

**THE SIN OF THE COPPENTER MAN.**

The coppersman said a wicked word,  
When he hit his thumb one day.  
En I know what it was, because I heard,  
En it's somethin' I dassent say.

He growed a house with rooms in-  
side it,  
En the rooms is full of floors;  
It's my papa's house, en when be buyed  
it.

En they planted stones in a hole for  
seeds,  
En that's how the house began,  
But I bet the stones would have just  
growed weeds,  
Except for the coppersman.

En the coppersman took a board on  
said  
He'd shln it en make some curls,  
En I hung 'em onto my ears en head,  
En they made me look like girls.

En he squinted along one side, he did,  
En he squinted the other side twice,  
En then he told me, "You squint it,  
kid."  
'Cause the coppersman's reel nice.

But the coppersman said a wicked  
word,  
When he hit his thumb that day;  
He said it out loud, too, 'cause I heard,  
En it's somethin' I dassent say.

En the coppersman said it wasn't  
bad,  
When you hit your thumb, kerspat!  
En there'd be no coppersman to be  
had,  
If it wasn't for words like that.

En if there wasn't no coppersman,  
We'd have to live in the barn  
'Cause there wouldn't be any houses, en  
then,  
Then what would we do—by darn!

En the coppersman said a wicked  
word,  
When he hit his thumb one day,  
En I know what it was, because I heard,  
En it's somethin' I dassent say!  
—Edmund Vance Cooke in Woman's  
Home Companion.

**The Lobbyist at Washington.**

Not all lobbyists are bad. Former Senator Thurston is a good example of a numerous class of lobbyists who are to be found in Washington, as, indeed, in the vicinity of any important legislative body, made up of attorneys engaged in the general practice of the law, and in special practice before the governmental departments and Congress. They reside at the capital the year around and are enabled by their familiarity with governmental or legislative methods to do with comparative ease what the man who does not know, or who is not acquainted would find it hard to do. Much of their business is perfectly legitimate. Some of it may be regarded as high class. And on the other hand, much of it is of such a questionable character that it is regarded as "extremely confidential." This class of permanent all the year around lobbyist lawyers is recruited constantly from the Senate and the house of representatives—members who, from time to time, are dropped outside the breastworks, and, having learned to love the capital and its easy ways, open an office and take to this method of earning a living.

But there are many sorts of lobbyists, and they are not all bad. Theodore Roosevelt is something of a lobbyist himself. William H. Taft has been seen often in the Senate corridors and even on the floor, personally soliciting members of that body to vote for army or Philippine legislation. There are lobbyists who do not buy wine and lobbyists who do not solicit members or even interview them in person. There are lobbyists who work in the open and have no secrets as to their methods or objects. And there are lobbyists who skulk and sneak and deny their owners. There are lobbyists who spend themselves with a generous zeal for the object of their desire, and there are others who spend other people's money in pretending to promote affairs as much beyond their reach as the movements of the planets. There are lobbyists for the farmer, lobbyists for the sailor, and lobbyists for the church. There are lobbyists for labor, and lobbyists for capital. There are lobbyists for railroads, for publishers, for government employees—and finally there is a lobby for the people. It has come late—an afterthought, as it were.—Glison Gardner in Success Magazine.

When a man is on top and easily vanquishes all opposition, it is easy for him to be magnanimous and charitable. But let an opponent appear who is smarter than he is, then watch the magnanimous and charitable man go into the air!

When people marry they think they are getting the top peach in the basket, but after marriage they find they got the peach on the bottom row.

**Pity Him.**

Even the bitterest enemies of the Russian czar—men who hate him as a ruler—can hardly fail to pity him as a man.

Even the optimistic sympathizer must at least concede that there seems now no hope. The old dynasty, which for so many years has kept an immense area of Europe and Asia dominated and anaemic in its gloomy shade seems at last tottering to its fall through rottenness of its heart. And when it falls the crash will be something which will shake the world.

Out of the whole mighty drama stands forth a central figure of tragedy the person of the poor, trembling czar—the man, Boris to this office, taught from boyhood that he was ordained of God to occupy it, hearing daily that the might of the government must be upheld by any means, is it any wonder that he feels the responsibility which he dreads but dares not shrink at the risk of going down in history as a coward—the only coward of all the centuried rulers of the Russian empire?

Poor fellow! He was born a czar, but how much better for his life long happiness had he been born a farmer!

Let no man lament that he was born humbly. Better come into the world as a leper than as the heir to a crown which floats on a sea of blood. To reign hated by millions, tolerated by the few whose interest it is to keep you in power to live in daily horror, not knowing at which moment your life will go out miserably, to know in your heart that you are a human being, warm with life and love and the yearning for human sympathy—all of which qualities are unknown to the mass of humanity which sees in you merely the personification of all the evils of a corrupt government, grown rotten and vampire-like with the centuries.

