



BY ALFRED TURNER YATES. (Copyright, 1900: Daily Story Pub. Co.) When Walter McDowell had lost his last bet on the faro table, he pulled himself away from the chair. He felt dizzy. A sickening nausea swept over him; his eyes danced in his head. He lay down upon one of the sofas and asked the waiter to bring him a drink of brandy. He knew he could get that even if he had no money. He drank the spirits and settled his head back on the leather. Presently he felt better. Then his eyes wandered aimlessly about the room; took in the excited players, the shifting of feet; heard the muttered oaths of losers, the exclamations from winners, the hoarse, mechanical voices of the callers at the roulette wheels.

In this room McDowell had spent the best of his youthful days. He had forgotten duty, friends, reputation, society, honor. He had gambled away a vast estate; he had borrowed until there were none to lend. Now he was at his row's end. He had no relatives whom he could call upon in this hour of his direst want. The last penny was gone! The men who came in and went out, passed him, looked coldly at his prostrate form, but never said a word. Many of them were as helpless as he. The lights glared; the wheels of red and blue turned swiftly upon their axles; the clink of ivory rattled away. The room was filled with smoke; the air was foul. Presently McDowell, overcome with fatigue, dropped asleep. At midnight he awoke with a start. He stared at the clock. Then he jumped to his feet child did not move. The street was and asked the waiter for another drink. Swallowing this, he thanked the servant and walked down the steps.

Outside the snow was falling. The wind blew in fitful gusts. The tinkling of bells told



vived. He walked onward, not knowing, nor caring, where. Vaguely he had in his mind a saloon some blocks away. The barkeeper had known him in his palmier days, and he had never asked him for a favor. Perhaps he could get enough for him to pay for a night's lodging. If that were denied-well, there was the river. He turned into a street running at right angles with the one he had been tra-

girl, a waif, who exed out a precarious existence by selling gum and matches She was asleep. Her wares were scattered about her feet. The snow had made little mounds near her. Sometimes a flake would fall on her face. But the poor child felt them not. Mc-

Dowell halted and looked at the peaceful face. A smile was on her lips. Around the shoulders was a thin shawl. She did not look cold. "Ah," he thought, "if I was as contented." He moved away, but before he had made three steps his eyes became riveted to the sidewalk. Something which threw back the rays of the corner light lay near the sleeping figure. Stooping down and picking up the obfeet McDowell's hand trembled. It was a \$5 gold piece. Evidently some kind soul, seeing the child, had placed it in her lap-some of the wandering alms-givers whose names never get in print. He, this blessed giver, had intended the money as a surprise to the waif. He would not awaken her, but,

when she opened her eyes to stare at a cold world again, the gift would be in her lap. For these-well, there is the kingdom of God. McDowell could scarcely contain

himself. Vague emotions went through his mind with the

swiftness of electricity. Would he take the money? The child would never know. No, he was not a thief -not yet. And when he became one, if ever, he would spare children and the help-

less. He stood, He drank the spirits hesitatingly. The

perfectly still. Far away came voices of a drunken crowd. No one was watching him. He and the child and friends. His uniform is not that of a chamber is divided into two parts, an the money were alone in that part of the big city. * * * Yes, yes.

He almost flew back to the gamblers' den. He laid his money down-the him the electric child's money-on the green table. cars had stopped The cards were shuffled and he won. and their places He doubled. He let the tet lay. He taken by horse, or won again. His hands shook on he could scarcely remove his winnings. "owl," cars. The cool air of the He put the money down recklessly. street somewhat He scarcely lost a single wager. The braced him. He dealer looked on with amazement, shook his head to softly adding once in a while, "Seem drive away the to be coming your way after all, Mac." clinging dizziness. The minutes passed into an hour. Soon he felt re-Still he was lucky. He threw his chips with a gesture of certainty and contempt. But all during this time there was a red-hot iron before his eyes, that and the sleeping waif he had robbed.

He cashed his chips. The bills were piled high before him. He had never had so much at one time in three years. He crammed the money in his pockets. To the street he ran. Out- of Dr. Isabel M. Mitchell, says the side his feet moved as rapidly as the Philadelphia North American. She versing. Almost at the corner, and slippery walk would permit him. He was the inventor of a process for prequite hidden in a doorway, was a little i turned the corner. In the distance he i serving meats, fruits, etc., without the

saw the child. It is wonderful the thoughts that can come to a mind in a second. McDowell's moved with all the motion of his excited faculties. God bless the child! He would take her in his arms. He would take her to a convent. He would see that she wore beautiful clothes. He would wait until she was grown and he would marry her. Then he would tell her the story-tell her how he had robbed her one night and the theft had been the means of his fortune. He would never drink again, never gamble again-never, never, never! Now he was at her side. He picked her up, he put the shawl closer around her little body. He kissed her on the lips. A shiver ran through him. How very cold the lips were! God, could she

He had moved farther down the street. It was dark around him. A light was burning

> at the corner and he hastened to it. He pressed her closer to his breast. Ten more steps and he was under the garing lamp. He looked down into the face and saw with terror that the eyelids were half open and permitted the

"You extravagant man." eyes to show fixed and glassy stares He put his mouth quite near hers. She

was not breathing!

