

"You certainly deserve better luck than I have had." Then, after a silence of several minutes, he went on, moodly: "My experience was a very simple one. There is no story to tell. While I was in Paris I fell in love with a beautiful girl—the most charming young lady in the American colony. Her mother was a widow, and was determined to marry her to a titley consequently no presumptuous young artist could hope for smooth sailing in that quarter. But the girl was not indifferent to me. Indeed, I was fortunate enough to win her heart, at least, I thought so at that time. I annused myself by drawing and painting pletures of her. Acting upon an impulse I sent one of these pictures to her as a valentine, on the 14th of February. Accompanying the pleture was a verse of poetry, which, of course, was a very ardent declaration of love. To my surprise the valentine came back to me. Suspecting that I had made a grave mistake, I immediately wrote a letter of apology. The letter was returned to me unopened. Half crazy, I sought an interview with the young lady, only to learn that mother and daughter had quietly left Paris, without letting anyone know wither they were going."

Thayer paused, and drew a long breath.

"Well that's the whole story," he fiercely burn
In superheated fashion;
o hot they grow that naught below
Can quench the conflagration,
niless it be a mighty sea
Or boundless inundation.

Thayer paused, and drew a long breath.

"Well, that's the whole story," he added. "All this occurred five years ago, and I have never seen them since. I have no idea in what part of the world they are. I suppose—I imagine—as a matter of course, she is married And so we see necessity

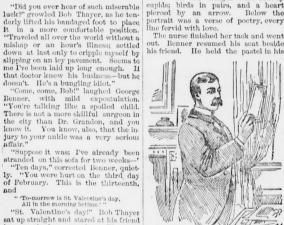
Has prompted the invention
Of valentines with tender line Y valentines with tender lines—
A method of prevention:
hen let us say all hall the day,
St. Valentine forever!
et Love rule all, both great and small,
And we disown him never.

Thayer's portion of arawings and sketches.

Suddenly Benner started, and picked up one of the pictures, holding it toward the light to examine it. It was an exquisite pastel; in the center was a sweet, girlish face, with rose-tinted complexion, big brown eyes, and a mass of fluffy hair above a low forehead. On the margin were chubby cupids; birds in pairs, and a heart piered by an arrow. Below the portrait was a verse of poetry, every line fervid with love.

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"To-morrow is St. Valentine's day!" Bob Thayer sat up straight and stared at his friend in questioning surprise. Then his whole manner underwent a change. "Why, so it is," he said, at last, and leaned back among the sofa pillows with half-closed eyes, muttering, as it to himself: "St. Valentine's day, sure enough. Five years-live long years." He checked the sigh that rose to his lips-checked it suddenly, as if recollecting that he was not alone—and looked up to find Benner regarding him intently. He laughed nervously. "Pardon me, George. Your quotation hook me somewhat by surprise. I had not counted the days, and—well, to be candid, Valentine's day is a sort of anniversary with me."

"Be even more candid, Bob, and tell me all about it," urged his friend. "Am I no longer worthy of your confidence, old man? I'm a little hurt that you have not seen fit to confide your love-story to me; for I know there must be a love-story. It is not probable that Bob Thayer, the successful artist, rich and notoriously appreciative of feminine charms, has reached the age of thirty-two unscathed, or that he is entirely contented with these bachelor apartments, elegant though they be. Pardon my impertinence, Bob, but, really, you will find me a sympathetic listener. To tell the truth, I'm in love myself." Benner colored up like a schoolboy as he made the confession, and added quickly:

"But I haven't been accepted—yet."

Thayer reached out and grasped his friend's hand.

"I sincerely hope she will make you happy, George," he said, carnestly.

"That, I think, will set everything right," mused Benner. "I will post this so that she will get it in the morning. It is all clear to me now. I knew there had been another, but I didn't dream of its being Bob. Ah! well, they will be happy now, and I—I will ge away somewhere, and try to forget."

The next afternoon, as Bob Thayer I have the statement of the leaves and skinming the pages of a new magazine, a servant startled him with the announcement: "A lady to see Mr. Thayer," and handed him a card. Before he could look at the name on the card a figure in black, closely velled, appeared at the open door. Thayer started up to a sitting posture.

"It is I, Bob," said a tremulous voice, and the figure came swiftly toward him. As the servant vanished the visitor threw back her veil, disclosing a face of rare loveliness, covered with dimpling smiles and blushes.

"Edith!" ejaculated Thayer.

She was down upon her knees at his feet; his arms were around her; he was straining her to his breast and pressing eager kisses upon her lips in a delirium of joy, yet dazed and bewildered and conscious of a maddening fear that he would wake and find it all a dream.

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It was some time before they reached the rational stage of their happiness and plunged into explanations. Then Bob learned that Edith had never censed to love him; that the rejected valentine, the returned letter, and the final separation of the lovers had been the work of her mother. But it was no time for criminations, for poor Mrs. Warren was gone. She had been dead six months, and the daughter was still in mourning.

