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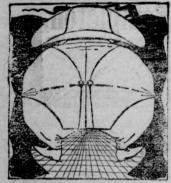
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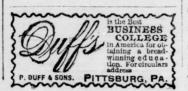
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If a bad beginning pressages a good nding, the two amateur company promoters ought to have been well pleased letter received from the manager of th manager of the works, were either ig

Ventworth. "They can't be ignorant or they know how to make china, whil ot prepared to answer, so, being a sen-

ble man, he remained silent. When he read Edith Longworth's let ter he felt more encouraged, and, in due time, William Longworth himself wrote, asking for an appointment, saying he had reconsidered the matter, and, if satisfactory arrangements could be made, he would be glad to assist them in forming a company.

When the three young men met in Wentworth's office, Longworth appeared to have become reasonably en sured them that a company could not be formed in the economical manner they had intended. Much depended on appearances in the city; handsome of es would have to be obtained, a good firm of solicitors should be chosen an there would be much printing and ad-

certising to be done.

Kenyon pointed out that all this required time and money, both of which requisites were short.

"We are making a strike for £ 60,000 each," said Longworth, calmly, focus ing his glittering monocle on Kenyon. "That sum of money is not picked up in London every day, and it is never picked up anywhere without taking a little risk. If you economize on your William whistled a long incredu! sprat you will not catch your gudgeon.'
"But we haven't the money to risk,"

persisted Kenyon.

"Then, my dear sir," said Longworth
"cease to fish for gudgeon, and return mining engineering. If I am going to join you I can't afford to go on to certain failure. If you can't pay for the lottery ticket, it is foolish to expect to draw the grand prize: now jest that draw the grand prize; now, isn't it?"

Wentworth, who knew more of the city and its ways than his partner did, at once recognized the truth of Longworth's theories on the subject.

"Oh! that goes without saying," said William; "but if I were you, my dear, I should not put my money in the mica mine." worth's theories on the subject.
"You are quite right, Mr. Longworth," he said; "and I think that all

our agreement with each other. "There will be little difficulty on that score," replied Longworth. "I will take third of the risk and a third of the profits, if that is satisfactory to you." The agreement was completed on this dian Mica mine, and I am the wise man, basis, and Wentworth felt that a long don't you see, Susy?" said the young step had been taken toward the man, with a sweet smile. end desired, but Kenyon wondered why "I am_afraid I don't their new partner had so suddenly near the bank, and much time and money were spent in fitting them up. Both Kenyon and Wentworth chafed

at the delay, but their partner pointed due haste. Any attempt to rush things would have a bad effect in the city Capital was timorous, and nothing must All in all, Kenyon and Wentworth re ceived many excellent business maxim

from their partner, and it is to be hoped they profited by them. Prospectuses were printed, and a firm of solicitors was retained; but in spite of all this no real progress was made Mica Mining company (limited).

William Longworth had an eye for beauty. One eye was generally covered with a round disk of glass, excep when it fell out of its place and dangled in front of his waistcoat. Whether the monocle assisted his sight or not, it is certain that William knew a pretty girl when he saw her. One of the house maids in the Longworth household left suddenly, without just cause or prove cation, as the advertisements say, and ty that when William Longworth caught sight of her, his monocle dropped from its place, and he stared at her with his two natural eyes, unassisted by optical science. He tried to speak to her on one or two occasions when he met her alone, but he could get no answer from the girl, who was very as they say. All this only enhanced her beauty in young Longworth's esti-mation, and he thought highly of his cousin's taste in the choosing of this young person to dust the furniture.

which was partly sitting-room and partly office, and where he kept many of his papers. He was supposed to of his papers. He was supposed t study matters of business deeply in his out this most useful, practical and arriving late at the office in the morn ing. He had been sitting up into the small hours, he would tell his uncle excuse by saying that it was quieter in his room than in the city, and that he had spent the early part of the morn-