Rejoice, oh common citizen, that you can go about the world in safety, lying down at night to sound sleep, untroubled by the nightmares of dread that gather around the ruler's couch. Rejoice that the head of our own nation is able to go around in corduroys and slap a common man on the back and call him "Hello, Bill!" and borrow a match to light his pipe. But while you rejoice, spare a little sympathy for the poor chap who is just now dying of fear in Tsarkoe Selo, a more wretched prisoner than ever was locked in the death chamber waiting for the electric chair. The sins of a thousand years are visited upon his head—but who can doubt that he would give all the world just to be a common man?

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**How He Lost His Opportunity.**

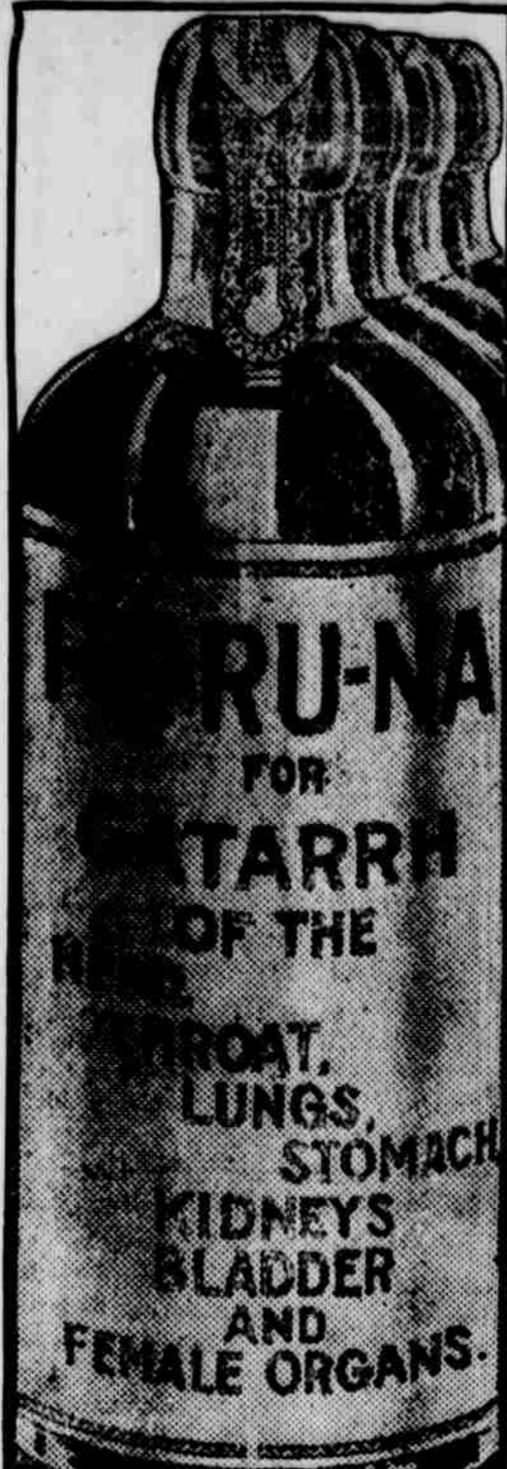
How little the average person who is trying to get on realizes how many things are occurring in his experience which are trying to down him, and which are hindering his advance! A poor job, an unkind word, a stinging criticism, ingratitude for a favor, failure to give assistance when it was in his power, hard problems skipped away back in youth, a hasty act, an indiscretion of an unguarded moment. All things are likely to come up when he least expects it and bar his progress. Many a noble man with political ambitions has failed of election to Congress, or of appointment to some coveted office, because of some slip he has made, or of somebody, perhaps a private secretary, who has put in the word that checkmated the move for his advancement.

Perhaps, it was a sarcastic remark about someone, who later was in a position to help him, that lost him the opportunity.

Many a man has lost his opportunity for advancement under the present administration by opposing and criticizing Theodore Roosevelt in his earlier career, when he did not dream that the former would ever occupy his present lofty position.

You can not tell where a thrust of an unguarded moment will land, or what effect a sarcastic remark may have on your future. He is a fortunate man who guards his tongue, who tempers his acts with prudence and good judgment.—Success Magazine.

The hobo has a lot of trouble with policemen, dogs and poor pie, but he enjoys the distinction of being practically the only person who can take an absolutely disinterested view of the 2-cent a mile and anti-pass railroad legislation.



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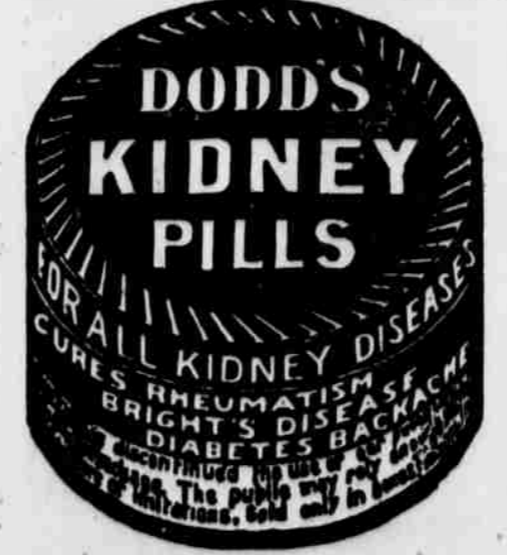
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