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The Story of a Labor Union. A Tale of Present Day Problems. With Episodes from Real Life.

CHAPTER XXXII.

It was Barney's habit, now that money flowed in upon him, to deal liberally with his cabmen. He would hand to the man two or three sovereigns, or even a five-pound note I there happened to be one loose in his waistcoat pocket, and say to him:

"Now I may need you only twenty minutes. or I may need you all the afternoon; but I want you to feel happy while you're driving me, don't you know, so here's all I'm going to give you, and I wish to have no dispute about fares at the end of the journey." There never was any dispute, and Barney was extremely popular with the driving fra-

When the date of the wedding was fixed Barney, on his return to London, took a cab at ten pounds in honor of the forthcoming event. He said to himself that he couldn't give less and retain his self-respect, as he intended using the cab in completing the necessary arrangements for the ceremony. He drove first to the residence of the clergyman who was in charge of S. Martyrs-in-the-East; for he had determined that the marriage should take place in this church, because it was the nearest sacred building to his father's works and was surrounded by a population largely in the employ of the firm, directly or indirectly. Besides this, Barney took a particular delight in the thought that all the newspapers would be compelled to send representatives to this unfashionable and I want to give you my best.

locality, for the wedding would be a notable "I'm sure you do. So that's a one, and he was now so famous that should he marry or die in the most unknown spot In the British isles, his doing so would forever bestow distinction on the place

The genial old clergyman was undentably impressed by the fact that so celebrated a man chose St. Martyrs for such an important "Of course," said Barney, airily, "I shall

have a bishop or two to arsist you, and perhaps a few lesser dignitaries. If you will just give me the names of any you prefer. I shall put myself into communication with

"You mean, of course, that I shall assist the bishop," protested the reverend clergyman, mildly, "His lordship, as of course you know, takes precedence."

"Oh, well, you'll arrange all that among yourselves. I don't understand these mat-ters, you know; I was never married before. and I leave every detail in the hands of those experienced. What I wish is to have everything well done, regardless of expense. If you will allow me I would like to send you a check for a thousand pounds, to be distributed among the poor, don't you know, and that sort of thing, in honor of the occa-I suppose it can be managed." "We shall be very grateful indeed for it.

A plethora of money has never been one of the obstacles with which we have to contend in this parish."

"Then that's all right. Now, have you seen your organist lately? What's his name? It has slipped my memory for the

"Langly. I am sorry to say he has not been at all well lately. Not ill, exactly, for he has been able to attend to his duties, but still far from well. I think he needs some one to look after him. He is an absent. minded man-a dreamer-and I fear he ne-

"I have tried to help him," said Barney, "but he shrinks from assistance of any kind as if it were infectious. He never will call on me, and I have had so many demands on my time lately that I have not looked him up, as I intended to do. Could you give me his address? I had it once, but I've

him. It would be better to write. It is very up in my arms and carry you down to my difficult to do anything for him, as you say, hansom as if you were a baby. Brace up, except indirectly. When I visited him, or hearing he was not well, I could see that my presence discomposed him."

"I wanted to speak to you about helping him indirectly. You all appreciate his abil-ities, of course?"

parish. Now, here is a check for a hundred pounds, I would make it more, but that would arouse his suspicions, very likely Would you take this, and increase his salary by that much yearly?—I will send a similar check once a year—and put it to him that the increase is because of the general admiration there is felt for—well, you know what I mean. So that he will be encouraged don't you know."

"It is very generous of you, Mr. Hope, and I shall see that your wishes are carried When the interview with the kindly vica-

was finished Barney jumped into his hansom and drove to Light street. It was impossible



MANY PAIR OF FOOLS CAN BE MARRIED

to take the cab into Rose Garden court: so Barney, securing as a guide one of the nu-merous ragged urchins who thronged the place, made his way up the rickety stairs and knocked at Langly's door. A faint voice from within told him to enter, and on going in Barney saw the organist citting on the Langly had evidently been lying down and now, with noticeable difficulty, sat up to great his unexpected visitor. Thin as he had been when Barney saw him last, he was still ner now, and a ghastly pullor overspread his face

"I say, old man!" cried Barney, stopping "You're not looking first-rate, don't ow. Have you been ill?"

