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### HIS QUIANT SIMPLICITY.

It Won John Burroughs a Place in the Treasury Department.

Early in the sixties of the last century, when Hugh McCulloch had just been appointed comptroller of the currency to organize the new department under the provisions of the national bank act, there walked into his office, unannounced, one day a stranger dressed in "store clothes" and wearing long hair.

"My name is Burroughs—John Burroughs," said the visitor. "I should like to have a position in your department."

"What do you know about banking?" asked the comptroller, thinking that perhaps in the unique stranger might be discovered some genius or an actuary or accountant.

"Unhappily, nothing," replied the applicant.

"Who sent you here?"

"No one."

"Well, who's your congressman? To whom can you refer me?"

"I know no congressman."

"And you expected to get a government position without qualification for the position and without indorsement or backing of any character?"

"I think I could learn office work here, and the salary would be a great help to me in my literary career."

"Oh, you are a writer, are you?"

"What's your line? Poetry, perhaps?"

"I try to write poetry," confessed the visitor.

"Got any of it with you?" asked the comptroller, now somewhat amused. "If so, let me see it."

The poet-naturalist, with a song redolent of the bird and the woods, treated of the bird and the woods, with a faintly reminiscent of the poet-naturalist.

"This is great," said the comptroller. "I'll give you a position."

"Which is me of the author?"

"Roughs, thinking finance which he made."

"The comptroller is this all you credentials?"

"I have some more poems at home," was the bland and sincere reply.

In much merriment the comptroller summoned an assistant. "Here's the most astonishing instance of ingenueness I have ever encountered in public life," said he. "That man over there applies for a government position, and the only backs he can name are the muses. Yet this department is not political, and somehow I'm inclined to put the fellow to work. I am captivated by the man's honest simplicity."

So John Burroughs was set to work as a treasury clerk. No appointment ever before had been secured on such a basis, and no one since has had the temerity in asking for a government job to cite song birds and wild flowers as his only references.

**A Hunting Story.**  
An old backwoodsman that Abraham Lincoln often told of had very heavy, overhanging eyebrows and wore big spectacles with brass rims. One day he came rushing into his cabin and, seizing his rifle, aimed it carefully through a crack of the door at a great oak tree that stood near and fired.

"What is it?" whispered his wife. "A wildcat, Sairy," he said excitedly, "an' I missed him!"

He hastily loaded and fired again and then again.

"Now, hold on, Joshua," said his good wife. "Let me look at you. Why, laws-a-daisy, it's nothin' but a little bug on one o' your eyebrows!"—Housekeeper.

**What's Left.**  
A prominent citizen had just died. As is usual, the townsfolk were standing on the street corners wondering how much he left. Some of them put the sum as high as \$40,000, but others argued stoutly that he left not more than \$25,000.

A politician, notorious as a man who wouldn't pay his bills, listened to several of these discussions. Then he said:

"I suppose when I die people will be standing on the street corners and asking, 'I wonder how much he left?'—Saturday

**The Coffee?**  
One morning at the breakfast table Mr. Skillings, who was in a satisfied mood, remarked:

"I were one of those husbands, dear, who get up cross in the morning, bang things around because the coffee is

bad. Mrs. Skillings made it hot for me."

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### STEVENSON IN SAMOA.

Pen Picture of the Writer as First Seen by His Friend Moors.

H. J. Moors, the American merchant who was Stevenson's most intimate friend in Samoa, tells in his book, "With Stevenson In Samoa," of his first meeting with the novelist.

"I had previously met Joe Strong, a relative of his by marriage," says Mr. Moors, "and Strong had written to me from Hawaii, informing me that Stevenson was touring the islands and would in due course arrive at Apia."

"He has gained rather a famous name as a novelist," wrote Strong, "especially as the author of 'Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,' which you must have read, but beyond all that he is a charming fellow, and you will like him."

"Stevenson, he added, was just then tripping it around the Gilberts and other islands to the northward, and later on he would turn up at Samoa. Would I be so good as to do what I could to make his stay a pleasant one, 'as he is an invalid and a good fellow?"

"For six or seven months after receiving this letter I had been looking out for him, and early in December, 1889, the schooner Equator, with Stevenson on board, entered Apia harbor. I went aboard. A young looking man came forward to meet me."

"He appeared to be about thirty years of age, although really nine years older, of fair and somewhat sallow complexion and about five feet ten inches in height. He wore a slight, scraggy mustache, and his hair hung down about his neck after the fashion of artists. This was Stevenson—R. L. S., 'the best beloved initials in recent literature'—and I knew it even before he spoke.

"He was not a handsome man, and yet there was something irresistibly attractive about him. The genius that was in him seemed to shine out of his face. I was struck at once by his keen, inquiring eyes. Brown in color, they were strangely bright and seemed to penetrate you like the eyes of a mesmerist."

"His feet wore bare, and I remember that he was dressed in a thin calico shirt and a light pair of flannel trousers, with a little white yachting cap, one of those cheese-cutter things, on his head."

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### RAINBOW BRIDGE.

Utah's Beautiful and Majestic Stone Arch Built by Nature.

Near the southeast corner of Utah, in a remote and well nigh inaccessible part of the Navaho reservation now given over to the use of the Putes, is situated a natural bridge, called by the Navahos Nonnezoshe, the stone arch, and by the Putes Barohoini, the rainbow, which surpasses any structure of its kind known to man. Even the other great bridges of southern Utah, the Caroline, the Augusta and the Edwin, are exceeded in size and beauty by the rainbow arch.

A towering arch, rainbow shaped, of wonderful symmetry, rises nearly sheer from a ledge on the one side and, spanning the stream, joins the opposite canyon wall on its downward curve, writes Joseph E. Pogue in the National Geographic Magazine. The opening, augmented by a gorge cut by the stream to a depth of eighty feet below the level of the supporting bench, measures a vertical distance of 267 feet, but the total height from stream bottom to the top of the arch is 309 feet, while the abutments at their base stand 278 feet apart. The causeway, upon which one may be lowered from an adjacent cliff, but whose sides are so steep to serve for a complete passage, is thirty-three feet wide and forty-two feet thick at its keystone point, and the limbs are not greatly in excess of these dimensions.

A mere recitation of figures must fail to convey an adequate idea of the imposing nature of the bridge. It is not the size alone, though this far exceeds the greatest masonry arches constructed by engineering skill, nor is it solely the graceful lines of curvature of maximum stability, but rather all of these, that combine to make this the most remarkable single arch now known. It would easily span, with room to spare, the dome of the capitol at Washington.

