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Is' ino inyth. "Cause and effect are alwings in
 The present case. A few days prefiously some
of the principal mien io the' Engineer Coriss of the principal men in the Engineer Corps
hid called on à'rorofesisor in the Colleese to ass about'Edvart, dindalko abŏut ánother graduäte, whio bad like itise put in an a application for the dacant place:
""Whiobi' 'shall'we také? If I have' any per sonal prefétente, it is for young Parsons, said the Enpitieèr';", buat as our field of 'péra tion is fir dristabt,'wíd mínés selecet our mee with care', for we'shall have to' keep what we take even' if any "thould "prové indidiferenat.
LTh have of it iterests in it ithe of then, re
 young man ; not guite as studidious as he mi migh be. We bad to prot ho back last year- His onn fault, for the hat ablity engogh
"A ititce too, fond of pleasure, permap, said the Engineer, twity yho It in or along Ive often said to him that he tas
 in, ap earaest age, and, that. only to earnest peo. "What of the other youg man", asked the Eqgineer.
aifecircely so brigh as Pazsons, but patien and , perservying,",
and
"One of the eat
Tippe of the earnest ones to whom you havo refered ?"
"Yes, sir; and bound to succed in anythiog he andertakes."
"Good at mathematies?"
"How in regard to henalth?
"Sound, sir",
The Engieer
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remaried :
Poung Parsons has strong friends-we are pressed to give him the appointment; but the Best man for our purpose must bave the place.
And so was that Edward Parsons lost this opportunity.
"Uust my luct !", Tt was three years after wards, Failing to get into an Engiueer Corps Edward Parsous had taken a elerkstip in the office of a railroad conpany, at a suall salary There were other clerbs in the office, and as the busioess of the company was large, requiring
anany onployees to aill a variety of positions more or less responsible, changes and promio tions were things of frequent oecurrence-
Enowing this, , , ward had aceepted the clerk ship as a stepping stone to some higher place
But his pecular will But his peculiar "ill lack" still attended him For three years he had waited, but no adrance quite rapidly-but, he remained in his firs positión
"Just niy luck !" he said; fretfully and des pondiduyty; to hinimelf one day; after these three Thie work of the oftice was particulaty: ing: and in the nidst of it Thward had taken a'three' 'days' holiday to himself, for his annuül inderlyence in rail stionting, along the banks of the Delawate: A fellow elerk had said to him, in view of the pressure of work on the office
oflce, It's hardly right, for you to be away just now, for your absence will make it barder to us. 4 I an't help it if it does I'am not going to kill myself. If a fellow can thave a day or two now, apd then, what, is lite good far? Let the :cappany get additional elerfss, in the office:, We need them, badys enough."
So he dropped his: oar:whei the tide,was pressing',' and यwent amay: to 'enjoy' himself While absent; the : President of theil Coupauy
caime to the coity... He. had often noticed Par
 sons ;on hiswisits to his quacequidhe brigh beral times a a natural desire to advance him to a eral times a natural desire to advacce him to a
better- position had been obstructed through
 somer wis. Ediward, or for some other reason for the existence of which he was himself to blawe ant place, atione of the middle stations on the road, vacaat. The salary was, double what Ed ward received.
"It will just suit that young man," said th President to himself, referring in his though to Edwärd Parsoins.' "He should have been adranced long ago. I don't like to see a
"Where is young Parsons?" asked the Pres ident, on looking through the office, and see ing his desk' vacant:

- "He's beei absent for a day or two,", was "Sick?
$\because$ "What
"What"s the matter?: Too many hands for ee work?"
"So far from it , we are really short-han"ded. Every clerk is overtasked."
"Whiy, then, is Parsons absent?"
"Rail and reed birds are in season. He" off sliooting."
"Hadn't you better fill his deski ?" said the Président, a little angrily.
" 0 nó "He's faithiful and dues his work well. You cun't always count on him, it is frue ; but, for the desk he occupies; I don' think F could fiod a 'better man?"
"O, well, that is for you to deeide. But would' to for me to have him in my office
I want a first rate wan for $\mathrm{F}-$ station who I want a frist rate man for F - station. Who
shall I take'? Parsons was in my mind ;'but hall I ake? Parsons was in m,
this ratis shooting has setuled him.