"I've not been well," he said, "you mustn't mind my coming in this unceremonious way. because I'm here to beg a great favor of you. I'm the most dependent man on my friends that there is in all London—I am, for a fact. It seems to me I spend all my time getting other fellows to do things for me, and they to them, too, by Jove! in the most kindly way. This is a very accommodating, indulgent world, don't you know. Now you just lie down again—I see I've disturbed you talk to you like a favorite uncle. I'm going to be married, Langiy!—what do you think notes died away he saw the read as the last of that? And I'll bet you a saw that a saw the read that a saw that a saw the read that a saw that a saw that a saw the read that a saw that a saw the read that a saw that a saw

able weeding, I venture to say. I have just to see the vicar, arranging all the detalls. What a nice old man he ist-and I say, Langly, you ought to have heard him praise you and your music! It's very pleasing to be appreciated—I like it myself."

Langly, in spite of his pallor, actually blushed at this, but said nothing. "Now, that brings us to the muric on the wedding day-and that's why I'm here. You will play the organ, of course."

"I shall do my best," murmured Langly.
"There is nothing better than that. Bu here is what I want, and I know it a a great favor I'm asking. I want you to compose a wedding march for us. I'll have it published afterward, and I know, when you see the

afterward, and I know, when you see the bride, you won't need any begging from me to get you to dedicate it to her."

"I am afraid—" began the organist.

"Oh, no, you're not," interrupted Earney,
"You are such a modest fellow, Langly, I knew you'd be full of excuses; but I'm not going to let you off. I've set my heart on having a special wedding march. Any pair of fools can be married to Mendelssohn, don't you know; but we want something all our own. It isn't as if a fellow were marour own. It isn't as if a fellow were mar-

ried every day, you know."
"I was going to say that I feel hardly equal—I don't think I could do justice—but there is a march I composed about a year ago-it has never been played or heard of by any one but myself. If you like it-"
"Of course I'd like it. That will be the

very thing."
"I would compose one for you, but I am sure I could do nothing so good as that, "I'm sure you do. So that's all settled. Now, Langly, here comes the uncle talk. I told you I was going to talk to you like an uncle, you know. You must get out of this hole, and you must get out now. It's enough to kill the strongest man to stay in this place. I've got a hansom waiting in the street; so come with me, and we will look up a decent pair of rooms with a motherly Langly was plainly embarrassed. At las

"I can't afford a better place than this I konw it may not seem very comfortable to you, but it's all I really need."
"Afford it. Of course you can afford a better place. Oh, I had forgotten. They

haven't told you, then?"
"Told me what."
"Well, I don't know that I should men-The fact is (it all came out quite incidentally when I was talking to the vicar -I told you he was saying nice things about you). I imagine they're preparing a little surprise for you; so never say I spoke of it, but I don't like surprises myself. I always tell the boys that if they've any surprises for me to let me know in advance. so that I may prepare the proper expres-sion. What I don't like about a surprise is to have it sprung on me without being told of it beforehand. Well, as I said, I shouldn't mention this, but the church warparishioners have resolved to increase your salary by one hundred pounds a year. I was very glad to hear it, and I said so.

To show our appreciation of his music, were the exact words of the vicar. Splendid old chap, the vicar-I like him."
Barney walked up and down the room a he talked, never glancing at his listener. Langly's eyes filled with tears; he tried to speak, but he could not. Then he laid down on the bed and buried his face in the pillow. His visitor chattered on, pacing to and fro, taking no notice of the other's emotion, until Langly, recovering himself,

said gratefully:
"It is very, very good of them. They have always been exceedingly kind to me."
"Oh, it's merely a matter of business. give me his address? I had it once, but I've mislaid it."

They don't want some other church to lure and I want that increase to come voluntarily you away. Trust a church warden. He's lives in wretched quarters—No. 2 you away. Trust a church warden. He's always up to snuff. Now, Langly, you must depend upon me to do nothing come with me. If you resist, I'll pick you rash, but I want the power to announce such

> old man, and come along.' Faintly protesting, but in his weakness naking no resistance, Langly staggered down to Light street, leaning on Barney's arm. In about half an hour a comfortable domicile vas found near the church, and a porter was sent back to Rose Garden court to fetch the musician's belongings.

The wedding ceremony was all that the pest friends of the happy pair could wish. Never had old St. Martyr's seen such a brilliant assemblage. The splendid wedding march was a triumph, filling the resonant church with its jubilant, entrancing haronies, and it was played as no march had ver been played before.

were pressing around the bride, and drew Betson, the chief press man present, into a corner.

