

CHECKED UP

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"Why, this won't do at all!" ejaculated Hiram Smith, pursing up his lips and frowning his brow in a stern, complaining way as he read a business card in the corner of the envelope of a letter he had just received.

"What is the trouble, Hiram?" inquired his better half.

"Look and see," Smythe & Co., Brokers. That's false colors Norman seems to be sailing under. Plain 'Smith' isn't good enough for him. It seems, so he has to spread eagle under another name."

"Well," rejoined Mrs. Smith placidly, "Smith is, in fact, a plain, common name, and maybe the city way is to change it."

"Change it!" cried Hiram, fire in his eye. "Say! if all the Smiths left the world tomorrow it would feel the lack of them! I won't have this, and I'm going to give Norman a good, sound piece of my mind. Why," as he opened the envelope, "it isn't from Norman at all, and Hiram proceeded to read the inclosure.

"Humph!" he observed finally. "Here's something to consider. Just listen, Martha. This letter is from Norman's stenographer, a Miss Ava Brown, and it says that Norman is in trouble, is away from the city for a day or two, and, because she is interested in him and the business, she asks me to come on at once and have a consultation with her. Tell you, I'm worried and disappointed! I gave Norman \$10,000 to make his way in the world, and here's a break."

It was no mystery at all, Uncle Hiram found, when he entered the office of Smythe & Co. two mornings later. He looked savage as he noted that name blazoned in gilt on the plate glass windows, but he quieted down as he introduced himself to the pretty

and sensible looking young lady in charge.

"I like your looks," he announced bluntly, "and your eyes tell me you are a girl in the habit of speaking the truth. Now, then, tell me all about it."

The recital that followed, serious and anxious, colored Uncle Hiram not a little. It appeared that some bad advisers had induced Norman to make "a plunge." That of the name was a part of it, plunging outside of ethical securities was a second.

"If Mr. Smith had only kept on steadily with safe securities he would not have had any trouble," declared the young lady. "He was influenced, however, by a set of reckless speculators, and has lost nearly all his capital. He is proud, and wanted to make money too fast. He has been a good friend to me, Mr. Smith, giving me employment when I was out of work, or the prospect of it, and I like him—and something more than that," and the speaker flushed.

"And he likes you—and something more than that, is that it?" insinuated Hiram bluntly.

"I hope so," assented Miss Brown frankly. "At all events, I wish to help him and save him, with your assistance, of course."

"You put it straightforward and businesslike," said Hiram, and I'll think it over," which he did. Then he resumed: "Now, then, Miss Brown, I've decided what I will do. First thing, we'll go over the books and clear up all the debts. Next, no more silly fads like using the Smythe name. Then Norman has got to cut out his expensive clubs, and two-hour lunches, and tramping with a set of young fellows who play with bank accounts and don't care whose they are. We'll take that name off those windows and make it 'Smith & Co.' as it ought to be, right away."

Hiram actually enjoyed the next two days. Miss Brown was a girl to like more and more the better one became acquainted with her. The loyalty, truthfulness, and honest business sense she displayed completely won Hiram over. It was the third morning after his arrival that his nephew entered

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the office.

"Who changed those signs on the windows?" he began stormily. When Ava silenced him with the prompt warning reply:

"Your uncle, who is in the next room."

Norman Smith became meek as a lamb as he confronted the latter, who was stern and dignified as he said:

"Sit down. I want to have a talk with you. No, don't close the door. Miss Brown is a better business genius than you are, and has my confidence. Now, then—"

"You talk wisdom, Uncle Hiram," he conceded, "and I'll be glad to turn over a new leaf."

"All right," spoke his uncle, "You'll

find lots of encouragement and help, if you do. I'll be your backer in a reasonable way, and Miss Brown, who doesn't spell her name with an 'e' tagged onto it or any such foldie-rol, is a safe balance wheel. If you like her—and something more than that," concluded the old man, slyly, "tell her so."

"I'll do that," assented Norman willingly, and he went into the next room. "Miss Brown—Ava," he added, "my uncle chides me for my folly in changing my name, but I don't think he will object if I ask you to change yours," and, chuckling severely, Uncle Hiram felicitated himself with the supreme belief that he had smoothed out the wrinkles in the lives of all of them.

MIRAGE IN NEVADA DESERT

Traveler Relates How Two Coyotes Shared His Astonishment at Strange Sight Witnessed.

One morning in a Nevada desert I sat watching a moving mirage show its scenes—picture after picture. Occasionally one to right or left in front of or behind the preceding one. Some were retained in place much longer than others; they were brought closer and shown or reshown farther back.

One scene was of two covered wagons with three or four loose horses. They moved along two dim wheel tracks, round an arroyo and across two or three typical sand drifts. I stared at the scene in astonishment. They stopped as though to camp by the mirage lake. A camp fire appeared. I rubbed my face; I was awake. I saw objects moving about the wagon and the fire.

Two coyotes came trotting along near me. They saw the camp and after a few steps of looking with head to one side they stopped in front of me to watch it. I rose up better to watch them. They had either not seen me or had forgotten my presence in their eager concentration on the camp scene. Another loose horse, as though left behind, came lugging up. The coyotes watched this moving horse; they were seeing what I was seeing. Smoke rose above the camp fire by the wagon, then the picture melted and only the bare desert shimmered before us.—Enos A. Mills, in Saturday Evening Post.

Amusing Old Tales.
Dr. Fludd, the Rosicrucian, told of an Italian nobleman who lost a great part of his nose in a duel. A piece of flesh cut from the arm of a slave was applied, and the Italian had again a seemingly natural nose. The slave, freed, went to Naples, where he died, and at that instant gangrene appeared on the Italian's nose. The part that belonged to the dead man's arm was cut off by the advice of physicians. Flesh was taken from his own arm and applied. He rejoiced in his new nose until he, too, died. See Edmond About's ingeniously amusing romance, "The Nose of a Notary"; also Sir Kenneth Digby's "Discourse Concerning Power of Sympathy" (1699).

An Agriculturist.
Farmer—What? You want a job on the farm? Why, I'll bet you can't even tell a cow when you see one.
Applicant—Cows? I know all about both kinds.
Farmer—Both kinds? What are both kinds?
Applicant—American cows that live in tin cans and French cows that live in your bedroom.—The Home-Sector.

Preachers' Sons.
I know the aged-fibers concerning preachers' sons and deacons' daughters, but have no great concern respecting them. (The writer is one of them.) It is true that much, and much too much is expected of them. They are constantly in the eye of the members of the congregation, and little allowance is made for their shortcomings. Trivial offenses are magnified, and they are rarely treated with real justice. Yet in a long life I have known many preachers' sons, and there have been very few "black sheep" among them. In nine cases out of ten they have proved to be high-minded, honorable and respected citizens.—Melville E. Stone in Collier's Weekly.

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