The arch is carved from a buff colored, fine grained sandstone, brick red upon its surface and stained with vertical streaks of a darker shade. Mostly massive, though in part oblique bedded, the rock is only moderately firm and is easily crushed beneath the blows of a hammer. Geologically it is a part of the upper La Plata sandstone, a formation of great thickness, deposited in jurassic time over a large portion of southeast Utah, southwest Colorado and northeast Arizona.

The origin of the arch is simple and evident. It was caused by the progressive narrowing of the neck of a meander entrenched between high and steep walls until an opening was made through the tongue of intervening rock, permitting the stream to cut off its meander by flowing beneath the arch thus formed.

### Both Were at Home.

Two of the most eminent lawyers at the Philadelphia bar were Benjamin Harris Brewster and his half brother, Frederick Carroll Brewster. Both had held the office of attorney general for the state, and the first had been attorney general of the United States. They had not been on friendly terms for many years. It is said that on one occasion a mutual friend tried to bring them together, and finally Frederick C. consented to bury the hatchet and sent Benjamin H. a card containing his name, with the words written underneath, "At home on Monday evening, May 1."

By the same messenger Benjamin H. sent a card in return, which read, "Benjamin H. Brewster, also at home Monday evening, May 1." This ended negotiations.

### The Old Time Tankard.

The tankard is one of the oldest of drinking vessels. The old tankards were vessels of great capacity, and as they held more than one man could imbibe they were pegged—that is to say, they were divided into equal parts, each part being marked with a peg of wood or silver. Thus when several were drinking from the tankard, as was the custom, each was supposed to stop drinking when he reached his peg, so that all might share alike. The custom of pegging tankards is said to have been instituted by St. Dunstan in order to place some check on the amount that was drunk and thus obviate brawling.—London Globe.

### Incomprehensible.

"I don't understand this banking business at all," said Mrs. Hicks. "The cashier wouldn't give me any money on my check this morning because he said it was overdrawn. 'Well, wasn't it?' asked Hicks. 'Not that I know of,' sighed Mrs. Hicks. 'I filled it in just as you told me to, the date, amount, the person to whom paid and my signature. I didn't add a thing.'—Harper's Weekly.

### HELPLESS AT SEA.

Story of Two Ships That Met and Parted in a Wild Storm.

"I suppose you've heard plenty of stories about men being rescued at sea," remarked the captain of a liner plying out of New York, "and for that reason I'm going to tell you a story, for variety's sake, about some men not being rescued at sea. It was one of the worst experiences I ever had since I've been a sailor. "It was in the middle of a terrible hurricane, and the boat I was on was just barely manageable. All we could do was to keep steering way on her and trust to weather the storm. "Well, at the very worst of it, when the wind was howling like mad and the waves were almost burying us, we heard a yell from out somewhere on the sea. The next moment we caught sight of a sailing vessel not more than a few hundred yards away, evidently in distress. "Soon we were so close to her that we could see she had lost one of her masts and was absolutely at the mercy of the storm. We could plainly see her sailors clinging to the rigging or hanging on to whatever hadn't been washed off her decks. What was worse, we could plainly hear them shouting to us for help. "But there was nothing whatever we could do. You are not a sailor, and perhaps you can't understand what I'm telling you when I say that we simply had to stand there on our boat, listening to those men in their agony, yet we couldn't so much as throw them a rope. "Why? Because our boat was barely manageable itself, as I told you. We were fighting the storm just as hard as we could. If we had stopped we would have lost steering way and run the risk of being swamped; also we stood an excellent chance of being rammed against that disabled boat and sending ourselves and it to the bottom. As to throwing them a rope, first, we couldn't throw it far enough for them to reach it, and, second, there was the probability of the rope getting tangled in our propeller and spoiling our chances of escape. "There was nothing—nothing whatever—for us to do. And, I tell you, it was a terrible thing to scoot past those poor devils hanging on to that bulk and hear their cries growing fainter and fainter in the distance. I've never forgotten the sound of them."—New York Times

### His Way of Spelling It.

Sir Robert Anderson, K. C. B., was discussing the marriage question.

He quoted the American phrase that "Courtship is bliss and marriage is blister." American humor, he said, often embodies an exaggerated statement of truth, and that phrase is apt to come true if a man marries a girl because she has a pretty face.

He gave this after honeymoon dialogue:  
She—Do you spell "disillusionize" with a "z" or an "s"?  
He—I do not.  
She—Don't be tiresome! How do you spell it?  
He—How do I spell "disillusionize"? I spell it "m-a-r-r-i-e-d"—London Tit-Bits.

### Shellac in Chinese Works of Art.

By softening shellac with heat it may be drawn out and twisted into almost white sticks and of a fine silky luster. Extreme beauty is given to Chinese works of art by the use of shellac. Some of them are very ancient and of great value. They are chiefly chowchow boxes, tea basins or other small objects made of wood or metal. They are covered with a coat of shellac, colored with vermilion, and while the layer of shellac is soft and pliable it is molded and shaped into beautiful patterns. Some of these works thus ornamented are so rare and beautiful that even in China they cost fabulous sums.

### How He Found Out.

"Mr. Chairman," shouted one of the delegates to the convention, "I move that the nominating speeches be limited to one minute each!"

"Second the motion!" yelled a dozen others.

A storm of protest arose, but the chairman put the motion.

It was lost by a vote of 47 to 45.

"I merely wished to find out, Mr. Chairman," explained the delegate who had made the motion, "how many ambitious orators there are in this convention. There are forty-seven."—Chicago Tribune.

### Nautical.

Two naval officers were talking about their wives. "What a dear little craft your wife is!" said one.

"Dear and little, did you say?" asked the other. "She is dear all right, but there is nothing little about her. Why, she is the biggest revenue cutter I have ever seen!"

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Some Facts and Figures.

The time has arrived in the presidential campaign of 1912 for the voters as well as the campaign managers of the democratic and republican parties to begin to keep books, for there are a great many things connected with the election of a president that the ordinary voter loses sight of in his enthusiasm for or against a particular candidate or platform.

the United States electoral college is made up this year of 531 votes, or one vote for each of the 435 congressmen who are to be elected and one for each of the 93 senators who represent the 48 States.

An analysis of this electoral vote will prove a startling surprise to most voters and for this reason the vote by States is given.