"It was glorious!" replied the journalis "Of course it was, and prepared specially for this occasion, remember. You may abuse me in the papers, if you like, Betson; if there's anything wrong—although I don't think there is—lay the blame on me; but one thing I beg of you, and please tell the other fellows this, won't you? give a line or two of deserved praise to the organist and the music. Do, if you love me, Betson! The man's a genius! I'm not the only one who says so, although I was the first to recognize the fact. You'll put in something nice about him, won't you? and give the others the tip

'I'll go and see him; then I can do a special article on him." "I wish you would; but remember he's very shy, and if he suspects your purpose you won't get anything out of him. He's a recluse. Talk to him about organs and nusic and let him think you're merely s

fellow enthusiastic." "Never fear. I'll manage him." For a week Langly had feared he would not be equal to the ordeal that faced him He was anxious, for Barney's sake, to acquit himself well; but he was scarcely able to totter to the church and back to his rooms, although when once seated before the banks of keys renewed life seemed to animate his emaciated frame, but when the enthusiasm of playing passed away he was left more deeply depressed than ever. Music was now a stimulant to him, and the longer the in

exication of sound lasted the greater the

reaction after. His whole frame trembled when he say how large an audience was to listen on the wedding day, and he prayed that strength night be given him to perform his part flawlessly. When at last the supreme moment came he looked with breathless fear at his shaking hands hovering over the keys, but when he touched them he heard the sweet, pure, liquid, low tones come firm and sus-tained. like tones from a mellow flute, and his whole being thrilled when he becam conscious of the instantaneous hush that fell on the vast assemblage, as though all had simultaneously ceased to breathe, fearing to miss a single golden thread of melody, or

the enchanting mingling of them into the divinest, most subdued harmony, as if a choir of nightingales were singing far off, almost, but not quite, beyond hearing distance. When the music, swelling from its soft beginning, rose toward its climax, Langly knew he was master of the instrument as he had rever been before the mistrument. ment as he had never been before. All fear left him and a wild exultation took its place. It mattered nothing whether one or a thou-sand listened. As he gazed upward, with rapt ecstatic face, it seemed to him that the of angels, flying about the beetling cliff of pipes that towered above him, and his own soul floated there also. Marveling at this

of that? And I'll bet you a sixpence you can't tell where."

Langly, who still sat on the edge of his bed, ignoring Barney's command, smiled maniy and shook his head.

Tknew you couldn't Wall the said as the last notes died away he saw the angels drop their wings one by one and fade into the empty wings one by one and fade into the empty air. He pushed in the stop that shut off the bellows motor, and for a moment his nerveless fingers touched the silent manual from which the breath of life had demanded. "I knew you couldn't. Well, the ceremony is to be performed with great eclat, as the papers say, at St. Martyrs-in-the-East. First time old St. Marts has ever seen a factor."

CHAPTER XXXII.

The four houses that had been leased, to form a temporary annex to the works dur-ing the erection of the new wing, were kept on, and never in the long history of the firm on, and hever in the long history of the firm was so much profitable business done, nor so large a dividend declared as during the months that followed the completion of the new building. The firm had good cause to be grateful to its manager. Both Monkton and Hope recognized that their constantly increasing prosperity was due to this resolute self-religate man, and they awarded him ute, self-reliant man, and they rewarded him as capitalists usually reward those who serve them well. Not only was his already large salary increased without any demand on his part, but, when the business was formed into a private limited-Mability company, they allotted him a block of stock of the nominal value of a thousand pounds, the income from which, should the welfare of the company continue at its then level, would be sufficient to make Sartwell independent for life; and at the first meeting of the new board he was made managing director.

This meeting took place a little more than a year after the new wing had been opened. words, at least; but, as you know, I shall try to make the stock you have given me a good investment for the new company. It might seem, under the circumstances that try to have good position in the men are not good investment for the new company. It you offer him a good position in the month. and Sartwell, addressing his fellow directors,

wing destroyed by fire was larger than the one it replaced, and its plan was so well thought out that its converience far excelled that of its companion factory, and increased the output of the firm by a much greater proportion than its greater size seemed to warrant.

