

Short Stories About George Vanderbilt, Governor Rollin S. Woodruff, Jesse R. Grant, Frank A. Vanderlip, Judge Peter S. Grosscup and William R. Willcox. -



GEORGE W. VANDER-ed a handsome resi-BILT.

dence at the national capital recently in order that he and his clever wife might have opportunity to entertain the prominent figures in public life at Washington, diplomats from abroad and others who form the leaders of society at the capital. When Mr. Vanderbilt wants a thing he wants it very much and is willing to pay for it. He wanted a log cabin and six acres of land owned by a negro named Collins which adjoined the Asheville (N. C.) estate called Biltmore, created at great expense by Mr. Vanderbilt, The negro was shrewd and would not sell for a long time. Finally Mr. Vanderbilt got the cabin and patch of land by paying \$75,000.

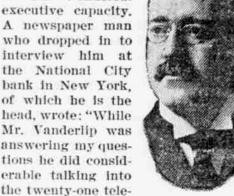
The Biltmore estate comprises over high. Mr. Vanderbilt spends much of his time supervising his farm. He is generous with his fortune. He gave the land which forms the site of Teachers' college of Columbia university and presented the American Fine Arts soclety of New York the room in its building known as the Vanderbilt gallery. He gave the city of New York the Thirteenth street branch of the Free Public library. At Biltmore he instituted an experimental forestry service and school, placing at its head Gifford Pinchot, now chief forester of the United States. Biltmore is said to have cost him originally about \$10,000,-000, the sum of \$3,000,000 having been expended for land and the balance for discussion, has given deep study to the first American to take out a \$1,000,the people upon and near his great corporations are being conducted as North Carolina estate and, among other | they ought to be the people at large men's institute for their use in Bilt- of leaving their ownership to the commore village.

reminiscences of life at the White House in his father's time. "I was a boy then," said Mr. Grant, "but I remember many things. We lived there as any other quiet minded folk might have lived in their own home. There were a lot of servants, to be sure, most of them colored, and some funny times mother had with them. I recall the first night we dined there. When we came out from the dining room father found a soldier pacing up and down the hall. He asked him what he was doing there, and the soldier said he was on duty. To father's questions he said there were other soldiers on guard duty in other parts of the White House. Father immediately had them all re-

Frank A. Vanderlip, the New York banker and former assistant secretary of the treasury, who predicts a period of recession in trade, has reached his present high station in the world of finance at the com-

paratively youthful age of forty-two. He has wonderful executive capacity. A newspaper man who dropped in to interview him at the National City bank in New York, of which he is the

moved."



phones on the two FRANK A. VANDER-LIP. floors of the bank.

He gave many directions and much 100,000 acres of land, and there is a the noise of trucks and several steam took off a pen and plunged it into the mountain in the tract nearly 6,000 feet riveters at work on a high building. Ink well. He turned to me with a frown Strangers also were waiting their turn on his face-the well was empty. in the reception room. Through all the din and distraction Mr. Vanderlip The pen was uncapped. I handed it to kept the light of good humor and pa- him. He started to write. The ink tience in his face and the mellowness of a June morning in his voice. He is six feet and more, has deep, strong shoulders, long, stout legs, gray eyes and hair that is white many years ahead of schedule. The mustache, grizzled when it ought to be brown, is trimmed to the stubbiness of a shoebrush."

Judge Peter S. Grosscup, whose plan regarding government supervision of great corporations has occasioned much the magnificent mansion in the center | character and operations of modern | lar morning duties, week in and week of the estate. Mr. Vanderbilt was the corporations and to the problem of out, just as regular as my shave and bringing them under the real control my checking over of calls to be made out of the people. His idea is that if the and the making out of my expense acmium of \$35,000 a year. He is lavish government exercises its powers so as count, is filling my fountain pen .in expending money for the benefit of to give the public assurance that the James N. Bowen in System. things, has built a church and a young will become their proprietors instead paratively few. This is what has been termed the "peopleization" of the cor-

THE BLIND OF CAIRO.

To Be Found Everywhere in the Shops and on the Streets.