The first time that William got an an swer from the new housemaid was the care of this room. He said that serv room and see that his papers were kept nicely in order. This, without glaneing up at him, the girl promised to do, and William thereafter found his room kept with a scrupulous neatness which would have delighted the most particu-

One morning when William was sit softly and the new housemaid entered. Seeing him there, she seemed confused

The girl paused with her hand on the "Yes," he continued, "I was just going to ring, but you have saved me the trouble: but, by the way, what is your

"Susy, if you please, sir," replied to 'Ah, well, Susy, just shut the door girl did so, but evidently with

"Oh, sir!" said Susy, blushing and

care of this room that it and to thank Here he fumbled in his pocket for a laughing softly, "when I get ten per moment and drew out half a sovereign.
"Here, my girl, is something for your trouble. Keep this for yourself."

"Oh, I couldn't think of taking money, sir," said the girl, drawing back. "I he entered his I that you get it. outside broker."

"Nonsense," said William; "isn't it his office, Susy swept and dusted out his tough?" room again, and then went down Longworth pays me well for what I "Where's the

then, you see, we are not all pretty and good, like you. I'm sorry you won't take the money. I hope you are not offended it me for offering it," and "Susy," said Miss Longworth, "what looked his sweetest at the young pern standing before him.
"Oh, ne, sir," she said. "I'm not at

much, very much, indeed, sir, and I "Going to chuck it. Don't you unwould like to ask you a question, if you wouldn't think me too bold."

"Going to chuck it. Don't you understand? Going to give up my situation. I'm tired of it." "Bold?" cried William. "Why, I think you are the shyest little woman I have ever seen. I'll be very pleased to answer any question you may ask me. What is it?"

"You see, sir, I've got a little money "Well, I declare, Susy, this is very interesting. I'd no idea you were an

"Oh! not an heiress, sir; far from it. hundred pounds, sir," said Susy, dropwhich he thought most charming. "The money is in the bank and draws no interest, and I thought I would like to invest it where it would bring in

"Certainly, Susy, and a most laud: ble desire on your part. Was it about that you wished to question me?" be safe for me to put my money in these mines, sir. Seeing the paper

reading my papers, ha

"Oh! no, sir," said the girl, looking up at him with startled eyes. "I only saw the name Canadian Mica Mine on

do with the mine, sir?"
"Yes, Susy, I have. You see, fools build houses, and wise men live in

"So I have heard," said Susy, thoughtfully.
"Well, two young fools are building

"I don't suppose, Susy," replied the young man, with a laugh, "that there are many who do, but I think in a month's time I will own this mica very pleased to give you a few out your spending any money at all."
"Oh! would you, sir?" cried Susy, in

"Oh! two young fellows. You wouldn't know their names if I told them to you." "And are they going to sell it to you,

William laughed heartily, and said: "Oh! no; they themselves will be old." "But how can that be, if they don't wn the mine? You see I am only a



ery stupid girl, and don't understand

That's why I asked you about my money." "I don't suppose you know what an option is, do you, Susy?" "No, sir, I don't. I never heard of it

"Well, these two young men what is called an option on the mine, which is to say they are to pay a certain sum of money at a certain time and the mine is theirs, but if they don't pay the certain sum at the certain time, "And won't they pay the money,

sir?"
"No, Susy, they will not, because they haven't got it. Then these two fools will be sold, for they think they are going to get the money, and they "And you have the money to buy the

mine when the option runs out, sir?"
"By Jove!" said William, in surprise,
"you have a prodigious head for business, Susy. I never saw anyone pick it up so fast. You will have to take ns from me and go on the market and speculate yourself."
"Oh, I should like to do that, sir, I

"Well," said William, kindly, "whenever you have time, come to me and I will give you lessons." The young man came toward her, holding out his hand, but the girl slipped away from him and opened the door.
"I think," he said, in a whisper, "that

"Well, Susy," said William, jaunt-dy, "I suppose that I am not the first one who has told you that you are very

"I think," protested William, "that this is getting information under false pretenses: I expected my fee, you

cent. on my money."
"Egad," said William to himself, as he entered his room again, "I will see that you get it. She's as clever as an When young Longworth had left for.

