A foolish young tenderfoot becomes ascinated with the bold, artful wife of a frunken prospector in a western mining town. They prepare to clope in a blinding blizzaril but are confronted by the maudin husband. He is shot by the mining blizzaril but are confronted by the maudin husband. He is shot by the mining to the body taking the crime upon himself. In their flight to the railroad station the woman's horse falls exhausted; the youth puts her on his own and follows hanging to the stirrup strap. Seeing he is an impediment, the woman thrusts her escort into a snow drift and rides on. Half-frozen he stumbles into the railroad station just as the train bears the woman away. Twenty-five years later, this man, George Gormly, is a multi-millionaire in New York. He meets Eleanor Haldane, a beautiful and wealthy settlement worker, and co-operates with her in her work. Gormly becomes owner of a steamship line and finds himself frustrated in pler and track extension plans by grafting altermen, backed by the Gotham Traction Company. An automobile accident brings the Haldanes to his country home. Gormly announces that he will be mayor of New York and redeem the city from corruption. Mr. Haldane in a long desired interview with Gormly, makes an indirect proposition to compromise the flight which the latter has been waging in the newspapers against the Gotham Traction company, and which Haldane is suspected of being the head. Gormly boldly announces its plan of campaign to Haldane.

II.-THE BATTLE FOR FREEDOM.

CHAPTER VII.

the Outs Would Fain Take a Hand. The political declaration of Gormly was the sensation of the hour; the sensation of many hours, in fact. It came at exactly the right time. The non-church going section of New York, from which the larger part of politics was unfortunately recruited -the truly good Christian being a man who leaves the doing of such duties to his ungodly neighbor as a rule!-had abundant leisure to read the papers on Christmas morning, and every paper in the city contained that same announcement which Miss Haldane and the party at the cottage had read in The Planet.

Every paper contained also editorial comment then and thereafter. The administration papers ridiculed the proposition, endeavored to laugh it out of court. Other men possibly as high in character had announced themselves from time to time with similar platforms. Their announcements had created mild sensations. their campaigns had sometimes created more sensations; but the results had invariably been defeat.

So the administration papers sought to whistle the new candidate down the wind of their disdain. Nevertheless, since George Gormly's money was as good as anybody else's in New York, they kept on printing his communications, in which his advertisements were alternated with his political manifestos.

The anti-administration papers, and those which strove so far as newspapers could to take a dispassionate view of the situation, were unanimous in their approval of Gormly's candidacy. They declared that his election would be the best thing that could happen for New York; they were also practically unanimous in their hopelessness of his success.

Gormly had carefully studied the situation. He was not disappointed in the least degree—and he realized that while such a proclamation as he had made would inevitably cause a tremendous discussion, it would have to be followed up by work, if it was to be more effective than a flash in the pan. He had learned that organization was the keynote of success. as overorganization was its death knell. He knew that the arrangement which secured all general principles, leaving the utmost liberty in details, was the one which was in the end bound to succeed, provided the factors upon whom dependence was to be placed were in any degree worthy of their responsibilities.

He was also aware that the native intelligence of the community. even allowing for the vast numof ignorant foreigners who were allowed without let or hinfrance to fill the city, was very high. The first requisite for sucsessful campaigning, therefore, he desided to be education. Knowledge, as in the daily papers." Gormly bowed. of old, fs still power.

The ideal method of enlightening cultar availability for the office. Your the people to the seriousness of the large business interests, the fact that situation and of convincing them of you are so well known to the people their ability to amend it was by word of New York, your undoubted probity, of mouth. Gormly had never been a the evidence of good management public speaker. Fortunately he had and ability which we see around us, plenty of self confidence, and he was and-erguite capable of presenting a situaion in a simple, businesslike, way, to proffer you our support, and to say so clearly that even the ignorant to you that our convention which sould comprehend it. A few months is to be held next week will snly would elapse before the spring undoubtedly make you our candidate, lines." slections that would determine the is- and indorse your platform. And in sue. No matter how assiduously he fine we want you to lead us." sampaigned, he could reach only a portion of the vast conglomeration deputies from all the voting precincts that made up political New York. It of the city, is it not, who are elected would be necessary for him, therefore, at regularly called primaries?'
to keep telling the same story in the "Certainly," was the answer lifferent papers of the city to reach those who did not hear his voice, and to drive home in the minds of those who had heard what they had listened