By taking your pencil and doing some figuring you can readily see that the result of the coming election will depend to a large extent if not entirely, on who gets the votes of three States, New York, Ohio and Indiana, which have 45, 24 and 15 votes, respectively. This is true more from a democratic than a republican standpoint, for if the democrats lose any two of these States their chances of winning have gone glimmering, and this, too, in face of all talk of radicalism, insurgency, etc.

Facts and figures are hard things to dispute, and in order to assist the voter and campaign managers as well, the following tables of figures are set down to show how important the votes of three or four States will be in the coming campaign. The different subdivisions will be well understood.

Table with columns for DEMOCRATIC and REPUBLICAN, listing states and their respective electoral votes.

It can be seen from these figures that to win the democrats will have to get 127 votes in the other States, while the republicans will only have to secure 25 to land the presidency.

The following States can be put down as doubtful democrats, for surface indications are favorable to that party carrying them: Colorado 6, Kentucky 13, Maryland 8, and Missouri 18, or 45 in all. This would bring the democratic vote up to 181.

On the other hand, Nebraska

can be considered doubtful republican and this would bring the count of the G. O. P. up to 249, or 17 within eight of the promised land.

Now here are the States which are left to decide the contest: Indiana 15, Nevada 3, New Mexico 3, New York 45, Ohio 24, West Virginia 8, or 98 in all. If the republicans should carry either Ohio with its 24 votes or New York with its 45, the contest would be at an end. They could also win out with Indiana and New Mexico or Indiana and Nevada or Indiana and West Virginia.

For the democrats to talk of winning without carrying New York, Ohio and Indiana seems to be the height of absurdity. That party could carry the states giving the 139 votes mentioned, the States giving the 45 votes, California with 13, Iowa with 13, Kansas with 10, Nebraska with 8, Wisconsin with 13, New Jersey with 14, Connecticut with 7, and Wyoming with 3 votes, and then be one shy of carrying the country, as the grand total would then foot up to but 265 votes on one less than enough to win.

Even the most optimistic democrats does not expect to carry all of the States needed to make up the 265 electoral votes. Some of these States have gone democratic at times, but not all of them at any election in the last fifty years. On the other hand, the republicans must stare the fact in the face and if they lose New York, Ohio and Indiana, or New York and either Ohio or Indiana, they are almost certain to lose the election, for the democrats are reasonably certain to pick up some of the States listed in this story as "republican," which in the past decade have been carried by either Bryan or Cleveland. It looks very much as if the political battle will again be waged this year in New York, Indiana or possibly Ohio. It can safely be said, "As these States go, so goes the Union."—Legal Record

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For an indefinite period the cat has been a terror to this section of the country. It has killed numbers of sheep and goats, to say nothing of the many pigs it has destroyed.

Mr. Appelt, a former ranchman of Jackson County, is an experienced hunter and trapper, and says in all his thirty years of Texas life he never has seen a bobcat as large as this one.

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CULBERSON IS FOR WOODROW WILSON; BAILEY OPPOSED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Woodrow Wilson is endorsed strongly for the presidency, in a statement issued by Senator Charles A. Culbertson, and is criticized severely and denounced as an aspirant for that honor, in a statement issued by Senator Joseph W. Bailey.

These statements were given to the press this afternoon and that they were made public the same day is believed to have been purely accidental. The two Senators, hardly could have written papers more diametrically opposite.

Senator Bailey does not indicate his choice of the democratic nomination possibilities, but confines himself to an arraignment of the New Jersey Governor, and asserts that he will go to Texas within the next thirty days, if possible, to assist in organizing a campaign against Governor Wilson.

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Shocking Sound.

In the earth are sometimes heard before a terrible earthquake, that warn of the coming peril. Nature's warning are loud. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape those dangerous maladies, Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's disease.

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W. N. Kelley, returned this week from Gatesville who has been for about 5 weeks with his mother who died there a few days ago there were 10 children and all present during the illness of the mother. The estate which she left amounted to about \$50,000, which was divided up satisfactorily to all interested with out a cessation.

He Won't Limp Now.

No more limping for Tom Moore of Cochran, Ga. "I had a bad sore on my instep that nothing seemed to help till I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve," he writes, "but this wonderful healer soon cured me."

Trade at home. Buy from your home people. Make your home town prosperous. Assist your home town to be progressive.

Cowboy Running For Sheriff of Upton County.

Dan Cryer, a well known and popular cowboy from the "JM" ranch, of Upton county, was in Midland the past week and while there imparted to the Midland Reporter the information that he is willing to be the next sheriff and tax collector of Upton county.

Town lots in Sonora are for sale by the Martin Commission Co. Buy one now and get in on the ground floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The News rates for announcements are: Congressional, Legislature and Judicial Districts \$5. County Office \$15. Precinct Office \$1.50.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR T. B. Adams as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Will Perry as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

Sam Merck as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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C. S. Holcomb, as a candidate for election to the office of County Treasurer of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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An imported Belgian colt stallion was sold Monday by Sparks & Wardlaw to A. F. Clarkson, of Sonora, for \$1,000. The colt is registered, and is considered by local stockmen to be one of the finest stallions ever brought to West Texas.

Several ranchmen have bought Percheron stallions from Sparks & Wardlaw. The carload of stallions from Cairo, Nebraska, arrived Monday all except twelve of them were sold during the day. Expert horsemen say some exceptionally fine horse flesh is to be found in the bunch, and their presence in West Texas will add considerably to the fame of this section as a breeding place for fine horses.

Other purchasers from Sparks & Wardlaw were: Jessie Cargile, 1 two, and 1 three year old Percheron stallions.

Harry Jackson of Radd, 1 two and 1 three year old stallions.

Virge Tisdale, of Eldorado, 1 two year old stallion.

Lee Drisdale, of June, 1 two year old stallion.

This is said to be the largest individual shipment of fine stallions ever made to West Texas. The horses are all in excellent fine condition, notwithstanding the trip from the North.

A heavy cold in the throat was expected to cut down the starting point of cases of disease that are the sensible course is frequent doses of B A I HOBBOUND SYRUP.

New Phones. Cut this list out and paste it on your Phone card. C. M. Steel 10. J. O. Eastland 115. E. L. Henn 121. Chas. Caruthers 135. Cole & White garage 136. Please ring off. E. C. Beam, Manager.

