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3000000000 young elocutionist, who is delighting Mount Clement audiences this summer." Dalton walked back to his room like one in a dream. And this glorious crea-WENT EAST o

WHEN DALTON

By JAMES ALLISON

back to his desk and the letter.

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He liked to study the stately "H"

Not that he had received many such

Dear Sir-Replying to your favor of the 23d, stating that your board had acted fa-

vorably on n.y application for the Twig-gins school and would allow the salary

most urgent reason for my desiring to se-

cure a position this summer in Colorado

was an incipient throat trouble which has

annoyed me for the past year. Recently,

the western trip. In addition I have been

offered a class in elocution at the Mount

Knowing full well that there are scores of worthy applicants for such an opening as

our board offers, I am availing myself

of a woman's privilege and changing my

mind. In other words, I withdraw my application for the Twiggins school. Par-

don my thus going into details, but you have been so courteous, I may almost say

so cordial, in your correspondence over the matter, that I feel a full explanation is

due you. Again expressing my apprecia-tion of your kindness, I remain, yours faithfully, ELIZABETH HARDIN.

Dalton folded the letter, laid it re-

gretfully on the desk and sat with his

hands plunged deep in his pockets.

There were no customers in the store

to interrupt his meditations. Even the

straight, uncompromising Main street

beyond the door was steeped in the

calm of the sweet spring day. Ranch-

men were home plowing, and no wag-

Elizabeth Hardin! She had been rec-

instructed to conduct the correspond-

ence. From the very first letter he had

been interested in her personally, and

when the salary she named was be-

the bustling, impertinent world.

time:

letter.

. . .

ture was Elizabeth Hardin, whom he had pictured as a gentle, clinging creature in need of protection against a cold and unfeeling world, the sort of weman who would fit snugly into his four rooms above the store at Ladrone, this girl who was delighting fashionable eastern folks and who could have Dalton entered Mrs. Murray's purher picture cover the whole page of a chases in the daybook and then went paper! Dalton did not know that Miss Hardin had paid \$25 for that frontis-

piece nor that at this very moment she He drew it from the pigeonhole of was sitting in her room at a cheap imitation walnut and turned it slowly boarding house figuring on the sum-mer's expenses, the cost of new frocks, from side to side as if he were trying to match the pale gray tint from his photographs and advertising. She scant ribbon stock. He looked curiouswould not clear \$5, and then what? ly at the deeper gray sealing wax. He Another winter in a New York schoolwas always very careful not to break room with fifty east side children.

the seal when he opened her letters. Half an hour later he found her and sent up his card, written by a man who which hid what she said to him from had a stand on the corner.

Miss Hardin was startled. In a flash she recalled the name, the Twiggins missives. There were just four in all, school and the correspondence. Would and he knew them by heart. He read he have on leather "chaps," spurs and this last one slowly and for the third a belt full of revolvers? She entered the parlor with some trepidation. A Frank Dalton, Esq., President School Board District No. 11: Sahuache County, Colo. tall, square shouldered man, well groomed and clad in dark blue serge, rose to greet her. She almost laughed at her recent misgivings, and the thought brought a pretty flush to her which I asked, permit me to say that I feel that I owe you many apologies. The

cheeks, a new light to her tired eyes. He never knew just how he managed it, but that night Dalton escorted her home from the concert. She wore the marvelous dress he had seen in the pichowever, it has yielded to treatment, and with it has gone this motive for making ture, and she gathered it up daintily as they walked in the moonlight. He felt as if some explanation of his presence Clement summer school, an opportunity for acquiring some small reputation which I feel that I should not miss. were due, and finally he plunged into

"You see, Miss Hardin, I thought perhaps you'd change your mind about the school if I just could talk to you. Perhaps you'd like to come out next summer anyhow. I've always pictured you so sort of different, but now of course I understand. You wouldn't like it out there no matter how much we might want you."

He was looking down at the chiffon ruffle on her gown, which billowed like white foam around her feet. An odd smile trembled on her llps; something very like a tear shone in her eye. She had read his thought as in an open book.

"Perhaps you are mistaken, Mr. Dalton. I think I would like Colorado, and if the position is open next summer I may come."

ons rolled in noisily from mesa and riv-They were passing through a small er land. But Dalton was not worrying grove. Dalton stopped short and gazed about the lack of trade. He was thinkinto her face. ing of the girl who had written that

"If it's open! Why, Miss Hardin, of course it will always be open for you!" Then he added in a lower voice, "But bmmended to the board by an eastern next summer is a long way off!" teachers' agency, and Frank had been

Elizabeth sighed softly, and a faraway look came into her eyes as if she were scenting the keen mountain air and the Colorado pines.

