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"There's younger and better looking boys around, I surmise, Miss Virginny?" returned November meaningly.

Virginia flushed a lovely red. "Why, Joe, it's no use blinding you; for you re member Walter Calvey, don't you?

"Sure! So, it's him. That's good But I heard he was out of his business, That's good.

said Joe with apparent simplicity.

'I must speak it all out, or you won't understand what I did. My father rained Walter, because that would put off our marriage, for a time, any how. Then, when the Schelperg affair came on and he gave me no rest, why I could not stand it any longer. You see, he is so elever he would pay all my bills, no matter how heavy; but he never let me have more than five dollars in my pocket, and I was help I could never see Walter, nor could I bear from him; and all the time Schelperg was given the run of the house,

November was audibly sympathetic; so was I, but I had not the courage to say so. Then, one day this notion came to me. planned it all out, and got Hank to help. I'd have asked you, dear Joe, if you'd been here. Come now, Joe, you must see good a pupil I was to you, and how much I remembered of the tracking that I used to bother you to teach me. "

"You're right smart at it, Miss Vir

"I arranged the broken rod, and Hank and his brother earried me to the canoe; then, they got out on the other side of the lake and I paddled up near to the rock by the waterfall, to put the police, or who-ever should be sent after me, off my trail. I'm real hurt I did not deceive you, Joe! "

"But you did right through — till you ome to Black Lake," Joe assured her.

"But you did not recognize me even en?" she cried. "And I'd put on a pair of Hank's moccasins to make big tracks.'

November explained, and added the story of his dismissal by Planx,

"Well, it's lucky you were there, any how, or we'd have had poor Hank shot. That fixed me in my determination to get the money. I want it for Walter; I want to make up to him for all that my father had him lose.

"So, Mr. Calvey is in this too?" said Joe in a queer voice,

"If you mean that he knows anything about it, you're absolutely wrong!' ex-claimed Virginia, passionately. "If he knew, do you think he'd ever take the money? It's going to be sent to him without any name or clew as to where if comes from. Walter is as straight a man as yourself, November Joe!" she added proudly. "You know him, and yet you suspected him!

"I didn't say I did, I was asking for information," said Joe submissively. information," said Joe submissively
"But you have n't got the money yet."

"No! But, I'll get it in time."

And in the end Miss Virginia triumphed She got her ransom in full, and it is to be doubted if Mr. Planx ever had an iden of the trick played on him. Probably, Mr. Walter Calvey, too, is still in the dark as to the identity of his anonymous friend. But one thing I am quite sure of . . . Mrs. Virginia Calvey is a happy woman.

## ROUGH ROADS AND ROUGH RIDING TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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opened his batteries upon the General, thereby contributing materially to his defeat for the Presidency.

Now and then a man, such as James Buchanan, has attained the White House through sheer persistency and an eventual combination of happy circumstances. Buchanan was our first bachelor President and was a lawyer of respectable standing
— merely that and nothing more. He merely that and nothing more. He early shied his hat into the ring, and he let it stay there too long, to the dishevelment of his fame. Holding high offices progressively for many years, he had long had a hankering for the Presidency and had received votes in the Convention of 1844, 1848 and 1852. On the first ballot in the Convention of 1852 he ran second to General Cass, of Michigan, and had about given up the idea of occupying the White House when he was appointed Min-ister to the Court of St. James by Franklin Pierce. But man proposes and God disposes; the appointment to England was the leading factor in elevating him to the White House. At the time of the Convention of 1856, the Kansas imbroglio had rendered every other Democrat of Presidential stature impossible; and, for-tunately for himself, Buchanau was able to prove an alibi.

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It was one thing, however, to nominate the veteran Pennsylvanian, Buchanan, who had beld office so long that he was popularly known as The Old Public Functionary; but quite another to elect him. The Whig Party was in articula mortis; the Know Nothings—the Bull Moose faction of the moment—were mystifying the country; and the Republican party prung into the arena full-armed and in fighting trim. It was to be a battle royal. The Know Nothings nominated Ex-President Fillmore and Andrew Jackson Don-aldson, adopted son of General Jackson. What was left of the Whig party ratified their nominations.

The Republicans nominated young Col onel John Charles Fremont, of South Carolina, a French Huguenot by lineage, a soldier by profession, who had eloped with Colonel Benton's daughter, Jessie, and whose exploits as a pathfinder had made him a popular figure. He was sup-posed to be the possessor of a fabulous

woolly horse, which served as his masent in the campaign.

Frement proved a dangerous antagonist Frement proved a dangerous antagonist, When the popular vote was counted, it was found that Buehanan was a minority President, having received 1.838,169 votes, while Fremont had obtained 1.341,264 and Fillmore 874,534. In the Electoral College, however, Buehanan had a large majority, receiving 174 votes as compared with 114 for Fremont and 8 for Fillmore.

Mention of the Know Nothings brings my pen to Theodore Roosevelt, the most versatile of Presidents, who was voted to remain in the White House in 1994 because he had been elected Vice-President in 1900 and had succeeded to the higher office on the death of McKinley. His elec-tion in 1904 was the smashing of prece-dents, in cases where Vice Presidents had succeeded to the Presidency on the death of their chiefs. Roosevelt accomplished what Tyler, Fillmore, Johnson and Arthur had failed to do. He was nominated for Vice President because he had served in the Legislature, run a cattle ranch in Da-kota, written several books, made in-numerable speeches, acted as Civil Service Commissioner, Police Commissioner of New York, Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Governor of New York, and had distinguished himself in Cuba. It was distinguished himself in Cuba. It was Roosevelt's rough riding that contributed most toward putting him in the White House, however. He was the youngest of the Presidents, and was the fourth professional statesman to achieve the distinct Johnson and Garfield. It was the Roose-velt administration, or rather its endorse-ment, it must be admitted, that contributed most toward gratifying the Presidential aspirations of William Howard Taft.

Summarizing our Presidential cam-paigns and candidacies, it is noticeable that more than one man has gone to the White House with a smaller popular vote than his antagonist. This observation than his antagonist. This observation might be extended to the great party Con-ventions, as showing that the will of the people is apt to be badly expressed by Conventions, and as indicating that a new order in the way of carrying out the popular expression is at hand.

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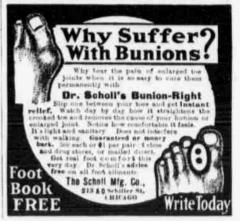
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