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The Obliging Reformer.

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There was no use denying that Sydney Gerald was a dawdler. He had wealth, good looks, youth, and was a society favorite. Now and then he went hunting or yachting, but most of the time he simply dawdled. That meant his club, the races and society. He was accounted a catch, but no one caught him. He didn't really try to dawdle, but pursued his lymphatic way simply because there seemed nothing else to do.

"See here, you good-for-nothing," said the widow of the late Hon. Charles Spofford one evening at a reception as she drew him down to a seat beside her. "I have a duty to perform."

"I wish I had," he replied.

"People are saying you have no energy, no ambition, no aim in life. You have too much money—too much time on your hands. You are throwing your years away."

"Tell me what to do," replied Sydney, yawning.

"Get married."

"Too much trouble—too many emotions."

"Take a trip around the world."

"Too much change of scenery."

"Ah, I have it!" exclaimed Mrs. Spofford after a moment's thought. "You are rich. Why not turn philanthropist? Not in the way of hospitals or asylums, but go among the poor and give a few of your dollars to alleviate distress and misfortune. You don't know the real people as I do. There is no day that I am not feeding the hungry and giving out alms. Only this afternoon I gave a one legged man half a dollar, and you ought to have heard his words of gratitude."

"Just so," replied Sydney Gerald, with a bit of a smile as he thought of the many one legged men he had tossed quarters to.

"Try it for a few weeks—for three months. It may lead to your becoming a reformer. At any rate, it will rouse you up and give you something new to think of. It is positively sinful for you to be dawdling along this way."

"Yes, I think so."

"If you should turn out to be a reformer I shall take most of the credit to myself. Three months, Mr. Gerald—try it for three months, and at the end of that time I will arrange for a little gathering to hear your report. It cannot fail to be interesting. You will have a hundred different incidents to relate. Don't you feel a new and strange ambition already?"

"Yes, I think I do. Yes, I think I will turn reformer. I may not make a success of it, but I'll make a try."

The relic of the Hon. Charles spread the news. As Sydney Gerald did not entirely drop society while fitting himself for a reformer, he was lauded and quizzed on numerous occasions by numerous people.

Only a scanty few credited him with the necessary energy to pursue the object, and the most that was predicted of his efforts was the depletion of his purse without corresponding gain. There was a great deal said about the unthankfulness and ingratitude of the world in general, but it didn't seem to affect him much.

"You know you must not look for too much gratitude," cautioned Mrs. Spofford.

"No, I shan't."

"You will feel that you have done your duty, and your conscience will reward you."

"Just so."

"Many and many a time I have given pennies and got never a word of thanks. In fact, I have got black looks as the wheels of my carriage happened to throw a little mud, but I drove on feeling that I had made the world a trifle better. That feeling must be your reward."

"Yes, I shall look for it."

When the three months had expired Sydney Gerald announced his readiness to report. A score of ladies gathered in the drawing room of the Hon. Charles' widow. There were no men among them. Charity and reform did not touch that sex.

When he was ushered in it was remarked that he seemed to have acquired energy and gained ambition, and there was great curiosity as to what he would report.

"Ladies, I beg to say," began Sydney, "that in my ignorance of how to go to work I began my investigations in the house of a wealthy lady. It came about almost by accident. I found that she was in arrears to all her servants and that tradesmen were clamoring for their bills. I relieved the distress. I gave each servant two months' back pay and paid each tradesman something on account. I have a memorandum of her name."

Here Sydney Gerald paused. Mrs. Spofford turned pale, but her nerve was with her, and she managed to force a smile.

"By accident again," resumed Sydney. "I turned a corner one evening and bumped against a young woman in tears. I was a stranger, but when she understood that I had taken up the business of reformer she told me the cause of her distress. She was a seamstress."

"She had worked a week on a gown for a well known lady and on carrying it to the house had been told that she must wait a couple of weeks for her pay. She was going home penniless, hungry and the rent unpaid. The

lady in the case bought a diamond tiara next day that was mentioned in all the papers. She could have paid the bill a thousand times over, but she needed the diamonds first. I paid the seamstress."

There was an uneasy movement up and down the room, and for some reason all eyes were directed on Mrs. Somerville. She was conscious of the fact, but with a sang froid that did her credit she put up her lorgnette and stared at a picture on the wall.

"I happened in at a milliner's," said Sydney, with a smile. "I was there for a man to be, but I happened. Can't say that I was looking for a hat, but in searching out subjects for reform you have to drop into various places. Milliner a nice little widow. All her capital in the business. Just received a letter from a wholesale house threatening suit on bills overdue. Her customers all rich, but they didn't pay cash down. Don't pay in three or six months. In fact, they didn't pay for a year or so and only when forced to. I have seen many of the hats that were bought there that way. Relieved the distress and passed on."

Every lady in the room except the Hon. Mrs. Spofford had an expensive hat. Each lady started to look at the other, but gave it up and cast down her eyes with proper modesty. They might not all have known the milliner referred to, but they had thoughts. After a painful silence Mr. Gerald continued:

"Happened to meet the butler of a house where I frequently call. Just happened, you know. Down in the mouth; looked bilious. As a would be reformer I spoke to him and got his story. Lady of the mansion hadn't paid his wages for five months and had borrowed his savings besides. He dared to speak to her about it, and she had sent him packing. Saw the same lady buying a \$600 ruby ring the other day."