"All we need now," said Sartwell to little Mr. Hope, "is the other wing to burn down; then we could have a model establishment."

Mr. Hope looked up at Sartwell in alarm, as if he expected to see his manager apply the torch to the old building. He never quite fathomed Sartwell's somewhat grim etyle of humor.

The four houses that had been lessed to the content of the firm by a much greater than the ingly. "If your nighter were alive, dearest, there a little we will the use of either griev-the the best of things, as they are, that don't bother about the best of things, as they are, that don't bother about the best of things, as they are, that don't bother about the stubborn will. Edna; we'll cross that bridge when we, fome to it. You see, we are both competing, to see who shall give way first, and there's nothing very stubborn about that. Now, mg girl, I've disarranged that been called, and he exulted in the fact that pretty hat, and a been crying. This will never do. Let us talk sensibly, for I make the old building. He never quite fathomed Sartwell's somewhat grim etyle of humor.

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The four houses that had been lessed to having a contest with my only daughter." What do you mean, father?"

well, but we can stand a lot of beating on these lines. Mr. Sartwell is evidently afraid "What do you mean, father?"
"Oh, there's the usual ferment among the we were about to make a demand induces men. They are seething and foaming and so stiffened a man as the manager to cap-vaporing, and I feel it in my bones that we'll itulate before a gun is fired, it goes to show the tremendous influence we can wield by all standing firmly together."

"Led by Mr. Marsten? "By him, of course. But I'll best him. I'll crumble him up so that he will wonder why in an act of Parliament once cost the country f100,000. The one word 'now,' spoken quite unthinkingly by Marsten, made Gibbons grind his teeth in helpless rage. He saw Marsten triumphant and his own adhe ever started the fight. It's a pity to see him waste his energy and his brains in a hopeless struggle. He's clever and inde-fatigable, but a visionary and an enthusiast, and when he stops dreaming of impossibilities he will be a most valuable man."
"What impossibilities, father?" asked the make that small word of three letters cost Marsten dear, if an opportunity of upsetting girl, almost in a whisper, gazing at the the confident young man offered itself. How-ever, Gibbons said nothing, and the meeting

"The impossibility of men hanging together on any one subject for more than a week. The impossibility of warding off treachery within the ranks. The impossibility of keep-ing down the jealdusy which they always feel toward a man who is their evident su-perior in education and ability. However he got them, Marsten has the manner and in-stincts of a gentleman. The men are not going to stand that sort of thing, you know,

words, at least; but, as you know, I shall try to make the stock you have given me a good investment for the new company. It might seem, under the circumstances, that I ought to be well content; yet human nature is hard to satisfy, and I am about to ask for "My dear girl, you have guessed one of the

urther powers. I want an understanding cards that is up my sleeve. I intend to make



"NO, MY WEAKNESS IS GIBBONS AND HIS GANG."

days' clear notice, and the object of the meeting must be stated when the call is made. Now, it may become necessary to act at once, and I want the power to do co."
"Surely, there is no danger of another strike," said Mr. Hope anxiously. "The men had such a searce lesson." ad such a severe lesson—"
"A lesson fasts the workingmen just so

long as his belly is empty, and rarely influ-ences him after his first full meal. The union is already working up to a demand for ncreased wages. Times are good, and they mow it. We must face an increase of wages, rash, but I want the power to announce such increase at any moment."

The power to act promptly was given him,

and he was assured that, in the event of an-other strike, the whole strength of the com-pany would be behind him; but he was pesought by Mr. Hope to avoid trouble if it were possible to do so. After the meeting Sartwell went down to

Eastbourne, and, with his daughter, took a long walk on the breezy downs. "Well, girlie," he said, after telling her of

the firm's generosity, "you are an heiress now on a small scale. I have made over wedding that thousand pounds to you, and, as it is really worth ten thousand, I think it is a good deal of money for a little girl like you to accumulate before she comes of age. "But I'm not going to accept it, father!" Barney stole a moment or two, while friends | cried Edna. "I'll make it all over to you

"Then we shall play battledore and shuttlecock with the stock. I generally have my "Now, Betson," he sald, "you heard that own way, Edna, so you may as well give in gracefully to the inevitable. Besides, this comes as a sort of windfall; I didn't reckon on it, so you don't leave me a penny poorer than I was a month ago. I've laid by a bit of money in my time, and have at last got rid of a fear that has haunted me all my life—the fear of a poverty-stricken old age. That's why I draw such deep, satisfying breaths of this splendid air from the sea Gray hair came, Edna, before the goal was in sight, but it's in sight now, my girl." "I'm so glad, father," she said, drawing down his head and kissing him.

