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Widespread Influence of a Handsome Portrait Printed in The Illustrated Bee.

SHORT STORIES OF THE DAY

NATIVES OF THE HILLS OF OLD KENTUCKY

Servant Girl's Mishap Causes a Brief Sensation-W. H. Kent in the Role of a Multi-Millionaire-Judge Estelle Once a Brakeman.

That the influence of the publicity of a handsome portrait printed in The Illustrated Bee extends to bounds few people wot of 13 shown by developments in the case wherein the original became at once the recipient of various letters from numerous admirers anxious to make her acquaintance. The Beeprinted one of these letters not long ago from an enthusiastic cultivator of the fair sex residing at Attica, Ind., which publication has brought out this protest from the Ledger, the local Attica paper:

The Ledger, the focal Activa population of the focal activation of the focal a portraits of any who wish to enter the race against the Omaha beauty.

ter with the Omaha men that they do not plow their own field?

"It will be hard to convince the average Keniuckian away from home that if Goebel was shot by a native Kentuckian it was not done by an anti-Goebel democrat," said a man from the "dark and bloody ground" yesterday

"Outside of the larger cities, where the influx of immigrants has destroyed local traditions, there have been but few murders on account of partisan politics, and you will remember that the last murders in Frankfort which caused such widespread comment clerk held the dustpan while the landlady were the result of a quarrel among members of the same party.

The character of the native of the hills of Kentucky is a peculiar one. Murder is ling from the basement, "Who did that?" not looked upon with the same degree of horror as by people of other parts of the business to take that register off." country and the punishment meted out for the killing of an enemy is regarded by the people of other states as entirely inadequate to the gravity of the crime; and yet under conditions peculiarly Kentuckian the pun- H. Kent, a newspaper reporter who worked ishment is generally justified by the facts. | here away back in the '80's, will understand Here in Nebraska it is a perfect self-defense if the accused proves that the vistim of his the pleasure of acquaintance with the erbullet had threatened his life and that he ratic, but clever Mr. Kent. In the summer had knowledge of the threat, coupled with of 1895 Kent was employed on a St. Joseph the knowledge that the man making the newspaper. He received a letter from a prosthreat was a person who would carry out perous brother in Indiana extending him an his expressed intentions, Well, in Kentucky invitation to make one more visit to the old it is always taken for granted that when- home. The invitation was accompanied by a ever persons come to blows and no one is draft for \$50 and a railroad pass from St killed at the time that each party has Joseph to Crawfordsville. Kent got as far threatened to kill the other at sight, and this conclusion is warranted by the fact that no such encounter was ever known to result otherwise in the state. So when the survivor of a subsequent encounter is placed on trial for murder he always has this assumption in the minds of the jury in his favor.

"This condition is the result of years of local traditions and training. The original settlers of Kentucky were men of the strong hand; men who fought Indians with Daniel Boone and who had the disregard for law that marked Dick Johnson, the popular hero of the Kentucky fireside who is credited with the killing of the famous Indian chief Tecumseh, and who married one of his negro slaves and afterward offered any white man who would marry either of his daughters a bushel measure full of silver dollars. Not denied a man a right to do as he pleased.

be properly termed 'tribal' influences.' 8 During the recent cold shap the proprietor d a certain boarding and rooming house on West Farnam street was sorely pressed for a means of heating the upstairs rooms. The current of air rushing up ward from the furnon seemed to loss all warmth by the time D it reached the scound floor, and the roomers were "kicking." Something had to be done. The proprietor went to the basement and piled on coal until the furnace was red; then, climbing the stairs to the second floor, held

my opinion there is only one solution t

the question of Kentucky murders and feuds, and that is the advent of civilizing influ-

nces and the breaking up of what might

his hand over the ball register. A faint, rickly breath of topid air arone. This would never do. With monkey-wrench and screwdriver be took off the register to ot more heat pass up

