THE GRAND SCHEMER

HIS TAILOR CALLS ON HIM TO COLLECT HIS LITTLE BILL.

and Major Crofoot, Grateful For the Credit Extended to Him, Takes the Sun of the Shears Into the Universal Fishball Company.

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When Major Crofoot reached his office the other morning, he found his tailor at the door. The tailor had been there for an hour. He had a bill in his hand, and he was determined to present it in person. The major looked a bit startled at sight of the creditor he had been dodging for seven months, but in a breath he pulled himself together, extended his hand and heartily exclaimed:

"By George, but this is a curious coincidence indeed! Talk of mental telepathy, but your face was before me as I struck the first stair!"

"Major Crofoot, I am here"—

"Yes, yes; you are here about a little bill, and I am glad of it. Come in and sit down. Do you know, that little bill of mine has worried me more than some of $10,000. I have wondered and wondered why you didn't present it."

"But I have mailed it to you about 9 times!" exclaimed the tailor.

"Strange, strange! I must see the postal authorities about it at once."

"And I have sent it here by a boy at least ten times."

"By a boy? And the boy never presented it! I wish you would get me that boy's name. A dozen different times I have been on the point of sending you a check, but I was afraid you might take it that I wanted to close the account between us. I finally decided to wait until you dropped in."

"Well, I am here," said the tailor, "and now how about this bill?"

"Yes, you are here, and I am sorry to see that look of grim resolution on your face. You were one of my earliest friends and creditors. When I called on you and got measured for a new suit the world was against me. All I asked was a little time and encour-

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agement, but the cold, selfish world did not give it to me. You of all men were different. You made me a loan. You demanded no pay in advance. You sent it to me when done. Did you believe I appreciate this noble soul on your part?"

"The bill—my $11," replied the tailor but any signs of melting.

"After months and months of struggle against adversity the tide turned," continued the major. "I was a poor one day and a millionaire the next. I could pay $10,000 for $1. I remembered your little bill, but I had the object in not rushing a check to you. My heart was soft and tender toward you. You had reposed confidence in me, and I wanted to reward you."

"The bill must be paid today, major, or I will sue for it."

"And the man who shows his confidence in the financial integrity of Major Crofoot makes no mistake. I could put you into any of the half dozen syndicates I have promoted in the last six months and helped you to make a good thing of it, but those good things were not good enough for the man who had put faith in my honor. I intended to give him something better, and today I was going to send for you."

"I don't believe it," was the blunt reply. "However, I'm here, and I want the money."

"I was going to send for you," calmly continued the major, "and tell you to close your business at once and at once and to be ready in two days to take the vice presidency of the Universal Fishball company. The salary is $12,000 per year to begin on, and I have secured you $25,000 worth of stock at ground floor prices. You know what a fishball is, of course?"

"Look here, major," said the tailor, with disgust on his face, "you can't put me off with no fishball business. Put up the right down, or I'll sue!"

"I know that a fishball beats every sort of food for breakfast. We won't do without 'em, and the world will go without ice or milk to get them. Why, sir, I would as soon think of going without a bank account as without my fishballs, and I know you would sell your shirt if necessary to have them. It is so with all others in the trade. The fishball is indigenous to the United States, and its true home is the table. With proper encouragement we will work up a taste for it in Europe. We have already arranged to send the Prince of Wales a dozen in a box, and if we can once get him to recommend them English orders will come in so fast that we can't fill 'em. I'll take a box to France and another to Russia, and I look for the most startling results. My dear sir, let me congratulate you. Let us shake hands."

"But you won't pay my bill?" asked the tailor.

"Call 'em fishballs," continued the major, as he fingered a checkbook, "and it needn't necessarily be all fish. Put in some of beef, mutton, pork, veal, if you will, but flavor 'em with a part of fish and put 'em up in cans, six to a box. All they have to do is to set 'em in the oven a few minutes before eating. Five cents each, or six for a quarter, and we'll make 65 per cent. I figure that we have ten factories going inside of three months. Do you want anything better than this? Isn't this opening the waters for the trust reform?"

