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DARIUS O. MILLS.

How the Late Financier Rose From a Poor Clerk.

The death recently of Darius O. Mills recalls the remarkable rise of the famous financier and philanthropist, who began life a poor boy without a dollar. After working several years as a clerk; he went to Sacramento, Cal., in 1848, and opened a general store for the patronage of miners and the adventurous element that was rushing to the Eldorado during those famous days. In one year he cleared



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\$40,000, and after a time everything he touched literally turned to gold. He finally became a banker, and it was he who furnished money to develop the great Comstock lode, which was found at Virginia City, Nev., in 1872. This was the mine of which John W. Mackay, one day pointing to a shaft opening out of it, said:

"I have taken \$150,000,000 in silver bullion out of that hole."

When Mr. Mills came to New York to reside in 1876 he was called the "Pacific slope Monte Cristo," and some fabulous accounts were printed of his wealth. It was said that he positively refused to eat from any dish or plate that was not of solid gold and that even his furniture was made of the same precious metal. Many people thought that he would prove an "easy mark," but he quickly surprised them.

Probably his name is best known in connection with the Mills hotels, which are noted the world over as the model hotels for poor men. There the men of slender means can find comfortable and pleasant homes without loss of self respect and without their being encouraged to live upon the bounty of others. The three Mills hotels in New York city accommodate several thousand men, hundreds of them permanent guests paying for their rooms 100—sometimes 200—nights in advance and getting as much for their money as it is possible to give.

CHARLES W. RUSSELL.

New Minister to Persia a Man of Brilliant Legal Attainments.

One of the recent diplomatic appointments that gave Uncle Sam a most able representative abroad was that of Charles W. Russell for the post of ambassador to Persia, he having worked for the government many years and become exceptionally well posted on international law and diplomatic procedure.

The new ambassador is a native of Virginia, where he was born in Wheeling fifty-three years ago, and since 1886 he has been with the department



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of justice at Washington, the past four years serving as assistant attorney general. Mr. Russell has been much abroad for the government. He was sent to Paris in 1902 to investigate the Panama canal title; again, in 1904, to effect the transfer of title and property of the canal to the United States and in the same year was this government's legal adviser in Panama. In 1906 he investigated peonage slavery in the southern states, has frequently been sent to Cuba and in all his work has won the good will and unstinted praise of his superiors.

Some time ago there was considerable talk of appointing Mr. Russell chief justice of the supreme court of the Philippines. He was not a candidate for the office and did not seek it, but his brilliant legal attainments caused consideration of his name. He rose by sheer merit from a clerkship in the department of justice to assistant attorney general and has now become Uncle Sam's ambassador to Persia.

LIGHTNING A MYSTERY

This Phenomenon of Nature Is a Puzzle to Science.

THE THEORY OF THUNDER.

In a General Way It is Understood; but, as a Matter of Fact, the Bolt From the Storm in Its Erratic Tendencies Defies the Investigator.

In a general way we understand the theory of thunderstorms. As a matter of fact, there is no phenomenon of nature, but excepting even earth quakes, of which we know so little.

Man-made lightning—that is, electricity of the highest power, which we can artificially produce—will act according to certain known laws. It will, for instance, travel along a conductor of metal.

But a flash of lightning will frequent leap from a well defined metal path and launch itself through the air or some adjacent object which is an infinitely poorer conductor.

This may be due to the almost inconceivable force of a flash of lightning, says a writer in Pearson's Weekly. It is estimated that a flash of lightning a mile long represents a pressure of discharge equal to 3,000,000,000 volts.

As such a flash lasts only about the thousandth part of a second the energy dissipated by the discharge is equal to 300,000 horsepower. Put in other words, if we could find some means of saving and using lightning we should be the richer by a good round sum for every flash.

Lightning is, as we know, usually accompanied by a peal of thunder which is louder the nearer the hearer is to the point of the discharge, but this is not an invariable rule. There are cases on record of most destructive lightning flashes which were unaccompanied by sound.

Such a phenomenon occurred at Bradford some years ago. What is described as "a silent thunderbolt" fell in a graveyard destroying one monument and smashing to atoms nearly seventy glass cases containing wreaths and flowers.

