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THE COLLECTOR.
BY HARRY PAIN.

"It may be so," said the stranger. "The picture speaks very lightly of its author's picture but he is not an artist. The point is beyond doubt."

"Why?"

"Because I know for a fact that he understands—really understands—rates and taxes."

"If that is true," I answered, "it seems pretty queer. But how do you know?"

"Well," said the stranger, reflectively, "I don't know why I should tell you. We are the casual acquaintances of a long railway journey; you do not even know my name, and you will not be told in when I step out of this carriage, the acquaintance is at an end. It is true you will form a 'hot' opinion of me, but I know of no overwhelming reason why I should value your good opinion. I will use it if granted that you do not care to undertake the duty work of an informer, and I will speak candidly. How do I know that the picture is a masterpiece? I know it is because very dear friend of mine, in the same business as myself, once called at his studio to collect \$4.00. He said that that friend of mine has still two years of his service in tax."

"I don't quite follow." How did your friend get into trouble?"

"But that's just what I've told you. He called to collect \$4.00. He said: 'sanitary rate.'"

"But the money was due—"

"The money was not due. And if it had been, my friend was not authorized to collect it. It was merely that he felt like going the singular sum that I mentioned. Ninety-nine painters out of a hundred would have said in such a situation. At certain times they know that a man calls with a little brown bag and some pointed forms, and that they have to write a check. They know vaguely that it is taxes. But if they really have the artistic temperament, they don't know why they have to pay it, or how much it ought to be, or how often they have paid it already. I have myself collected many more times in three weeks from one artist, charging him a different sum each time, and he never raised the least objection or showed the faintest suspicion. Of course, though, even the really artistic temperament has its limits, and I'm told that when the actual sanitary rate called a day or two after I had left the neighborhood, he was very roughly handled. Hot temper—often finds that in artists. Unfortunately the painter my friend tried to collect from was of a very bourgeois type. He fetched a policeman—praised him for a man to do who is actually pointing the death of King Arthur at the painter's heart. The policeman rather. I was very sorry about it, very sorry."

"It was this friend, then, who misled you into dishonest surmises?"

"Not at all. I misled him—if you can call it misleading. And I'm quite like that word a dozen. A man studies finance and profits by the result of his study; he invests; he speculates; he makes a fortune; and nobody dreams of accusing him of dishonesty. I, on the other hand, studied psychology with special reference to the artistic temperament; it is a finer study than finance; it has, indeed, been called the noblest study of mankind since the world began. Well, the laborer is worthy of his hire. May not I also reap the reward of my work?"

"The law looks at it—"

"The law? I know there is a technical objection to the course I take. I avoid as far as possible coming into collision with the officers of the law."

"The wonder is that you have not been caught a hundred times over. You ought to have been caught."

"Once would have been sufficient—for some time, at any rate. I change my neighborhood frequently, and to some extent I vary my methods. Sometimes it's a sanitary rate, sometimes it's a gas account, sometimes it's water. I came rather near being caught once over a gas account. I said that it was \$3.00, \$4.00, and long over. And the artist had not got gas in his studio, and never had had. But he was a perfect gentleman, and quite willing to accept my explanation that I had called at the wrong address. In fact, he apologized for having been so really given me extra trouble. Once I came on an artist buying an old pecker dish in a curiosity shop, and I noticed that the dish had got a crack on it. I called on him next day and collected a five for license for armor-plating, and a fine of two pounds for using them without a license. He gave me a whisky-and-water and five shillings for myself for promising to keep the crack for myself. Oh, there's no mistake about it—artists are the salt of the earth! Without them I should never be able to travel in luxury, dine sumptuously, and smoke these excellent cigars. Have you?"

"Certainly not; and I hope next time you try something of the kind on you'll be caught."

"It is not likely, for I am going on a fundamental law. It is a law that anyone who is not an artist, and who is not a painter, may not exceed ten pounds to any respectable dressed man with a small bag, a plausible manner, and some imposing, pointed forms. That is, suppose that the artist has got the money posing that the artist has got the money and he has not got it all right. It's a simple law, but it's all the really great ideas are simple."

"If you are, I am glad to say, at the next station. He explained that a well-known academician had a bungalow with a studio attached in the neighborhood. 'That's an artist indeed,' he said, with enthusiasm. 'I've stood before his picture since I was a boy. Beautiful! Really beautiful! I've not him down for £15. He's more than I generally ask for dog licenses, but I shall get it all right. Here we are. Sure you won't try it yourself?'—London Black and White.

A Qualified Compliment.
Two women and a bright little girl, says the Kansas City Journal, occupied seats in a street car on the evening. The little girl attracted attention by her questions and answers. It was when the car reached Eighteenth street that the driver stopped. At that point the car made a long stop. While it was at a standstill a pretty woman, evidently a friend of the two in the car, stepped out.

