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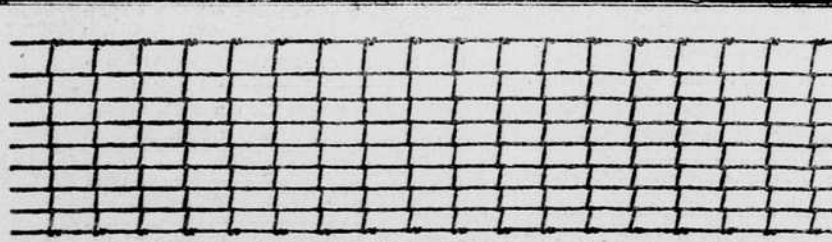
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AN EVENTFUL DAY.

RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS OVER AN ENGAGEMENT.

A Pleasing Ceremony Which is Observed in Some Families—Tom and Sybilla are Patted and Patted by Uncles, Aunts and Chums—The Happy Hour Alone.

Tom and Sybilla are engaged, and the time has come when their friends are to pay their compliments. On the eventful day Sybilla is ready to receive her congratulatory callers, a picture of blissful loveliness in what her dressmaker describes as an "announcement gown." It is not all of white, for that would be too bridelike, but there is a skirt of snowy embroidered crepe lisse, and over that a long empire coat of white satin, brocaded in pale pink rosebuds, with a waistcoat of silver embroidery on pink satin and a cravat of old venetian point. Deep ruffles of the same lace fall over the hands and almost hide the diamond which everybody wants to see. Gloves are out of the question. Some ultra fashionable girls may wear them, but not Sybilla, who feels that it would be wicked to conceal so much splendor.

Add to this charming frock the wearer's shining blond hair, her big blue eyes, her lovely color and the happy smile that plays round her mouth unconsciously, and who can wonder that she makes a picture fetching enough to send all the old maids of the family away sighing with envy and regret, and to fill her former admirers with desperate resolutions of becoming "damp unpleasant bodies" in the Charles?

The next younger sister sits at the table, promoted for the first time to that responsible post, impressed with her new dignity of a Psyche knot replacing the schoolgirl braids and the immediate prospect of coming out, now that Sybilla is disposed of. There is a constant stream of visitors. Congratulations are hearty, though they are expressed with little variety. Tom, half proud, half embarrassed stands by her side, taking all phlegmatically from the tearful blessings of his aunts to the jests and rallyings of the fellows from the club who have come primed with the usual jokes intended for just such occasions. Now and then he steals a glance at Sybilla, whose blushes seem to have burned themselves in indelibly, and breathes an unconscious sigh of satisfaction.

Yes, he has certainly made a very good choice. So far as looks go, there is hardly a girl in town who can hold a candle to her; her figure particularly is enchanting, and she wears her clothes, simple (!) as they are, to perfection. As to character, they have always hit it off admirably, and as their tastes are the same there is no earthly reason why they should not be at the beginning of a long and very happy companionship. At the same time he realizes all the joys of bachelorhood he is renouncing. Already he has felt a perceptible coolness in the warmth with which the feminine portion of society receives him, for he is no longer eligible and surrounded with the becoming halo which invests a possible husband. He is left out of many jolly little parties of shooters bound for the cape, and the fellows who are laying plans for the salmon fishing next year are leaving his name out of the question. Then, too, as if by tacit consent. Well, to be sure, just then he will be busy furnishing the house he means to build for himself and Sybilla and thinking of more serious things than rod and reel, but on the whole she is worth all he gives up, and as their eyes meet again and he sees her loving heart in her, he thinks himself little better than a cur to have yearned, even for a moment, for the flesh pots of Egypt.

