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CHAPTER V.

Mr. Corvin has been a fortunate man, as the world reckons and yet he had never looked like a happy one. If he were happy, he was very successful in discharging the ordinary external symptoms of it. To look at him, you would have said that he was a victim of losses, disappointments and vicissitudes.

One misfortune, to be sure, he had met with; and it concerned his only son, Peter. This young gentleman had been put in the way of getting a liberal education; he had attended the best school and the best college; but owing to personal peculiarities of nature and character, he had not achieved a brilliant or even creditable record in these places.

"This is None of Your Affairs, Sir."

to him either in health or reputation. It was surmised that this had led to disagreement between his father and himself. Peter had not taken the paternal remonstrances in good part. At last things seemed to arrive at a sort of crisis; and after it had passed Peter was no longer an inmate of his father's house, nor, it was understood, the recipient of any income from him.

Since Lawyer Corvin had no other living relatives, it was a matter of speculation what he would do with this property when the time should come to be gathered to his forefathers in the better- or at all events the other-world. It must have been annoying to Mr. Corvin to have spent his life in so continually scripping wealth together only to find, at last, that he could do nothing better with it than to bestow it upon some charitable institution.

It must be painful for one who carefully abstained from doing good in this world while he lived in it, to be almost compelled to appear as a benefactor after his decease. Why does not civilization provide openings for posthumous investments more abundant than the ten per cent predilection of persons of Lawyer Corvin's kind?

Mr. Corvin walked into the sitting-room, holding Nellie by one hand, and in the other the folded paper which they had found in the tree. Mr. Corvin was standing before the table, with his hands behind him, staring gloomily at a pile of gold coins and doubloons which were heaped up upon it; and Nancy was on the opposite side of the table, with her eyes sparkling and her cheeks red, holding in her hands a slip of paper, freshly written, and bearing the appearance of a receipt—which indeed it was.

"Good morning, Mr. Corvin," said Morford, "do you know Miss Blilop?" "No, Mr. Morford, that you don't! I was just settling a little account I had with Mr. Corvin. I was told him I was sorry I didn't get more bank notes, but of he can't carry it off in his pocket, I'll have a buzzy fetched up and send it down in that."

"I don't understand this," said Mr. Corvin. "You had no money yesterday, and today the house seems full of gold. I shall make investigations. If this money was found anywhere in the land adjoining the house, I shall lodge a claim to it; the land being mine, so is the money."

"Land! What can't be right, can it?" said Nancy, appealing to Morford. "Mr. Corvin is a lawyer," replied the latter. "He must know about such things. If he owns the land, and you are buying it of him with money you found on the land, he may have the law on you. Of course, if he merely held a mortgage on the property, he has no more right to make such a demand than I have."

"It's his affair to answer a question of I ask him, Mr. Corvin," interposed Nancy, whose eyes were evidently shining. "If it's your affair to make out that what mine by right, ain't mine but yours—just because you're a lawyer and I ain't—then I say it's a poor affair for a man to be in. There's your money, sir, to take or leave; ain't I don't want to hurry you but"

And she looked at him with the resolution that is so effective in men and gentle persons, once they are aroused. Corvin met the look with a sullen frown, and began putting the gold into the pockets of his various garments, but at this juncture Morford said: "Hold on a moment, Mr. Corvin. I have something to offer that may save you trouble. In fact, there are two things; for I knew I should be likely to meet you here, so I brought a letter for you from the postoffice."

Mr. Corvin took the letter, and he took from his pocket a sealed envelope addressed to Isaac Corvin, and bearing in the upper left hand corner the printed name of a New York house, Corvin, placed at the subscription, but did not immediately break the seal. "What may your other matter be, Mr. Morford?" he demanded.

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

WALL STREET REVIEW.

