"'Tis Not in Mortals to Command Success,"

Norton laughed sarcastically.

"Gulf City is a big bunch of mud

else. Just between us, remember." He

waited for the boy's eager nod before

he went on. "The big men are behind

Altacoola. Standard Steel wants Al-

acoola, and what Standard Steel wants

from congress you can bet your bottom

dollar Standard Steel gets. They know

Randolph was more than satisfied.

their business at No. 10 Broadway.

Now, then, are you satisfied?"

flats. Besides, I'll tell you something

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Peabedy appeared to be al

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"You see, Langdon went in on a They were talking earnaval base platform," explained Stevens. "Our section of the south is whistled the newspaper red hot in favor of the government be something imporspending its naval base appropriation both the boss of the right there." Stevens of Mississippi

"Certainly," interrupted Haines, "but"-

think."

the boss.

zation."

"Unreservedly, senator."

would clinch everything."

at Stevens' summons.

drawl out with full effect.

Norton smiled shrewdly.

Even Peabody pricked up his ears.

-financially interested." he said.

"How?" asked Peabody sharply.

His two hearers exchanged a signifi-

"Yes," said both senators together.

day.'

cant glance.

ernoon, Haines. How are "And, there being a vacancy on the stor Stevens said cordially, committee on naval affairs," continued he saw the newspaper Stevens, whose dignity was offended ing. "Senator Peabody, by the reporter's interruption, "the daines, don't you? The friends of Senator Langdon are workcorrespondent in ing to have him appointed on that committee, because he comes from the Peabody of Pennsylvania, state where the naval base will be an of commanding character familiar with the availability of the

land there which we do not now conrong personality. The fact various sites suggested than a man trol under options, and," he added, been attributes to advance in from another state." Haines nodded. cheap.

the financial interests of Standard Steel and other "Yes, of course. What town's going organizations met with to get it, senator?" Senator Stevens paused judiciously. in Washington. That he title frequently used "Well," he said, "Altacoola and Gulf

to him, "boss of the sen-City are the chief candidates. I supd deny who had knowlpose you had better talk to Langdon r workings of the sen- about it." The reporter smiled.

"That's just what I came for. Senshook his head. ator, but I have to go up to the war department now. When Senator Langyou know-has about as much idea don comes will you be kind enough to about practical politics as-well, as we tell him I want to interview him?" have of the Golden Rule. Fact is, he Stevens bowed cordially.

dahip of these opponents by "Indeed I shall. I'll tell him he's in he had found that rehe Haines sort could not luck to have the smartest young man d by money. He consid- in Washington on the job."

"All right," laughed Bud, "only don't make it so strong that he won't recognd frequently regretted nize me when he sees me. Good y of the correspondents day." And he hurried away to keep a belaged appointment.

"Clever boy," said Stevens as newspaper man disappeared. The boss of the senate agreed.

"Yes, only I'm not sure it's a good thing for a newspaper man to be too clever. Spoils his usefulness. Makes him ask too many confounded questions."

if we're not all here on Stevens acquiesced, for it would never do to disagree with the boss. "It's very kind of you, senator," he began, changing the subject, "to come with me to welcome the new senator from my state, my old friend and col-

league.' An inscrutable smile-a smile, yet a cold one-accompanied Peabody's an swer.

find him easy to deal with. Just put

Senator Peabody, "boss of the senate. "I have always found, Stevens," he rather lives by that antiquated standsaid, "that a little attention like this to a new man is never wasted, and I make it a rule not to overlook opporard. That's where we get him. He owes everything to me, you see, so By the way, there's Norton now.

tend to handily. Doesn't involve much He'll do what I suggest, and he com work, and a young, hustling lawyer make the public believe what we like you ought to take charge of it easily. The fee, I should say, would "Then you guarantee him?" snapped be about \$10,000. Have you the time

to undertake It?" The congressman drew a long breath. "All right," said Peabody. "He goes His eyes beamed with gratitude. on the naval committee. That ought "I should say I have, senator. Of to be enough honor for a man who a course it won't interfere with any of year ago was growing cotton on an my duties as a congressman."

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old plantation miles away from civili-Peabody smiled. "Of course not, Norton. I see that "We have control now of all the land your sense of humor is improving. If about Altacoola that can be used," said convenient, run over to New York the Stevens. "I have had Norton, the conlast of the week. I'll give you a card. gressman from Langdon's district, My client's office is at 10 Broadway." working on it. There isn't a foot of The ruler of the senate nodded a curt dismissal.

"Thank you, senator; thank you very with a chuckle, "the options were dirt much." And Norton bowed and left rejoicing.