* * * Choked with an awful anguish Mc-Dowell awoke. There he was on the a pneumatic balance lock is being subsofa where he had fallen asleep two stituted for a flight of old-fashioned hours before. He arose and went to stone locks, says the Youth's Comlisted in the army. Last week he came steel chambers, one for ascending and

he was walking along a street which lowered or raised, as may be desired, long before had almost been descried He was with his sweetheart. Passing her beneath it. a doorway he saw a sleeping newsgiri and he put a gold piece in her lap.

"You extravagant man!" exclaimed the woman. But then she did not know.

TO HER GRAVE.

Woman Carried a Secret She Had Beer Offered \$50,000 For.

The suit of a woman inventor, who died about a year ago in the Philadelphia hospital, brought to recover \$150,-000 damages for alleged breach of contract, was abated in New York Wednesday by Judge Andrews, and thus is written "finis" to the peculiar history

aid of ice, by the use of ozone. For many years she struggled with poverty, interested men of wealth in her process, refused handsome offers for the formula, and on the very eve of success, when a company was being organized to develop the patent, she diad in the selms house. Now 17 1901.-Notice is creby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in sup-port of his claim, and that said proof will be died in the alms house, Nov. 17, 1899 taking the secret with her to the grave. On her deathbed she refused to dis-close the process. The defendants in the action just terminated were Henry F. Taintor and William H. Lleweillin, both of New York, who tested Mrs. both of New York, who tested Mrs. Mitchell's invention in Chicago in 1896 and pronounced it a failure. . Thereupon the inventor entered suit for damages. This ity was the scene of Dr. Isabel Mitch Il's life trials. Here she was married, reared a family, was divorced, and then centered her energies upon the invention. She suffered two paralytic strokes, and was further disabled in a railroad wreck, but still persisted. In a store in Arch street joints of meat, fruit and vegetables, all preserved by her process, were displayed for several months. She gave

a big dinner at the Continental, all the viands of which had been preserved for a given time by her formula. Extreme poverty and fatal illness overtook her in a little room at 133 North Eleventh street, whence she was removed to the Philadelphia hospital. Her body escaped the dissecting table only by the merest chance. To the last she refused a standing offer of \$50,000 for her se-

cret Compressed Air for Canal Locks. On the Erie canal at Lockport, N. Y.

his rooms. The next morning he en- panion. The new lock consists of two home-back to his mother and to his the other for descending boats. Each man in the ranks. He is a captain, upper one containing water to receive and with the small salary attached to the boats and a lower one containing that office he supports his mother in compressed air on which the upper splendid style. But he does not gam- chamber floats. When a boat has been ble. During the Christmas ho idays run into the upper chamber it is either by filling or exhausting the air cham-

Bear Got the Apples.

A Maine man has a tame bear, which he trained from a cub, until it can be handled like a dog. One of its traits is an extreme fondness for apples. One day this bear saw a wagon approaching, and he smelled app es. Waiting until the team was at the top of a steep hill, the bear sprang out in front of the horses. Of course they immediately ran away, and as the wagon bumped and lurched, the road for a quarter mile was strewn wth apples. Then the shrewd bear had a gorgeous feast, and was doubtless very much surprised next day when he got a sound thrashing. That was be-cause his master was presented with a bill for ten bushels of apples, and immediately ran away, and as the had to pay it.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior. Land Office at O'Neill, Nebraska Jan. 16, 1901

Jan. 16, 19-1 Notice is hereby given that the 'ollowing named settler has filed notice of his inten-tion to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made be-fore register and receiver at O'Neill, Neb., on

fore register and receiver at O'Neill, Neb., on February 23, 1901, viz: Charles A. INGERSOLL, H E No 14633, for the NE¼ sec 19, twp 28 north, range 12 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous re-idence upon and cultiva-tion of said land, viz: Alex Maring, Morton E. Hiatt, Andrew Clark, Jacob B. Maring, all of O'Neill, Neb. 29-6np S. J. WEEKES, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the Interior, Land Office at O'Neili, Nebraska Jan. 16, 1601. Notice is hereby given that the following mamed settler has filed cotice of his inten-tion to make fina proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made be-fore register and receiver at O'Neili, Neb., on February 23, 1901. viz: Stephen DONLIN, H E. No 7005, for the S½ 8E½, NE½ ×E½, NE½ 8E½ NE½ sec 23, twp 32 north, range 12 west. He n mes the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultiva-tion of said and, viz: August Eppenbach, Michael Langan, Bernard Hyses, Austin Hynes, all of Turner, Neb 296 S. J. WEEKES, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION. Department of the interior. Land Office at O'Neill, Neb. Jan 3, 1901, Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof n sup-port of his claim, and that said proof will be made tefore the register and receiver at o'Neill, Nebraska, on Feb 16, 1901, viz: William HAMILTON, H.F. No 14912, for the SEM, section 26, township 29 north, range 10 west.

west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cuitivation of said land, viz: James Mulles, T.S. Roche. Wilsie Stewart, Winfield Hayne, all of Page. Neb. 27-6np S. J. Weekes. Register. 27-6np

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Land Office at O'Neill, Nebr. Januar 9, 1901. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler ha filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before register and receiver at O'Neill, Neb., on February 19, 1901, viz: Charles A. GRASS. H. E. No 14822, for the nwisec. 5, twp. 29 n., range 9 w. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultiva-tion of said land. viz: J A. Newberry, Henry Julius, T S. Roche, Charles Allen, all of Page, Neb. 28-6np S. J. WEEKES, Register.

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Ashton, Dennie Kane all of Emmet. Neb. 27-6np S. J. WEEKES, Register.