New York, Sept. 26.—The stock market still maintains its professional character and it looks very much as if the activity and advance in cotton and wheat has diverted the attention to outsiders, at least for the time being. These products, the recent remarkable rise in cotton followed up today by a gain of two cents in wheat, fully explain the indifference of the speculative public to the present dull and narrow stock market.

As a result the market for stocks was entirely professional. Reports of a further advance in the price of coal started up a livelier business in Reading and Jersey Central around mid-day. In the afternoon the market displayed weakness on rumors that \$1,500,000 gold would be shipped by Saturday's steamers. This gave the room traders a chance to attack the list, and prices receded 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. Speculation closed irregularly in the mid-week. Net losses for the day were 1/4 to 1/2 per cent, the latter in Pacific Mail. Total sales were 240,500 shares.

The range of today's prices for the active stock of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished by the following firms: J. & W. McKim, managers for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce Street, Scranton.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Change. Includes Am. Sugar, Am. Tobacco, Am. Cotton, etc.

Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—The August statements of the operations of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, both of which are now in the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, were issued today.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad reported a net income of \$1,000,416, and the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad reported a net income of \$1,000,416. The total net income for the two railroads was \$2,000,832.

The Trunk Lines' association has agreed with the Central Traffic Association, and on Oct. 1st will advance the rate on pig iron, steel and manufactured iron and steel products.

The Burlington is building twenty-seven more engines at its shops. They will cost about \$500,000. The Houston and Texas Central Railroad company has placed an order for nine locomotives with the Schenectady Locomotive works.

The Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling Railroad company has placed an order for ten heavy locomotives, and it is said, is in the market for some 20-ton coal cars.

The Richmond Locomotive works have an order for the Southern Railway for eight locomotives, and for the Augusta Southern company for two.

The Seattle Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad company has placed an order with the Richmond Locomotive works of Richmond, Va., for one engine.

The Brooks Locomotive works, of Dunkirk, N. Y., are building ten locomotives for the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Northern Railroad company.

Eight new class R freight engines were turned out of the Altoona shops last week. They will be used on the New York and Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

The Rhode Island Locomotive works, of Providence, R. I., are building five locomotives for the Boston and Maine Railroad company and six for the New England Railroad company.

The Junction Railroad company has placed an order with the Pittsburgh Locomotive and Car Works of Carthage, Pa., for two heavy road engines. The company has also ordered two immense 80-ton freight engines.

Some time ago the Pennsylvania company adopted a new kind of oil cup for locomotive eccentrics, which is placed in such a position that in order to remove an air-tight cap placed over the valve, it is necessary for the engineers to reach their arms in between the spokes of the driving wheels.

The wheels are always covered with a coat of grease, and the supply of oil is replenished the engineers spill the sleeves of their jackets.

The city of Chicago and the Illinois Central road have, after a long controversy, reached an agreement in relation to the occupancy by the road of the lake front park on the shore of Lake Michigan. In consideration of the surplus of the road, the city by the city to the road the latter has agreed to undertake improvements desired in the neighborhood of the park.

These improvements comprise the filling in of a large portion of the lake front in order to make it suitable for the purpose of a park. The plan of the present park into what is expected to be the finest park in the city system.

The company further agrees to depress all its tracks for a distance of about one mile, putting them four feet below the present level.

A Puzzling Question. Mr. Cynical Sner and Tom Sittler, two society youths, had a row in their club-room. The latter said severely: "My dear friend, allow me to tell you that you are a donkey."

"My dear friend," responded Mr. Sner, "will you kindly tell me, donkey because I'm your friend, or am I your friend because I'm a donkey?"—Texas Siftings.

Philadelphia Tailor Market. Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—Tailor is steady, but demand is light. We quote: City, prime, in bins, 1/2; in bulk, 1/2; in bins, 1/2; in bulk, 1/2; in bins, 1/2; in bulk, 1/2.

Pittsburg, Sept. 26.—The oil market closed at 122, the only quotation today when it brings the four, highest, 123; lowest, 121; closed, 122.

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