

ALL COLLECTORS.

Millionaires Safe With Pocketsful of \$10,000 Bills.

THEIR DECOY MESSENGERS

William Waldorf Astor, the Author, Quite Approachable.

A WEALTH THAT IS UNENVIABLE.

A Missionary Who Made a Banko Steerer Exceedingly Weary.

WOMEN'S CHANCE IN GOTHAM BUSINESS

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

NEW YORK, October 25.—Two men walked rapidly down Wall street yesterday afternoon and entered one of the prominent banking institutions. They were sturdy, heavy-set men. One carried a small, black satchel. Both kept their eyes roaming from side to side. I followed them into the bank. The man with the satchel sat down, dropping the bag carelessly on the floor. The other went into the receiving teller's enclosure, reached down in his breast pocket and extracted a package of bills. These were hastily counted, and the two strangers left. The teller jammed the bills into an envelope, sealed it and pitched it into a safe, afterward closing the door in a perfunctory manner. The entire transaction occupied less than 12 minutes. Then the teller turned toward your correspondent and said:

"How much do you think was in that package?"

"Why, about \$500."

"Yes, and a little more. It contains one million four hundred and forty-odd thousands."

"You don't mean that?"

"Yes, he said, showing his memoranda. 'You see it is nearly all in \$10,000 bills. There is no great danger in carrying notes of that denomination, because, except here in New York, they are so seldom used that suspicion would at once be directed toward anyone who attempted to negotiate them.'"

"One thing still puzzled me."

"What did the messenger have in his satchel?"

"Nothing but a half brick. The satchel is carried as a blind—to throw any possible thief off the track."

THE MILLIONAIRE AUTHOR.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor, whose new novel is about to be published, is a tall, broad shouldered, muscular man, with blue eyes, blonde hair and a heavy mustache. There is something about his way of speaking and smiling that simply charms the stranger. Unlike his near relatives, Mr. Astor can be approached by reporters when he really has something to say. A white-haired newspaper man, who has been connected with New York papers for 35 years, recently said: "I never shrink from interviewing Mr. William Astor, because he knows something. He's traveled."

Mr. Astor is a picture of health; but Mrs. Astor is by no means a strong woman. One rainy day last January she stood by a window in her boudoir, looking out at the driving sleet and the slush-filled streets. She was suffering one of her terrible attacks of neuralgia. Suddenly she sank into a chair, exclaiming:

"If God would let me, I would to-day change places with that man!"

The person referred to was a negro coachman who drove the Astors' carriage. He was fat and stout, with a broad, graying face, but he sat erect on the box, defying the elements. It has been truly said that the greatest luxury the rich can afford is to be well.

BUNKO AND THE MISSIONARY.

For a couple of weeks the city has been filled with clergymen of the Episcopal Church and other denominations. In scores of churches regular pastors have given place to these past few Sabbaths to returned missionaries from Greenland, Iceland, Alaska, and other remote parts of the world. One of the missionaries recently had a queer experience. The gentleman is very old, he wears clothing of a style in vogue many years since, and happy was the banko steerer whose glittering eyes lighted on him at the Twenty-eighth street Elevated station. The banko man rushed up to him, grasped his hand, expressed delight at again meeting the lifetime friend of his father, and inquired about his welfare. Sixth avenue with the reverend gentleman. "Let's see," said the latter, beaming mildly through his spectacles, "where was it your father and I went to school? Was it in Woodstock, Vermont, or at Nashport?" "In the old academy at Woodstock," said the sharper. "Many's the time he told me of it, and the pleasant recollections he had of you."

They reached Twenty-seventh street, when the missionary stopped. He quietly but firmly disengaged his arm and then remarked:

"My friend, you're young at the business. I was born in Turkey and have lived there all my life. This is my first visit to America."

Before he had finished, the banko man started up Twenty-seventh street. The minister boarded a car.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

If a woman can do good work in any branch of business she can always find a position in New York. The able stenographer is getting shoved aside by his sisters and cousins and young aunts. Some bright women who are expert stenographers and typewriters employ ten or a dozen others, and make a great deal of money out of these agencies. Good stenographers and typewriters are paid all the way from \$12 to \$75 a week, and one or two are said to receive even more. But the average pay is \$15 to \$20 for a young woman who is an expert and understands the construction and punctuation of the English language. This is truly a case of "good times" for women. Nearly all the newspapers employ them as reporters, editors, reviewers and critics.

A good cook commands \$20 per month besides her board and room—and even this is a prize salary after.

Women teachers are better paid than they ever were before, while responsible and paying positions in the great retail houses are filled up by members of the weaker sex.

There are 3,000 women physicians in the country, each of whose incomes range all the way from nothing to \$20,000.

The commissionaire is another being who makes money. If she has friends living in the country, if she knows the value of various articles, if she is prompt, obliging, and of the strictest integrity, she can be sure of a good income by purchasing (on commission) goods of every description needed by those who are unable to visit the city.

Another club for women is to be started in West Ninth street. Among the ladies interested in the venture is Mrs. Pierpont Morgan, so it is sure to have a good beginning. The intention is to make it in many respects like a man's club. It is to have a restaurant and bedrooms for the benefit of country members; in fact, its chief patronage is expected to come from the latter. The

THE ROOMS ASSIGNED.