Every lady in the room helplessly glanced at the hands of every other lady. A poodle dog belonging to one of them seemed to be the only thing in the room at ease.

"Happened to call on a florist," said the obliging reformer when the silence had endured to the painful point; "just happened so. One of his statements of accounts sent out to a lady had been returned with a very sharp note. The account was two years old, and because he sought to collect it the debtor informed him that she should take her patronage elsewhere. It was only one case out of a score. Sympathized with the florist and passed on. Happened across a discharged coachman, discharged for hinting that he wanted his wages. Helped him out with a five dollar bill. Happened to run across a governess in the same fix. That's all. Good evening, ladies."

For two minutes after the reformer disappeared no one spoke. Then one lady after another rose up to go and, turning to the honorable widow, worked up a smile and said:

"Isn't Sydney Gerald just too charming for anything! And how awful of people not to pay their bills!"

MINOR MENTION

On Saturday, April 24th, someone lost some money in my store. Owner stating amount may have same by calling at store.—P. J. McManus.

Mrs. A. Baker and children of Cheyenne, Wyoming, arrived in the city Tuesday for a visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gallagher.

Spencer Advocate: Phil Anderson has traded his automobile to the Townsend Bros. of O'Neill. They came over after the machine the latter part of last week.

Miss Kemp of Stuart has taken a position as stenographer in the law office of R. R. Dickson, Miss O'Donnell, who has filled the position the past year, having resigned.

The Frontier extends its congratulations to Harry Dowling, now of Grand Island, upon his appointment as state bank examiner, to which position he was named by Governor Shallenberger last week.

Little Zella Zeimer presented her mother with a very substantial birthday gift yesterday, \$23, money she had earned herself. Mrs. Zeimer's birthday anniversary doesn't occur for some three weeks yet, but that doesn't make the present any the less acceptable.

B. E. Short of Sioux City, who built the K. C. hall here, was last week awarded the contract to build the new parochial school to be erected by the members of the Catholic church at Randolph. The building will be three stories and basement, 58x81 feet. The contract price is \$17,200.

Farmers are taking advantage of the high hog prices, in consequence of which many are being marketed every day. The first of the week they were up as high as \$6.90 per hundred but have dropped down to \$6.60 and \$6.70. One string of ten loads were brought in from one neighborhood northwest Tuesday.

Last Monday Rev. M. F. Cassidy received a letter from ex-Senator Thomas Kearns of Salt Lake, Utah, instructing him to draw upon him for \$5000 when he commenced the erection of the new church. This is the largest donation received for the church and Father Cassidy is greatly pleased over the Senators liberality, and it shows he has not forgotten his old-time friends at O'Neill.

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LOCAL MATTERS

Farm Loans—See R. H. Parker. Onion sets, 5 cents per quart at Horisky's.

Attorney Johnson of Stuart was an O'Neill visitor Monday.

Cash paid for hides at Davison's harness shop. 24-1f

Levi VanValkenburg was up from Inman Tuesday.

Go to Horisky's for onion sets at 5 cents per quart.

August Schroeder of Page was an O'Neill visitor Tuesday.

All kinds of the best type-writer paper at The Frontier.

County Surveyor M. F. Norton was in the city the first of the week.

C. H. Stowell, postmaster at Francis, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. John Carton went to Norfolk Tuesday for a visit with her daughter.

Episcopal services will be held at the Odd Fellow hall next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Andy Gallagher came up from Laurel Tuesday for a visit with his mother.

Go to Davison's harness shop for whips, blankets and all kind of horse furnishings. 43-1f

Rev. M. Dolan of Chadron was visiting his many old friends in this city Wednesday.

Standard makes of pianos sold at the lowest possible price by W. B. Graves, the jeweler 43-1f

J. McVey and P. Burns of Spaulding, Nebr., were transacting business in the city Monday.

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W. P. Mohr, the hustling real estate dealer of Spencer, was an O'Neill visitor Monday.

Dr. Corbett, Dentist, will be in O'Neill, May 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, June 7, 8, 9, 10, inclusive.

R. W. McGinnis was up from Lincoln the first of the week looking after his creamery interests.

J. A. Cowperthwaite arrived home Saturday from Excelsior Springs, Mo., where he had been for a month.

Complete line watches, clocks, jewelry and kodaks to select from always found at Graves' jewelry store. 43-1f

Rev. T. D. Flannery of Alpena, Mich., is in the city visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. D. A. Doyle.

William Luben of Emmett was a business caller at these headquarters last Friday, renewing his subscription.

Carl Lorenz and Miss Anna Miller, both of Tonic, Neb., were granted license to wed on Monday by Judge Malone.

I have eastern money to loan on farms in Holt county. My office is next to Dewey hotel.—R. H. Parker, O'Neill, Nebr. 45-4

Lost, between my home and St. Patrick's church, a gold brooch. Bears figure of a serpents head. Finder notify John Carton.

Miss Bea Ryan, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. Duggan, at Roanoke, Ill., the past eight months, returned home Tuesday afternoon.

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