

Self-Approval

De sun he keeps a-movin' Across de sky all day...

Cal Clark's Chance

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Five feet one was the height of Cal Clark and this was only when he stood upon his good leg...

His situation had once been very serious indeed. Unable to secure any work on account of his afflictions...

"Not much, Cal, my boy," declared the stalwart Jim, glancing kindly at his diminutive friend...

After some hesitation, Cal accepted the kind offer, resolving to do everything he could in return for the home he would have...

Cal's chief delight was in the evenings after Jim returned from work. The supper dishes cleared away...

Thus they lived until an event occurred that came near upsetting the arrangements of the little home...

The answer came from the most unexpected source. Cal shrewdly guessed that affairs were in a critical state...

What could he do to get money? Cal scratched his head until the bald spot grew bigger and the wrinkles on his forehead deepened...

For four months Daniel was the prize incubator baby of the hospital. She grew and flourished, and at the end of that time the pound and a half she weighed at birth had increased to five...

Why Gordon Wright Quit. Once when Gordon Wright, the Faneuil Hall market man, was called upon for a speech at a certain political meeting...

best for him to live with Jim because he knew Mrs. Collins could not do without him when her husband was sick...

At last he hit upon a plan and one day returned home with a handful of money, mostly pennies, but here and there a stray dime and nickel...

Snake Bird Made Fine Pet.

Readily Tamed and Faithful in Its Attachment.

The snake bird is readily tamed when taken young. The Rev. John Bachman, who reared some of these birds, said: "My best pet was tame from the beginning of its captivity..."

"It was not until my bird was fully fledged that I found it willing or anxious to go to the water, and then whenever it saw me going toward the pond it accompanied me as far as the gate, seeming to say, 'Pray let me go.'"

Slowly Jim grew stronger and at length was able to return to work. Then Cal disappeared. His friend sought for him but, for a long time, could find no trace of the lame, half-blind man...

Flaw in Attendant's Excuse.

Doorman Gave Impression Senator Knox Was Eccentric.

A door attendant at the residence of Senator Knox in Washington was responsible a few evenings ago for a flying rumor that the senator is indifferently fond of bathing. It has been this attendant's habit to tell newspaper callers in the evening that Mr. Knox was in his bath...

The Prospect of Death.

Why am I loath to leave this earthly scene? Have I so found it full of pleasing charms? Some drops of joy with draughts of ill between...

Oh thou great Governor of all below— If I may dare a lifted eye to thee— Thy nod can make the tempest cease to blow...

For I want I feel my powers to be To rule their torments in the allowed line; O, aid me with Thy Help, Omnipotence Divine!

—Robert Burns.

An Eye to Business.

Senator Clay of Georgia in condemning certain underground and mean business methods, said: "Such methods remind me of a woman whom I heard of in my boyhood..."

"Oh, he's a very decent, nice, honorable person, George is, ma'am," Jane replied. "I assure you, ma'am, I couldn't keep better company."

"That may be, Jane," the woman interrupted, "but I think you should consult our interests more. Why shouldn't you, now that it is Lent, get up a little flirtation with the fish dealer?"

Had His Crown Now.

"The late Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the negro poet," said an editor, "once addressed a Sunday school in New York. I heard the address. It was delightful. An odd incident happened, though at its end—an incident that Dunbar laughed at as heartily as the rest of us."

"Dunbar, toward the close of his remarks, said: 'And, my little friends, if you do all these things some day you will wear a gold crown. Yes, each of you, some day will wear a gold crown.'"

"My favor wears one now." "No!" said the poet. "Yes, he does—on his toof," said the little chap."

New Yorker Owns Famous Banner.

Mr. Eben Appleton of New York City has in his possession the famous "Star Spangled Banner" that inspired Key to the writing of the much-remembered national song. An effort will shortly be made to purchase the house in Baltimore in which this flag was made and use it as a museum or patriotic shrine.

OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.



Charles S. Francis, of Troy, N. Y., who will succeed Bellamy Storer as American representative at Vienna.

STUDYING WATER POWER.

The French Government Is Anxious to Assist Industrial Development.

The French government is pursuing a course which promises to result in great benefit to the manufacturers of that nation, by surveying the rivers and streams of the country in order to determine their capacity for generating power for the service of factories, reports the New York Tribune. Industrial men in the United States have made many serious mistakes in the past by developing water power for factories, only to find that lack of water at certain periods of the year compelled discouraging and costly shutdowns or the installation of reserve steam power plants.

In France the rivers susceptible of being controlled with a view to industrial utilization are numerous. But before erecting hydro-electrical works of importance, it is very important to know the variations in the volume of the stream to be utilized at various seasons of the year. The factors to be investigated are the surface and the direction of the watershed, the mode of culture, the extent of the forests, the geological nature of the soil and subsoil, the intensity and the division of the rains or snows received by the watershed and, in mountainous sections, the surface of glaciers which sustain the summer discharge.