The first thing that impresses the stranger in Cairo is the number of found-everywhere in the shops and on the streets. Ophthalmia is very prevalent throughout Egypt. Because of superstition concerning "the evil eye" the native mothers of the middle or the lower class do not wash the eyes of their babies at all. Watching the flies buzzing unheeded around and upon these blind children, a stranger hastens to buy a fly whisk. These are for sale everywhere and are quite attractive with their ornaments of fancy beads and palm leaf fiber. Blind beggars greet one at every corner. Even in the high class Egyptian families there are many blind. The lower classes of Egyptians are given much to hasheesh-that is, the lower classes In the large cities-and, although it is against the law to sell it, one will have the hasheesh places pointed out, and the men who smoke the drug are seen everywhere. They are distinguished by the peculiar appearance of their eyes, which become red, swollen and baggy underneath, and by the peculiar

color of the skin, which resembles somewhat the skin of a Chinese oplum smoker.—Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly.

A LOST CONTRACT.

The Little Thing That May Sometimes Prevent a Sale.

A pen once lost me an order. I had just worked up the executive of a advice. In the street below men and large concern into a desire to buy. I boys were running about like mad had my contract form lying on his ants. The bellowing of curb brokers desk with my finger on the dotted line. swept around the corner and joined He reached over toward his pen rack, did all his affairs. Arriving one morn-

I was ready with a fountain pen. would not flow. I took it and shook it. Again he made the attempt, with no result.

"I will get one," he said. So he stepped into the other room. Evidently some one stopped him with a question, for he did not come back for three minutes. Then he stood at his desk. He looked down at the contract.

"I believe I had better think this matter over again," he said. And all the talk I put up could not budge him. I had lost a sale because my fountain pen was empty. Now, one of my reguwere." loesn't.'

STEPHEN GIRARD.

The Eccentric Millionaire Was a Man of Many Moods.

To get a subscription from Stephen Girard, founder of Girard college in blind-men, women and children-to be | Philadelphia, was not an easy matter. It required tact and the right introduction, and many failed, while few succeeded. It is told by the author of "The French Blood In America" that Samuel Coates, a genial Quaker, was one of the few men who knew how to approach the eccentric millionaire. He was a manager of the Pennsylvania hospital and called on Girard for the purpose of raising money for the

> support of that institution. "Well, how much do you want, Coates?" asked Girard in his usual brusque tones

"Just what thee pleases to give, Stephen," replied the Quaker. Girard wrote out a check for \$2,000 and, hand-ing it to Mr. Coates, was surprised to see that gentleman pocket it without looking at the amount.

"What! You don't look to see how much I give you?" cried Girard incredulously.

"Beggars must not be choosers, Stephen," replied the Quaker.

"Give me back my check, and I will change it," said Girard after a moment's pause.

"A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, thee knows, Stephen," mildly replied the Quaker. Without another word Girard sat down and wrote him out a second check for \$5,000.

His farm on the outskirts of Philadelphia was one of the best in the country, and while living in town he often drove out before breakfast to see that all was going well. He was very exacting with his hired hands and never trusted the management of his farm to any one else, but ran it himself, as he ing a little earlier than usual, he was greatly annoyed at not finding his man at work on a fence that he was building. The man's wife, noticing Girard approaching the house, hurriedly awoke her husband and sent him to his duties by way of the back door. After visiting the house Girard returned to the fence and, seeing the man at his post, reprimanded him for being late.

"I'd been here, sir, but went back for spade," said the workman. "No, you hadn't. I went and put my hand in your bed and found it warm," replied Girard, and he discharged the man on the spot.

CONVERSATION DON'TS.

Don't say "You was," but "You Don't say "He don't," but "He



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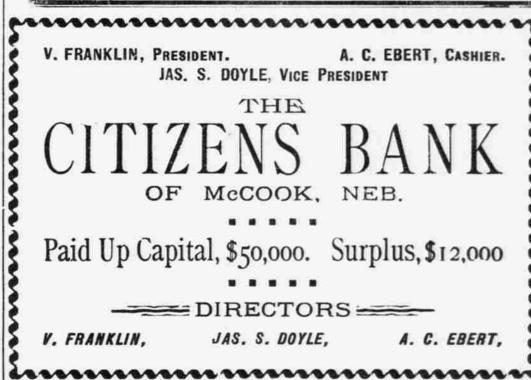
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Governor Rollin S. Woodruff of Connecticut, who narrowly escaped losing his life in a railway accident not long ago, was talking of his experience and In this connection mentioned European railroads.