"In the library," was the answer, and "Yes, Susy, that is very true; but very wof us do our duty, you know, in this orld."

"Yes, Susy, that is very true; but very to the library Susy went, entering the room without knocking, much to the amazement of Edith Longworth, who "But we ought to, sir," said the girl, sat near the window with a book in her in a tone of quiet reproof that made the lap. But further surprise was in store for the lady of the house. The house maid closed the door, and then, select-

"Susy," said Miss Longworth, "what is the meaning of this?" "It means, mum," said Susy, "that

I'm going to chuck it."
"Going to what?" asked Miss Longall offended, and I thank you very worth, amazed.

> "Very well," said the young woman rising, "you may give notice in the proper way. You have no right to come into this room in this impudent anner. Be so good as to go to your

"My!" said Susy, "you can do the dignified. I must practice and see if I can accomplish an attitude like that. If you were a little prettier, Miss Long-worth, I should call that striking," and It's only a little matter of four or five the girl threw back her head and

Something in the laugh aroused Miss Longworth's recollection, and a chill of fear came over her, but, looking at the girl again, she saw she was mis taken. Susy jumped up, still laughing, and drew a little pin from the cap she wore, flinging it on the chair; then she pulled off her wig, and stood before Edith Longworth her natural self.
"Miss Brewster!" gasped the astonished Edith. "What are you doing

my house in that disguise?'
"Oh," said Jennie, "I'm the lady slavey, and how do you think I have acted the part? Now sit down, Miss Dignity, and I will tell you something about your own family. I thought you were a set of rogues, and now I can

prove it."
"Will you leave my house this instant?" cried Edith, in anger. "I shall "Oh, yes, you will," said Jennie, "for

I shall follow your example and not let you out until you do hear what 1 ng which the amateur house maid skipped nimbly to the door and placed her back against it.

CHAPTER XV. Jennie Brewster stood with her back the door, a sweet smile on her face. Longworth. I think I did the role of ousemaid so well that it deceived several members of the family. I am now giving an imitation of yourself in your thrilling drama: 'All at Sea.' Don't you think I do it most admirably?" "Yes," said Edith, sitting down again. "I wonder you did not adopt the stage as a profession?"
"I have often thought of doing so,

but journalism is more exciting.

"Perhaps. Still, it has its disappointments. When I gave my thrilling dra-ma, as you call it, on shipboard, I had dvantage than you have now "Do you mean the putting off of the "No; I mean that the electric buton was under my hand-it was im-

cossible for you to ring for help. cannot stop me from ringing, for the bell rope is here beside me." "Yes, that is a disadvantage, I admit. Do you intend to ring, then, and have "I don't think that will be necessary.

imagine you will go quietly." I imagine you will go quietly."
"You are a pretty clever girl, Miss
Longworth. I wish I liked you, but I
don't. So we won't waste valuable
time deploring that fact. Have you

"Not the slightest; but there is one thing I should like to know. "Oh, is there? Well, that's human, at any rate. What do you wish to

"You came here well recommended. How did you know I wanted a house maid, and were your testimonials—" Edith paused for a word, which Jennie promptly supplied.
"Forged? Oh, dear, no. There is essity for doing anything crim inal in this country, if you have the money. I didn't forge them—I bought

them. Didn't you write to any of the good ladies who stood sponsor for me?" "Yes, and received most flattering ecounts of you."
"Certainly. That was part of the contract. Oh, you can do anything with money in London; it is a most de-lightful town. Then, as for knowing

there is a vacancy, that also was money. I bribed the other housemaid And what object had you in

Jennie Brewster laughed—the sam silvery laugh that had charmed William an hour or two before—a laugh that sometimes haunted Wentworth's came anxious to know what the matter memory in the city. She left her sen

tinel-like position at the door and threw herself into a chair. "Miss Longworth," she said, "you are have to say, then you ask me exactly what I was going to tell you. Of course you are dying to know why I am here; and I don't intend to tell you. I will say though that my object in coming here was, first, to find out for myself how servants are treated in this coun-You see my sympathies are all the women who work, and not

"Yes, I think you said that once be-ere. And how do we treat our serv-

"So far as my experience goes, very "It is most gratifying to hear you say this. I was afraid we might not have met your approval. And now, where shall I send you your month's money, Miss Brewster?"

money, Miss Brewster?