THE SONORA RESTAURANT, FISH & OYSTERS IN SEASON. SHORT ORDERS. Fred Jacobson, Prop.

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Town Lots. For town lots, closest in, largest size, highest up, or lower down See T. D. Newell, owner, 54 tf Sonora Texas.

JACKS FOR SALE. I have for sale 15 Jacks from 3 to 6 years old. They are of the J. K. Thomson stock. Can be seen at my place at Eldorado. CHARLIE WEST, 0C 12t Eldorado, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. D. B. CUSENBARY, 9t Sonora, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 2 1/2 miles below Owenville, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working stock, hunting hogs will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Max Luckie, 98-12 Owenville, Texas.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 6 miles south of Sonora, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting hogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. J. T. Evans, Sr. 56-tf

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-tf

Ranch Bargain. 8,000 acres, improvements cost over \$6,000; well watered, splendid gamma grass, money maker, no mountains, nice valleys; desirable location, near railroad, irrigated garden and orchard; magnificent residence, no trade. Will show you Price \$3.00. easy terms. HYSAL LAND CO. 09 4 Maria, Texas.

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### Commissioner's Court.

The Honorable Commissioners Court of Sutton County met in Regular session February 13, 1912.

Judge E. S. Briant presiding, W. J. Fields and E. L. Martin commissioners, respectively of precincts 1 and 4 being present with J. D. Lowrey, clerk and J. S. Allison sheriff in attendance.

The court approved the reports of county officers. Tax Collector Allison, Treasurer Grimland, County Clerk Lowrey, B. C. DeWitt J. P. precinct, No. 1; The First National Bank as treasurer of the Independent School District; B. M. Halbert as Sheep Scab Inspector.

The Devil's River News was made the official organ for the county.

Dr. H. R. Wardlaw was made the health officer for the county.

The County Treasurer was instructed to pay bonds 6 and 7 of the Road and Bridge issue, out of the Court House and Jail Fund.

The Commissioners adjourned at noon Wednesday.

### Almost Lost His Life.

S. A. Stud, of Mason, Mich., will never forget his terrible exposure to a mercurial storm. "It gave me a dreadful cold," he writes, "that caused severe pains in my chest, so it was hard for me to breathe. A neighbor gave me several doses of Dr. King's New Discovery which brought great relief. The doctor said I was on the verge of pneumonia, but to continue with the Discovery. I did so and two bottles completely cured me." Use only this quick, safe, reliable medicine for coughs, colds, or any throat or chest trouble. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Trail bottle by Nathans Pharmacy.

M. F. Radtke, of Sonora, Tex., writes: "I was informed that in his country there was a medicine for the Cattle R. Texas will be Texas, March 1912."

### A CALL MEETING.

The Sonora Club, Sonora, Texas.

February 14, 1912

Dear Sir:—This is to notify you that a call meeting will be held in Sonora on Friday night, the 23rd day of this month, by the members of the Sonora Club for the very important purpose of considering the building of a dance hall. The idea seems to have the hearty approval of all the members. Committees will be appointed for the purpose of drawing up plans, and for letting the contract, should that course be decided upon.

As a member interested in the progress and substantial development of the Club, you are strongly urged to attend this meeting. The meeting place will be advertised later.

Very truly yours,  
B. C. DeWitt, President,  
Fred Simmons, Sec.

The above letter to members of the Sonora Club is self explanatory and should be endorsed by business people interested in the development of the town who may not be members of the Club. The object is to erect or have erected a pavilion or hall where assemblies or large crowds may be entertained when occasions demand. A town must be hospitable in the same sense that the home is to your guests. An auditorium for musicals, entertainment, picture shows or theatricals in Sonora is necessary.

A child that has intestinal worm is handicapped in its growth. A few doses of WHITE'S CREAM VERMIFUGE destroys and expels worms; the child immediately improves and thrives wonderfully. Price 25c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Sam Smith was in Sonora Saturday. It takes 4 cap S' to make that announcement, but how can Sam is now in the possession of the P. Gillespie ranch, south of Sonora. It is a house with good corn. He is young good looking in your opinion handsome will make the girl he married a good provider. Ely at him this leap year.

They are probably aware that pneumonia always results from a cold, but you never heard of a cough remedy that takes the risk when you may be had for strifely ALL DEALERS.

### SCHOOL NOTES.

(By J. A. Woodford)

Class ranks were made in the higher grades for the past month as follows: Ninth grade, first rank, Miss Ray Davis; second rank, Ben Cusenberry; third rank, Ernest Cook; fourth rank, Merton Shirley; fifth rank, Crasy Lowrey. Tenth grade, first rank, Ector Cusenberry; second rank, Miss Blaneb Ware; third rank, Miss Sibyl Luckie; fourth rank, Miss E. H. Lushie; fifth rank, Johnnie Martin. It seems as though the boys have slightly the best of it this month.

Mr. T. B. Adams and Mr. D. E. Cusenberry were pleasant callers this week. They expressed themselves as highly pleased with the discipline and work of the school.

Fred Grimland, a tenth grade boy, has been out part of the week with a severe cold. This is Fred's first absence during the entire year.

In the last monthly examination one of the pupils made a perfect grade in every subject but one. On her report for the month every grade is 100 except one. A fine record, the result of earnest devoted work. Nine-100's out of ten grades is an exceptionally high attainment.

As evidence of the progress made during the past term I call attention to the comparison of the averages in the higher grades for the past month with those of the first month. The first month the highest average was 94.8 the lowest 84.1. The past month the highest was 97.7 the lowest was 90.1. This too has been attained with classes advanced far over in the subjects where it is reasonable to suppose the work is more difficult. All of which goes to prove we do not lack ability, we only need better advantages and a higher standard of excellence.

The attendance is excellent, over 200 in regular attendance. Parents are warned against withdrawing the child from school unless absolutely compelled to do so. We contemplate publishing a catalogue immediately after school closes showing the classification of each pupil for next year and pupils who do not finish the term and receive their final report will be listed as "unclassified," which will probably require an entrance examination next fall.

William Bush Jr. son of the Orient local engineer is a new pupil in the 6th grade. He is a bright boy and seems a general favorite among the pupils of his class.

C. C. Yaws the Middle Valley ranchman was a visitor in Sonora Monday.

Gas in the stomach or bowels is a disagreeable symptom of a torpid liver. To get rid of it quickly take HERBINE. It is a marvelous liver stimulant and bowel purifier. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nolen and Walter Lord of Ozona were visitors in Sonora Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Nolen were the guests of Judge and Mrs. Briant.