"Then you will take the windfall, Edna?" "I will take it on one condition, father." "And what is the one condition?" "That if I ever do anything you disaprove of you will let me give it back to you.

The girl was gazing far out at the line where the blue sky and the bluer sea met. Her father glanced at her sharply for a "Put into English, what does that mean

"You never can tell what a woman will do, you know." "Granted, my dear. But you're not

woman; you're merely my little girl."
The little girl sighed. "I feel very much grown up, and very old sometimes.

"Oh, we all do at 18. Wait till you're 40; then you will know what real youth is. If you were a boy now, instead of being a girl, you would have serious doubts about the existence of the Delty and the most gloomy ideas regarding mankind generally. Why should I disapprove of anything you do?" I don't know. Mother always predicts that our stubborn wills will cross some

"Of course, of course. And false prophets shall arise. Don't let that trouble you, Edna. If our wills become seriously opposed we will come here to the downs and talk it all over. I'll warrant we'll hit on a compromise But suppose a compromise were not po-

"Dear me, Edna, what's on your mind? You are talking in generalities and thinking in particulars. What is it, my girl?" Edna shook her head.
"I don't know why it is," she said at last,
"but I feel afraid of the future. It seems so

uncertain, and I should never like anything to come between us." "Nonzense, Edna. What should come be-tween us? All that is merely a little touch of the pessimism of youth, accentuated by of independent means. Suppose our stubborn wills come into collision, as you fear, do you know what will happen?"

"Well—it's an awful thing for a father to mand on Saturday afternoon. After their say to a daughter—but I'll give way. Think conference they were to draw up a report to of that! What a humiliating confession for me to make!—a man who has refused to budge an inch before the united demands of budge an inch before the united demands or some hundreds of men, backed by the pathetic entreaties of my own employers. If that is not a victory for a small girl, what is?"

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or eried Edna, her eyes quickly the state of business, the company man to the state of business, the company man voluntarily come to the conclusion that an increase of wages to the extent of 10 per cent should be given, adding that he hoped the state of business, the company man voluntarily come to the conclusion that an increase of wages to the extent of 10 per cent should be given, adding that he hoped the state of business, the company man voluntarily come to the conclusion that an increase of wages to the extent of 10 per cent should be given, adding that he hoped the state of business, the company man voluntarily come to the conclusion that an increase of wages to the extent of 10 per cent should be given, adding that he hoped the state of business, the company man voluntarily come to the conclusion that an increase of wages to the extent of 10 per cent should be given, adding that he hoped the state of the conclusion that an increase of wages to the extent of 10 per cent should be given, adding that he hoped the state of the conclusion that an increase of wages to the extent of 10 per cent should be given.

"But suppose he succeeds? Suppose the next strike does not tail? The men held to-gether more than a week last time." "That was because they were led by a demagogue of like calibre to themselves. There is a large faction among them who

hate Marsten, and Gibbons is their leader. I have fought Gibbons, beaten him, insulted him, trampled him under foot, yet, today Gibbons losthes Marsten while he respects me, as such a man always respects one who has knocked him down. Now you will be surprised to hear that I have taken Gibbons

into my employ, and am giving him better wages than he ever received in his life before. More than that, when he recommends a man, I promote that man, and it is gen-erally understood that Gibbons has much inluence with the manager. This strengthens his hold on his faction. "And what will be the result?

"That we cannot tell, but it is always good politics to promote a split in the ranks of the enemy. I am playing a game, and I move the pawns about to suit my board. There is sharn line now cleft between the two fac tions, and the gap will widen as soon as the trouble begins. Gibbons will likely go out his crowd if a strike is ordered; they will be a source of weakness rather than of strength to Marsten, and the moment he makes a false move-which he is reasonably certain to make, not being infalliblethere will be a defection.' "Have you a secret understanding with Gibbons, then?"