He was prepared to spend his you three gentlemen, or even the soney as well as himself for this end. whole hundred of you, forecast the Watson, one of the assistant gen- action of your convention which has ral managers of his great institu- not yet assembled?"

tion, a tyro like Gormly in politics, but a man of great ability and acumen, he made manager of his cam-The party out of power through its leaders declared that it intended to make him its candidate; other smaller parties proposed to fall in line. It was pointed out by those interested that indorsement by these organizations would provide Gormly with an organization and be of immense benefit in taking off his hands the details and minutiae of political campaigning, about which he was supposed to know nothing; that it would at once provide him with a respectlend dignity to his position. The purfluence was considerable and whose

course thoroughly well-known. The conference between these leaders and Gormly was short, sharp, and decisive. It took place in his own business office. The deputation was made up of a banker named Poole, who had a certain prominence in municipal affairs through his connection with the national committee of the party to which he belonged, who was a brilliant financier, a liberal giv-

ers were men of experience, was of

Poole Was the Natural Spokesman.

'a committee, I might say a deputa- | York city, why, our voice is goin' to

tion, from the board of management mean something, our influence is

of our political organization, who goin' to be worth something, and that

have been appointed to-ah-inter- accounts for Mr. Poole's presence

here. As for Mr. Fitchett, he's one of

the brightest young lawyers we've got.

He knows which side his bread's but-

tered on. He wants to be district at-

torney and run with you, and you

couldn't get a better campaigner to

stand by your side. As for me, all the

power we've got, which I admit ain't

as much as we'd ought to have, I con-

trol. I put it at your disposal. Now

"I protest," began Poole angrily;

while Fitchett bit his lip, but managed

to control himself better than the

"Gentlemen," said Gormly, "it will

"What do you mean?" exclaimed

"I mean that while I am, of course

deeply touched by your hearty and

spontaneous promises of support in

this coming campaign, and while I

appreciate highly the honor that you

propose to me of making me your can-

didate, I regret to say that I must de-

"What!" roared Benson. "You ain't

"I haven't said anything to that ef-

cline your proposition."

goin' to run then?"

fect, have It"

hardly be necessary for you to contin-

ue the interview further on these

what do you say."

banker.

Benson.

view you about the mayoralty situa-

lofty dignity, "of course observed

your announcement of your candidacy

We have been struck with your pe-

"And in short, we have come here

"Your convention is composed of

"Well, how can you three gentle-

"Exactly, a hundred. How then can

men, or your central committee-

"Certainly," was the answer.

which has how many members?"

"A hundred," replied Fitchett.

"We have," continued Poole with

tion.

"It's easy to see, Mr. Gormiy," said ization back of you. Why, man, the Bonson half pityingly, ":that you don't | ring that's against you, the influences know anything about practical poliwill carry out the will of the party because the will of the party will be the will of the committee of a hundred; and the committee of a hundred will carry out the will of this committee visiting you, because the will of this committee is the will of the committee of a hundred. If I say-I mean if we say-that our party wants you for mayor, you can bet your last dollar that you're the man it wants.

"I see," said Gormly. "In that case why have any convention at all! Why have any committee of a hundred? Why have anybody but you, Mr. Benson," he stopped long enough to make the pause appreciable, "and your coadjutors? Why have any people, as a matter of fact? Why don't you and Mr. Liffey, who I believe holds a somewhat analogous position to yours in the other party, get together with two able coadjutors like those you have brought and settle the question what the people are going to have?"