Plans Showing the Assignment in the Government Building SENT TO WASHINGTON BY MALONE.

EVERYTHING ARRANGED FOR THE POSTOFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

WILL THE ROOMS EVER BE OCCUPIED?

The rooms in the new Postoffice and Custom House have all been assigned, and plans showing the assignment were prepared yesterday by Superintendent Malone, and sent to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department. The entire first floor will be occupied by the postoffice. The public offices will fill the square space in the center of the building, and will be covered by a glass ceiling, admitting abundant light to the clerks engaged in the work of distributing and collecting the mail. The letter drops will be just a few feet to the right of the main entrance from Smithfield street, and the lock boxes will face the hall on the Third avenue side. The general delivery windows, one for ladies and the other for gentlemen, will be at the left of the entrance. The hall will surround the postoffice enclosure on the center, the west and east sides. On the outside of the halls are the offices to be occupied by the general officials. The large room in the southwest corner of the building, the one now occupied by Superintendent Malone, will be devoted to the registered letter department. The Superintendent of Mails will be in the southeast corner, and just west of him will be the rooms of the inquiry division. The Postmaster will have a large room, and a room at the northeast corner of the building, looking out on Fourth avenue and Cherry alley. The assistant postmaster and cashier will occupy comfortable rooms next to the postmaster. The room at the northeast corner of the building, the one now occupied by Superintendent Malone, will be devoted to the money order department.

PLENTY OF ELEVATORS.

Four elevators, near the several corners of the building, will connect the first with the fifth floor. There will be stairways all the way up on the north and south sides. That part of the first floor facing Cherry alley will be open to the reception and discharge of mail bags from the train wagons.

The second floor will contain the offices of the Custom House, Internal Revenue Collector and Pension Agency. The general office of the Collector of Customs will be in the southwest corner. Passing along the south side of the building, the office where widows and children will be paid. Then comes a mailing room for the pension agency and a room for the lady clerks. The northeast corner will be allotted to the office of the collector of duties and stamps and the receipt of refiners' tax. The Collector of Internal Revenue will have his general business office on the Fourth avenue side, with a private office opening from the general office. The room for the sale of tobacco, beer, and special stamps of the internal revenue will occupy the room in the northwest corner. Two rooms on the Smithfield street front are assigned to the collector of tobacco, beer, and special stamps of the Collector of Internal Revenue.

COURTS ON THE THIRD FLOOR.

Of course, above the first floor the central area is vacant, being simply an immense light shaft, around which run the halls. The offices lie outside of the halls as in the county Court house. The United States Courts occupy the third floor, the two large courtrooms, for Circuit and District, fronting one on Fourth avenue and the other on Third avenue. Connecting with them are private rooms for the judges, the clerk of the court, and the clerk of the court. The Clerk of the District Court and the Commissioner will occupy the northwest corner, the law library, the northeast corner, and the United States Marshal the southeast corner. On the Cherry alley side two large rooms will be allotted to the United States District Attorney.

VARIOUS GARDEN PRODUCTS AS AID TO DIGESTION.

Are you a vegetarian, and do you want to know what influence your favorite diet has on the different parts of the machinery of your body? If so, read what the Scientific American says: "Spinach has a direct effect upon the kidneys. The common dandelion, used as green, is excellent for the same troubles. Asparagus purges the blood. Celery acts admirably upon the nervous system. It has a direct effect upon the stomach and nerves. Tomatoes act upon the liver. Beets and turnips are excellent appetizers. Lettuce and cucumbers are cooling in their effect upon the system. Onions, garlic, leeks, olives and shallots, all of which are similar, possess medicinal virtues of a marked character, stimulating the circulatory system and the consequent increase of the saliva and the gastric juice. Pineapples, and the white ones are excellent to be eaten raw as a remedy for indigestion. They are tonic and nutritious. A soup made from onions is regarded by the French as an excellent restorative in debility of digestion."

NO SHORTAGE OF GAS.

A misconception of some contractors explained by a Philadelphia Official.

Philadelphia Gas stock reached 31 1/2% "Change yesterday, the lowest figure attained since it was listed, mainly upon a misapprehension. An official of the Philadelphia Gas Company in this connection that Park Bros. & Co., who have been supplying Shoemaker & Co. with natural gas, on September 1 made a sub-contract with the Philadelphia Company to supply Shoemaker & Co. with gas for 60 days, and that that contract would be renewed.

TO EXPAND THEIR BUSINESS.

The Pittsburgh Standard Oil Company Desires and Will Apply for a New Charter.

The Standard Oil Company, not the great Standard Oil Company of America, but the local company, will apply to Governor Beaver for an amendment to its original charter, the effect of which purposes to give the corporation the right to manufacture, manufacture, illuminate and lubricate oils, and all other products of petroleum and packages for holding the same. The original charter only gave it the right to drill wells and produce oil, the amendment extends the right to putting it up in packages and selling it.

TO FEND OFF DIPHTHERIA.