"What amuses me about those lines." he said. "is the very slight degree of difference between the first, second and third class carriages. I vow that if a

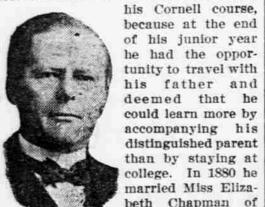
carriage's rank were not printed on the door, you would not know what it was. I am aware of but one case of a real distinction between first. second and classes. A third friend of mine was touring Yorkshire last summer. An omnibus ran be tween two Yorkshire towns, and there were of course first,

second and third ROLLIN S. WOOD-RUFF. class seats in it. Yet they were all quite alike.

"My friend, sitting in his first class place, thought he had been done until a one morning: long, steep hill appeared. The driver, halting at the foot of this hill, turned dies?' his head and shouted:

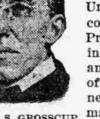
"'First class passengers keep their seats. Second class please dismount and walk. Third class get out and push.""

Two sons of the late General Ulysses S. Grant reside in New York, Major General Frederick D. Grant, who is commander of the department of the east and lives on Governors island, and Jesse R. Grant, youngest son of the former president. The latter is fortyeight years old and, despite his lamented father's prominence in the Republican party, is a Democrat and takes an interest in the politics of that party in New York city and state. He | other to supervise was of school age when his father was | the extensive semiin the White House and entered Cor- public corporations nell university just as the general operating the varileft that mansion. He did not finish



largely associated with the Golden

porations. Judge Grosscup's decisions as a judge have won him a high rank as an



an optimistic view of affairs. At a dinner one time he re-PETER S. GROSSCUP. marked: "As the world ma-

is an improvement on a child. He is in every way better. He is more gen-

erous, more courageous and more kind. "I have no sympathy with those who laud childhood and the virtues of children. I hold that children are only a little removed from savages, and when was feared he might succumb.

"The child calmly answered: "'I'll have his Noah's ark, won't I?'

A great deal is expected from the public utilities commissions appointed by Governor Hughes to supervise the great public service corporations of New York state. The public utilities act gives extensive powers to the commissioners and is regarded as a long step forward in the direction of public control of the quasipublic corporations, especially those organized to operate ed one commission having a jurisdiction in New York state outside of New

York city and an-

ous public services of New York city. The chairman of this commission is he had the oppor- William R. Willcox, who at the

his father and time of his ap-WILLIAM R. WILLpointment was COX. postmaster of New

York. His term in that office has been distinguished parent noted for the changes introduced in the than by staying at | way of more effective and businesslike college. In 1880 he administration. He has given much married Miss Eliza- study to sociological questions and as beth Chapman of a park commissioner under Mayor Low

A Great Polyglot.

Solomon Caesar Malan habitually conversed with his children in Latin. but on his deathbed, when Solomon, his son, began to recite a psalm in the familiar Vulgate of his youth, the dying man, scholar to the last, muttered, "Non ita, non ita! Hebraice;" so the interpreter of the son repeated it in Hebrew.

He could, for that matter, just as law. He is fifty-five years old and was well have said it in Coptic or Chinese, appointed to the for to him all tongues came naturally. United States circuit At eighteen he could write in thirteen court of appeals by languages, oriental and European, and President McKinley among his published works we find in 1899. He takes translations from the Arabic, Persian, Syriac, Ethiopic, Hebrew, Coptic, Armenian, Georgian, Mongol, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Greek, Russian, Welsh and Gothic. He is said to have

learned to speak Armenian fluently in tures it improves, just as we improve a fortnight, and he preached in Georas we mature. A man of mature mind gian to a Georgian congregation in the Cathedral of Kutais.-London Saturday Review.

A Patient Dog.