Jennie Brewster leaned back in her chair, her eyes all but closed, an angry light shooting from them that reminded Edith of her glance of hatred on board the steamship. A rich warm glow of color overspread her fair face, you might give me a kiss after all this valuable information."

"Oh, Mr. William!" cried Susy, horrified.

He stepped forward and tried to catch

He stepped forward and tried to catch you might give me a kiss after all this

calmly and sweetly than anyone I ever met before; I envy you that. When I say anything low down and mean, I say it in anger, and my voice has a cer-

tain amount of acridity in it. I can't purr like a cat and scratch at the same time-I wish I could." "Is it an insult to offer you the money

on knew it was when you spoke. You do a serstand me a

"I don't suppose you think it is," said Jennie, meditatively, resting her albow on her knee, and her chin on her palm. "That is where our point of view differs. I like to know everything. It interests me to know what people think and talk about, and somehow it doesn't seem to matter to me what the people are, for I was even more interested in your butler's political opinion than I was in Lord Frederick Bingham's. They are both conservatives, but Lord Freddie seems shaky in his views, for you can argue him down in five minhe butler is as steadfast as a

you will break the news of my depart ure gently to him, for he proposed to me, and he has not yet had his answer." "There is still time," said Edith, smiling in spite of herself. "Shall I ring for

"Please do not. I want to avoid a painful scene, because he is so sure of himself and never dreams of a refusal, It is such a pity, too, for the butler is my ideal of what a member of the aristocracy should be. His dignity is some-thing awe inspiring, while Lord Freddie is such a simple, good-natured, every-day young fellow, that if I im-ported him to the states I am sure no one would believe he was a real lord. With the butler it would be so different." added Jennie, with a deep sigh. "It is too bad that you

change the declaration of the butler for one from Lord Frederick." "Too bad!" cried Jennie, lookin with wide-open eyes at the girl before her. "Why, bless you, I had a proposal from Lord Freddie two weeks before I ever saw the butler. I see you don't believe a word I say. Well, you ask Lord Freddie. I'll introduce you and you tell him you don't believe he asked me to be Lady Freddie, if that's the title. He'll look sheepish, but he won't deny it. You see, when I found I was going to stay in England for a time I wrote to the editor of the Argus to ge ne a bunch of letters of introdu and send them over, as I wanted par ticularly to study the aristocracy. So he sent them, and, I assure you, I found it much more difficult to get into your servants' hall than I did into the hall

of the nobility; besides, it cost less to mix with the Upper Ten." Edith sat in silence, looking with amazed interest at the young woman, who talked so rapidly that there was sometimes a difficulty in following what she said.

"No, Lord Freddie was not half so ndescending as the butler, neither was his language so well chosen; but then, I suppose, the butler's had more practice, for Freddie is very young. I am exceedingly disappointed with the aristocracy. They are not nearly so haughty as I had imagined them to be. But what astonished me in this country got him. Bless him! What have you to say about it?' while the man seems to be ashamed of himself, and evidently