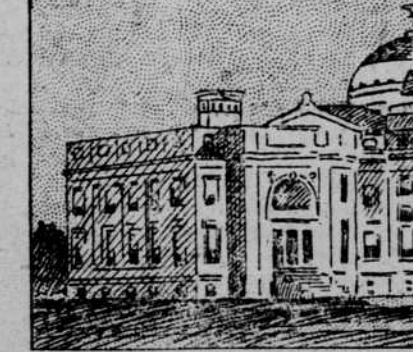
At last the twenty-fifth anniversary of the firm and of the bookkeeper's service came along. He remembered it, but thought no one else would. To his surprise, the proprietor spoke of it at once.

FAMOUS BELGIAN SCULPTOR

First of His Calling to Give to Labor the Precious Baptism of Art.

Just a year ago (April 4, 1905), there died in Brussels, where he was born and where he lived and labored nearly all his days, one of the world's greatest sculptors, writes Christian Brimmon, in "A Sculptor of the Laborer" in Century.

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"Well," demanded the donor, as the other hesitated. "What did you want to say about it?" "It's just like you!" murmured the bookkeeper. "It's just like you!"

Odd Epitaphs.

At Worcester, England, the slab erected over a departed auctioneer is inscribed with a single word—"Gone." In Sussex the initials and date of the death of the deceased are followed by two words—"He was." The most remarkable inscription is at Cane Hill cemetery, Belfast, where the inscription says: "Left th called for."

COMPASS OF LITTLE USE.

The Instrument on Submarine Boat Ceases to Point North Under Water.

Talking with a young naval officer, I learned something about submarine boats that astonished me, says a Brooklyn Eagle writer. He had been down in one of the Holland craft several times and made light of the dangers, but he ridiculed the value of such vessels for warfare. Then he told me the strange, inexplicable fact that after the boat is entirely submerged the compass ceases to point to the north. It flies around any old way and cannot be relied upon for steering. Even when the water is clear and still the man at the lookout cannot see more than 20 feet in front of the bow.

Enough water on the surface has the effect of giving an opaqueness to the sea underneath—the opposite of theory. The approach of a submarine can be detected by the masthead that stands out of the water. The vessel rarely descends more than ten or twelve feet below the surface. The general supposition that the boat founders about in the mud is erroneous.

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IT WAS JUST LIKE HIM.

A Hopeful Employee's Expectations Dashed by His Close Employer.

In a banking office in New Orleans is an aged bookkeeper who began his connection with the business the day it was established. As the years went by, the proprietor, who had started with little, but was extremely "close," amassed an enormous fortune. The bookkeeper piled up but a small amount of savings, relates the New Orleans Picayune.

"Williams," he said, "do you know what day this is?" "Our twenty-fifth anniversary, sir." "It is indeed, Williams. And now I have thought fit to commemorate the event, and I have put in this envelope

DISPENSE WEALTH IN FOLLIES

Lavish Waste of Money a Chief Evil of the Day.

To the fact that all the fools are not dead yet, especially the rich fools, the newspapers of the day furnish abundant evidence. It was one of this class living in Philadelphia who spent \$20,000 the other evening on the "coming out" of his eldest daughter—a sum of money expended in mere vain display larger than the total income for a year of a score of many hard-working and worthy men.

CUPID'S VICTORY OVER MAMMON

Lady Maple Gives Up Large Income to Wed Man of Her Choice.

Lady Maple, who has just been married in England to Montagu Ballard, chairman of the Royal brewery of Brentford, loses \$50,000 a year by her



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marriage, the will of her late husband, Sir John Blundell Maple, having provided that in case she remarried the income of \$100,000 a year which he left her should be cut in half. She also loses the use of her late husband's town and country houses.

IS QUEEN IN HER OWN REALM

Bertha Krupp Head of Large Army of Dependents.

Miss Bertha Krupp, the richest woman in the world perhaps, is now known as "Queen Krupp" all around Eosen, where are located the vast cannon factories which she inherited from her father. In that place alone she has 40,000 workmen toiling for her, who, with their families, make more than 200,000 persons dependent upon her now. If other concerns be added we have a total of 300,000 dependents. She owns gas works, railways, telegraphs, telephones, her own bakeries, slaughter houses and general stores. She has even her own army, regularly drilled, with stern rules of discipline; it is called a fire brigade, but is as much a body of picked troops as any in Germany. Her army numbers more than 900 men, well armed. Finally, she has her ambassadors in every court in Europe. They may not be known in the regular diplomatic world as such but they are there all the same.

Jail for Reckless Chauffeurs.