The nearest and dearest of the relatives have been asked to remain for dinner. The house is en fete, and the long table in the dining room looks as if royalty were to be entertained, with all the best silver, glass and china displayed—maidenhair and La France roses, pink shades for the candles and a menu which proves clearly that the cook has realized the importance of the occasion and means to outdo all her previous triumphs. Sybilla, as the object of honor, sits at papa's right hand, and Tom, who had cried out upon etiquette, insists upon taking the chair next her. The old aunt opposite has a vague notion that he squeezes her hand once or twice under the table, but her eyes are dim and her glasses poor, so it remains forever unsettled.

A great deal of laughing and talking goes on from oysters to ices, and then there are to be speeches. Papa rises and begins it. The uncles follow with good wishes and congratulations, so cordially and tenderly expressed that all the aunts sniff audibly, and mamma disappears behind her handkerchief, not to emerge for a good 10 minutes. Tom says a few frank, manly words which cause him to be regarded with open favor, and then they all adjourn to the drawing room again, Sybilla and he bringing up the rear and lingering a moment in the hall. Both look a little confused when they enter, and the family discreetly forbear to engage either in conversation at once.

There are singing and playing, and by and by carriages begin to roll up outside. It is time for the aunts and uncles to go. The pretty niece who has done so well for herself is kissed until she blooms like a peony, and Tom comes in for so many hearty handshakes that his fingers fairly ache, but at last it is all over, and they are left by the fire in the parlor alone.—Boston Herald.

A Fatal Swelling. At Eau Claire, Wis., a negro tramp crawled into a car of lumber bound for Burlington, Ia., and lay down on top of the pile. He fell asleep, and the lumber, being wet, swelled up, crushing him against the roof of the car. When the car arrived here the following day, the dead body was found.—St. Louis Republic.

WEALTH HERE AND ABROAD.

Points of Contrast Between the Rich in America and in Europe.

The English and the Americans are both rich, but which are the richer? Perhaps the statisticians know or can find out, but it is not certain that the statistical answer would give the information that one really wants and which involves the distribution of wealth as well as its mere existence. Most Americans have to work; but, as is well known, a considerable proportion of English people toil not nor spin, and make no pretense of doing anything for a living. Is that because the English are richer than we, or is it a matter of taste or a result of primogeniture? So also it appears—from close study of documents submitted by Anthony Trollope and other contemporaneous historians—that British gentlemen in respectable circumstances employ from five to fifty servants and have several houses apiece, all of which they live in, and travel much besides. An American who lives in that way is looked upon as a man of very exceptional resources, but it would seem that an English gentleman who does not live in that way is thought to be somewhat straitened. In England there are 300 or 400 hunt clubs, and something like 20,000 Brits ride pretty regularly to bounds. But hunting is an expensive sport that takes both time and money. These English seem to have both to spare.

A returned traveler was speaking of the shoals of agreeable English people he met in the Riviera and in all the play places of southern Europe. When asked if they were rich people, he said not, but that they were able to live as they did because they knew how and got their money's worth. He thought, too, that the well to do English had a more complete domestic apparatus ready to hand than most Americans and could spend a larger proportion of their incomes on travel and amusement. Houses and furniture and such expensive vanities they had already by inheritance and were not compelled to spend useful money in providing them.

Regarding the English habit of publishing novels in three bound volumes—would the American buy novels in such costly form? Are not all the habits of living that we borrow from the British, from dock tailed horses to indoor men servants, more costly than the customs they supersede? They must have a great deal of money to spend, those enterprising islanders. No one would hesitate to say that the Americans are richer than the Russians, or the Italians, or the Germans, or even the thrifty French, but the Briton gives us pause. Is he really richer than we are, or is he merely an older son, and a dweller in a land where servants work for small pay, and clothes are cheap, and novels are rented out by Mudie, and the tax on stimulants is laid for revenue, and not for prevention, and where to loaf and invite one's soul is esteemed a preferable thing to toil?—Harper's Weekly.

Playing Cards.