"But I came here for $11!" almost shouted the creditor as he saw himself being wound up.

"When this stock was issued, I thought of you. The first $100,000 was put up at 40 cents on the dollar. I wasn't satisfied to give you the vice presidency. I wanted you to make at least $10,000 a year out of your dividends. I did what I ought to have done for the best friend I have in the world. I took that $11 I owed you and used it to secure your stock. It wasn't half enough, but you can pay me the balance at your leisure. Some time after we get things started you can hand me your check for it."

"And you mean to say I'm owing you?"

"But don't worry about it, my dear man; don't worry. It's a mere flea bite. When you draw your first $5,000, we'll square up so as to keep the books straight. Major Crofoot is a man who returns confidence for confidence. Can you be ready to take your position in two days?"

"By thunder, but this is a game to do me up!" shouted the tailor as he stamped around in great excitement.

"I'd like you to take an active interest as soon as possible, as I may promote a three cornered pie company next month, but you can have a week in which to sell your tailor shop and get your hair cut. By the way, you'd better look out for a horse and a carriage. As vice president of the Universal Fishball company you'll be expected to sling on more or less style. I might go out with you this afternoon to look at some diamonds for your wife if you have time. As I said before, as to that little balance between us, don't let it bother you."

"Then you won't pay me?"

"That is about all today," blandly replied the major as he opened the door and beamed upon his creditor. "Three days hence we turn out our first box of fishballs, and they go to the president. Inside of a week he will telegraph us: 'Nothing like 'em on the face of the earth. Send me a carload.' My dear man, Golconda is within our grasp. I've let you into the biggest thing of the twentieth century, but I want no thanks for it. As I am very busy this morning"—

"My $11!" shouted the tailor as the door closed on him.

No answer.

"Major Crofoot, you are an old deadbeat!"

No answer.

"And I'll stay right here till Saturday night to get sight of you and punch your head!"

But he didn't. When a gravelike silence had continued for five minutes, he got discouraged and scuffled his way down stairs. M. QUAD.

MOUNTAIN AIR.

Why It Is More Healthful Than That of Lower Altitudes.

The only reason why mountain air is healthier than low air is that mountain air is cleaner than low air. The chemical composition of the atmosphere differs but little, if at all, wherever the sample be taken. On Pike's peak the relation of oxygen to nitrogen and other constituents of the atmosphere is the same as at the level of the ocean. The favorable effects therefore of a change of air are not to be explained by any difference in the proportion of its gaseous constituents. One important difference, however, is the bacteriological one. The air of high altitudes contains no microbes and is, in fact, sterile, while near the ground and some 100 feet above it microbes are abundant.

In the air of Chicago and other crowded places not only does the microbe impurity increase, but other impurities, such as the products of combustion of coal, accrue also. Several investigators have found traces of hydrogen and certain hydrocarbons in the air, and especially in the air of pine, oak and birch forests. It is to those bodies, doubtless consisting of traces of essential oils, to which the curative effects of certain health resorts are ascribed. Thus the locality of a fir forest is said to give relief in diseases of the respiratory tract. But all the same, these traces of essential oils and aromatic products must be counted, strictly speaking, as impurities, since they are not apparently necessary constituents of the air. As recent analyses have shown, these bodies tend to disappear in the air as a higher altitude is reached until they disappear altogether.—Louisville Dispatch.

One of Napoleon's Feats.

Napoleon added to his many other deeds of interest to the world that of having climbed to the top of a tower on horseback, a feat accomplished May 16, 1797, when he rode to the top of the Campanile, or bell tower of St. Mark's, Venice, in order that he himself might give the signal to his fleet of the surrender of the city.

Kindred Spirits.

She—And did you light the fire with kerosene too?

He—No; I smoked while I was putting gasoline in the automobile.—Chicago News.

Every royal palace in Europe has its special private police, who, in one guise or another, are always on the lookout for suspicious persons.

A prizefighter is in his prime at from 20 to 26 years of age.