"Yes, a long, long way!" yond the appropriation made by the Then Dalton forgot her picture in the board for Twiggins school he had paper-forgot the imposing frock. He | tion, in the course of which the clergycalmly announced that the district was remembered only the little gray note growing and needed better teachers, signed "Faithfully yours, Elizabeth at.

VOLCANIC REGIONS.

The Five Active Groups of the Western Hemisphere.

The active volcanic groups of the western hemisphere occur in five widely separated regions:

First.-The Andean group of volcanoes of the equatorial region of western South America.

Second.-The chain of some twenty five great cinder cones which stretch east and west across the south end of the Mexican platedu. Third. - The Central American group,

with its thirty-one active craters, extending diagonally across the western ends of the east and west folds of the Caribbean corrugations, fringing the Pacific side of Guatemala, San Salvador and Costa Rica. This is separated from the Mexican group on the north by a large nonvolcanic area, the isthmus of Tehuantepec, and on the south from the Andean volcanoes by the isthmus of Panama, where no active volcanoes are found.

Fourth .- The chain of volcanoes of the Windward Islands, marking the eastern gate of the Caribbean sea, standing in a line directly across the eastern termini of the Caribbean mountains, trending east and west and parallel to the Central American group similarly situated at the western termini. Fifth.-The volcanoes of Alaska and the Aleutian islands .- Professor Robert T. Hill in Century.

Circumlocution.

A young Yorkshire collier, anxious to pop the question to a girl whom he honage to ask her straight out, adopted a and 23. Every six hours during this method of sounding her which romantic people will be inclined to think leaves Stochholm crowded with visitrather too practical.

"Jessie, my lass," he said nervously, "Ah've insured my life."

"Has ta, lad?" said the damsel indifferently.

"Aye, an' Ah'm thinkin' Ah'm a fool for doin' it."

"How's ta mak that art?"

"Why, supposin' Ah get killed in t' pit, where does ta think t' money'll go?

"Why, to thy feyther, for sure." "True enough, an' it ain't fair. It ought to be paid to my wife."

"To thy wife! Why, tha hasn't got one, Bill."

"That's just it," cried Bill in a burst of confidence, "Tha're a nice lass, Jes- One day he received from Windsor a sie, an' Ab want thee to have that money."

"Why couldn't ta say so at fust?" cried Jessie joyfully.

trotted off to break the news to Jessie's mother.-Pearson's.

Went Him One Better.

A well known Glasgow divine related the following anecdote, showing that or snow. When there was a mist bethe ready wit of a countryman was more than a match for him:

He was going to the country for his holidays and was in a railway train when a young man entered. In a short time the two commenced a conversaman asked the youth what he worked

and they stood bewindered, not anow ing which way to turn. Finally one of the women plucked up courage to address a man who was passing, saying, "Could you tell me where Will Blank lives?"

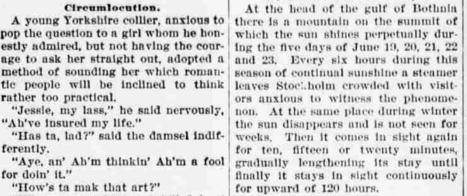
"Who?" Inquired the man. "Why, Will Blank. He used to live next door to us at Linton, and we have come in to see him."

The man had to acknowledge he had never even heard of Will Blank, and the old lady turned away with a scornful smile, saying, "Oh, I thought perhaps you lived here." - Indianapolis Sentinel.

Baths In Finland.

One of the greatest trials a visitor in Finland has to endure is a Finnish bath. The method of procedure is unique. Divested of outer clothing and attired in a light and airy cotton garment, you are slung in a sort of hammock composed of cord above a large receptacle like the boilers in public laundries. This is almost filled with cold water, into which at the right moment is flung a large redhot brick or piece of iron, which of course causes an overwhelming rush of steam to as cend and almost choke you. Then when that process has gone on sufficiently long you are shaken out of your hammock, immersed in cold water, and after very drastic treatment you resume your raiment, sadder and wiser than before your novel experience.

No Sunset For Five Days.



A Question of Color.