"I have waited all these years and wondered if you would ever come to



Evidence of tt.

Briggs—You must have composed the poetry yourself in the valentine you sent around to Miss Quilter.

Griggs (eagerly)—Why, you haven't seen her since, have you?

Briggs—No. The doctor wouldn't let anyone see her.—Judge.

Pleased Him.

"The best valentine I ever received,' said Winkle, "was from a rich old aun' of mine up in the country,"

"What was it?" asked Nodd.
"She wrote me a letter," said Winkle, "and said she wasn't feeling very well.'—Truth.

THE VALENTINE BIRD.



---Harper's Young People. A Sparkling Valentine.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Legislators Fighting Against the School Book Trust.

INSANE ASYLUM INVESTIGATION

The Inquiry Will be Conducted by Senator

creased Revenues Will Affect Charitable
Institutions—Disorderly Visitors.

(Special Correspondence.)

HARRISHUR, Feb. II.—The members of
the house from the country districts are
after the school book trust with a sharp
stick. A bill has been introduced by Mr.
Douthett, of Butler, providing for the
purchase of text books at publisher's price,
which is designed to force the trust out of
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purchase of a week ago and is still in the
sommittee on education. Mr. Douthett,
clears that certain members are trying
to throttle it, but this is denied by Chairman Farr, who promises it shall be taken
ap and disposed of at the next meeting.
If the bill is negatived a resolution will
be offered by the member from Butler to
place it on the calendar. He is also considering whether it would not be a good
plan to offer a resolution for a legislative
sommittee on ascertain the cost of books
turnished school boards in the state by the
trust. It is claimed that there is great
inequality in the prices; that some dites
pay twice as much as others. Representative Lytic, the Republican leader of the
house, Chairman Moore, of the agricultural committee, and Mr. Martin, of Lawrence, than whom there are no more active
members, have assured Mr. Douthett of
their sympathy with him, and state that
if he does not want to take the responsibilly of making the investigation they will
gladly relieve him by offering the resolution.

The Marshall bill providing for the consolidation of competing pipe line companies will be taken up on third reading
in the house to-morrow. After the measure had been read the second time it was
recommitteed to committee in opposition to
the bill. Addresses were made by Mr.
Lee, Clarenee Walker, O. M. Russell,
Colonel W. A. Clark, Amos Steelsmith
and J. J. Fridcker. At the close of the
argument the committee in opposition to
the bill. Addresses were made by Mr.
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Colonel W. A. Cla

me," said the girl. "When I received your valentine to-day—"
"My valentine!"
"Yes—of course—this."
She drew it from beneath her cleak, and Bob found himself gazing at the old valentine of five years ago; the pastel which only yesterday George Benner had held in his hand in this self-same spot. His bewilderment deprived him of the power of speech. But only for aminute. A great light broke in upon him.

"Edith, do you know George Benner's Is it you that he loves?"

The girl was astonished in her turn but she admitted that the gentleman in question had proposed to her, and that she had promised to give him an arrower in a month.

"My darling, we owe our happiness to George Benner's generosity," exclaimed Bob. "It was he who sent you the valentine Parties and Dinners.

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The valentine party, which is a revival of olden times, is quite well observed in late years, and valentine luncheons and dinners among the young people are frequent, even in Lent, for a feast that has for its patrons a bishop cannot be regarded as exactly a secular affair. The card of invitation and menus for these occasions are in the forms of hearts, and answer the double purpose of a favor and a valentine luncheons and dinners among the young people are frequent, even in Lent, for a feast that has for its patrons a bishop cannot be regarded as exactly a secular affair. The card of invitation and menus for these occasions are in the forms of hearts, and answer the founds purpose of a favor and a valentine luncheons and dinners among the young people are frequent, even in Lent, for a feast that has for its patrons a bishop cannot be regarded as exactly a secular affair. The card of invitation and menus for these occasions are in the forms of hearts, and answer the young people are frequent even in Lent, for a feast that has for its patrons a bishop cannot be regarded as exactly a secular affair. The card of invitation and menus for these occasions are in the forms of hearts, an

to have rejected the nominations of any person from that city objectionable to him.

Governor Hastings has approved the Gobin bill providing for the reorganization of the state banking department, and will send to the senate during the week the nomination of Chairman Gilkeson, of the state Republican committee, to be commissioner of banking. The nomination will be promptly confirmed. Celonel Gilkeson will enter upon the duties next Monday. He has selected ex-State Treasurer Morrison for chief of the bureau in charge of the foreign building and loan associations. The governor has also signified the bill providing for an additional law judge in Westmoreland county. The measure for another law judge in Washington county has passed the house and is on the senate calendar for second reading to-morrow. There is no objection to it, so that it will reach the governor before the close of the week.

Must Rush Apportionment Measures.