Saved by Presence of Mind.

At Sheffield, England, recently a curious accident occurred. A passenger was riding on a double deck electrical car, and a single deck car passed in the opposite direction. The rope of the trolley boom of the latter was flying in the wind, and it wound itself around the passenger's neck. Fortunately he had the presence of mind to seize the rope with both hands and release himself or he would probably have been pulled from the car.

Not All.

Teacher (suspiciously)—Who wrote your composition, Johnny?

Johnny—My father.

"What, all of it?"

"No'm. I helped him."—Truth.

A real scene of troops in action hardly exists. Pictures of them are taken at odd spells and out of danger's reach, guns and troops being used for the purpose.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam. —Milton.

Conundrums.

Why are well darned stockings like dead men?—Because they are men-ded.

Why does a piebald donkey never pay toll?—Because its master pays for it.

Why is a coachman like a lover? —Because he always desires to be remembered by his fare.

Why are ripe potatoes in the ground like thieves?—Because they want taking up.

Why is an eclipse like a man whipping his boy?—It's a hiding of the sun.

What is the difference between an accepted and an unaccepted lover?—One kisses his misses and the other misses his kisses.

When is a cook like a strong swimmer?—When she stems the currant.

What three acts comprise the chief business of a woman's life —Attract, contract, detract.

What tongue often hurts and grieves you without speaking a word?—The tongue of your shoe.

My first is a preposition, my second a composition and my whole an acquisition?—Fortune.

Why was the sculptor Powers a great swindler?—Because he chiseled the Greek slave out of her clothes.

Why is a cigar-loving man like a tallow candle?—Because he will smoke when he is going out.

Why is the executioner like a brief correspondent?—Because he drops a line.

What is the difference between a tube and a foolish Dutchman?—One is a hollow cylinder and the other a silly Hollander.

What word of three sylables specifies the time of dance?—Atten-dance.

When is a conundrum least like a young lady?—When it is not a miss.

Why is a ploughed field like feathered game?—Because it's part-Ridges.

Why is there never any such thing as one whole day?—Because every day begins by breaking.

What game do the waves play at?—Pitch and toss.

What was Joan or Arc made of? —She was, we have every reason to believe, Maid of Orleans.

When is a black dog not a black dog?—When he's a greyhound.

Why are sugar-plums like racehorses?—Because the more you lick them the faster they go.

Which eat most grass—black sheep or white?—White, because there are more of them.

Why are hot rolls like caterpillars?—Because they make the butterfly.

Why is the polka like bitter beer?—There are so many hops in it.

When does a dog become larger and smaller?—When let out at night and taken in in the morning.

What belongs to yourself, and is used by your friends more than by yourself?—Your name.

Why is a gun like a jury?—It goes off when discharged.

Why are balloons in the air like vagrants?—Because they have no visible means of support.

Which is the way to make a coat last?—Make the vest and trousers first.

Why is neccesity like an ignorant solicitor?—Because it knows no law.

Why does a spoon reclining in a cup of tea resemble a handsome young lady?—Because it's in tea-resting.

When does a donkey resemble an unpaid creditor?—When he gets nothing in the pound.

How can you get a set of teeth inserted gratis?—Kick a dog.

What is the most dangerous time of year to go into the country?—When the flowers have pistils, trees shoot, cow-slips about and the bull-rushes out.

Many persons have had the experience of Mr. Peter Sherman of North Stratford, N. H., who says, "For years I suffered torture from chronic indigestion, but Kodol Dyspepsia Cure made a well man of me." It digests what you eat and is a certain cure for dyspepsia and every form of stomach trouble. It gives relief at once even in the worst cases, and can't help but do you good. Trout's Drug Store.

Holiday Greeting!

In a few days the NEW YEAR will be here. How about those presents? Yes, to know just what to select worries more than to pay for it.

George W. Reisner & Co.'s

store is just full of the most pleasing and useful articles for presents.

Is it a NEW DRESS, a NEW CARPET, a nice set of CHINAWARE or SILVERWARE

For Your Wife?

