the boasted prosperity is general and genuine. And yet there are republicans who edit their papers do not hesitate to palm off upon their readers some of these well-worn prosperity editorials.

A number of statesmen who saw a terrible wrong in European recognition of the seceding southern states are convinced of the righteousness of Panama's secession. This is due to the fact that Panama's secession promises to hurry up the division of a certain fund of \$40,000,000.

Governor Garvin, the democratic reformer, has been re-elected in Rhode Island. Why don't the reorganizers take him up and boom him for the presidency? Simply because he is a sure-enough democrat and can't be controlled by the corporations or by the bosses.

The corporation papers sagely inform us that the elections point to the nomination of Hanna on the republican ticket and the nomination of Cleveland on the democratic ticket. With Hanna and Cleveland as candidates the campaign would be lifeless. Wall street would say, "Both are good men."

Mr. Knox, however, did not need the warning that the trusts must not be disturbed. Mr. Knox has never shown any disposition to disturb them.

Those who believe that Tom Johnson is politically dead because he has suffered one defeat should secure an introduction to Tom Johnson.

The old "don't come back if the republicans lose" notice seems to be the chief weapon in the g. o. p. armory.

That Chicago humorist stands convicted of lese-protestant.

The investigation of the shipbuilding trusts seems to have furnished a complete vindication for the late Jim Fliske.

Naturally enough it pains Philadelphia's municipal managers to see New York once more in the grip of the tiger.

Mr. Bristow will hardly point to Ohio as a vindication of his efforts to dethrone "graft."

Of course Mr. Hanna will not fail to point to the vindication of the shipping subsidy.

Warfield was a loyal supporter of the democratic ticket in both 1896 and 1900, and yet the people of Maryland elected him governor.

In some joke books, you will not find a single joke.

Can't Impose Export Taxes.
British detractors of the tariff question, on both sides, make the error of assuming that the United States can impose an export tax on goods sent abroad. Mr. Morley is the latest one to blunder in this particular, for he is reported as saying at Manchester: "Suppose the Americans, indignant at British retaliation, put a half-penny a pound on your raw cotton, where would Lancashire be?" The United States constitution forbids such an act. America cannot retaliate in just that way.

How's This?
We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the Great Peppercorn Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all his business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. Full particulars of this cure will be sent free of charge to all those who will send us their names and addresses. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Prop., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Beware of cheap imitations.

World's Fair.
A St. Louis World's Fair Information Bureau has been established at 1601 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb., in charge of Harry E. Moores, where all information will be cheerfully furnished free of charge.

Leslie's Popular Monthly for November.
The November Leslie's Monthly is an enlarged and improved magazine, with more pages, more pictures and more stories than ever before. The leading article—and it is one that must attract a great deal of attention—takes up the way in which the big corporations influence legislation at Washington, and points out what senators and representatives are in the service of the trusts and what trusts they serve. It is a most striking story and one that is only too true. There is also a clear-cut sketch of Charles F. Murphy, the present leader of Tammany Hall, with a full-page portrait.

Physicians no longer bleed their patients with a lancet.
You never hear any one complain about "defective starch." There is now a way to equal it in quality and quantity. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.
Of all stars it is up to the geographer to be worldly wise.
The man who wears the best clothes may have the most creditors.
If you wish beautiful, clear, white clothes use Red Cross Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package, 5 cents.
The only certain tips on base ball are the foul tips.
If a man has plenty of nerve he will soon get the coin.
Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

An Estimate of Austen Chamberlain.
Here is T. P. O'Connor's estimate of Austen Chamberlain, son of a famous father: "Of young Mr. Chamberlain I have only to say that he looks the image of his father, with the lines softened and refined by the admixture of another being and another race; that he has had the advantage of university training over his father and that, altogether, he is a replica of his parent, with a certain amount of the strength and the volubility taken out. He is nimble, industrious, eventempered, self-possessed, a parliamentary good young man."

About Our "Penny."
A cent is a little thing, but in the aggregate it is mighty. We speak of the "copper cent," but it is not entirely copper. Its composition is 95 per cent copper, 3 per cent tin and 2 per cent zinc. That alloy has had the advantage of university training over his father and that, altogether, he is a replica of his parent, with a certain amount of the strength and the volubility taken out. He is nimble, industrious, eventempered, self-possessed, a parliamentary good young man.

AN OLD TIMER.
Has Had Experiences.
A woman who has used Postum Food Coffee since it came upon the market eight years ago knows from experience the necessity of using Postum in place of coffee. If one values health and a steady brain.
She says: "At the time Postum was first put on the market I was suffering from nervous dyspepsia and my physician had repeatedly told me not to use tea or coffee. Finally I decided to take his advice and try Postum and got a sample and had it carefully prepared, finding it delicious to the taste. So I continued its use and very soon its beneficial effects convinced me of its value, for I got well of my nervousness and dyspepsia."
"My husband had been drinking coffee all his life until it had affected his nerves terribly. I persuaded him to shift to Postum and it was easy to get him to make the change for the Postum is so delicious. It certainly worked wonders for him."
"We soon learned that Postum does not exhilarate or depress and does not stimulate, but steadily and honestly strengthens the nervous and the stomach." To make a long story short our entire family have now used Postum for eight years with completely satisfying results as shown in our fine condition of health, and we have noticed a rather unexpected improvement in brain and nerve power."
Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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