One-thirty o'clock. In the dining room on the first floor a dozen boarders were seated about the long table, walting for the midday meal. By each plate reposed a dish of crahberry sauce. The big bunches of celery oked temptingly fresh and crisp, while from the kitchen floated the odor of roast P turkey and sage. The boarders were hungry and impatiently awaited the advent of the hired girl with the steaming bird. But the hired girl was upstairs. "Everything comes to him who waits," re-

marked the insurance agent. Scarcely were the words spoken when there was a crash, a rattle of falling debris and

the crackle of solintering laths. Instictively every eye was directed upward toward the center of disturbance. The hint is a good one. What is the mat- Then, in the smallest fraction of a second, every eye was cleared with hands, napkins

and handkerchiefs pressed over them. The dust from falling plaster is peculiarly irritating to the sensitive eyeball. But in that infinitely short space of time the hearders had caught a glimpse of some-

thing long, dark and shapely dangling downward from the celling-something that terminated in a No. 4 shoe. Three minutes later all hands turned in to help clear away the wreck. The insur-

ance agent got a coal scuttle, the window trimmer wielded the broom, the dry goods whisked the things off the table and prepared to set it anew.

"Well, I never!" said the landlord, emerg-"You!" snapped his wife. "You had no The hired girl didn't come down for dinner that day. She said she wasn't feeling well.

Residents of Omaha who knew W. this story better than those who never had as Chicago on his way to Indiana, and he might have gone further without incident. but for the fact that he met his old friend, William Lightfoot Visscher, a well known poetic genius who has played engagements in all the larger cities of the country, Kent spent his \$50 in renewing acquaintance with Visscher, Visscher was also liberal with his funds as long as they lasted. After they were broke they dicussed ways and means for recuperation. At that time Visscher was

a space writer on the Chicago papers. "Why don't you write a story about my Alaska railroad?" Kent asked.

It was a happy thought. Visscher knew

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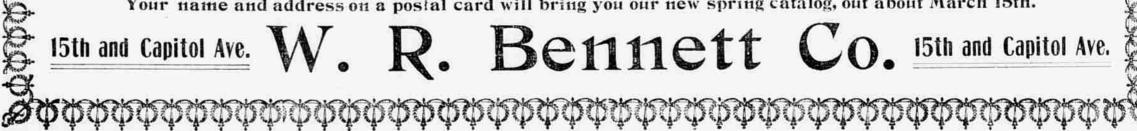
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Jefferson City, the capital of Missouri, was barnent of the Central Whist league on Fri- the improvement of the public highways and that Kent was the originator of a scheme by which the world was to be encircled by a telle could set the brakes as quickly as any gation from the Omaha Whist club attending true interests, from which its attention ha railroad crossing Bering strait, and connect- man on the road and he entered into the in a body. Among the Omnha players were been more or less diverted by the squabble ing Siberia with Alaska, extending through details of his work with the same energy Messrs. Garner, Redick, Cahn, Morsman, over race control. that he found any takers among native Ken- Russia and into the heart of Europe. So and enthusiasm that afterwards character- Scribner and a number of others comprising tuckians, but he 'gloried in his spunk' in Visscher wrote the story. He sold it to one ized his career in the law, The judge quit the cream of the local whisters. The Omaha Organized action in favor of good road setting at defiance the social laws which of the Chicago morning papers. It made two railroading because he had long had inclina- contingent had put in faithful practice work is growing steadily in the east. The latest columns and a half. It was a good story, but tion for the legal profession, but he declares and expected to make a creditable showing. recruits to the movement are the makers

Sure to Fe Fleece'.

time, and aside from tobacco all PRESENT CONDITION IN CUBA edible. The system of employment of farm laborers he such that no one need starve. The owner of the plantation does not tarm Unless Careful, Ignorant Investors Almost of the soil. The proprietor advances all the land himself, but leases it to the tillet necessary seed and farm implements, and at the request of the cropper will advance him food until the crop is harvested. When harvest comes the crop is turned over

cipal crop is grown, each owner of a planta-

"While Cuban soil brings surprising re-

sults, the introduction of American methods

will greatly increase them. Almost all of

the plowing is done with wooden plows. The land has to be irrigated and generally this

eighty-foot well for irrigation purposes. The

bucket he used was a five-galton tin can,

attached to the end of a rope, to the other

end of which was attached an ox. There

was no pulley, but the rope ran over a pole.

he ox backing up until the buckot was filled

Ancient Methods.