Is it a FINE WRAP, a nice pair of SHOES, GLOVES, or a SILK UMBRELLA for your daughter? Perhaps it is something for the boys?

COME IN AND SELECT WHAT YOU WANT. WE'LL NOT TELL.

Our prices as well as our goods are

Especially Attractive.

Must Pay Full Fare.

A resolution adopted at the meeting of the passenger committee of the trunk lines will likely cause a big surprise when it goes into effect. It provides that after January, 1, 1900, the reduced rates given by the trunk lines to clergymen, members of the Salvation Army, Missionaries and members of religious orders shall be withdrawn. The effect of such an agreement by this committee is far-reaching. It means that full fare will be exacted from this class of travelers by the following railroads.

Baltimore and Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, Lehigh Valley, New York Central, Central of New Jersey, Philadelphia and Reading West Shore, Erie, New York, Ontario and Western, Cheaspeake and Ohio.

The number of persons to whom half fare permits have issued has been steadily increasing. It is roughly estimated that three of the trunk lines—the Baltimore and Ohio, the Pennsylvania and the New York Central—alone issued during the past year 30,000 such permits. The other eight lines have probably issued a sufficient number to increase the total to about 75,000.

Railroad men take the ground that the idea under which a reduced rate ticket was sold to workers in the religious field has largely disappeared with the advancement of the times. In the early days of railroads they point out that the workers in the cause of religion were generally without compensation and often did manual labor part of their time to obtain a livelihood. Now it is contended that this condition has greatly changed and clergymen whose duties require them to travel have salaries from congregations, or are suported by special fund. This the opponents to the idea of giving reduced rate declare, enables them to pay the same rate which the general traveling public is charged.—Harrisburg Patriot.

"A Fly is as Untamable as a Hyena."

To advertise successfully may not be easy but it is not half so difficult as the taming of a fly.

So far as this community is concerned the advertising problem is simple Here is the plan:

Secure space in these columns
Write ads that are plain and straightforward.
Change them often
Keep at it persistently

The editor may read the proof of a newspaper four times and pass repeatedly over the same mistake without seeing it. Just as soon as the press is started and the paper printed in its complete form, there stands that error out in front of you so big that you cannot see anything else. It is a strange fact. And this is the reason that it is so easy to edit a paper after it is printed, and especially by a great many readers.

Brave Men Fall

Victims to stomach, liver and kidney troubles as well as women, and all feel the results in loss of appetite, poisons in the blood, backache, nervousness, headache and tired, listless, run-down feeling. J. W. Gardner, of Idaville, Ind., says: "Electric Bitters are just the thing for a man when he don't care whether he lives or dies. It gave me new strength and good appetite. I can now eat anything and have a new lease on life." Only 50 cents at W. S. Dickson's Drug Store. Every bottle guaranteed.

THE FULTON COUNTY NEWS

Covers the Field.

In every part of the County faithful reporters are located that gather the daily happenings.

Then there is the State and National, News, War News, a Department for the Farmer and Mechanic, Latest Fashions for the Ladies. The latest New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia Markets. The Sunday School Lesson, Helps for Christian Endeavorers, and a Good Sermon for everybody.

THE JOB DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETE.

SALE BILLS,
POSTERS,
DODGERS,
BILL HEADS,
LETTER HEADS,
ENVELOPES,
CARDS, &c.,

In fact anything and everything in the best style along that line.

Sample copies of the NEWS sent to any of your friends on request.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY

TIME TABLE.—Nov. 26, 1900.