When Edwara Parsons returned from h three days sport in the marshes, sum-browned
dhad"féverish frome exposure to niasma, he learoed laarued that his desk-companion, who can tid $F$ - wos station on a salary of eighten hun dred'dodiats à year
"I Heard the President asking for you sdia a fellow clèrk." "If you had been"hé r've no doubt you would have yot the appoint The miscrable, desponding answer we have already heard-"Just my luck!" "It was the rail shooting that did the busi eiss for youn," said thé other.
" $\mathrm{V}-\mathrm{it}$ was my luck! If I had remained at my desk, the President wouldn't biave come Piw baffled and tantalized in this way, until I'm out of heart. A fellow like Jones for Fstation! It's too bad! It's just the place I Wanted. I'would have had sone chance to show what is it, ne-some chane to have re-
wards. As to vegetating here, it doesn't suit me at all. 'I shall try.something else if there isn't à clange very soon.
Thirty years bave passed since my Girst ob
servvation of Edward Parsons. His "ill lub", servation of Edward Parsons. His "ill luck"
was just then beginaing. He hid Was just then beginning. He had failed to
graduate, and been put back a year. His "ill luck" bas dogged bis steps to the age of fifty: I saw hiu last week. He lơoked worn and haggard-a disappón ted and dishieartened man "Mbre ill luck," he said in answer to quo fioh labout his affairs. "WThegs always "agnst me. What has hap pened ?" Tasked
MWéll', you see-" He taliced earnestly "After tighting for it almost a year', 1 'got'a contrict" fron' 'the governin'ent. :"I had to 'bid low of coursé; but took good eare, as I thought. for a margin.: Well I've winted on the con tract for six:months, and delivered over fifty thousand dollars' worth of goods: I set my profit down at twenty:fuve per cenit, and there fore ought to have made ten thousand dollars Think of my disappointment at discoveriny yself actually ten thousaid dollars in debt. "How can that be?": I asked.
He shrugged his shoulders, looked wretched d. replied:
"An lerror in circulation: I was late with my proposals, and weat' over the 'figures hur ridly: Puting a four instend of a throe, nade all the difference! I discovered the error la "Veryl unfortunate!" I said, w "0, it'ts just my luek!" hes answered: " ang have shown : how it would be. If you, any othe man had "botatued the contract, a litule I thaditand an thirown' in debt. Bat it yluck ;-the Fates are against me ${ }^{p, n}$ ing màn asul bud seeni for a y yeur:-
${ }^{-}$What think"you', niy"'young "friend; just tartiog in the world? Whas it all luck? It may Be "worta' your while to determine the question.

It is, enough to scare, anybody to have a hot hought come crashing into his brain, and plowing up those parallel ruts where the
wagon train of cowmon ideas were joggin along in their regular sequences of associ

It is the most momentous question a woman over called on to decide, whether the faults the man she loves will drag her down or whether
deemer:
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What will paral yze small minds, may incile the candle will kindle and strengthen the flame upon the bearth-stone.
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Musie is the only earthly bliss that the imaginations of men have transferred to Heaven.
Poverty is the only load which is the heavier the more loved ones there are to assist in supporting it.

It is often the case that men, for the sake of geting a living, forget to live.
All the blows we strike should be for a purpose. Every nail driven should be as another rivet in the machine of the universe.
If you dreain that you are with an angel, and wake up to find yourself with your wife,
happy are you if you think your dream realand wake
happy ar
ized.
"Y̌ou don"t underrstand your business, Boniface; did you never have a gentleman stop with you before?" "Nio, not if ynu are one."

Whatever is, is right, if only men are
steadily hent to wake it so by comprehending and fulfilling its designs.
Every fact is impure, but every fact contains the. juices of .life. Every tact is a clod, trum which may grow an amaranth or 2 palm.
Sit at home, and the spirit-world will look in at 5ourwiadow win coonite eyos; run out to find
ighed.
Whare the wash tub and the axe are constantly in requisition, there is little time for he book, the pencil, and the guitar.
The poet should describe, as the painter sketches Irish peasant girl's and Danish fishwives, adding the beauty and leaviag out the
diri.

Drink water From water Venus was born. Drink water: From water Venus was born.
It is the nother of Beauty, the girdle of earth and the marriage of natioúns.
Absolate, peremptory, facts are bullies, and those who keep compang with them are apt to ret a bullying habit of mind.
If a woman has a heart, she should never uffer it to lie, ip. her, bosom as dead capital; it ought to circulate and pay interest.
Joy is of itself worth semethiug if only that down his haary head andsinks into nothingdown his haary head and sinks into nothing.

All lecturers, all professars, all school masters have ruts and grooves in their minds juto are perpetually sliding.
Society is a strong solution of books. It draws" the virtue out of what is best worth
reading as hot water draws the strength of tea leaves.
Most lives, though their stream is loaded with sand and turbid with alluvial waste, drop
a few golden yraius of wisdom as they flow along.

The ludicrous has its place in the universe; this was i:lustrated in the practical jokes of
kittens and monkeys long before Aristophanes or Shakspeare.
At thirty. we are all trying to cut our names in big letters upon the walls of this tenement
of life; twenty years later we have carved it of life; twenty years later we have carved it