"These Cubans are wedded to their ancient

methods, and a story is vouched for by

Senor Canoyas, one of Havana's leading

The descendants of these pioneers have the funny part of it was that the introduclived for 100 years in a land considered inaccessible to railroads and other influences of civilization. Some bright minds have been produced who have made Kentucky famous in the union, but the large majority care little about what is going on in the world at large. Confined in the small area accessible to railroads and other influences world at large. Confined in the small area straits. of their native hills they take interest only in local and family affairs. They could tell deeply interested in his project. you very little about the war against the neers wreaked vengeance upon their ene- Omaha in comunication with the Russian mies when better law was not at hand until authorities. they come to believe that theirs was the

only manly way of punishing crimes committed against the person, and that the man the effect that there may be plenty of civil had a suspicion there was a dog in the car who fails to wipe out an insult with blood engineers, but no civil brakemen. This joke until just a few miles after leaving the last is a degenerate son, I know of two cases docsa't always hold good, and one instance stopping point. I was passing the stateroom where men have been forced by their own of departure is the case of Judge Lee Es- and the, door was open. It was supposed to families to leave the state because they re- telle. Many of his friends and admirers who be occupied by two women and I noticed fused to declare their intention of killing observe the graceful manner in which he that a chain was hanging down beside one those who had injured them, and are now fills his position on the district bench are of them, the other end concealed beneath the exiles from home because they would not not aware that the judge once twisted folds of her dress. I was a little curious be bound by the traditions of their race. freight brakes on a railroad and that he and when I came back I glanced into the Aside from their belief in the law of re- could jump from car to car as easily as he stateroom. From beneath the dress the nose venge these Kentuckians are good neigh- now wheels about in his revolving chair of a dog was protruding. I didn't say a word, bors and friends, and many a man has been back of the bench. Yet, that is a fact, for but I would like to know how the woman defended by them even to the taking of life Judge Estelle says so himself. Away back worked it to get that dog in the ear. I for no other reason than that he was in the in the latter 60's it was Lee Estelle, brake- congratulate myself, however, that the dog company of a friend when trouble arose. In man, He ran on the Missouri Pacific and

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brakes.

Boers or even that in the Philippines, but blessed moment Kent, whom Visscher pic- who has scored a notable triumph can, and one year ago. they can tell you the Christian name of tured as a multi-millonaire, was anxiously bestowing a look of disdain on the contheir ancestor who first settled in the coun- waiting for Visscher to rise the price of a ductor, swept out of the car without even of the Richards trophy, a handcome loving for postal savings banks," said General try, and in many instances of all of his drink, a supper and a bed. It was true, replying. The small dog which she held in cup. The prize has twice been captured by Stone, "is already half won. Another grand descendants; and that is the reason for so however. Kent was the originator of the her arms looked as contented and thoroughly many of the murders, accounts of which fill the columns of the papers, for these men that ex-Governor Gilpin of Colorado was so remember and hand down from generation accredited. Kent figured out the plan and to the fact that dogs are strictly barred from cured once more. Unusual interest, thereto generation the story of how these pio- was for several years during his residence in the comforts of palace car service.

well.

