

SUCCESS IS LIKE A DISTANT HILL.

Success is like a far-off hill. Serenely wreathed in mellow haze...

The hill that looms before us, far away across the misty space...

And like the far-off hill that through the softening haze shows green slopes...

Success is like the hill we see far off, where mighty rivers spring...

-S. E. Kier, in The Chicago Record-Herald.

MABEL versus MABELLE.

By CHARLOTTE SEDGWICK.

It was Mat Bronson who put the idea into our heads—which, indeed, were ready enough to receive it...

act and talk like the city girls she had met, and of course she overdid it...

"Don't be unnecessarily dense," was all the satisfaction I received. "I tell you, Molly, I'm sick of Mabel's city airs and affectations..."

Neil and I thought it all over for several days. We thought hard. It takes hard thinking, I have discovered...

Then, when he felt a little more comfortable, he said he thought it was somebody's duty to make Mabel "cut it out..."

"I just found it in this book," she went on. "Similia similibus curantur. I wonder we didn't think of it before..."

Neil had come upon the veranda during the oration, and she asked Mat, sarcastically, what method he would suggest...

"You mean—" I began. "Exactly," Nellie assured me. "We'll just try being affected ourselves, and let Mabel see how silly it is..."

"I was over there a little while ago," said Mat, "to see if she would go to Edith's party with me..."

So Neil and I spent several days in learning how to do it. We studied Mabel pretty closely, and I confess I had a kind of sneaking feeling...

"Oh," I interrupted, "did you hear how she tried to make Timothy wear livery when he took the horses out?"

As we gravely presented our cards and asked for "Miss Wogehrs and Miss Mabelle," her face was as expressionless as if we were perfect strangers...

Then Mat had said things. He told her that she was all right in a city, but in the country, where they have been neighbors all their lives...

Neil and I wondered afterward if she gave Mabel a hint. We have never found out. Perhaps our sending in cards warned Mabel...

Mabel Rogers used to be considered the prettiest, brightest, most popular girl in town before she went to visit her New York cousins...

Neil rallied and "went into action." Nell Bronson is nothing if not thoroughgoing, and she is a born actress...

each other. I stayed out, for the most part. I had all I could do to keep from laughing and spoiling it all...

Neil said, feelingly, that it must be terribly stupid to live in a country town when one was used to the city...

"Must you go?" she said. "But you will come again? Mary, love, pardon me, but your hat is a bit too far forward. Do you mind if I fix it? There! Really, one needs to have lived in a city to get things just right..."

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THE CANAL A HARD TASK.

DIFFICULTIES THAT MUST BE MET TO PIERCE THE ISTH-MUS.

Labor is Expensive and Must be Imported—Natives Too Proud to Do the Work—Chinamen Cannot Stand Climate—West Indian Negroes the Best.

M. Emile Pernot, a French civil engineer, arrived here from Colon, Panama, on his way to his home in Quebec...

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MEET YEARS AFTERWARD.

Men Opposed During Civil War Now Work in the Treasury.

Strange things happen in the course of a lifetime. Persons whom we meet under peculiar circumstances and never expect to encounter again have a curious way of bobbing up...

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"ROOM UP FRONT."

In the jammed and jouncing street car I was hanging to a strap...

Every time we stopped, some others scrambled hurriedly aboard. While in tones that thrilled with earnestness the blue clad man implored: "O, there's plenty room up front there if you'll move along and but—"

"If we'd heed that little lesson as we struggle day by day, Toiling on and toiling onward in a dull, half-hearted way, If we'd make a resolution that we'd do our work so well That unless the others hustled we'd be certain to excel, We would feel a lot less crowded as we do our daily stint—"

"I thought she was going to marry an English duke." "No. Her father found a Russian prince that he could get for half the price."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"Yes," said the sharper, who had just succeeded in obtaining change for a bad \$10 bill from a gullest old clergyman, "if there's anything I like it's pastoral simplicity."—Puck.

"Say, papa," asked little Cordelia, "what is a woman called who thinks twice before she speaks?" "She's what they call a mute, my dear," answered the knowing parent.—Chicago News.

"People say," remarked the girl in blue, "that we look very much alike, and I believe I can see a little resemblance myself." "You concealed that," exclaimed the girl in gray.—Chicago Post.

"Well, anyway," he said during their little spat, "when I proposed to you, you took me promptly enough." "Yes," she replied, "I was only a woman, and you did look so cheap."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Yes, it's all off between Laura and Reginald." "What was the trouble?" "He met her unexpectedly out automobile and she had on her new auto cap. The next day he broke the engagement."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"The day is done," murmured the sentimental maid. "That's right," admitted the prosaic youth, "but the night is pretty raw." Whereupon they both shivered and broke up the camp on the front stoop.—Chicago Daily News.

"I wish I had been born with a silver spoon in my mouth," sighed the youth. "Oh, don't let that worry you," rejoined the village sage. "You'll probably get a lot of gold teeth in your mouth before you die."—Chicago News.