Leave	no. 2	no 4	no. 6	no. 8	no. 10	
	*A. M.	†A. M.	*A. M.	*P. M.	*P. M.	
Winchester	.....	7 30	.....	2 30	7 30	
Martinsburg	.....	8 15		3 17	8 15	
Hagerstown	6 45	9 00	12 20	4 05	9 00	10 20
Greencastle	7 07	9 22	12 42	4 28	9 22	10 42
Mercersburg	.....	8 40	10 10	3 30	.....	
Chambersburg	7 30	9 45	1 05	5 00	9 45	11 05
Waynesboro	7 00	.....	12 00	3 30	.....	
Shippensburg	7 50	10 05	1 25	5 20	11 05	11 25
Newville	8 06	10 24	1 43	5 40	10 24	11 44
Carlisle	8 27	10 46	2 05	6 05	10 46	12 06
Mechanicsburg	8 47	11 07	2 25	6 25	11 07	12 27
Dillsburg	7 52	.....	1 40	5 10	.....	
Arr. Harrisburg	9 02	11 25	2 40	6 40	11 25	12 45
Arr. Phila	11 48	3 17	5 47	10 20	4 25	4 25
Arr. New York	2 13	6 03	8 08	3 53	7 13	7 13
Arr. Baltimore	12 10	3 11	6 00	9 45	6 35	2 30
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	

Additional trains will leave Carlisle for Harrisburg daily, except Sunday, at 5.50 a. m., 7.00 a. m., 12.40 p. m., 3.35 p. m., 6.18 p. m., and from Mechanicsburg at 6.14 a. m., 7.30 a. m., 8.12 a. m., 1.05 p. m., 2.30 p. m., and 3.53 p. m., 5.30 p. m., and 6.40 p. m., stopping at Second street, Harrisburg, to let off passengers.

Trains No. 8 and 110 will run daily, and No. 2 thirty minutes late on Sundays. Both trains will stop at intermediate stations on Sundays.

* Daily.
† Daily except Sunday.

Leave	no. 1	no. 3	no. 5	no. 7	no. 9
	†P. M	*A. M	†A. M	†P. M	*P. M.
Baltimore	11 55	4 54	8 55	12 00	4 35
New York	7 55	12 10	.....	9 25	1 55
Phila	11 20	4 25	8 50	12 25	4 20
Harrisburg	5 00	7 55	11 48	3 40	7 25
Dillsburg	.....	.....	12 40	4 20	.....
Mechanicsburg	5 18	8 15	12 05	3 56	7 44
Carlisle	5 40	8 37	12 27	4 16	8 06
Newville	6 00	9 00	12 51	4 37	8 25
Shippensburg	6 17	9 18	1 10	4 54	8 42
Waynesboro	.....	10 37	2 36	6 10	.....
Chambersburg	6 40	9 35	1 35	5 18	9 02
Mercersburg	8 10	10 47	.....	6 11	.....
Greencastle	7 00	10 00	1 55	5 37	9 25
Hagerstown	7 21	10 22	2 17	6 00	9 45
Martinsburg	8 24	11 10	.....	6 45	.....
Ar. Winchester	9 10	11 55	.....	7 30	.....
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

Additional local trains will leave Harrisburg daily, except Sunday for Carlisle and intermediate stations at 2.37 a. m., 2.00 p. m., 5.15 p. m., 6.25 p. m. and 11.40 p. m., also for Mechanicsburg, Dillsburg and intermediate stations at 7.00 a. m. and 3.27 p. m.

Nos. 1, 3 and 9 run daily between Harrisburg and Hagerstown.

* Daily.
† Daily except Sunday.
‡ On Sundays will leave Philadelphia at 4.3[illegible] p. m.

Pullman palace sleeping cars between New York and Knoxville, Tenn., on trains 1 west and 10 east.

Through coaches to and from Philadelphia on trains 2 and 4 east and 7 and 9 west.

SOUTHERN PENN'A R. R. TRAINS.

Pas. 167	Pas. 163	Mix. 461		Pas. 164	Mix. 166	Pas. 168
P. M	A M	A M	Lve. Arr.	A M	A M	P. M.
5 25	10 00	6 55	Chambersburg	9 25	11 50	4 20
5 34	10 12	7 10	Marion	9 13	11 32	4 08
6 11	10 47	8 10	Mercersburg	8 40	10 10	3 30
6 31	11 08	8 30	Loudon	8 18	9 42	3 08
6 38	11 15	9 05	Richmond	8 10	9 30	3 00
P. M.	A. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

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