Well, Mr. Gormly, since you put it that way," said Benson coolly, "if I was a little stronger than I am, if this city wasn't so hopelessly in Charable following, and, as they claimed, ley Liffey's grasp, that's about what we'd do. Now, we think that you've pose of this political party, whose in- got certain elements of strength with the people that'll sort of balance ramifications were many, whose lead- things. I don't know whether you can be elected or not. I'm speakin' frankly now, gentlemen, and as a practical politician; but I believe you're more apt to be elected than anybody else, if we can get a fair count, or count the ballots ourselves, which is more or less doubtful with Liffey in power, and therefore we want you for our candidate, because we think we can win.

"Liffey has been in power so long that he ain't even decent. He ain't er, and a valuable member of the op- willing to take a fair, respectable position; Benson the real leader of graft; he wants everything. But the party, the political boss so far when it comes down to talkin busias the outs had anything to bose; and news with the candidate in his private Fitchett, an attorney as bright as he office, the best thing is the whole was unprincipled, who aspired to po- truth. Certainly it's important from litical preferment himeself. The one point of view that we should win trio met Gormly in his business office, this year. It may give us more power Poole was the natural spokesman. in the national convention next year. "We are," began Poole impressively, If we can deliver the goods in New

that are opposed to you, both financial tics. The committee of a hundred and political, is something that you can't imagine! "It requires much more than a candidate and a majority of votes to wir an election."

"The ballots have got to be counted," said Benson, "and the money's got to be spent. In common with all the rest of us, I read those accounts you're publishing from week to week, and it makes me sick to see so much good money goin' to waste. Not but what it's doin' some good; but a practical man like myself could administer it so much better. You could buy a voting precinct with what you spend on a single ad. Wastin' good money on the press! It's men you want to buy, not newspapers. That's the reason Liffey always gets the best of me. He's got more money than I can get, consequently he's got the men. But with your own contributions and the chances for success that you'll give us, there's lots of other rich men that'd be willing to take on our gettin' in power."

"I am not one of these men, Mr. Benson. I'll take no chances whatever on your getting in power."

"Well, it's got to be Liffey's crowd or ours, and your fightin' Liffey's crowd from beginning to end. Therefore logically you belong to us."

"I cannot see the force of your reasoning," said Gormly, "and I tell you here and now that while I shall be very glad to have the votes of any or every man in New York, yet I will be beholden to no political party in the city. I have entered this campaign as an independent. If the people wish to elect me, they can do so; if not, not."

"Why, I told you," said Benson pityingly, "that you might get elected; but you've got to be counted in." "If I am elected," said Gorbly, "you

need not fear that I shall be counted out." "You have to be a regular-nominee,"

said Poole. "I shall be nominated by petition, gentlemen." said Gormly coolly. He pointed to his desk. "Look at that pile yonder. They are coming in ev-

ery day." "Signed by women and children and cranks, I suppose!" sneered Benson.

"I have a corps of young men." answered Gormly, "who personally visit every petitioner, find out if he is a voter and if he really means what he says when he asks me to run. Every name is verified and registered." "Well, I'll be damned!" cried Ben

son in great amazement. "I am afraid if you continue in polities with your present views that you will be," said Gormly coolly. "As for organization, I have an organization of my own. We are discussing

the issues and preparing to hold meetings and send out speakers all over the city." "Who's managing the game?" "One of my assistant managers in

the store, Mr. Watson."

What's he know about politics?" compared with your own has been little, but on different lines. He is learning rapidly, however, and I think before you get through, you will find him worthy

of even your own steel, Mr. Benson." "That's all very well," said the boss, greatly taken aback over the situation. "It does seem as if somebody's got a head on his shoulders around here."

"It might be concluded that I had myself," said Gormly genially; "but we'll pass that by."

"But in spite of all these things, you'll be beaten as sure as fate. I tell you, you've got to fight the devil with fire. Of course, while I agree with these gentlemen here that purity in politics, which has been called an iridescent dream, whatever that means, is to be desired, and if we could win without money and without resortin' to the dodges that have made the party in power infamous, we'd be glad of it.