The state administration insists on the speedy passage of all the apportionment measures introduced by Republicans. The legislative apportionment committee has

system. Under the new apportionment Allegheny will get four instead of three congressmen, and Philadelphia six instead of five. The Randail district, which until last fall always elected a Democrat, will be changed. The legislative apportionment drafted by Mr. Culbertson gives Allegheny four new members, and Philadelphia, Carbon and Jefferson each an additional member. Somerset, Bedford, Lawrence, Schuykilli, Clarion, Crawford, Chester and Huntingdon each lose one, There is no change in the representation from the other counties.

Senator Baker, the author of the present ballot system, will endeavor to correct its defects. He has collected copies of the proposed changes and all susgestions that have been offered, together with the recommendations of the Ballot Reform association, and will combine them into one

Ill, for which a special order will be asked in both bodies. As to the constitutionality of the act in regard to voting upon questions of municipal indebtedness the title will be amended so as to cover this defect. The senator will also endeavor to amend the twenty-sixth section by requiring every voter who declares that he has a disability and requires assistance to make his statement under eath upon printed form, as now required by residence and on ago. He cheerfully courts criticism of the law, and is open to any suggostions that may be made that would increase its efficiency. The charitable and penal institutions of Pennsylvania will suffer considerably by the large decrease in the state revenues. Auditor General Gregg and State Treasurer Jackson estimate that the receipts of the next two years, on account of the hard times, will not aggregate more than \$19.00,000, which is \$2,00,000 less than that of the previous two years. The general appropriation bill, which includes eleven millions for the public schools, the expenses of the executive, departmental and legislative branches of the state government, the state judiciary and the salaries of the county superintendents of schools, will foot up in round numbers about \$16,000,000. This leaves only \$3,000,000 for the national guard, penitentiaries, house of refuge, Huntingdon reformatory, state normal schools, state boards of health and agriculture and all other state institutions, of which there are over 125 sustained wholly or in part by the state. The state board of charities estimates that it will cost a million dollars the next two years for the area and treatment of the indigent the area and treatment of the numbers for the area of the state to a million dollars the next two years for the area and treatment of the numbers for the same that it will cost a million dollars the next two

indigent insane.

Heavy Appropriations Asked For.

The state normal schools ask for \$1,100,000. The National Guard will require \$700,000, the soldiers' orphans' schools \$500,000 for maintenance, the soldiers' and sailors' home at Eric \$200,000. A bill has been passed appropriating \$90,600 to complete the buildings and put in condition the grounds at the industrial school, at Scotland, Franklin county, and will ask for an additional appropriation of \$175,000 to build sixteen double cottagos to accommodate 1,000 children. If the appropriation is granted the commissioner will transfer the pupils to Scotland from the schools at Chester Springs, Uniontown and Harford, and close these institutions. If a compulsory education bill becomes a law the school appropriation will have to be increased to \$12,000,000.

The legislature has established the custom of giving to the retiring governor, leutenant governor, secretary of internal affairs and other state officials the desks and chairs used by them during their official term. Some of these desks are valued at \$200.

Representative French, of Washington, has introduced a bill requiring public Heavy Appropriations Asked For.

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Representative French, of Washington, has introduced a bill requiring public school teachers to open their schools by reading the scriptures from flye to fifteen minutes every morning. He says every-body is responsible for this measure buf himself, although the patriotic societies are origing its passage. "I did it on the broad principles of Christianity," said Mr. French. "I believe that it is right. There is too much of a tendency to disregard the scriptures in school life. I do not prescribe what the teachers shall read. They can select a passage in the New Testament to satisfy the Christians or a chapter from the Old Testament to satisfy the Jew. They can read from the St. James version so that Protestants may not be offended or from the Donny version so that the scruples of our Catholic friends may be respected."

Speaker Walton has found it necessary almost daily to call upon Sergeant-at-Arms Shoener to preserve order among the visitors and lobbylsts, who crowd in the hall of the house and gossip and talk, to the annoyance of the members and the speaker. The rules committee will take this matter up at the next meeting, and it is likely that a rule will be adopted that no outsider should be permitted on the floor of the house unless introduced by a member who will vouch for his conduct. As it is, all the doors are open and anybody can enter without question.

To Improve the House Accounties.

The board of public buildings and grounds has ordered draperies from Trimby, Hunt & Co., of Philadelphia, for the windows of the hall of the house. It is believed the draperies, with the wires string overhead in different parts of the room, will improve its acoustic properties to windows of the hall of the house. It is believed the draperies, with the wires string overhead in different parts of the room, will improve the acoustic properties to windows of the hall of the house. It is

WANDAUGH.

Father and Son Burned to Death.
PITTSBURG, Feb. 6.—Frederick D. Miller and his 6 year-old son were burned to death at their house on Second avenue. Fire was discovered in the kitchen at midnight. Miller, his wife, children and a hired man ran to the front of the building. On the way Mrs. Miller lost the boy, and her husband returned to find him. Mrs. Miller, one child and the man escaped by jumping into blankets from the second story windows. After the fire Miller and the boy were found lying on the floor of the bedroom dead.

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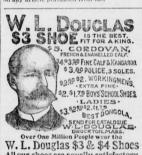
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