"Oh, bless you, no. One doesn't have a iscussion on moves with a pawn. The pawn produces certain effects merely because it is a given position, and not through any will of its own. Now Marsten is quite well aware of Gibbon's supposed influence with me, and will likely commit the error of thinking I have some arrangement with the ex-secretary. In the heat of a discussion he may give voice to his belief, and that will be an error, for no man is so righteously indignant at such a charge as the virtuous individual who would have sold himself if he could. It's going to be an in-

teresting struggle, Edna."
"Poor Marsten," sighed the girl. "Yes, I am sorry for Marsten myself, but the lesson will do him a world of good. He is thoroughly unselfish, and Gibbons is as thoroughly selfish. The unselfish man almost invariably goes to the wall in this self-seek-ing world. Now let us get back, my girl. I think your old father has settled the whole more to be said."

CHAPTER XXXIV.

The year's work had been most encourag ing to Marsten. He had come to a cordial understanding with many of the unions, no only at home, but in America and olonies, and had formed an active alliance with several societies of workingmen in the United Kingdom. Times were good, bus-iness brisk, and comparatively few men were out of employment. All this inspired confidence in the success of a strike, for the demands of men are more certain to be listened to with attention when the market is rising than when it is falling. There would now be much difficulty in filling the shops with competent hands, as employment was more general throughout the country than had been the case for years before. Marsten had been secretary of the union for eighteen months before he made up his mind to begin the contest. He resolved to make a demand for a 10 per cent increase of wages all round, and, if it were refused, to call out the men at once. The committee met in secret session, and the demand was formulated. A gathering of the men was or-dered for Saturday night, but the subject dered for Saturday, night, but the subject to be discussed was, not stated. Marsten impressed on his camulitee the necessity for secrecy, although flibbons, who was one of the members, said he failed to see the object of this, as their desire could not be attained except openly. However, he added, Marsten was conducting the campaign, and it was but right, he should be allowed to conduct it in his ewn way: therefore Gibbons "Oh, no. I am well aware that you want conduct it in his own way; therefore Gibbons merely stated his objection but did not interview with the directors and make the de-

present to the meeting of the men. On Friday Sartwell gathered his employes

that I am to have a free hand in case we should have another strike. I also want the power of increasing the wages of the mennot to exceed, say, ten per cent—at any time, without the necessity of consulting the board."

"Why?" asked Monkton. "The board can be convened at any moment."

"As a matter of fact it cannot. By your articles of association there must be teven days' clear notice, and the object of the

again. "That would mean the refusal of nev orders, and perhaps the canceling of many now on hand." Undoubtedly. That is the cost of war

Mr. Hope.

employes?"

We must face it if we fight. We might be crippled for six months to come." "That is very serious. Is no compromis Could you not confer with Marsen and find out what he wants?" "I know what he wants." "And you think compromise impossible?"

It is said that the misplacing of a comma

ministration discredited. He determined to

Sartwell had no delusion regarding the ad-

will then arrange my plans accordingly."

exactions? We cannot go on making concessions indefinitely."

"Giving the increase will probably post

pone the trouble for another six months. I am certain that Marsten wants to force on

"Then you think we had better make

contest we must win, or I must resign."

"What are the chances of filling

They are not so good as they

mate fight the more inevitable."

would be folly to continue."

"If we grant it," said Mr. Hope, "what do

dispersed with cheers.

"Frankly, I do."
"Have you the same objection to meet ng Marsten that you had to meeting Gib-

"As a matter of principle I object to dis cussing our business with any o Marsten has never raised that point. it was necessary to confer with me he always sent a deputation of our own men He is a much more dangerous opponent than Gibbons was. "Would you be willing, then, in the in

terests of peace, to arrange a conference with Marsten, talk the matter over and come to an understanding, if that be pos-"Yes. I will send for him at once; but

don't think it will be of the slightest use and it forms a bad precedent." It was unanimously agreed that such as oction on Sartwell's part would strengthe his hands, and that the fight, if it proved in evitable, could be gone into with

spirit when all knew that everything possible had been done to avoid hostilities. Sartwell invited Marsten to meet him a his office at 7 o'clock in the evening. the young man entered his first words were "You told me I was not to set foot in this office unless I was ordered to do so; I must apologize, therefore, for coming on a "Ah, you havn't forgotten that yet!" said

Sartwell, with a laugh. "But you do forget apparently that you were here on invitation before—during the strike, you know." "Now, Marsten, to begin with, have you any personal ill feeling against me for your

summary dismissal?"
"Not the slightest. I should probably have acted as you did under the same circumstances.' "It is generous of you to say that, but ! doubt if you would. However, not attempt ing to excuse myself at all, I may say tha he event did not quite turn out as I ex-

pected. I hoved that you would call on me and that we would-well, arrange an armis ice, as it were." "I thought you knew me better than that. 'I didn't, you see. But let the dead past bury its dead. Let us give our attention to the present and to the future, and I shall begin by asking if you have any suspicion that you are a fool?"