### Oil King's Dog Prize Winner.

The Northwest Angora Show at Portland, Oregon, was a record breaker according to the Angora Journal but an interesting part of the report of the exhibition is that a Sonora country ranchman is owner of the sire of one of the most unusual and exceptional prize winners. From the Angora Journal of Portland, Ore., the following is taken.

The next sensational was the winning of the No. 9 ball bearing hand power shearing machine made by the Chicago Flexible Shaft Company for the highest scoring fleeces on a die kid, won by U. S. Grant. The scouring was done to the following points: Freedom from kemp, 40 per cent; fineness, 31 per cent; luster, 20 per cent; weight, 10 per cent, and the kid scored 100 per cent. Judge Thos W Brank made three different attempts to find kemp in this kid, but failed to find any at all, and said that it was the first goat that he ever saw that he could not find kemp in the fleeces. Mr. Grant informs me that the kid was born with mohair on it and that it never had any hair that is known as kid hair, and that the kid was sired by a buck of his own breeding, "Oil King," that he sold to B. M. Halbert of Sonora, Texas.

Doctor Sturgess of San Angelo was a visitor in Sonora Saturday.

Cal Woodward of Brady, was in Sonora Thursday.

M. Y. Season was in from the ranch Thursday trading.

Law Johnson intends buying an auto soon he has had some experience in steering one lately.

Will Murray who has been with W. L. Souther at Mereta, feeding steers arrived home this week.

Donk Jay, Dave Adams, Marion Adams, Wiley Smith were up from the Llano Monday trading.

J. Y. Miller who ranches in the Bond neighborhood was a business visitor in Sonora Tuesday.

Jim Holland was in from the Aug Moore ranch in Edwards county Tuesday.

Judge Garland of San Angelo was in Sonora Thursday wanting steers.

Mr and Mrs Claude Steele entertained the High Five Club Saturday night.

Paul Willoughby one of Brady's well known stockmen was in Sonora this week on his way to Edwards county.

John Hurst the well driller who ranches about 20 miles down the draw, was in Sonora Tuesday trading.

Pascal Odum who ranches on the line of Sutton and Crockett counties was trading in Sonora Friday.

T. D. Word, short horn breeder and raiser of fine sheep in the Western part of Sutton county, was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

A scald, burn, or severe cut heals slowly if neglected. The family that keeps a bottle of BALLARDS SNOW LINIMENT on hand is always prepared for such accidents. Price 25c 50c \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

The injunction granted by District Judge Timmens to prevent W. L. Aldwell, temporary administrator of the E. R. Jackson estate, from disposing of any of the property, was on Tuesday, the day set for hearing, continued until after the disposal of the probating of the will.

C. B. Hudspeth, State Senator of the Sonora district with headquarters in El Paso was a visitor in Sonora Sunday. Senator Hudspeth does not again intend offering for the State Senate but is being solicited by many friends to make the race for Congress. If the Sonora district had Claud to represent their interests they would at least know that Mr. Hudspeth was from the West Texas district.

### EARL DENMAN

Is running a service car. Day or night.

LOST on Sunday February 11, a gold Class Pin 1911. It is in the form of an open book. Please return to Mrs. Henry Decker.

The Mexican School is progressing finely. Several new homes have been erected and many Mexicans have moved to Sonora from Rock Springs and Ozona.

## Contestants Join In Jackson Will Case.

With the opening of the fight over the Jackson will but four days off a new and somewhat surprising development in the case became known Wednesday morning when the announcement was made that Mrs. W. L. Aldwell and Mary Luna Jackson will jointly contest the probate of the instrument. Each of them recently filed separate suits in the probate court of Sutton county but under the agreement that has just been reached they will file a joint petition Judge W. C. Linden of San Antonio one of the attorneys representing Mary Luna Jackson is in San Angelo, and gave out an interview relative to the compromise offered between the two contestants. He said:

"Mrs. Aldwell now recognized the right of Mary Luna Jackson, the common law wife of E. R. Jackson, to an interest in the property, and the two, through their attorneys, have entered into an agreement and compromise of their respective interests as to a division of the property, and are filing a joint contest of the will in the probate court of Sutton county. The hearing will be on Monday, February 19th.

"Fannie Jackson, through her guardian, will elect to accept, under the will, \$100,000 that was devised and left to her in trust. The compromise between Mrs. Aldwell and Mary Luna Jackson carries with it ample provision for the child, in event the will is not admitted to probate. In case the will is not admitted to the child, under this compromise is to receive \$100,000, to be paid in cash to her guardian, this amount to become absolute property instead of being conveyed in trust; and Mary Luna Jackson is to receive specified properties, which together with the \$100,000 to Fannie Jackson, her attorneys estimate, will be more than one half of the community estate.

"This compromise has been consummated, and a joint fight will be made by Mrs. Aldwell and Mary Luna Jackson against the will; but Fannie Jackson will not participate actively in the contest. The child, through her guardian, elects to accept the will, and this compromise settles her interest.

"No matter what the result may be, J. Willis Johnson has qualified as the guardian of Fannie Jackson. The latter is here at the present time, but will return soon to resume her school work in San Antonio.

The attorneys who represent Mrs. Aldwell are Cornell & Wardlaw, of Sonora; Will A. Morris and W. H. Lipscomb, of San Antonio; attorney for the guardian of Fannie Jackson is C. E. Dubois of San Angelo; and the firms that represent the executors of the will also the cardinals of the Catholic Church are: Blanks, Collins & Jackson; Wright, Wyon & Bartholomew; Hill, Lee & Hill; and Gillett & Hudspeth of El Paso and W. C. Linden of San Antonio are representing Mary Luna Jackson.—Standard

Mr and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell returned from San Angelo and Fort Worth Wednesday.

Claud Sites and Max Luckie of the Owenville country were in Sonora on business Thursday. They report a fair rain with some hail this week.

In visiting the Sutton County jail Friday afternoon Deputy Sheriff T. B. Adams found where the plaster directly opposite the lock had been scraped out and when the door was opened a mans finger could be seen from one side to the other. Mr. Adams cautioned the prisoners not to make any further efforts in that direction.