Some accidents are unavoidable in this world busy with traffic. People will get under the wheels of the slowest going vehicle. The dray, as well as the motor car, has a record. Despite this fact, the truth remains that the person slain by a reckless automobilist generally is the victim of a worse, a grosser, a more heartless callousness than is the one who succumbs to the impact of the trolley. The simple and easy way to rid the highway of the peril that lies in the drunken or brainless direction of the swiftly moving automobile is to treat the ruffly chauffeur as the criminal he is and to hold him and his accomplices on the charge of manslaughter at least, as well as responsible for all the material damage wrought.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Cheap and Filling Food.

Now, these are the virtues of the cereals; they are cheap, easily swallowed and of moderate nutritive value. There is an element in the average human mind, half puritanic, half stingy, which is inclined to count as a virtue the ingestion of any food which is not especially attractive but believed to be nutritious. In fact, to eat that which is cheap and filling is one of the petty vices.—McClure's Magazine.

Busy Days in the Country.

A Minneapolis farmer who heard somebody say that men of his calling had nothing to do in the winter replied that winter was the busiest season of all, for while in the summer every farmer attended to managing only his particular share of ground, in the winter he had to spend all of his time telling the President how to run the whole country.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Berkman to Be Watched.

Police plans are being made in Pittsburg for the surveillance of Alexander Berkman when he leaves the workhouse May 18, after having served fourteen years for the attempt to murder H. C. Frick. Wherever he goes in any portion of the world his every movement will be watched. It is said he succeeds Herr Most as head of the American anarchists. It is said that Mr. Frick will pay a detective \$10,000 a year for a constant watch on Berkman.

Not So Easy.

"What I want," said the constituent, "is a nice easy position." "My friend," answered Senator Sorghum, "give up that idea. When an easy position is discovered, so many people are after it that a man has to fight ten hours a day to get it and twelve hours a day to hold on to it."

The Philosophy of Folly.

It would be a hard thing to persuade the average workman that Saturday night comes just as often as Monday morning.—Cleveland Leader.

GENERAL BLANCO PASSES AWAY

Successor of Weyler as Governor of Cuba Dies in Madrid.

Gen. Blanco, formerly governor-general of Cuba, died at Madrid, April 4.

Whigham's Experience With Blanco.

H. J. Whigham, who was a correspondent in Cuba during the Spanish-American war, says of Gen. Blanco, whose death is reported from Madrid: "Gen. Blanco made a name among the journalists by threatening to shoot any American reporter caught inside the lines. He kept me personally in prison for a week with Phil Robinson, cheerfully informing us that we might be shot any morning. Blanco was



Gen. Blanco

really a charming old man and had no intention of carrying out his threats. When I saw him in Havana after our release I found him delightful and too kind-hearted for his position."

(Ramon Blanco y Arenas was sent to Cuba to succeed Gen. Weyler, whose conduct in suppressing the rebellion in that island had shocked the humanitarian feeling of all the civilized world. He started on a policy of pacification, but the Cuban people did not trust him, and his experience on the island was not happy. When the war with the United States broke out Blanco did not enter upon the defense of the island with much hope of success, and as soon as the war was over he resigned and returned to Spain in November, 1893.)

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Some Advance Made in Russia.

The pessimists who claim that no good will come to Russia from the new assembly on the ground that it will be dominated by the reactionaries take too much for granted in the first place and forget that vast good has already come of it, for a national assembly, even though exercising strictly limited powers, means the end of irresponsible absolutism, and even if the powers of the new body are as limited as is lately reported it will provide a medium for the expression of popular opinion and the machinery which may yet be used to make that opinion effective—car or no car. Nobody, so far as is recalled, foresaw the French convention of '93 in the states general of '89.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lo, the Rich Indian.

The wild Indian of the plains was in a sense started into submission. With the extinction of the buffalo the storehouse of the Sioux, Apache and all intermediate tribes was depleted. There was nothing to do but go back to the reservation and make peace with the government. At present there is not an Indian in arms against Uncle Sam and probably there never will be. The Indian, however, is far from poor. He has the richest lands in the country, agricultural, forest and mineral, and his potential wealth is above the average for the whole country. The five civilized tribes own the largest known deposits of bituminous coal. Their value is estimated at over \$4,000,000,000 and the nation is trustee of this land.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Lovers' Protests Effective.

In the little village of Ellenhansen, near Göttingen, Germany, there has been almost a revolution, owing to the publication of an order forbidding any young unmarried man to escort a young woman home after dark. This order was the work of the deputy town clerk, who is not a ladies' man, and had been made the butt for ill-natured jokes. He thought he saw an opportunity for revenge when the reigns of power came temporarily into his hands. But his action has cost him his place.

Favored.

"A woman should always give her home the first consideration," remarked the quiet little woman. "That's the way Henrieta does," rejoined Mr. Meekton. "She reads her speeches to me before anybody else hears them."

Where it Didn't Help.

"Knowledge isn't always power," grumbled the man who had crawled under his automobile. "I know what it's the darned thing, but I can't fix it."

The Clock and the Man.

When a clock is fast you can always turn it back, but it's different with a young man.—N. Y. Times.