

side one hangs the epaulets of an English general, beside another a commission to the English parliament, neatly embossed, while many of them, although not bearing the explanatory label, could be distinguished by the characteristic stamp of the renowned family.

It had always been Mr. Clinton's wish for Fred, the youngest brother, to perpetuate this distinguished family line, and it was understood that James should manage the estate, since he was less assuming and not so ambitious as his junior brother.

It thus became settled in the mind of the father that Fred should receive a complete education. He was four years younger than James, and, being the baby of the family, became the idol of the home. He inherited none of the milder traits of his father's character, but was possessed with the same inflexible, iron will. He was obstinate, headstrong and morose, besides he had a temper which every one feared. When he set his mind for anything it was next to useless to argue with him, and thus the family gradually became to regard his decisions as final.

But on the other hand he was gifted by nature with such oratorical talents and such marked characteristics of a party leader that his father urged him to choose law as his profession.

With this marked talent in his favor he grew to be a favorite in society, for no recital or entertainment was deemed complete without the participation of Fred Clinton. He was quick to analyze every situation, and with his keen, shrewd, scheming ways was able to obtain the money so necessary to bring him into and keep him in society circles. His polished speech and keenness to understand human nature so completely enabled him to conceal his baser traits, and act in such a manner that those who were not intimately acquainted with him would fain believe him to be other than a real gentleman. However, it was this better side of his son's nature that influenced the father to educate him. He was quick to learn, and his father hoped that a classical education would do much to eradicate his vices and develop in him a desire to rise to political prominence.