Pedro Baro was arrested in Ozona Thursday by Sheriff J. S. Allison of Sonora on information from the officers at Amarillio. He is charged by indictment with having killed another Mexican at that place in August last. He was born at Del Rio but mostly raised at Grand Falls. He admits his identity and is reported to say that he shot four times at the other fellow after the other had shot several times at him. Pedro has been in Mexico recently fighting Madera. He with two other young Mexican's were arrested for "shop lifting" but the officers could not make a case against Baro in that charge. It is understood that a reward has been offered for the capture of Baro.

### Ladies Hat Lost.

On the road between Junction and Sonora Sunday Feb. 11, a ladies Black plush hat, with three black plums. Finder please leave it at the Decker Hotel.

## THE TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT.

In the matter of County finances in the hands of J. E. Grimland, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas, County Commissioners' Court, Sutton County, Texas, in regular session, February Term, 1912.

WE, THE UNDER-SIGNED, as County Commissioners within and for said Sutton County, and the Hon. E. S. Briant, County Judge of said Sutton County, constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 13th day of February, A. D. 1912, at a regular term of said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of J. E. Grimland, Treasurer of Sutton County, Texas for the quarter beginning on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1911, and ending on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1912, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Sutton County, stating the approval of said Treasurers' Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurers' hands on the said 12th day of Feb. A. D. 1912, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected all the assets in the hands of the said Treasurer belonging to Sutton County at the close of the examination of said Treasurers' Report, on this the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1912, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

JURY FUND 1st Class	DR	CR
Balance on hand November 11, 1911	\$ 1293 58	
To amount received since said date	81 00	
By amount disbursed since said date		83 60
By amount to balance		1288 64
Total	1374 24	1374 24
To balance to credit of said Jury fund		1288 64

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND 2nd Class	DR	CR
Balance on hand Nov. 11, 1911	155 74	
To amount received since said date	874 48	
By amount disbursed since said date		532 37
By amount to balance		3315 85
Total	3882 22	3882 22
Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund		3345 72

GENERAL FUND 3rd Class	DR	CR
Balance on hand Nov. 11, 1911	1455 43	
To amount received since said date	6745 72	
By amount disbursed since said date		1789 31
By amount to balance		6411 84
Total	8201 15	8201 15
Balance to credit of said General Fund		6411 84

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND 4th Class	DR	CR
Balance on hand Nov. 11, 1911	2489 82	
To amount received since said date	4029 79	
By amount to balance		163 74
By amount to balance		618 57
Total	6519 61	6519 61
Balance to credit of said Court House and Jail Fund		618 57

RECAPITULATION	Amount
Feb. 12. Balance to credit of Jury Fund on this day	1288 64
Feb. 12. Balance to credit of Road and Bridge Fund on this day	3345 85
Feb. 12. Balance to credit of General Fund on this day	6411 84
Feb. 12. Balance to credit Court House and Jail Fund on this day	618 57
Total Cash on hand belonging to Sutton County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us	17465 20

The bonded indebtedness of said County we find to be as follows to wit:  
Road and Bridge Bonds \$ 7000 00  
Court House and Jail Bonds \$23000 00  
Total \$30000 00

Witness our hands, officially, this 13th day of February 1912, E. S. Briant, County Judge, W. J. Fields, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; E. L. Martin, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by E. S. Briant, County Judge, and W. J. Fields, and E. L. Martin County Commissioners of said Sutton County each respectively, on this, the 13th day of February A. D. 1912.

J. D. LOWREY,  
[SEAL] Clerk of the County Court of Sutton County, Texas

## SUMMER SCHOOL.

Special review classes in all subject for certificate. Excellent opportunity for review work. Examination for State and County certificates, will be held during the term.

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Only a limited number will be enrolled, which insures opportunities superior to a Summer Normal. Pupils of the 7th grade and above enrolled. Tuition reasonable. Excellent boarding facilities for non-resident pupils. See or write J. A. WOODFORD, Superintendent, Term 6 per s April 30. Sonora, Texas.



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**PEELING PEARLS.**

A Delicate Operation That May Make or Lose Big Money.  
 A pearl that is clouded or spotted or of color may sometimes be "peeled." A layer may be taken off and the layer of an onion. If the layer beneath, as sometimes happens, is of beautiful luster the pearl is worth many times more than before it was peeled, in spite of the fact that it is smaller.  
 Pearls do not always retain the color that they have when taken from the shell. Some of the pearls become cloudy. There was a celebrated pearl of extraordinary size found in a Wabash river mussel, and the color was entrancing. Buyers bid for it, and two buyers combined their assets and paid \$3,000 for the beautiful gem. They hurried to Maiden lane, in New York, with their find and demanded, on first sight, \$30,000 for it. There were no takers, although the pearl was a wonderful one to look at.  
 A day or two passed and suddenly one of the owners discovered a shade on the surface that startled him. Pearl experts who had been looking at it nodded their heads wisely. As it dried out the tint and luster changed. The owners put it in a vial full of water and left it there for thirty days. When they looked at it again they were sadder and wiser men. The pearl was covered with little snowflake spots.  
 Panic stricken, they searched for a buyer. They received bids of about \$500, and finally a pearl speculator paid them \$1,500 for it. They were out \$1,500, their time and traveling expenses. The speculator knew that the pearl was worth little with the freckles on it, but he gambled that when a layer or two of the outer skin had been taken off he would have a pearl of permanent luster. Whether he won or lost he did not divulge.  
 A pearl has the hardness of limestone, and a sharp knife or three cornered file is used to peel it. It takes good eyesight, a hard thumb to hold the gem and the "nerve" and skill that will permit one to give just the right pressure and no more. If the point should slip through the first skin and scratch the inner skin the pearl would be ruined. The mark would ruin the value. A pearl is always smaller after peeling, of course. The risk is taken on pearls of large size and no luster or with spotted surfaces. Big money has been made, big money has been lost in peeling pearls. It is the great gamble of the pearl broker.—Harper's Weekly.