"I have been in the business a good many years," said the conductor, "and I have

flattered myself that it takes a pretty smart Somebody once wrote an alleged joke to one to get ahead of me like that. I never was satisfied with the service and slept

Whist club,

f the most unique and original characters ver noted in the political arena of Newaska. Mr. Porter is a populist-but those who have ever had the pleasure of seeing him knew that at a glance. He was in Omaha a few days ago as a witness in the magdamus proceedings against Albyn Frank. After Secretary Porter had given his testimony, he had several hours' leisure hanging heavily upon his hands, but did not dare leave the court room because there was a possibility that he would be recalled to the witness stand, His way of killing time was to go to the rear of the court room, throw his value on the end of a seat, cover it with stretch his long, Lincolnesque form out for quiet siesta. The court bailiff looked at tim as much as if to say: "Well, I don't know about that-but then, he's secretary of

state." Mr. Porter, despite his crratic poliics, is accredited with being one of the brainiest men in the state, and he has a way of his own for doing everything.

EVENTS IN WHIST CIRCLES

Women's Night at the Omaha Whist Club Wednesday Evening-Tourney at Lincoln.

Five tables were occupied at the rooms of the Omaha Whist club on Wednesday light, the women friends of the members by ing the guests of the evening. While the

players did not devote themselves to the letails of the game with their usual singleness of purpose the scores were, on the whele, creditable and a number of striking situations occurred. The score for the evening was as follows: NORTH AND SOUTH.

Mrs. Brinker and Mrs. Coutant., Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. Mr. Coutant and Mrs. Lindsey. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Foiter. Mr. Haverstick and Mbs. Disturf.

EAST AND WEST.

and Mrs. Relick. Heth and Mrs. Clark Orr and Mrs. Clark Boulier and Mrs. Martin. Potter and Mrs. Davis... Mr. Mr. Mr. Mr. Mr.

Omaha was well represented in the tour- rights of cyclists and agitating and securing tion."

he has a warm spot in his heart for train- The session was one of the most important and builders of auton men and especially the men who twist the ever engaged in in the west and about quite an army of energetic boomers as entwenty clubs were represented. Among the thusiastic as the bicycle fans were five

teams entered were the following: Des years ago. Representatives of the new and "It's too late to make any objection now," Moines (two clubs), Sioux City (two clubs), the old forces came together in New York said the conductor of the Pullman on the Council Bluffs, Sioux Falls, Kansas City, City last week and mapped out a plan of fast train as it rolled into the depot, "but Lincoln, Cedar Rapids, Denison, Chariton, campaign. Among the speakors at the meetwould like to know just how you managed Centerville, Deadwood, Hot Springs, Kearney ing was General Roy V. Stone, chief of the to get that dog into the car without being and Omaha (two clubs). Deadwood, Hot roads division of the Interior department. observed." The woman addressed smilled one Springs and Kearney have been added to the General Stone advocated the establishment And so the story ran, while at that very of those sweet smiles which only a woman membership since the convention at Omaha of postal savings banks and the investment

The prize hung up for the victors consists improvement exclusively. "The campaign island and his observations there, the Des Moines team and according to the undertaking which I would recommend." fore, centers about the present contest.

The American whist team of Boston, consting of H. H. Ward, captain; C. S. Street, E. C. Fletcher and H. Jones, defeated the Athenacum team of Toronto, Canada, in Buffalo last week by a score of 317 to 314, the American team winning by three tricks. The context was for the American Whist League challenge trophy. The Athenaeum players for the establishment of good roads." were H. J. Coleman, T. D. Richards, J. C. Frazer and George C. Beggar, captain, Seven hours were devoted to the game. The contest was umpired by E. L. Emith of Albany. The challenge trophy can only be retained public treasuries for first cost and for reafter a club has won it twenty times. The pairs, a campaign of education must be previous cup was won by the Hamilton club of Philadelphia. The next game will investment pays. be played at Boston between teams from the

American Whist club and the Baltimore

IN THE WHEELING WORLD.