The invention of playing cards has been attributed to the Chinese, Hindus, Arabians and Romans, but cards as now used were invented by Jacques Gringonneur, a painter, in Paris in the fourteenth century. They were supposed to have been first made for the amusement of Charles VI of France, who was deranged. The French had particular names for the 12 court cards. The four kings were David, Alexander, Caesar and Charles; the four queens, Angine, Esther, Judith and Pallas; the four knaves or knights, Ogier the Dane, Lancelot, La Hire and Hector de Garland. Cards seem originally, however, to have been taken to England direct from Spain, having probably been introduced into that country by the Moors; the clubs, in Spanish cards, not being trefoils as with us, but caddles—that is, bastos—the spades or swords, espadas. They were at first stamped from wood blocks in outline and filled in by hand, but after the invention of engraving the best artists engraved them on copper and struck them off at once. Columbianes were spades; rabbits, clubs; pinks, diamonds, and roses, hearts. Human figures opposed to those of flowers and animals were the ancestors of court cards.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Matter of Business.

"Mr. Bong," said the secretary of the Fearful Accident Insurance company, "be sure and drop in at old Curmudge's as you pass this morning and express your sympathy over the loss of his brother in the railroad accident yesterday. Express mine also to him."
"But old Curmudge had no brother in the accident," said the canvasser.
"What has that to do with it?" said the secretary cheerily. "All he can do is to tell you so."
"But it might unnecessarily alarm him," persisted the canvasser.
"That's the point; that's exactly the point," returned the secretary cheerily. "Alarm him as much as possible. His own policy runs out next month, and it is one of our duties to remind our patrons that in the midst of life we are surrounded by accidents."—London Tit-Bits.

Indeed.

The word indeed was his fad, and the young woman got tired of hearing it. One evening he began a story.
"I have," he said, "a very clever friend indeed."
"In Deed?" she interrupted questioningly.
"Yes, indeed," he reiterated innocently.
"In Deed?" she repeated.
"I beg your pardon," she said; "where is Deed?" And then he tumbled indeed.—Detroit Free Press.

He Recovers.

The Youth—Does a man ever get too old to take any interest in life?
The Sage—Oh, yes. But he generally recovers by the time he is 25.—Indianapolis Journal.

W. S. MORLAN, Attorney, McCook, Neb.

Publication of Summons.

George H. Tupper, Mary E. Tupper, George W. Burton and Andrew E. Harvey, partners doing business under the firm name of Burton & Harvey, Matthew M. Blair, Jr., J. W. Beebe, and Mrs. J. W. Beebe, his wife, whose first name is to plaintiff unknown, and Hercules Rice, defendants, will take notice that Randolph L. Bullard, plaintiff herein, has filed his petition in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed May 2d, 1887, by the defendants, George H. Tupper and Mary E. Tupper, to one A. E. Harvey, and afterwards assigned to this plaintiff, upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The north west quarter of section number twenty-two [22], in township number two [2] north, range number twenty-six [26] west, in Red Willow county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of their eleven certain promissory notes, one note for \$500, due April 30th, 1892, and ten notes for \$21 each; the first one of said ten notes maturing October 1st, 1887, and the first maturing every six months thereafter until the maturity of the last of said notes, which matured April 1st, 1892. That there is now due on said notes and mortgage, including the amount of taxes on said premises, paid by plaintiff, the sum of \$2873, with interest thereon, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, from the first day of October, 1887, and plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy said amount, with interest as aforesaid and costs of suit.
You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the fifth day of March, 1894.
Dated this 22nd day of January, 1894.
RANDOLPH L. BULLARD, Plaintiff,
Jan. 20, 94. By W. S. Morlan, his Atty.

W. S. MORLAN, Attorney, McCook, Neb.

Publication of Summons.