Peabody grunted approvingly. Peabouy turned to Stevens. "There won't be any New York for-"You see, even a congressman can tune in it, but it ought to be a pretty be useful sometimes," remarked Ste tidy bit," he said. "Now, if we could vens dryly. only get Langdon interested, directly

"Keep your eye on that young man, or indirectly, in a financial way, that Stevens. He's the most valuable congressman we've had from your state The senior senator from Mississippi in a long while. Does just what he is told and doesn't ask any fool ques-"It's too risky. He's old fashioned, tions. This was good work. Langdon's on the naval committee now sure. Come, Stevens; let's go to some quiet corner in the smoking room. I want to talk to you about something

else the Standard has on hand for you to do." Hardly had they departed from the

lobby when resounding commotion at the entrance, followed by the rushing of porters and bellboys and an expectant pose on the part of the clerk, indicated that the new senator from Mississippi had arrived.

CHAPTER V. THE BOSS OF THE SENATE INSPECTS A

NEW MEMBER: N actor playing the role of a high type of southern planter would score a decided success by picturing the character exactly after the fashion of Senator William H. Langdon as he strode to the desk of the International hotel. A wide brimmed black hat thrust back on his head. a long black perfecto in his mout coattails spreading out behind as walked, and the "Big Bill"' Lan smile on his face that carried su and good will wherever he we was good to look on, an inspi particularly in Washington. Following the senator were Langdon and Hope Georgia, les

ly he'll do anything I want him retinue of hotel atten

lator, whose train was late.

A GENTLEMAN

FROM MISSISSIPPI

By THOMAS A. WISE

Novelized From the Play by Frederick R. Toombs

HOW TO PLEASE A SENATOR. HE International hotel in Washington was all hustle and bustle. Was it not preparing for its first senator since 1885? No less a personage than the Hon. William H. Langdon of Mississippi, said to be a warm personal friend of Senator Stevens, one of the leading members of his party at the capital, had engaged a suit of rooms for himself

and two daughters. "Ain't it the limit?" remarked the chief clerk to Bud Haines, correspondent of the New York Star. "The senator wrote us that he was coming here because his old friend, the late Senator Moseley, said back in '75 that this was the best hotel in Washington and where all the prominent men ought to

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stay." Haines, the ablest political reporter in Washington, had come to the International to interview the new senator, to describe for his paper what kind of a citizen Langdon was. He glanced around at the dingy woodwork, the worn cushions, the nicked and uneven tiles of the hotel lobby, and smiled at the clerk. "Well, if this is the new senator's idea of princely luxury he will fit right into the senatorial atmosphere." Both laughed derisively. "By the way," added Haines, "I suppose you'll raise your rates now that you've got a senator bere."

The clerk brought his fist down on the register with a thud."



COPYRIGHT, 1909, BY THOMAS A. WISE to a seat to await the expected legis | don appears." He caught his friend "I don't know very much about him myself," said Haines. "All I've been able to discover is that Stevens said the word which elected him, and that looks bad. Great glory, when I think

what a senator of the right sort has a chance to do here in Washington-a nonpartisan, straight out from the shoulder man!" He paused to shake his head in disgust. "You know these fellows here in the senate don't even

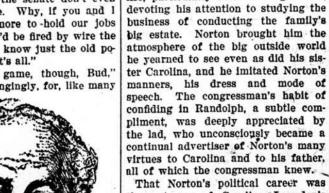
see their chance. Why, if you and I didn't do any more to hold our jobs than they do we'd be fired by wire the first day. They know just the old political game, that's all." "It's a great game, though, Bud,"

sighed Cullen longingly, for, like many



lure, it's a great game, as'a game,"

agreed Haines. "So is bridge, and stud



confiding in Randolph, a subtle compliment, was deeply appreciated by the lad, who unconsciously became a continual advertiser of Norton's many virtues to Carolina and to his father, all of which the congressman knew. That Norton's political career was the outcome of Carolina Langdon's ambition to shine in gay society was known to his friends as well as his family, and his desire to win her and place her where she could satisfy every whim had developed almost to a frenzy. Seeing evidences of Senator

close to the plantation most of his

life, particularly after leaving school,

Stevens' vast influence, he did not hes itate to seek a close relationship with him, and the senator was clever enough to lead Norton to consider him

Norton's vi

his friend. At the start of his political career Norton had higher ideas of honor than guided his actions now that he had become a part of the political mahine that controlled his native state f Mississippi and of the bipartisan mbination that dominated both es of congress in the interest of reat rallway and industrial cor-

Ital to be the sacred heritage of the

nation which must be protected at any

by the arm and in spite of protest dragged him off to the cafe just as young Langdon and Congressman Norton came down through the lobby. Though but few years older than profit of \$100,000! Randolph Langdon, Charles Norton had long exercised strong influence over him because of his wider experi-

Already he felt himself rich, and honestly rich, too, for Norton had convinced him that there was no reason why he should not use the \$50,000 of his father's, when it had to lie in the bank anyhow all winter, and he world have it back in time to use on the plantation in the spring when it was needed. How proud of him his father

"I'll go get the drafts at once, Charlie, and I'm mighty much obliged to

would be when he showed him a clear ence in the world's affairs. Like his you," he said, with gratitude in his father, young Langdon had stayed voice.