In the same summer Swanscombe, in Kent, was terrified by a freak of lightning. All of a sudden "a great mass of blue fire" swept along the street, and next moment it was seen that the fine old parish church, built nearly 700 years ago, had been struck.

The building, with all its fine old carved oak, was soon a roaring furnace, and only a part of the chancel was saved.

Scientists are still hopelessly at sea as to the cause of that peculiar phenomenon known as globe lightning. At Coventry some years ago during a violent thunderstorm it passed along a street like a soap bubble built of blue fire and drifted into a shed, where it exploded, blowing the roof off the place.

At Rheims, in France, a similar fire ball came into a cobbler's shop through the open window. The solitary occupant of the place sat perfectly still, paralyzed with terror, while his fearful visitor hovered for several seconds overhead. Then it moved toward the fireplace and presently passed up the chimney.

Next moment there was an explosion like a shell bursting, and the upper part of the chimney came crashing down.

Not long ago Count G. Hamilton made a record of a similar freak of electricity. He was sitting at dinner at a house on Lake Wener, in Sweden, when just after a vivid flash of lightning a brilliant white ball appeared over the table and after hanging poised there for some seconds went off with a loud bang.

Fortunately it did no harm to any one, although it was quite close to several people. Those who saw it suggested it was like a ball of cold lightning.

In November, 1902, Sydney, Australia, was visited by a terrific dust storm, in the midst of which a perfect rain of electric fire balls began to fall. These set fire to a number of houses, and a most appalling panic set in. A cry was raised that the end of the world was at hand, and people rushed out of their houses into the ink black, dust deep streets.

The most amazing and terrifying displays of the power of lightning are seen on mountains. In 1899 a party was on the top of a mountain in the Caucasus when a huge violet ball, surrounded by vivid rays, struck a rock near by and, exploding like a bomb, burst into atoms. One of the party was badly hurt.

Stilton Cheese.

The secret of making Stilton cheese was for some time confined to the family of the original inventors, who were under an engagement to sell all they could make to the famous Cooper Thornhill of Stilton. Being thus to be obtained of him alone, it received the appellation of Stilton cheese, but it would have been more appropriately named Wicheote cheese, being first made in that village, on the eastern side of Leicestershire, about thirty miles from Stilton.—London Standard.

Helping Him.

Mr. Backward—Well—er—yes, since you ask me, I was thinking of consulting a fortune teller. Miss Coy—To find out whom you will marry, eh? Mr. Backward—Why—er—yes. I—Miss Coy—Why not ask me and save the fortune teller's fee toward the price of the ring?

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STRAWS.

One of the men who make the engravings for this paper said to the editor some time ago, "Prohibition's coming in—(naming a northern state), all right!" "What makes you think so?" "Well, I have friends up there who have money invested in the brewing business, and they're getting it out as fast as they can!"

As The Union Signal has stated before acres of storage space are required for the saloons fixtures returned to the brewers from voted-out saloons.

One great brewery, at least, it is reported, has begun burning these fixtures.

The same brewery is reported to be running only three days a week instead of seven days and seven nights, as formerly. And now comes the information, from a reliable source, that the head of this brewery is quietly seeking to borrow money, advertising for small sums, under an agent's name.

The figures of the internal revenue department are all that is needed to show that the consumption of liquor is falling off.

Liquor men are desperate, and they continue to pour money without stint into anti-prohibition campaigns. But there must be a ultimate limit to the source of supply, with prohibition territory increasing, and the liquor men's revenue consequently falling off.

These things are not repeated in any spirit of exultation over another's loss; we should be glad to see these men prosperous, if they would earn their prosperity in a clean business.

In California and other wine growing states, the grapes are being used increasingly for unfermented grape juice. Breweries are said to be convertible into ice plants; and there will be increasing demand for commercial alcohol—a use for distilleries.

The facts cited point to the progress of an evolution. A number of months ago The Union Signal made the statement that men who have money invested in the liquor business will undoubtedly withdraw it as the profits of that business fall off before the advance of prohibition, so that by time national prohibition is achieved there will be comparatively little loss to anyone through the closing of liquor plants. It is not necessary to repeat here that the prosperity brought by prohibition will provide employment for many times the capital now invested in liquor making.

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