"But as it is, it can't be done. Now, every man is supposed to be in politics for what there is in it. What you're in it for, we don't quite know, but admitting that you're more or less disinterested, so are we. Ain't that so, gentlemen?"

Certainly, certainly, to b: sure." "And therefore we offer you our as "I accept your offer, as I cannot per

mit myself to be allied with any political party, or to be known specifically as the nominee of that party." "Mr. Gormly," said Benson after s

long pause, "what's to prevent us from nominatin' you anyway, and makin' you the nominee of our party." "Nothing that I know of can pre-

vent your doing such a thing; but nothing can force me to accept. your nomination. "But Mr. Gormly-" began the

banker. (TO BE CONTINUED.)

Equal to the Crisis.

The wives of Napoleon III.'s marshals played a great part during and after the second empire. When Marshal Bazaine was planning his escape from the Isle Sainte Marguerite his wife assisted him in the plan and

came in the boat to meet him. When General de Cavignac died in exile and disgrace on the Riviera his wife was determined that he should at least be buried in the family vault at Pere La Chaise. In order to accom-plish her object, with the aid of a faithful servant she had the corpse arrayed in a buge traveling clock and lifted into a railway carriage. With such a companion beside her, this woman made the journey alone, in de fiance of the law. These women "But," interposed Poole, "you can't seemed to have been equal to any expect to succeed without any organ-

BEECHER STOWE HARRIET

Famous Woman Who Wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Was Born One Hundred Years Ago.

Litchfield. Conn.-The one hun-

dredth anniversary of the birth of

Harriet Beecher Stowe, one of the famous children of Dr. Lyman Beecher and author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin, was celebrated at her birthplace here. While the author of many books, Harriet Beecher Stowe is remembered chiefly by her great work, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." She was forty years of age when the story began to run as a seriel in the National Era, an Abolition paper published in Washington. It was translated into every language of Europe, had a sale of over



500,000 copies in the first two years after its publication, a fourth of which were in England, and it is still called for in many of the public libraries of the country. As a "best seller" it far surpassed all the work of recent days and has been exceeded in circulation by the Hible only. At one time more than a dozen theatrical companies were traveling through the country presenting this drama.

HANOVER'S FIRST BUILDING

Old Presbyterian Church Which Was the Earliest College Structure is to Be Remodeled.

Hanover, Ind .- The old Presbyterian burch at Hanover, which was the first building of Hanover college, will be remodeled. The building was erected in what was then South Hanover. in 1828. Hanover college had had its inception in a little log cabin two years before.

The first real college classes in the state were held in the building that is to be remodeled. A seminary was also started in the building in 1837. This was removed to Chicago later and is now the largest seminary of its kind in the west-the McCormick seminary. A tornado took the top story off the building in 1837 and the college was moved to a new structure about a mile east, overlooking the Ohio river, and the building was made into a shurch. Every commencement exer-:ise since 1830 has been held in this thurch, and a large number who have



First Building at Hanover.

become prominent in affairs have gone out of the building as college grad-

It is believed here that the first diploma given to any woman from an educational institution of any kind was given here in this building to Margaret Minter of Nantucket, R. I. More than fifty people who have been members of this church have gone into the foreign mission field, and ten college presidents were once members of the congregation.

WOMEN TO CARE FOR TREES

Aldermen of Middletown, N. Y., Let Contract to Society Leaders-Big Victory for Former.

Middletown, N. Y.—The women of Middletown won a great victory the other day when the board of aldermen turned over to them the care of the shade trees of the city and the bids of other contractors were thrown aside. Last year the Federation of .Women's Clubs took up the matter of saving the shade trees of the city and succeeded in getting the taxpayers to vote \$1,200 for that purpose. The aldermen let the contract and at the end of the season the women claimed the work had not been done properly. This year the women asked the alder men to award them the contract.

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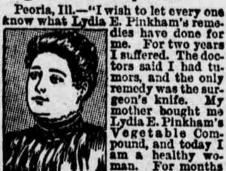
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