"A most diplomatic and soothing beginning, Mr. Sartwell. However, I suppose we are all more or less tinged with folly, so we von't quarrel about terms; but we seen see the defects of others rather clearer than we see our own."
"That is undoubtedly true. It strikes m

then, that you are wasting your life, and I would like to convince you of that before it s too late."

"Yes?"
"Yes. I want an assistant manager. He must be a man of ability and a man I can trust. I am getting on in years and will soon stand aside. My assistant, if he has the right stuff in him, will take my place, and he future will belong to him. I offer you

"Because I have devoted my life to the

"I cannot accept it."

"But you will have an opportunity of doing more for the men in that position than you can possibly do for them in your present office, where they grudgingly pay you barely enough to keep body and soul together."
"I don't mean the men in these works, but

"Oh, no. I am well aware that you want to avoid a fight, and I know you are afraid of nothing except that your directors will not back you through to a finish." "Do you imagine that your own backers are as adamant?"
"No. My weakness is Gibbons and his "No. My weakness is Gibbons and his gang. Yours is the board of directors. One neutralizes the other, so it will be an interesting fight."

"Make no mistake, my boy; a capitalist

some hundreds of men, backed by the pathetic entreaties of my own employers. If that isn't a victory for a small girl, what is?"

"Oh, no," cried Edna, her eyes quickly filling. "I'll give way—even if it breaks my heart."

Her father stopped is his walk and grasped her by the shoulders. The girl's head drooped and she put one hand over her eyes. "Ah, Edna, Edna, there's something at the back of all this; I won't ask you what it is. my pet, but some day you'll tell me, perhaps."

He drew her to his breast, and, pushing aside her hat, chreesed her fair hair lov-

in generosity he is miles ahead of any capi-"Then you are determined to fight, Mars-

"Oh, no. Not if you give in."
"How often shall we have to give in?" "Until such time as the compensation given to the workers is at least equal to the amount taken out by the so-called proprietors of the business."

'Ah, that is Utopian, which is simply an-other word for business. Now, why not be perfectly frank and say you are resolved

(To be continued.) RELIGIOUS.

The vote on Methodist union in Australia shows 20,000 in favor, 6,500 opposed, and 8,000 not voting or their votes not yet re-Some idea of a missionary's isolation may

be gained from the fact that Dr. Atwood, in Shansi, China, had not seen a European face in fifteen years, excepting those of his fellow missionaries. Nevsda for many years has had but one Baptist church. This is at Reno, and now a second has been established at Wadsworth, thirty-five miles distant, with a membership

of sixteen and four awalting baptism. Dr. Samuel McComb of Belfast, Ireland has accepted a call to the Rutgers Riverside Presbyterian church of New York. Dr. Mc-Comb, who has made a splendid reputation abroad and has preached to several New

vance he had made the men. He knew he had merely postponed the fight, but he wanted to be in a position to show the directors that he had done everything possible to avoid a conflict. Six months later Sartwell York congregations, will receive \$8,000 a year. He is about 35 years old. Recent statistics show that the church members in the United States embrace a litcalled the directors together.
"I desire to place before you," he said, tle more than one-third of the entire population. The total number of church communication. "certain information I have received. There is reason to believe that a further demand is reason to believe that a lift you are going of 10 per cent will be made. If you are going cants is 25,424,333, a gain of 743,333 during the year 1896. The two churches that gained most in members last year were the Catholic to grant it, I would like to know; if we are going to make a stand, I would like to know. and Methodist.