feels that he's been had. Now, a man should be made to understand that you're doing him a great favor when you give him a civil word. That's the proper state of mind to keep a man in, and then you can do what you like with him. I generally make him propose, so as to get it over before any real harm's done, and to give an artistic finish to the episode. After that you can be real good friends, and have a jolly time. That's what I did with Lord Freddie. We all went up the river one day—two young men friends of Freddie's and two nice girls, a chaperon, and myself. Would you believe that those two girls proposed to tow us up stream, and the young men actually allowed them to do so. I was steering, and it made me so angry I couldn't speak. Lord Freddie seemed to feel that it was necessary to keep up a conversation, but when I didn't reply to him he calmly lit his pipe and began to smoke. The other two reclined with their hats over their eyes and, I think, went to sleep. Meanwhile the two nice girls trudged along the bank together, pulling the rope. I would have sunk the boat if I could, but I didn't know how. Well, when we got to the place where we were to have got to the

but I didn't know how. Well, when we got to the place where we were to have tea, the young men said it was jolly nice of the girls to tow them so far; then they went and sprawled under

not consistent. You first pretend that you have no curiosity to hear what I have to say, then you ask me exactly you wouldn't be a woman if you weren't. Now, I've changed my mind,

person; at least he need not be. I saw a monument in Westminster Abbey to a man who was hanged as a spy. A spy must be brave; he must have nerve, caution and resource. He someting

but I have actually had some twinges of conscience over that episode. I suppose that's why I partially forgive you for stopping the cablegram." [TO BE CONTINUED.]

Jersey Farmer (to an ugly-looking tramp)—You ain't goin' to do no harm, eh? Ain't one of the harmful sort, eh? What are ye carrying that there big Tramp—That's fer ter keep off mosquitoes.—N. Y. Weekly.

Cheated Somebody myself, but I've—aw—changed my

ou know. Cora-And what was woman made or, pray?
Merritt—To make him do so, I sup-

se!-N. Y. Truth. In Sunday School. "The whale found Jonah a conun rum, didn't he, teacher?" "What do you mean?

How the Popular Will Was Defeated in the Joint Caucus.

opposed to what an educated, intelligent people would willingly recognize even as a probability in an enlightened commu-nity, where there is supposed to be at

Illine of the place where with its was justifue, the young man said the was justifued the they went and sprawled under some trees, leaving the complacent girls to get tea ready. I couldn't stand it approaches the tree, and, bidding them good by I started down the town path. Lord 'readile and the path of the post of the path of the The plan of battle is accredited to Sen-ator Andrews, who was the sponsor and chief backer of Candidate Penrose. When

upon, simply because in this issue they could not conscientiously stand with him. This band of secret service secundrels known in a community that pretends to civilization, and it is to be hoped that the

does more for his country than a whole regiment. Oh, there are worse persons than spies in the world."

"I suppose there are, still—"

"Yes, I know. It is easy for persons with plenty of money to moralize on the shortcomings of others. Fil tell you a secret. I'm writing a book, and if it is a success, then good-by to jour life it's a success, then good-by to jour the shortcoming of the success. you a secret. I'm writing a book, and if it's a success, then good-by to journalism. I don't like the spy business myself any too well; I'm afraid England is contaminating me, and if I stayed here a few years I might degenerate so far as to think your news papers interesting. By the way, do you know Mr. Wentworth's address?" Edith hesitated a moment, and at last answered: "Yes, I do."

"Will you give it to me? I think I ought to write him a note of apology for all the anxiety I caused him on board ship. You may not believe it,

At the Wammater heal plate to there was no such discrete. The period of the state of the state of the were established to the state of the people in this hotel during a hot political contest."

The mind almost fails to grasp the enormity of the ossperate efforts of the opponents of Mr. A anamaker. He had a winning fight, and they knew it. Nothing

that would be effectual was too hideous to attempt. Business men who wanted to speak to their members were not per-mitted to approach them. The "heelers," as they are called, kept pushing them

myself, but I've—aw—changed my mind.

Miss Quickstep—Changed your mind?

For pity's sake, whom did you get to trade with you?—Chicago Tribune.

The Look.

The Look.

Thereupon the fairy princess gave the fairy prince a freezing look.

"Farewell," he exclaimed.

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"So you believe that there is a connecting link between man and the peep?"