"O dear! There's Mrs. Sargent. My! She is such a handsome woman!" said the driver. "That's the bright little girl's best friend."

"Yes, she is beautiful," assented the friend.

"The little girl was looking out of the window after the figure stepping up the hill. Presently she turned in her seat."

"Oh, mamma, you look just like that lady."

"Do I, dear?" asked the mother sweetly. "Yes, that's exactly all I've been thinking of. The little girl is still wondering why she can't see people laughing."

A Cure for Lumbago.
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MONEY GREW ON BUSHES.
Railway Section Gang in Nebraska Causes Upon a Singular Find by the Roadside.

The fairy tale of money growing in bushes was lately realized along the right of way of the Burlington railroad between Hyannis and Allamore, says a Lincoln (Nebr.) report.

A gang of section men were at work when one of them noticed something that looked like a bill waving from the tangled top of a sunflower growing by the roadside. He investigated. It was a treasury note for \$10.

He walked a few steps farther and there, standing from a branch of a bill of dog fennel, was another bill of similar denomination.

He called to his companions, and the entire gang threw down their tools and started on a money hunt. For three hours they searched up and down the right of way and far afield.

At almost every yard their trouble was rewarded by finding either a five or a ten-dollar bill. Some bills were tangled in the tops of weeds, others half hidden in bushes along the fence, and still others in the crevices of the soil.

The entire day's clean-up of the eight was \$2,132. When the find was reported, word came from headquarters that a money pouch containing \$2,000 had been lost from an express shipment the day before.

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GEORGE GREGORY, Sheriff.
Sheriff's Office, Milford, Pa., December 23, 1902.

MEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

The retirement of William Edward Hartpole Lusk from the British parliament was prompted by heart trouble from which he has suffered for some time. His physicians warned him that a continuance in public life would very likely shorten his days.

Dr. Emilio De Ojeda, the new Spanish minister, is almost certain to be a great favorite in Washington. He has a distinguished appearance, speaks English fluently, has a wide knowledge of literature and a practical knowledge of life, and has made a career. "Senior De Ojeda is besides a man of ample fortune."

The late Minister Poincaré has the British embassy in Washington thoroughly overhauled a little over a year ago. Sir Michael Herbert, the new minister, has ordered another renovation, which is now in progress on an expensive scale. Sir Michael, by the way, proved his claim to being considered a diplomat by saying to a friend in Washington: "When not living in my own country I should like to reside in this country."

Judge W. H. Simmons, of San Francisco, has an enviable talent as a story teller, and has never been known to relate a "chestnut" unless by request. One of his yarns is of a citizen who died, leaving a somewhat unenviable name. The preacher who was called to officiate at the funeral deemed it his duty to eulogize the deceased. He had proceeded some distance with his laudatory remarks when an astonished friend of the dead man leaned over and an acquaintance and whispered: "Say, Billy, are there two funerals here today?"

MENTIONED BY MEDICAL MEN.

In a recent address Dr. Kinsey remarks that he had known districts in Ceylon depopulated by malaria, and he recalled the fact that malaria stopped the great Panama scheme of the Lesseps.

While malaria is not contagious from person to person, it is, nevertheless, advisable to keep infected persons from healthy places, because they infect the mosquitoes that bite them, and these in turn infect other human beings.

At the request of the British South Africa company the Pastors Institute has just appointed one of its members to go out and found a branch institute at Bulawayo. Dr. Laird, the former director at Tona and chief of the laboratory at Lilie, has been nominated to fill this mission.

The X-ray is being used in dentistry with considerable success. It sometimes happens that the permanent, or "second," teeth are not properly cut. The mouth is thus disfigured by the loss of the first set of teeth and the non-appearance of the second teeth. With the X-ray the dentist can determine whether the second tooth is in the gum, and if so, why it has not appeared. The obstruction is removed, a passage opened, and the tooth works gradually down to its place.

SEEN IN THE SHOPS.

An odd-looking astutest man has been seen with a big bunch of oats and wheat.

A hat of squirrel fur is shown trimmed with large bunches of very real-looking grapes.

"Gibson" buttons are shown in emerald miniature surrounded with tiny rhinestone borders.

Small hat bone buttons come in shades of blues, browns and greens for trimming the new fall shirt waists.

The new waists shown in the recent opening are less blousy in effect and seek closer fitting lines, yet all are soft and not at all tight fitting.

On sale are some dainty cushions—some long—some round and some heart-shaped. Broad double ruffles of lace with an under ruffle of silk in pink, blue, red or lilac all around the edge and top is of linen embroidered in flowers in match—richelets, forget-me-nots or roses.

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