An official enrollment of the Young Peo ple's Society of Christian Endeavor sshows the whole number of members to be 2,836,you think will be the result? Will it avert trouble, or will it be made the basis of fresh 746. There are now over 47,000 societies; 231,000 of the young people connected with these organizations united with the different churches during the year 1896. Since 1889 they have received a grand total of 1,048,-235 members.

a fight; he has been preparing for more than Some time ago Joshua Levering of Baltiwo years. What I want to impress on you more gave \$10,000 for a gymnasium for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in is that the struggle, when it comes, is going to be a severe one, and if you enter upon it, you must do so with your eyes open, resolved Louisville, Ky. At the formal opening of the building the other day Mr. Levering said: "I hold that a minister of the gospel, by reao fight it to the very end. You may go on conceding until wages are doubled, and ever son of his calling and purpose to accom-plish the most good, cannot afford to be less fresh concession will merely make an ulti a man-an all-round man-than his neighbor, and, therefore, he needs and should have the very best equipment."

"Yes: if, having made the stand, you Few people have any idea of the enormous efuse to capitulate on any terms."
"But if we find, when the strike has lasted sums of money devoted to charity by religious persons and bodies. Over \$1,000,000 s weeks, that we cannot hold out, it year is spent helping southern negroes alon by one Baptist society, and that not a na-tional one. As part of this educational help "Exactly. You know your own resources, there has recently been organized at Richmond, Va., for the special benefit of the colored people of Maryland, the District of are therefore in as good a position to make up your minds now as two weeks hence, or a month, or a year. If we enter into a Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia, what is known as the Virginia Union university with affiliated academies at Hampton and "It is a most perplexing situation," sighed Lynchburg. Another part of this educa-tional help for the colored race is famous "Oh, the situation is simple enough old Wayland seminary in Washington, which occupies one of the most desirable building sites in the city—in good times worth \$250,000 at least. It is now under discussion to sell the old seminary, add the pro-You either give in or you don't. Which works with new men, should it prove impossible to come to terms with our present ceeds to Union university endowment and remove the school to Richmond, making it a boys college of high grade. It is in handling these large educational affairs that Baptist and other mission boards of the We could do it gradually, but it would be ome time before we were in full force various churches sometimes become financially involved.

### CONNUBIALITIES.

A Kentucky wife has applied for a divorce pecause her husband refused to give up his A jeweler can always tell whether his customer has ever bought a wedding ring

A Baltimore woman with an income of \$60,000 a year married a bicycle instructor thirty years her junior the other day. She

A Cleveland man had courage enough to plan and execute an elopement, but when he applied for the marriage license his sand gave out and he fainted. A Dakota paper says that "several husbands who have lost good wives under the

divorce laws of this state have chipped in \$10,000 to test the constitutionality of the Varicocelession law, hoping thereby to get back their for Lily Devereux Blake suggests as one rule for married happiness that the wife should not always ask the husband where he is

going when he goes away, and where he has been when he comes back. And as an other, the equal division of money, for she claims that one-half of every dollar the husband has belongs to the wife. The marrying business has advanced so far in Youngstown, O., as a business that jus-tices of the peace and ministers are vying

with each other in the way of holding ou inducements. It is an open secret that some of the ministers recently made a deal with hackmen to pay them so much of the fee for every wedding couple delivered to them. Two London Italians recently had a bicy cle wedding in a Leicester Square church The bride and groom rode on a "sociable" to the church, followed by the guests on twelve sociables and sixteen single bicycles

### magistrate for sixty years, and had married 1,900 couples. IMPLETTES.

He was

T. D. Hargis of Marshall county,

tucky, is dead, aged 85 years.

Bishop Carpenter is an Irishman.

In a religious collection recently in Oak land. Cal., there were included a counterfelt dollar, five beer tickets and a faro chip. "My brethren," said Dr. Boyd Carpenter Bishop of Ripon, England, in a recent address. "I beg you to take hold of your own heart and look it straight in the face."

The following has been attributed to many and various sources. A clergyman was preaching upon the "Parable of the Prodigal Son," and when he came to killing the fatted calf he endeavored to heighten the interest by the following gloss: "Not a calf-The Calf; the old familiar calf which had been in the family for years and years."

The pastor—"I don't see your husband at church any more." The wife—"No, he never goes now." "What's the matter?" "Why,

you know, he's a vegetarian, and he says there is too much meat in your sermons to suit him." Baron-"Sorry you can't come in, Van Tin tram. How was the sermon this morning?'
Van Tintram—"I didn't hear the sermon but the text was good." Baron-"Indeed! What was it?" Van Tintram-"It was that beautiful passage, 'He giveth His beloved sleep.'''

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