Benjamin Constant when painting the portrait of Queen Victoria made the grand ribbon of the Garter, which was part of his illustrious sitter's costume, a certain tone of blue. The queen criticised this part of the pleture, but Constant stuck to his color. little parcel containing the order of the Garter. The queen, fully convinced that she was right, had sent him the ribbon to prove his color sense was Then the happy couple embraced and wrong. She did not confer the Garter upon him, however.

> Telling the Weather From Mists. The motion of mists, rapid or slow. was regarded as one of the best methods of foretelling the approach of rain fore the rise of the full moon, if clouds were seen in the west before the sun rose or there was a mist in the fields before sunrise, wet weather was expected. When the mists vanished rapidly and the moon seemed to rise faster than usual, fine weather was sure to gladden the hearts of the merrymak-



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and if the board wouldn't pay Miss Hardin the salary she wanted he would make up the difference. The children of Twiggins Corners must be given modern educational advantages. And the remainder of the board, realizing that the male voters of Twiggins Corners were an uncertain element in county elections, finally acquiesced, and Miss Hardin was "called." Dalton, nervously fingering the bit of gray stationery, felt that fate had been cruel in thus requiting his temerity in coercing the members of school district No. 11.

He walked out the side door and mounted the steep stairs leading to the second floor. Lately Dalton had been figuring with Tompkins, the carpenter, on building inside stairs, but somehow this afternoon he did not care where they ran. He entered the carpetless hall and threw open the door to his "front room," overlooking the street. and stared silently at its familiar crimson, with just a dash of olive green. The woodwork was painted dark green, and the carpet was red. Dalton had selected this much and a shiny oak organ before his sister Mary had come out from Massachusetts to keep house for him. But Mary had turned homesick before the year rolled round and had left Dalton to care for as best he might the four rooms he had furnished so proudly.

He looked at them now, wondering vaguely what was wrong. A comfortable Morris chair stood in one corner, but the moths had eaten great holes in its cushions. He could write his name in the dust on the center table, with its old rose plush album. Flyspecks adorned the photographs he had tacked on the wall. A sudden feeling of desolation swept over the man. What did it matter that he held public office, that he was always referred to in the Sahuache Eagle as "our successful young merchant" or that at the last fair of Union church he had been voted the most popular bachelor in Ladrone? What mattered anything so long as Elizabeth Hardin had declined to teach Twiggins Corners' school?

The very next morning he said to his head clerk:

"Herman, do you reckon you could handle this store if I went back east next month? I haven't seen the old folks for five years."

And Herman reckoned that he could. The summer school at Mount Clement was in full sway when Dalton arrived. He took a room at the leading hotel and then quietly started out on his quest. At the first newsstand he picked up a copy of the Mount Clement Educator, devoted to the interests of the summer school. The frontispiece was the picture of a tall, willowy girl, dressed in a sweeping evening gown. Under the picture were the lines, "Miss Elizabeth Hardin, the accomplished

Hardin"-and the sigh. What happened next is not herein

set forth, but western men are notorious for acting promptly. This summer another elocutionist de-

lighted the visitors at Mount Clement, and her picture adorned the first page of the Mount Clement Educator, but in Frank Dalton's Colorado home a new cushion has replaced the one of moth eaten velvet in the Morris chair. there's a drawnwork cover instead of dust on the center table, and a stairway has been built from the inside of the store.

Men, Women and Hats.

The man who brings out a new hat almost invariably remarks when somebody with an investigating turn of mind asks him where he got it, how much it cost, etc.: "Oh, I've had that hat for about a month now. It's far from being new."

However, the same hat, when carefully scrutinized, does not show any signs of wear and generally looks as spick and span as when it came from the packer's box. If you question the owner's statement as to the time of his possession, he will usually tell you that he has not worn it, but it has been around the house for at least thirty days. A woman is different. When she

gets a new bonnet, she is anxious to get it properly placed and get out on the street. If she meets an acquaintance and words of ecstasy and delight are not forthcoming, she invariably gets mad.

"Can't you see my new hat? I just bought it. Ain't it sweet? And I only paid \$9.99 for it. The milliner told me she had held out for \$10.50 and reduced the price for my special benefit."

That's the reverse in human nature among the sexes .- Pittsburg Press.

Modern Bachelors.

The bachelor does no longer pat himself on the back for remaining single, as did Casimir Delavigne, the author of "Louis XI."