Lots of Onions and Drugs to be Used by School Children.

As a preventative of diphtheria the East Liverpool Board of Health in a pronouncement says that every child should wear suspended from the neck a little sack containing equal proportions of gum camphor, gum assafetida and carbonate of ammonia, and in addition should eat plentifully of onions. The local Board of Health officials commend the idea.

BRECHAM'S Pills cure bilious and nervous ailments. BRECHAM'S Soap secures a beautiful complexion.

BRECHAM'S Vegetable, Blood and Rheumatic Bitters, purely vegetable and a sure cure for rheumatism. Sold by all druggists and at Fleming's, 412 Market st. T288

FACTS GLEANED IN ENGLAND.

Dr. Denebo Makes His Report on the College for the Blind-Caring for the Sightless in Saxony.

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STUDIED THE STARS PROFITABLY.

Practical Lessons in Astronomy on the Pier at Spirit Lake.

It was at Spirit Lake at the very limit of the pier, says a descriptive writer in the Omaha Republican. They were all alone. There was no moon, but the stars were big and bright and so full of self-conceit that they looked at themselves in the water and winked.

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For a Real Rest From the Cures of Life Take a Boat Ride to Chartiers.

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The Oakland Plot to be Marketed Because Mrs. Scheuley Objects to Taxation.

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RIVALRY FOR PLACE.

Too Many Want to Serve on the Pan-American Reception Committee.

DISAPPOINTED ONES FEEL SORE.

OPINIONS DIFFER AS TO PROPRIETY.

There is considerable dissatisfaction and grumbling by prominent citizens all over the city on account of not being placed upon the Reception Committee to receive the Pan-American delegates. The distinguished representatives will arrive in the city on the evening of Wednesday, November 6. On Thursday and Friday openings a full dress reception will be tendered them at the Monongahela House, and there is considerable kicking being done for places on the committee. A meeting of the reception committee will be held at 3 o'clock this morning in the Chamber of Commerce. A call has been sent out by President W. E. Schertz, who has appointed between 50 and 60 representative Pittsburghers to place on the committee. The committee will be composed of the Mayor, Mayor and the prominent iron and steel manufacturers. It was first intended to have every industry represented, but it was found that this would make the committee too large, and the idea was abandoned.

DIDN'T LIKE TO BE LEFT.

When the list of names was announced there was considerable agitation among those who had not been put on. In speaking of the matter yesterday afternoon, President Schertz said: "I was in a place to get every person who wanted a place a position on the committee, and many names were stricken off. I have been bothered to death by well-known people who wanted a place of honor, but I could not accommodate them. There is considerable dissatisfaction in consequence among those who were left off. They could not be put on for the simple reason that there are too many of them. I have received a letter from one of the Mayors, County Judges, members of the Chamber of Commerce and iron manufacturers. We do not wish to make the reception too general, as it would lose much of its flavor."

A KICK ABOUT THE LADIES.

"The meeting to-morrow afternoon is for the sole purpose of discussing the advisability of having our wives and daughters present at the reception. I think it is a good idea, but others do not hold the same view, and want to exclude the ladies. I think the proper thing will be a full dress reception in order to show that we can receive the visitors in the best possible style." The Committee on Mechanical Exhibits held another meeting yesterday in Machinery Hall, at the Exposition, and allotted the space to the exhibitors. There were considerable interests have secured half of one side of the building to show their products. A letter was read from the Philadelphia Company to the effect that the natural gas display in the Allegheny river would surpass anything ever seen in this country.

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THE CURSE OF CARLES HILL.

A TALE OF ADVENTURE.

By G. A. Henty,

Author of "Under Drake's Flag," "With Clive in India," etc., etc.

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CHAPTER XX.—CLEARED AT LAST.

Reginald Carne was laid down on the table in the gardener's cottage. The doctor could now examine him, and he whispered to the clergyman that both his wounds were broken, and that he had no doubt whatever he had received terrible internal injuries. "I don't think he will live till morning."

"Presently there was a knock at the door. 'Can I come in?' Mr. Volkes asked, when the doctor opened it. 'I have known the poor fellow from the time that he was a child. Is he sensible?'"

"He is sensible in a way," the doctor said. "That is, I believe he knows perfectly well what we are saying, but he has several times laughed that strange cunning laugh that is almost peculiar to the insane."

"Will at any rate, I will speak to him," said Mr. Volkes.

"Do you know me, Reginald?" he went on in a clear voice as he came up to the side of the table. Reginald Carne nodded and again a low, mocking laugh came from his lips. "You thought you were very clever, Volkes, mighty clever, but I tricked you."

"You tricked me, did you?" the magistrate said, cheerfully. "How did you trick me?"

"You thought, and they all thought, the dull-headed fools, that Ronald Mervyn killed Margaret. Hol hol I cheated you all nicely."

"A glance of surprise passed between the listeners. Mr. Volkes signed to the others not to speak, and then went on:

"So he did, Reginald, so he did—though we couldn't prove it; you did not trick us there."

"I did," Reginald Carne said angrily. "I killed her myself."

An exclamation of horror broke from the three listeners. Mr. Volkes was the first to recover himself.

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