work for me to do, in France, or elsewhere. But I am like an old soldier whose wound, twinging with rheumatism, announces the approach of damp weather. I have, then, monsieur, a kind of psychological rheumatism; presence, bookmen call it. Presently you shall have damp weather."  
 "You speak with singular conviction."  
 "In my time I have made very few mistakes. You will recollect that. Twenty years have I served France. I was wrong to say that this affair does not concern me. I'm interested to see the end."  
 "But will there be an end?" impatiently. "If I were certain of that! But seven years, and still no sign."  
 "Monsieur, he is to be feared; his inactivity, to my mind, proves it. He is waiting; the moment is not ripe. There are many sentimental fools in this world. One has only to step into the street and shout, 'Down with' or 'Long live!' to bring these fools clattering about."  
 "That is true enough," clapping the tails of his coat again.  
 "This fellow was born across the Rhine. He has served in the navy; he is a German, therefore we cannot touch him unless he commits some overt act. He waits; there is where the danger, the real danger, lies. He waits; and it is his German blood which gives him this patience. A Frenchman would have exploded long since."  
 "You have searched his luggage and his rooms times without number."  
 "And found nothing; nothing that I might use effectively. But there is this saving grace; he on his side knows nothing."  
 "I would I were sure of that also. Eh, well; I leave the affair in your hands, and they are capable ones. When the time comes act upon your own initiative. In this matter we shall give no accounting to Germany."  
 "No, because what I do must be done secretly. It will not matter that Germany also knows and waits. But this is true; if we do not circumvent him she will make use of whatever he does."  
 "It has its whimsical side. Here is a man who may some day blow up France, and yet we can put no hand on him till he throws the bomb."  
 "But there is always time to stop the flight of the bomb. That shall be my concern—that is, if monsieur is not becoming discouraged and desires me to occupy myself with other things. I repeat: I have rheumatism, I apprehend the damp. He will go to America."  
 "Ah! It would be a very good plan if he remained there."  
 "The little man did not reply.  
 "But you say in your reports that you have seen him going about with some of the Orleanists. What is your inference there?"  
 "I have not yet formed one. It is a bit of a riddle there, for the crow and the eagle do not fly together."  
 "Well, follow him to America."  
 "Thanks. The pay is good and the work is congenial. The tone of the little man was softly given to irony.  
 Gray haired, rosy cheeked, a face smooth as a boy's, twinkling eyes behind spectacles, he was one of the most astute, learned, and patient of the French secret police. And he did not care the flip of his strong brown fingers for the methods of Vidocq or Lecocq. His only disguise was that not one of the criminal police of the world knew him or had ever heard of him; and save his chief and three ministers of war—for French cabinets are given to change—his own immediate friends knew him as a butterfly hunter, a searcher for beetles and scarabs, who indeed, was one of the first authorities in France on the subjects: Anatole Ferraud, who went about, lither and thither, with a little red button in his buttonhole and a tongue facile in a dozen languages.  
 "Very well, monsieur. I trust that in the near future I may bring you good news."  
 "He will become nothing or the most despicable man in Europe."  
 "Admitted."  
 "He is a scholar too."  
 "All the more interesting."  
 "As a student he Munich he has fought his three duels. He has been a war correspondent under fire. He is a great fencer, a fine shot, a daring rider."  
 "And penniless. What a country they have over there beyond the Rhine! He would never have troubled his head about it had he not hurried off. To stir up France, to wound her if possible. He will be a man of great courage and resource," said the secret agent, drawing the palms of his hands together.  
 "In the end, then, Germany will offer him money?"  
 "That is the possible outlook."  
 "But, suppose he went to work on his own responsibility?"  
 "In that case one would be justified in looking him up as a madman. Do you know anything about Alpine butterflies?"  
 "Very little," confessed the minister.  
 "There is often great danger in getting at them; but the pleasure is commensurate."  
 "Are there not rare butterflies in the Amazonian swamps?" cynically.  
 "Ah, but this man has good blood in him, and if he dies at all he will fly high. Think of this man fifty years ago; what a possibility he would have been! But it is out of fashion today. Well, monsieur, I must be off. There is an old manuscript at the Bibliothéque I wish to inspect."  
 "Concerning this matter?"  
 "Butterflies," softly; "or, I should say, chrysalides."  
 "The subtle inference passed by the minister. There were many other things to-ing and fro-ing in the busy corridors of his brain. "I shall hear from you frequently!"

**CHAPTER III.**  
 A PLASTER STATUETTE.

FITZGERALD'S view from his club window afforded the same impersonal outlook as from a window in a car. It was the two living currents, moving in opposite directions, each making toward a similar goal, only in a million different ways, that absorbed him. He had seen all manner of crowds, armies pursuing and retreating, vast concords in public squares, at coronations, at catastrophes, at play, and he never lost interest in watching them; they were the great expressions of humanity. This is perhaps the reason why his articles were always so rich in color. No two crowds were ever alike to him, consequently he never was at loss for a fresh description.  
 Today the fainter tinge of plaster statues caught his eye. For an hour now the poor wretch hadn't even drawn the attention of one of the thousands passing. Fitzgerald felt sorry for him, and once the desire came to go over and buy out the Neapolitan; but he was too comfortable where he was and, beyond that, he was expecting a friend.  
 Fitzgerald was thirty, with a clean shaven, lean and eager face, russet in tone, set off by the fine blue eyes which had the faculty of seeing little and big things at the same time. He was a free lance in all the abused world, and he lived as he pleased, spending his earnings freely and often carelessly, knowing that the little his father had left him would keep a moderately hungry wolf from the door. He had been born to a golden spoon, but the food from the pewter one he now used tasted just as good.  
 "So here you are! I've been in the hilliard room and the card room and the barroom."  
 "Talking of barrooms?" Fitzgerald reached for the button. "Sit down, Hewitt, old boy. Glad to see you. Now I'll tell you right off the bat, nothing will persuade me. For years I've been jumping to the four points of the compass at the back of your old magazine and syndicate. I'm going to settle down and write a novel."  
 "Piffle!" growled the editor, dropping his lanky form into a chair.  
 "Piffle it may be, but I'm going to have a whack at it. If I ever do another article it will be as a millionaire's private secretary. I should like to study his methods for saving his money. What is it this time?"  
 "A dash to the north pole."  
 "Never again north of Berlin or south of Assuan for mine. No."  
 "Come, Fitz, a great chance."  
 "When you sent me to Manila I explored hell for you, but I've cooled off considerably since then. No fee for mine, except in silver buckets."  
 "You've made a pretty good thing out of us—something like five thousand a year and your expenses—and with the credentials we've always given you you have been able to see the world as few men see it."  
 "That's just the trouble. You've spoiled me."  
 "If it's a question of more money?"  
 "Perish the thought!" cried Fitzgerald, clapping his knees and rocking gently. "You know as well as I do, Hewitt, that it's the game and not the cash. I've found a new love, my boy."  
 "Double harness?" with real anxiety. Hewitt bit his scrubby mustache. When a special correspondent married that was the end of him.  
 "There you go again!" warned the recalcitrant. "If you don't stop eating that mustache you'll have stomach trouble that no Scotch whisky will ever cure. The whole thing is in a nutshell, a shy humor creeping into his eyes. "I am tired of writing ephemeral things. I want to write something that will last."  
 "Write your epitaph, Jack," drawled a deep voice from the reading table. "That's the only sure way, and even that is no good if your marble is spongy."  
 "Oh, Cathewe, this is not your funeral," retorted the editor.  
 "Perhaps not. All the same, I'll be chief mourner if Jack takes up novel writing."  
 "You've been up north, Arthur," said Fitzgerald. "What's your advice?"  
 "Don't do it. You've often wondered how and where I lost these two digits. Up there."  
 Arthur Cathewe was a tall, loose limbed man, forty-two or three, rather handsome, and a bit shy with most folk. Rarely any one saw him outside the club. He had few intimates, but to those he was all that friendship means—kindly, tender, loyal, generous self effacing. And Fitzgerald loved him; that there were periods when they became separated for months at a time they would some day turn up together in the same place. "Why, hello, Arthur!" "Glad to see you, Jack," and that was all that was necessary. All the enthusiasm was down deep below. Cathewe was always in funds; Fitzgerald sometimes; but there was never any lending or borrowing between them. This will do much toward keeping friendship green. The elder man was a great hunter; he had been everywhere, north and south, east and west. He never fooled away his time at pigeons and traps; big game, where the betting was even, where the animal had almost the same chance as the man. He could be tolerably humorous upon occasions. The solemn cast to his comely face predestined him for this talent.  
 "Well, Fitz, what are you going to do?"  
 "Hewitt, give me a chance. I've been home but a week. I'm not going to dash to the pole without having