"Now, dear," said the hero of the elopement, as they boarded the train, "we are safe from pursuit." "And also," said the radiant girl, "safe from starvation. Here's a check papa made out to your order."—Philadelphia Press.

"What your town needs most," said the traveling man, "is a hotel with all the comforts of a home." "Not much," replied the housekeeper. "A home with all the comforts of a hotel is what most of us want."—Philadelphia Press.

"He—Do you remember when we were children, and I used to come over to your house to play? Weren't those jolly times? Sae weren't they? And your mamma never let you stay more than an hour."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"When you send your poetical effusions to the magazines do you call them 'poems' or 'verses'?" "Well, when I'm sending them I call them my 'poems,' but when they come back I call them my 'reverses.'"—Philadelphia Press.

"Miss Screecher—So Mr. Critique said my singing was heavenly, did he? Mr. Howells—Well, not in so many words, but he probably meant that Miss Screecher—What did he say? Mr. Howells—He said it was unearthly."—Chicago News.

SCIENCE NOTES.

Flowers out of the natural season are usually obtained by keeping the young plants in cold, dry houses, and forcing them later by heat and moisture.

Why do mosquitoes bite human beings? According to Dr. Santos Fernandez, of Cuba, it is because the females cannot form their eggs without sucking some warm blood. If they fail to get it they lay no eggs.

The dog grows for two years and lives for ten or twelve. The cat grows only for about eighteen months and may also live for ten years, in very exceptional cases for twice as long.

The atom of hydrogen is the smallest of the "ultimate atoms" of the chemists, but it is 1789 times as large as the corpuscles which have recently been demonstrated as the elements of the atom.

A sand worm of the northern and western coasts of France seems to have a sense of time. It is known as "con-voluta," and M. Behn states that it makes green spots on the sand at low tide and disappears as the tide rises, and continued this course during the fourteen days in an aquarium.

Great Britain is to have an habitual criminal law resembling those of some of our states. According to the Daily Mail the pen now under consideration is that of an industrial penal settlement for the special benefit of such "habituals," where special efforts would be made to reform them and opportunity given them of regaining their liberty by industry and good conduct, but only on probation.

A curious investigation by Alfred Binet of the Laboratory of the Sorbonne has revealed differences in the handwriting of the sexes. Numerous characteristics are traced—such as carelessness in the writing of women and firmness and simplicity in that of men—and an expert graphologist has been able to give the sex of the writers of 141 addresses out of 180. The writing of old men resembles that of young men.

CINEMATOGRAPH IN SURGERY.

The Machine Improved So as to Seem to Throw Moving Objects in Relief.

The cinematograph, in addition to its many other uses, is now adapted to the clinic. The machine commonly displayed has, however, been improved upon for the surgeon by the addition of an ingenious appliance by which photographic projections seem to be thrown upon the screen with the relief that accompanies the same scene in nature.

This has been done in Paris. To look at the picture of a surgeon performing an operation as it is thrown upon the screen it exhibits no special peculiarity. But when the same picture is examined through a small apparatus consisting of two aluminum plates with some mechanism between apertures for the eyes, there are seen plainly as in life all the details of the operation. The illusion is so perfect that the man looking at it might almost imagine himself present at the operation.

The value of the apparatus, which is the invention of Dr. Doyen, a French surgeon, is that it is possible with its aid to display before the eyes of almost any number of students typical surgical operations in their minutest details and in the most life-like aspect.

Later it is expected to be able to affix the apparatus to opera glasses so that it may be used in the same manner with ordinary cinematograph pictures. The invention has received warm praise from several learned societies in London before which it has been exhibited.—New York Sun.

British Birds for Canada.

An attempt on a large scale to introduce English song birds into British Columbia is at present being made. The Victoria (B. C.) Natural History society is taking out from England about 500 birds, consisting of 100 pairs of goldfinches, 100 pairs of larks, and 50 pairs of robins. They go by way of New York to Victoria. In accordance with the arrangements that have been made, half of the consignment will be placed in Vancouver and taken care of there until next spring when they will be distributed throughout the woodlands of the lower mainland. The remainder will be placed in Beacon Hill Park aviary and kept until spring when they will be given their liberty at various points on Vancouver Island. It will be very interesting to hear if this extensive scheme of acclimatization proves a success.

Submarine Hotel in France.

A submarine hotel near Perdon, on the south coast of France, is proving a great attraction. Quite a number of guests are entertained there during the summer months. The building is of steel on a rock foundation, and has been fitted with large plate glass windows, from which the guests may look out on the peculiar form of life under the water at a depth of 35 feet. Machinery at the surface pumps air into the rooms for those visiting below, and at the same time drives away the impure air through draft tubes. It was in this hotel that the famous novelist Riechberg wrote some of his best stories when taking his annual vacation.

Once in three years the fish in a large pond belonging to Prince Schwarzenberg in Bohemia are caught. The latest catch, which lasted three days, yielded \$32,000 worth of fish.