

INSPIRATION OR DYSPEPSIA?

The Successful Professional Man was puffing an after dinner cigar with the Prosperous Business Man in the lobby of the Paxton. The conversation had come around to inspirations, the irresistible shaping of ones actions by some indefinable outside influence.

"In that connection," said the Professional Man, "I would like to relate a little experience of mine. I had come home late one night and on retiring strove in vain to sleep. Something seemed to keep my eye lids pried apart until like one in a trance I seemed to be gazing through the shadows down an endless melancholy vista such as it is not given all men to behold. Then I heard a small wierd voice calling to me from nether spheres and abysmal depths commanding me to take my pen, and like the divine lyrists of yore, write.

I seized a pencil and pad from the table, and in the stygian darkness, but with bright supernal eyes that seemed to demark every letter as though engraved in characters of flame, I wrote the following demi-dyspeptic amouratic diaponaise." And the Professional Man drew a folded paper from an inside pocket and handed it to the Business Man.

"The lack of meter," apologized the Professional Man, "must be excused by the fact that the meter was not working,—the gas had been turned out, and the unevenness of the feet is explained by the muse to be due to the freezing off of several of the minor articulates in the arctic-boreal regions through which the effusion first passed before crystallizing under my pen. Agony and sleeplessness followed. It is also likely to follow and haunt whosoever has the temerity to read thereof.

The Business Man unfolded the paper and read:

PHANTASMAGORIC.

"There's a wild of lost worlds
In stellar spaces
But none to mark old Time as he paces
Delving their rubbish for trace of the races,
All forgotten by the God of man;
Scared and blackened by his curse and ban,
Followed and mocked by echoes that wallow
In the cavernous skies that wierdly bellow.

"Stars dazzling crystal bright
Steel blue mazed through polar night.
Bleak flickering o'er the frigid vast,
Like lurid sparks from ice bergs cast:
Pierce stab and waning stickle
Your cold blue points
through the endoming nickle;
Chill all earth with your icy light,
Flare sun gazed through polar night.
The lost cub's wail beats your frozen faces
You sight men's bones in forsaken places,—
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Seeks frantic prey in eternal gloaming."

The Business Man finished with a cynical smile curling the tips of his moustaches toward his eyes.

"You call that inspiration; where had you been that night?"

"Well," said the Professional Man, "I spent the evening at a reception, and dinner given to a distinguished literary man."

"Hum, I see, and you talked to all the oldish young women at the function, who had or professed to have, literary inclinations, and on top of that you put olives, macaroons, welsh rarebit, six on the half-shell, a half cracked with pepper sauce, patty de foy grass, and other vegetables, a cold bottle or two.... Hum, any one could have an inspiration by night on such a backing."

And their cigars went out in silence.
GERMAIN TOWL.

**First Publication November 18-4.
IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA.**

In the matter of the estate of Nancy Jennie May, deceased.
This cause coming on for hearing upon the petition of Wilmer B. Comstock, administrator of the estate of Nancy Jennie May, deceased, praying for a license to sell lots twenty-two (22) and twenty-four (24) in block one (1) and lots twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23) and twenty-four (24) in block two (2) in Central park subdivision, an addition to the City of Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska, or a sufficient amount of the same to bring the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars for the payment of debts allowed against said estate and the costs of administration, there not being sufficient personal property to pay the said debts and expenses.

It is therefore ordered that all persons interested in said estate appear before me at the court house, in the City of Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska, on the second day of January, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause why a license should not be granted to said administrator to sell so much of the above described real estate of said deceased as shall be necessary to pay said debts and expenses.
Dated this 15th day of November, 1899.
LINCOLN FROST,
Judge of the District Court.

What's his war record?
He's made an application for a pension seven times.

**First Publication December 2-3
NOTICE OF SALE.**

In the District Court of Lancaster County Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of Harry Thornburg, administrator of the estate of Martha Thornburg, deceased, to sell real estate.

Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license issued by Hon. Lincoln Frost, one of the Judges of the District Court of the 3d judicial district of Nebraska on the day of November A.D. 1899, I will sell at public auction on the 26th day of December A.D. 1899, at the east front door of the court house in said county of Lancaster, beginning at one o'clock P.M., of said day and continuing until two o'clock, the following described real estate, viz: Lot number Four in block number Fifty-eight in the city of Lincoln proper, in said county. Terms of sale one fourth cash on day of sale and balance on credit of not to exceed three years at six per cent interest and secured by first mortgage on said premises.

Dated this 23d day of November, 1899.
HARRY THORNBURG,
Administrator
WILLARD E. STEWART,
Attorney for Administrator.

**First Publication Nov. 25-5.
MASTER'S SALE.**

Docket T, No. 132.
In the circuit court of the United States for the district of Nebraska. Hannah Oliver, complainant, vs. John J. Davis, et al., respondents. In chancery.

FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance and by virtue of a decree entered in the above cause on the 17th day of November, 1898, I, A. J. Sawyer, master in chancery of the circuit court of the United States, for the district of Nebraska, will on the 26th day of December, 1899, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at the east door of the county court house building in the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, sell at public auction for cash the following described property, to-wit:
Lot number three (3) in block number three (3), Pleasant Hill Sub-division, Lincoln, situate in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

A. J. SAWYER, Master in Chancery.
WEBSTER & FLEMING,
Solicitors for Complainants.

**First publication December 9-4.
LEGAL NOTICE.**

Anna A. Reeder will take notice that on the 4th day of December, 1899, Harry G. Reeder filed in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, his petition against her in which he alleged that he is and for more than two years last past has been a resident of Lancaster county, Nebraska. That he was married to the defendant on or about the 26th day of December, 1891 and has since conducted himself towards her as a true and faithful husband. That defendant without just cause or excuse on or about the 25th of January 1896, wilfully abandoned the plaintiff and left his home and has not since returned, and since on or about the 25th day of January 1896 has continuously absented herself from the plaintiff. Plaintiff prays that in said action he may be divorced from the defendant. The defendant is required to answer said petition on or before the 8th day of January 1900.
Dated December 4th, 1899.

CHAS. O. WHEEDON,
Attorney for Plaintiff Harry G. Reeder.

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