My brother has two dogs, one a large mastiff, the other a tiny Spitz which he can hold in the hollow of his hand. hear them lauded I think of a boy Don, the big dog, had been taught to I used to know. This boy's brother lay lie down and face his food, but not to ill with a fever, a bad fever, so that it touch until the command, "Eat," had an empty pipe, and, gripping it bebeen given him. His mistress, in a hur-"To the well youngster the nurse said | ry to leave for a day's shopping, gave Don his breakfast one day, but forgot he made an ostentatious and fruitless "'What will you do if your brother the permission to "eat," and when she returned late that night the faithful dog lay with his paws on the plate of food, but not a particle had been touched!-Chicago Tribune.

Blunt Dr. Dougal.

Dr. Dougal of Keith, who was made an honorary member of the Aberdeen society in 1795, had a reputation for bluntness. A talkative woman went to him one day and said to him, "Doctor, what is the matter with my tongue?" "Just needin' a rest," he replied shortly. On another day a patient went to within municipal lines. The act creat- him and complained, "I have a deal to suffer with my eyes, doctor," whereupon he answered, "Better suffer with them than without."

The Inundation.

"If you please, sir," said a verger to a churchwarden in a village, "the new rector is to be inundated next Tuesday week, and I have come to ask you whether you will be able to be present." "Certainly," replied the churchwarden, who was something of a humorist, "and I hope there will be an overflowing congregation." - London Answers.

His Change of Front. "My view on coeducation," he said firmly, "is that it should be forbidden. It is deleterious to mental development. It leads to"-

"John," said his wife, entering unex-California, and his was influential in the establishment pectedly, "are you telling Mr. Smith of JESSE R. GRANT. career has been and equipment of public playgrounds. the dear old days when we were col-

Don't say "Not as I know," but "Not that I know." Don't say "He is older than me," but "He is older than I." Don't say "Between you and I," but 'Between you and me." Don't say "She is some better," but 'She is somewhat better." Don't say "This is the finest of any,"

but "This is finer than any." Don't say "Where are you stopping?" but "Where are you staying?" Don't say "I dislike her worse than ever," but "I dislike her more than ever.'

Don't say "I was raised in New England," but "I was reared in New England.' Don't say "I rarely ever go anywhere," but "I rarely if ever go any-

bon't say "Either of the three will do," but "Any of the three will do."-St. Louis Republic.

The Careful Scot.

While enjoying a pleasant smoke in a railway carriage a Scotchman was asked by his fellow passenger, a Welshman, if he could oblige him with a match and after some consideration reluctantly complied with the modest request. Placing the match upon the window ledge, the Welshman produced tween his teeth, gazed mournfully at his companion. This having no effect. tour of his pockets. "Dear, dear, how unlucky I am!" he exclaimed at length. "I've left my tobacco at home." "Verra unfortunate," agreed the Scotchman, and, stretching out a hand for the match, he added with evident relief, "An' now ye'll no require this 'vestie!" " -Glasgow Times.

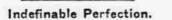
Americans Greatest of Travelers.

Americans are rightfully called the greatest travelers in the world. They all seem imbued with the spirit of Columbus, and when we think of that venturer across strange waters in search of he knew not what we can scarcely associate him with any other country as a native than ours. It is a noticeable fact that in every resort of prominence in England and on the continent there are to be seen among two Americans to every one representative of any other country, and in the African cities Americans are even more in predominance over travelers of other nationalities.-Leslie's Weekly.

Reassuring.

"Now, be careful how you drive, cabby, and go slowly over the stones, for I hate to be shaken. And, mind you, pull up at the right house and look out for those dreadful railway vans."

"Never fear, sir; I'll do my best. And which 'orspital would you wish to be taken to, sir, in case of an accident?" -London Tit-Bits.



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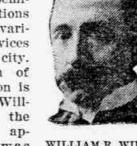
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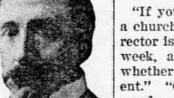
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He was born on a farm near Smyrna, lege classmates?" State and the mining industry of the N.Y., forty-three years ago, graduated "Y-yes," said John. - Philadelphia. Pacific coast. He has made quite a from Rochester university, taught Ledger. fortune from mines in Alaska and in school, graduated from the Columbia law school and for some years after-Mexico. A prudent haste is wisdom's leisure. Mr. Grant was recently telling some I ward practiced law in New York. -Italian Proverb.

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