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...a ripping good time here first. Will a month do?"  
 "Oh, the expedition doesn't leave for two months yet. But we must sign the contract a month beforehand."  
 "Today is the first of June; I promise to telegraph you yes or no this day month. You have had me over in Europe eighteen months. I'm tired of trains, and boats, and mules. I'm going fishing."  
 "Ah, bass!" murmured Cathewe from behind his journal.  
 "By the way, Hewitt," said Fitzgerald, "have you ever heard of a chap called Karl Breitmann?"  
 "Yes," answered Hewitt. "Never met him personally, though."  
 "I have," joined in Cathewe quietly. "What do you know about him?"  
 "Met him in Paris last year. Met him once before in Macedonia. Dined with me in Paris. Amazing lot of adventures. Rather down on his luck, I should judge."  
 "Couple of scars on his left cheek and a bit of the scalp gone; German student sort, rather good looking, blue physique?"  
 "That's the man."  
 "I know him, but not very well." And Cathewe fumbled among the other newspapers.  
 "Dine with me tonight," urged Hewitt.  
 "I'll tell you what. See that Italian over there with the statues? I am going to buy him out, and if I don't make a sale in half an hour I'll sign the dinner checks."  
 "Done."  
 "I'll take half of that bet," said Cathewe, rising. "It will be cheap." Ten minutes later the two older men saw Fitzgerald bang the tray from his shoulders and take his post top on the corner.  
 "I love that chap, Hewitt; he is what I always wanted to be, but couldn't be." Cathewe pulled the drooping ends of his moustache. "Heaven on earth, will you look? A policeman is arguing with him."  
 "But I bought him out," protested Fitzgerald. "There's no law to prevent my selling these."  
 "Oh, my wise. We want no horse play on this corner; no joyful col lege stunts," roughly.  
 Fitzgerald saw that frankness must be his card, so he played it. "Look here. Do you see those two gentlemen in the window there?"  
 "The club?"  
 "Yes. I made a wager that I could sell one of these statues in half an hour. If you force me off I'll lose a dinner."  
 "Well, I'll make a bargain with you. You can stand here for half an hour, but if you open your mouth to a word I'll run you in. No fooling; I'm talking straight. I'm going to see what your game is."  
 "I agree."  
 So the policeman turned to his crossing and reassumed his authority over traffic, all the while never losing sight of the impromptu vendor.  
 Many pedestrians paused. To see a well dressed young man hawking plaster Venus was no ordinary sight. They knew that some play was going on, but with that invertebrate suspicion of the city pedestrian none of them stopped to speak or buy. Some news boys gathered round and offered a few suggestions. Fitzgerald gave them back in kind.  
 Once he turned to see if his friends were still watching him. They were, two among many, for the exploit had gone round, and there were other wagers being laid on the result. While his head was turned and his grin was directed at the club window a handsome young woman in blue came along. She paused, touched her lips with her gloved hand, meditatingly and then went right about face swiftly. Some one in the window motioned frantically to the vendor, but he did not understand. Ten minutes left in which to win his bet. He hadn't made a very good bargain. Him! The young woman in blue was stopping. Her exquisite face was perfectly serene as her eyes ran over the collection on the tray. They were all done excellently, something Fitzgerald hadn't noticed before.  
 "How much are these pieces?"  
 "Er—25 cents, ma'am," he stammered. As a matter of fact he hadn't any idea what the current price list was.  
 "You seem very well dressed," doubtfully, "and you do not look hungry."  
 "I am doing this for charity's sake," finding his wits. The policeman hovered near, scowling. He was nervous, since the young woman had spoken first.  
 "I will take this Canova, I believe," she snally decided, opening her purse and producing the necessary silver.  
 "Of course, it is quite impossible to send this!"  
 "Yes, ma'am. Sending it would eat up all the profits." But with ill concealed eagerness, "If you will leave your address I can send as many as you like."  
 "I will do that."  
 Incredible as it seemed, neither face lost its repose; he dared not smile, and the young woman did not cave to it. There was something familiar to his memory in the oval face, but this was no time for a diligent search.  
 "Hey, miss," yelled one of the newsboys, "you're trowin' your money away. He's a fake; he ain't no statue seller. He's doing it for a joke!"  
 Fitzgerald lost a little color, that was all. But his customer ignored the imputation. She took out a card and laid it on the tray, and without further ado went serenely on her way. The policeman stepped toward her as if to speak, but she turned her delicate head aside. The crowd engulfed her presently, and Fitzgerald picked up the card. There was neither name nor definite address on it. It was a message, hastily written, and it sent a thrill of delight and speculation to his

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