The good roads bill drafted by the League the report. There was an increase of 200,000 of American Wheelmen has been introduced pedestrians over the previous year. A good n the senate and house of representatives many who have abandoned the wheel have y Pennsylvania members. It appropriates doubtless taken to walking; a few have the sum of \$5,000,000 for the improvement taken to horseback, the increase in equesof public highways. There is no indication trians numbering 3,282. Others have taken yot what the fate of the bill will be, but to driving, the increase of carriages reachthat it will encounter a rocky road, if not ing 23,691.

a Splankop, is fairly certain. Even if conhis overcoat to lend softness and then gress should appropriate the money, the Eddie Cannon Bald, formerly of Buffalo, question of where the roads should be built but now of London, England, is back on his would provoke a contest that would drive native heath for a visit and tells of his the commissioners into an asylum. future plans. Bald was once the champion

> The New York state division of the League of American Wheelmen has named George R. Bidwell, collector of customs for the port of New York, as its candidate for fore I started training that it would be usepresident of the League of American Wheel-

on, and its officers intimate that other ates will support Mr. Bidwell. The offiinis of the state division are not certain that Mr. Bldwell will enter the field, but

if his name is presented at the national asembly to be held in Philadelphia next week and he is unanimously chesen president, it

is expected that he will accept.

The question of dropping race control will ome up at the Logue of American Wheelmen assembly next week. Former President Potter will introduce emendments to entirely eliminate reference to racing in the consti-

retention of amateur racing only. This proposed half-way measure, however, is very distanteful to League of American Wheelmen

164 ter's amendments will be carried by the re- will move to Paris and start riding in match quired two-thirds vote.

turn its attention with removed vigor to building up its membership, caring for the when the runners do not occupy my atten-

offered me and I will accept them. I will

and a race between Zimmerman and myself the same neighborhood can be bought for is possible. Match races are the thing in \$20 per acre. Good land can be bought at \$5 Paris and they draw immense crowds. A to \$20 per acre. See your land before you buy good match race rider can coin money.

"There is more money in the hornes for amendment will be introduced locking to the me than bleyeling. I will stay in this country until March 1, when Slean and 1 will leave for Newmarket, England, where I have a country house. I will train at New-

these it is couldently believed that Mr. Pol- keep in good condition. In the early fail 1 citics, where many have crowded to live upon

ESTATE SHARKS FIND VICTIME REAL comprising to the planter, who sells the product of the

entire plantation and after deducting the Omnha Man Returned from Gem of value of the advance turns over the rethe Antilles Tells How He Finds mainder to the man who farmed the land. In addition to the land upon which the prin-

Business and Customs on the Island. tion must provide the cropper with enough

land, without rent, to raise vegetables for B. F. Hake, an old resident of Omaha, himself and family, so you see the lot of the who has returned from a visit to Cuba, was poor Cuban is not a hard one, compared with speaking the other day in regard to the the condition of similar classes in other of the funds in county bonds issued for road countries.

"Cuba today," said he, "is a good place for investment by men who depend upon their own judgment and who watch their signer of highways of that state. "Since a company or who is locating colonies. Early is done by hand. At one place I visited I 1893," said he, "the state has appropriated after the Spanish war a number of Amerand spent \$2,200,000 and built about 440 icons went to the Island and purchased land for a song which was dear at the price and miles of hard road. Last year the appropriation was \$150,000 and the number of started companies for the purpose of colo nizing the lands. The native Cubans were miles built was 115. The zeal of the people not backward in seeing the profits to be deif New Jersey for good roads is now greater rived and some of them have gone into the than ever. It is now possible for bleycles

ind then pulling it to the surface. This and automobiles to travel over nearly 1,000 business. water was poured into a tank until a suf-"One of these companies was organized by miles of good roads. State aid is necessary ficient quantity was secured, when the man two men, J. M. Barris and a man named arried it in sprinklers and poured it over Johnson, who purchased a tract of land The movement is gradually expanding the growing tobacco, westward, though not as rapidly as it

known as the Ortez grant, on an island near the Isle of Pines, and called by these mer