Stephen Goucher, Rachel T. Goucher, George W. Burton and Andrew E. Harvey, partners doing business under the firm name of Burton & Harvey, C. F. Kinker, Edmund L. Walker, Ezra Walker, and J. W. Gray and Mrs. J. W. Gray, his wife, whose first name to plaintiff is unknown, defendants, will take notice that the Hartford Theological Seminary, a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Connecticut, plaintiff herein, has filed its petition in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed August 23d, 1886, by the defendants, Stephen Goucher and Rachel T. Goucher, to the plaintiff, upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The south west quarter of section number thirty-one [31] in township number one (1) north, range number thirty (30) west, in Red Willow county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of their eleven certain promissory notes, one note for \$500, due August 23d, 1891, and ten notes for \$17.50 each, the first one of said ten notes maturing February 1st, 1887, and one of said notes maturing very six months thereafter, until the maturity of the last one of said ten notes, which matured August 1st, 1891. That there is now due on said notes and mortgage, including the amount of taxes on said premises, paid by plaintiff, the sum of \$905.40, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum, from the first day of February, 1887, and plaintiff prays for a decree that said defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy said amount.
You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the fifth day of March, 1894.
Dated this 22nd day of January, 1894.
HARTFORD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Plaintiff,
Jan. 20, 94. By W. S. Morlan, its Attorney.

W. S. MORLAN, Attorney, McCook, Neb.

Publication of Summons.

Sarah E. Griggs, Edith Bowen, William J. Soper and Mrs. William J. Cooper, his wife, whose first name is to plaintiff unknown, H. Spry, Mabel Spry, E. W. McDade and Mrs. W. McDade, his wife, whose first name is to plaintiff unknown, and George W. Burton and Andrew E. Harvey, partners doing business under the firm name of Burton & Harvey, defendants, will take notice that Randolph L. Bullard, plaintiff herein, has filed his petition in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, against the above named defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed April 11th, 1886, by the defendant, Sarah E. Griggs, and one De Los Griggs now deceased, upon the following described real estate, to-wit: The south half of the north west quarter, and east half of the south west quarter, of section number twelve [12], in township number [1] north, range no thirty [30] west, in Red Willow county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of their eleven certain promissory notes, one note for \$500.00 due March 27th, 1891, and ten notes for \$100.00 each, the first one of said notes due September 1st, 1886, and one note maturing every six months thereafter, until the maturity of the last one of said ten notes, which matured March 1st, 1891. That there is now due on said notes and mortgage the sum of four hundred dollars, with interest thereon, at the rate of ten per cent per annum, from the 27th day of March, 1891, and plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy said amount, with interest as aforesaid, and costs of suit.
You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the fifth day of March, 1894.
Dated this 22nd day of January, 1894.
RANDOLPH L. BULLARD, Plaintiff,
Jan. 20, 94. By W. S. Morlan, his Atty.

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale, directed to me from the District Court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, on a judgment obtained before Hon. D. T. Welty, Judge of the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 18th day of December, 1893, in favor of Thomas McCreghan, as plaintiff, and against Frank McCracken, et al., as defendants, for the sum of Six Hundred Seventeen, (\$617.00) Dollars, and ninety cents, and costs taxed at \$7.13, and accruing costs, and the C. E. & C. R. Co., on the same date upon their answer and cross-petition, I have obtained a decree for the sum of \$385.58. I have levied upon the following real estate taken as the property of said defendant, to satisfy said judgment, to-wit: Lots number five and six, in block No. twenty-seven (27), in the Second addition to the town of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, And will offer the same for sale to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, on the 26th day of February, A. D. 1894, in front of the south door of the court house, in McCook, Nebraska, that being the building where, in the last term of court was held, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M., of said day, when and where due attendance will be given by the undersigned. Dated January 24th, 1894.
E. R. BANKS, Sheriff of said county.
J. A. CORDELL, Attorney. Jan. 25-94

The devil is not taking any special pains to offset the testimony of the man who always tells what he knows about God with a long face.

Better find out what kind of a foundation you have under you before you spend your whole life in trying to build a house on it.

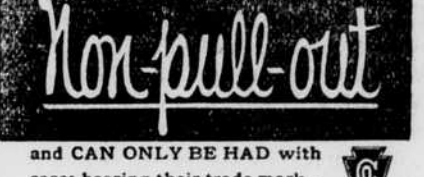
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