But neither does the bachelor turn his coat, as did Casimir when he got married on the same day as his brother Germain, best known as the collaborator of Scribe, and in the same church, though, luckily, "not to the same girl," as Louis Philippe in his sudden fright had feared.

The great and prominent men of the present day who intend to remain free do not inveigh against women like Goethe and Swift and Musset and, for the matter of that, like Milton. They simply eschew matrimony, and, what is more curious still, society appears not to wonder at it, and women themselves are taking the abstention as a matter of course.

"I am a coupler, sir," was the reply. "A coupler! So am I," replied the clergyman with a laugh.

The youth looked at him for a min ute or so, then burst into a fit of laughter and said: "Oh, I see; ye'r a meenister. Ye marry folks. But I gang faruncouple."

The clergyman laughed heartily and involves. acknowledged that the youth had the better of the sally.

Man's Greatest Enemy.

"Fatigue is one of the greatest enein Ainslee's, "Modern physiology shows that it is the cause of nearly half and perhaps more of the several hundred catalogued diseases that prey upon man. In our age, with its high pressure, its hot and bitter competition and the unrelenting struggle for survival, its moral and physical ravages are steadily increasing. Citles, in which an ever larger proportion of our people dwell, are biological hothouses and, for some, furnaces, forcing development prematurely and encouraging ful not to be seen smoking. late hours and excitement and consuming nerve and brain."

Lava Streams

It is scientifically reported that the lava streams from Vesuvius in 1858 were so hot twelve years later that steam was issuing from the cracks and crevices, while the lava beds from the eruption of Etna in 1787 were found to be steaming hot just below the top crust as late as 1840. But still more remarkable are the scientific reports of the volcano Jorulio, in Mexico. This sent forth immense streams of lava in 1759. In 1780 the lava beds were examined by a party of scientists, and it was found that a stick thrust into the crevices instantly ignited, although there was no discomfort experienced in walking on the hardened crust. Again some forty years after the eruption it was visited by scientists and reported to be steaming in many places, and even eightyseven years after the eruption two columns of steaming vapor were found to be issuing from the crevices. Sometimes the upper crust of such a stream of lava cools so that plants and licheps find precarious growth on the surface, while a few feet beneath the lava is lmost redhot.

Hey Mistake.

Two elderly women and an old man, evident strangers in the city and who were carefully guarding a huge telescope between them, stood in front of the Grand for an hour the other day, waiting for some kind soul to direct them to the residence of a friend they had come to visit. The noise and bus- you are expected to have .- Atchison the of the city evidently confused them, Globe,

ers on the succeeding day. When the winds changed and the clouds flew along on "tail," the farmers predicted a storm.

Railroad Time Folders.

The average person who picks up a railroad time folder does not realize ther than ye dae. I baith couple and the enormous amount of work which the preparation of such a publication

The big Burlington system, for instance, has a general time folder made up from sixteen different division time tables. The folder contains 2,000 names of towns, gives the schedules of over mies of the human race," says a writer 500 trains, and whenever there is a change in time 60,000 figures have to be carefully checked and corrected.

No Smoking.

There is one country in the world where it is considered a crime to smoke -Abyssinia. The law forbidding tobacco dates from the year 1642. It was at first merely intended to prevent priests from smoking in the churches, but it was taken too literally, and nowadays even foreigners have to be care-

Conceded It.

"There's a burglar in the house, Benjamin," said Mrs. Frett, arousing her husband in the dead of the morning. "Hear that?" she continued. "It's surely the sound of a chisel. He's a safe burglar."

"You bet he is," sleepily refurned Benjamin, turning over for another nap.-Richmond Dispatch.

Couldn't Improve the Method. Mrs. Chugwater-I'd be ashamed to

sleep in church the way you do. Mr. Chugwater-I can't help it. It's the only way I know how to sleep .--Chicago Tribune.

The Laugh.

Chumpley-That hypnotist is a fraud. He couldn't control my mind at all last night. Pokely-Of course he had some ex-

cuse? Chumpley-Yes. He said there was no material to work on. You ought to have heard the audience give him the laugh!-Tit-Bits.

Expensive,

"I've quit joking my wife about women carrying their pocket handkerchiefs in their pocketbooks," said Tenspot. "It didn't pay."

"How was that?" asked Hunker. "She said she'd carry money in hers if she had it. Handed her out \$10 on the spot."-Detroit Free Press.

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