should. As it involves a large drain on by the same name. These men succeeded in getting themselves interviewed and an procecuted first, to demonstrate that the interview appeared in The Bee under a Washington date last May. Mr. Barris told brokers, which well illustrates their methods

of the beauty of the Isle of Pines and the Ever since the Spaniards first enslaved the richness of the vegetation. He said that a patives the laborers have carried heavy loats The slump in the popularity of wheel line of steamers plied between the island of upon their heads. Some time ago the United riding in Philadelphia is strikingly shown Cuba and New Gerona, a port on the island. by the report of the park guard of that I spent two weeks on the island. Unfortucity for 1899. The statement is made that nately the lale of Pines, which contains the but 785,300 bicycles entered Fairmount park port of New Gerona, is not the island which last year, being less by 327,228 than the Barris and Johnson have for sale. Their figures for the previous year. What those Isle of Pines is a swampy tract of land withwho have abandoned the bicycle have subout port or town. Much of it is below the cituted in its place is only partly shown in level and all of the valuable timber which can be brought to the market has been cut and sold long ago. The other Isle

of Pines is a good enough place, but little, if any, of it is for sale. "A few days before I left Havana I was offered a tract of 9,000 acres of land fifty miles from the city for \$10,000. I went out to look at h. It was represented as being overed with rich timber and so it was, but o rocky and inaccessible was it that the

timber could not be reached, and this is a sample of the land that is being offered by inprincipled promoters to American setbicyclist of the world, but now is the quasitlerg. Just before I started home I met an partner of Tod Sloan on the running turf. American from Puerto Principe, who said "No, I will never ride again on American that together with several families he had stil," said Bald. "Last season I knew bepurchased land from one of the colonization ompanies, and when they came to settle less for me to train, but I trained and on it they found that it was worthless. His worked hard. I could not get down to confurther said that some of the colonists were dition. The result was two or three races destitute and had applied to the American

and then I quit. There is not enough money military authorities for assistance. in America and what little racing I do will "There is no occasion for such misrepre sentation, as land in Cuba is cheap, and be in Paris. I have had good contracts when it can be cultivated at all will pronever he seen in competition again. My duce anything. One man this year will take efforts in Parls will be confined to match \$5,000 off one acre of tobacco land, and un races. Zimmerman is to cross the water developed land of the same appearance h

it and you will make no mistake.

Condition of the Cubans.

"The American people have a mistaken Hea of the condition of the native Cubans. Some of them are still rich, and during my stay in the island I did not new one person includers in this part of the country. By market during the spring and summer and suffering from hunger, though in the large the generozity of the Americans, there may races. You can positively state that I will be some suffering, but in the country there never again race in this country. Match is no occasion for any. An acre of Cuban (Swift's Specific) is the only hope for

and spread. I then tried S. S. S. which forced the disease out, and

cured me permanently. S.S.S.For Blood

States government sent a lot of road-making machinery to a remote part of the island and the work of repairing a piece of road was entrusted to a native under American supervision. The natives started to work and ran the wheel-accaper until it was filled. A force of men then mounted the scraper and began to shovel the earth into the wheel-

barrows. When the first wheelbarrow was filled two natives seized it and placed it upon the head of a third, who carried it away. "I like Cuba and think that it is healthy I am more afraid of typhold fever than of

vellow fever on the island, for I believe that if an American is temperate and exercises ordinary care he will be safe. The natives have no idea of cleanliness and the Asnertcans who frequent the native quarters are nost liable to the discuse."

Importing Belgian Hares.

Several hundred Belgian haves have been shipped into thizago, presumably for breed-ing purposes. These harts are sold by English poultry dealers as a substitute for English poultry chicken and turkey.



writes:



Mrs. S. M. Idol, Winston, N. O., "Cancer is hereditary in our family, my father, sister, and aunt having died from this dreadful disease. 1 was thoroughly alarmed, therefore, when a malignant Cancer appeared on my side, and at once sought the treatment of the best physicians. They were unable to do any good, however, as the Cancer continued to grow worse