"Most assuredly; but you never can get one of them to acknowledge it."—Chicago Record.

A Reasonable Conclusion.

Merritt—Man was made to mourn, you know.

mitted to approach them. The "heelers," as they are called, kept pushing them away, using as much force as was necessary. That was one scheme. Some members were locked in their rooms in the hotel, and before the doors were stationed detectives to keep the people away. This is something for the mind to dwell upon. Hired ruffians actually standing guard over elected representatives to keep their constituents from advising with them. Where this would not avail, other methods were employed. The members from Bucks county, for instance, where the sentiment of 95 per cent of the people was unquestionably for Wanamaker, were kept under guard, this being carried so far even as to compelling them away, using as much force as was necessary. That was one scheme. Some members were locked in their rooms in the hotel, and before the doors were stationed detectives to keep the people way. This is something for the mind to dwell upon. Hired ruffians actually standing guard over elected representatives to keep their constituents from advising with them. Where this would not avail, other methods were employed. The members from Bucks county, for instance, where the sentiment of 95 per cent of the members from Bucks county, for instance, where the sentiment of 95 per cent of the members from Bucks county, for instance, where the sentiment of 95 per cent of the members from Bucks county, for instance, where the sentiment of 95

rumor the source of supply was the trusts and big corporations with which the Quay machine is identified, such as the sugar trust, the Standard Oil company, the Pennsylvania Railroad company, the Reading Railroad company, the Carnegie Steel works, etc. Members who could not be bribed were threatened with ruin if they did not fall in line. In one case a roung lawyer was mat with a threat that they did not fall in line. In one case a young lawyer was met with a threat that the bulk of his practice, which was mainly among corporations, would be taken away from him if he voted for Wanamaker, and he, with tears in his eyes, begged to be released from his pledge to the latter. There were many affecting scenes in the Wanamaker headquartors, for it was heartrending to see strong men moved to tears, with their honor at stake on one side and their future interest

secured for him it he would induce his relative to vote for Penrose. There were several instances of the kind. A Phila-delphia member was promised an appoint-ment as collector of internal revenue if he would turn in. But he didn't do it. ment as collector of internal revenue if he would turn in. But he didn't do it.

The manner in which the caucus was forced was a violation of all precedent. Never before has a senatorial caucus been held so far in advance of the day of election. The Quay people knew that if given time their plans would react. They knew that their offers of bribes, their coercion, their threats and their hired thugs would prove their ruin. They knew they could not much longer keep the members under guard, because in those who submitted there was the danger that the small remaining spark of manhood would assert itself. They wanted the caucus before this reaction came. So they forced it. If the members who listened to the tempher and who submitted to the digrace of permitting themselves to be watched, awafe and assleep, are now suffused with shame and mortification it is too late. All that is left for them now is to despise themselves and to realize that those for whom they sacrificed their honor despise themeven more.

But it was all necessary to defeat Mr. Wanamaker, or, as he put it, to defeat the people, for he never considered it his personal fight. Bribery, corruption, threats, promises and browbeating were the means necessary to make one man's will dominate regardless of the wishes of the people. When the people of the state think of this period in her political history they will think of it with shame and sorrow, and they will punish the man or men who committed it according to their deserts.

A triumph so dearly bought—purchased at the expense of manhood and decency, would not be a subject of boast or axultation excepting to those lost to all sonse of delicate and refined feeling. Yet after the caucus had, by its vote, proved that these were members enough sufficiently sording to put self interest ahead of duty to their constituents, a crowd of the followers of the victorious candidate marched to the Wansamaker arch, and when there committee the closing and crowning act of their villainy by kneeling beneath the arch, raising in mocking tones that hymn which has often been described as one of the sweetest ever written—"Nearer, My God, to Thee." This impious act, this sacrilege, this insult to Mr. Wanamaker's Christian bearing and belief and, through him, to every Christian man and to every Christian household in the state, found few in that mixed crowd who had the temerity to give it their approval. Several members of the legislature who had voted for

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