

The Retort Ready.

A bustling agent for a patent churn invaded the office of a busy merchant one day and proceeded to deliver his lecture. "One moment, please," said the merchant. "May I ask to whom I am indebted for this visit?" The caller produced his card. It contained the inscription: "Barton Zebulon Day, Agent for Cosmopolitan Novelty Company."

A REMARKABLE CASE.

The following case was printed originally in The Monitor, a newspaper published at Meaford, Ontario. Doubts were raised as to its truthfulness, consequently a close watch was kept on the case for two years and the original statement has now been completely verified.

Mr. Fitch had been a hopeless paralytic for five years. His case has had wide attention. He was confined to his bed, was bloated almost beyond recognition, and could not take solid food. Doctors called the disease spinal sclerosis, and all said he could not live. The Canadian Mutual Life Association, after a thorough examination, paid him his total disability claim of \$1,000, regarding him as forever incurable.

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OVER THE TEA CUPS.

A drawing room in Kensington. Present Mrs. Van Tassyl Hussey, Lady Betty, Miss Peck, and the hostess.

"Will you take sugar with your second cup, dear?" said the hostess sweetly to Mrs. Van Tassyl Hussey, hovering with the sugar-tongs over the basin. "Thank you, I always take sugar. My late husband used to say that a sweet tooth was an excellent thing in the middle-aged; it denoted simplicity of ideas."

"Fie! my dear Mrs. Van Tassyl Hussey, surely you don't lay claim to—"

"Middle-aged or simplicity?"

"Either," returned Lady Betty.

"They usually go together nowadays," observed the hostess; "it's the young people I don't understand. They seem to be developing into a strange order of being. Have you read Lady Warwick's book on 'Women's Education'?"

"You mean," interposed Miss Peck in her precise manner, "Lady Warwick's collection of papers read at our recent education congress? They are very valuable, and we are greatly obliged to Lady Warwick for her admirable preface; but of course her ladyship has not taken any great part in our work."

"I never could understand," said Mrs. Van Tassyl Hussey, "how ladies of position could interest themselves in slumming matters."

"Excuse me," returned Miss Peck tartly, "women's education in the British empire is certainly not a question of slumming."

"But these things often fall into the same category, do they not? I heard only the other day," pursued Mrs. Van Tassyl Hussey, blandly, "that a great friend of yours had been appointed an inspector—or is it inspectress of—"

"No," corrected Miss Peck, "of factories. She read an admirable paper on 'Women as Factory Inspectors' at our recent congress. It is included in Lady Warwick's book. We hope, by means of this volume, to open up a great many new careers to women."

"So it would seem," remarked the hostess. "I suppose, though, they cannot all be quite womanly professions?"

"Oh! we are abolishing these distinctions," explained Miss Peck; "we find that they rather trammel us in our work; besides, the great principle that we advocate—the equality of the sexes—does not permit of any concessions on our part."

"Womanliness?" questioned Lady Betty.

"If you like to put it so."

"How stupid!" continued Lady Betty. "For my part I wouldn't change"

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"For my part, I should like to see the male population of this and every other country swept off the face of the globe—but come to the meeting of our Hygienic Clothing association at St. George's Hall next Thursday, and then you will understand better than you do now why—"

"Why so many learned women prefer spinsterhood?" interposed Lady Betty.

"Let us say rather independence," said the hostess, genially. "Pass me your cup, Miss Peck—one lump?"

"I never take sugar, the glucose element is not wholesome."

"But talking of independence," continued the hostess, "is independence at the price of spinsterhood the best state for a woman? Isn't it after all rather a pity to be educated so far above the head of the average man? For the average man is the best we can get as a rule, isn't he?"

"Yes," answered Mrs. Van Tassyl Hussey, "and I always think an unmarried woman is such a hopelessly incomplete specimen of humanity—I mean, of course, the woman of a certain age."

"Quite an exploded prejudice," snapped Miss Peck.

"Now a female factory inspector," observed the hostess, "I do not really think I could stand. She would give me the creeps, I'm sure."

"It is to careers like this that we look for relief in the female labor market," remarked Miss Peck, severely. "It is this way that the brilliant future of the emancipated woman lies. We have our foot on the ladder, we are mounting."

"Yes, but when you have climbed to the top, where do you think the ladder will land you?" queried the hostess. "It will land us," answered Miss Peck, with a gleam like cold steel in her eyes, "at the glorious goal where the present degradation of women will not exist, where they will take their proper position in the world, and where man will be shown himself as he really is."

"Dear me!" ejaculated Mrs. Van Tassyl Hussey.

"Well," said the hostess, "emancipation and the moralizing influence of Gilton and Newham may be all very well; but for my part I think that education misses its mark when it does not promote the welfare and happiness of its devotees. And to condemn women to an eternal spinsterhood is surely not promoting their chances of happiness in the general scheme of things."

"For my part," interposed Lady Betty, with an irresponsible shrug of her shoulders, "call it degrading if you like, but I would rather purr on the hearthrug of the merest of men than I would go prowling about factories and sniffing down people's sinks in the glories of emancipation."

"I will wish you good afternoon," said Miss Peck, snapping the clasp of her serviceable golf cape severely. "I am due on the 'Regeneration of Man' at 5:15."

"Isn't she funny," laughed Lady Betty, as the door closed behind her.

MILLIONAIRES IN GERMANY. Their incomes would be small in America or England.

The differences in the unit of money in different countries make a considerable difference in the practical meaning of the word "millionaire." Webster's dictionary defines a millionaire as "one whose wealth is counted by millions." In popular use one who has a million is regarded as a millionaire. In the United States it would be \$1,000,000. In England it would be £1,000,000 sterling. But as the pound sterling is worth \$4.86 and a fraction in our money, the Englishman would require nearly five times as much actual capital as the American before the Englishman could take rank in the noble army of martyrs known as millionaires.

Here in Germany, where the unit of value is the mark, which is worth 23 cents and a fraction in our money, much less actual capital is required to make a man a millionaire than in the United States. I had this fact impressed upon me by reading in a German newspaper that according to the Statistical Year Book of Berlin that city of over 1,000,000 inhabitants, contains 2,692 millionaires—each person who has an income of more than 36,000 marks being reckoned as a millionaire. Thirty-six thousand marks are less than \$9,000—and \$9,000 a year seemed to me to be a rather small "millionaire" income. I found, however, by a rapid computation, that 36,000 marks is a little more than 3 1/2 per centum on a million marks (about \$240,000)—and there you have your millionaire according to the German value. According to the same authority there are 477 "thaler millionaires" in Berlin—a thaler being 3 marks, so that each of this variety of millionaires has a capital of 3,000,000 marks, or about \$720,000 each. The wealthiest man in Berlin has an income of 1,729,000 marks, or roughly \$460,000. Only seven Berliners have an income of more than a million marks—\$240,000.—Wilmington (Del.) News.

Grogless American Sailors. The practice of serving a ration of grog to sailors at sea was discontinued in the United States navy many years ago, as the custom was found to be prejudicial to discipline and morals. Grog is still served, however, in all the other navies of the world. The advocates of temperance in Great Britain have been trying for years to persuade the government to stop a step to the practice, but in vain.

The average man considers other men wise only when they come to him for advice.

The Chinese Flag.

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