"Make a hundred thousand with it." Norton's smile was one of deep satisfaction

"That's all right, Randolph. You know I want to do anything I can for



with him a few There young Langdon is now." es turned quickly, just in time an into a tall, siender young Langdon, for instance. Chosen by Steman, who was walking unevenly in the direction of the cafe.

"Well, can't you see what you're doing?" muttered the tall young man thickly.

Haines smiled. The chap who has played halfback four years on his col- years of experience as a newspaper lege eleven and held the boxing chamnatured. He does not have to take ofdon was plainly under the influence of whisky. So Haines smiled pleasantly at the taller young man.

"Beg your pardon-my fault," Haines said.

"Well, don't let it occur again," mumbled Langdon as he strolled with uneven dignity toward the door. Bud Haines laughed.

"I guess young Langdon is going to be one of the boys, isn't he?"

"He's already one of them when it comes to a question of fluid capacity," laughed some one behind him, and Bud whirled to meet the gaze of his friend. Dick Cullen, representative of one of he believed to be the outcome of unthe big Chicago dailies.

"You down here to see Langdon too?" commented Bud.

Cullen nodded. "Queer roost where this senator is to hang out, isn't it?" "It can't be a rich one, then," suggested Haines.

Cullen chuckled.

cheap.

"Perhaps he's an honest one."

ways were original, Dickie," comment- shouldn't be honest. All I want them ed Haines dryly. "By the way, what to do is to play a new game. Let 'em do you know about him?"

"Nothing, except that the Evening Call printed a picture of his eldest daughter-says she's the queen daughter of the south, a famous beauty, rich don't care a hang what party they beplanter for a father, mother left her a fortune"-

"She'll cut quite a social caper with this hotel's name on her cards, won't | buy a drink if you'll quiet down. Let's she!" broke in Haines as he ied Cullen be comfortable till this fellow Lang-

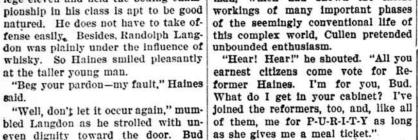
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poker, and three card monte, and flimcost. The acceptance of a retainer fiam generally. Take this new man from the C. St. and P. Railroad company for wholly unnecessary services vens he'll probably be perfectly obediin Washington-only another way of ent, perfectly easy going, perfectly buying a man-a transaction arranged blind and-perfectly useless. What's by Senator Stevens, was but another wanted now is to get the work done, stage in the disintegration of the not play the game.' young congressman's character, but it

Thoroughly a cynic through his brought him just that much closer to the point where he could claim Caroman, which had shown the inside lina Langdon as his own. And opportunity does not knock twice at a man's door-unless he is at the head of the machine.

Norton, the persevering young law student who loved the girl who had been his boyhood playmate, was now Norton who coveted her father's lands, who boasted that he was on the "in-

side" in Washington, who was on the way to fortune-if the new senator from Mississippi would or could be But not even Cullen could make forced to stand in favor of the Alta Haines consider his views on the coola naval base.

necessity of political regeneration to His conversation with Randolph be ridiculous. His optimism could not Langdon as Haines and Cullen saw be snuffed out, for he was a genuine them pass through the hotel lobby il believer that the natural tendency of lustrated the nature of the Norton of humankind was to do right. Wrong the present and his interest in the Altacoola scheme

"There's no reason why you shouldn't Randolph was starting for his room natural causes. This quality, comcome in on the ground floor in this when Haines and Cullen turned sharpbined with his practical knowledge of proposition, Randolph." he was urging ly around the corner of the hotel desk. the world and his courage, made him a in continuance of the conversation be- Again Bud and the young southerner formidable man, one who would one gun over a table in the cafe. "No rea- accidentally collided. day accomplish big things-if he got

son why you shouldn't do it, my boy. the chance. Why, are you still a child, or are you "You know you can't shut me up, Dick." was his response to Cullen's really a man? You have now drafts

oratorical flight. "I'm going to have for \$50,000, haven't you?" "I hadn't thought of that. You al- my say. I don't see why a senator "Yeah," agreed Langdon, chagrined at Norton's insinuation of youthfulness and anxious to prove that he was really a man of affairs, "I've got the fifty at least seem to be honest, attend to

their business, forget politics. The thousand, Charlie, but-but, you see, country sends them here to work, and that's the money for improvements on if they do the work the people really the plantation. As father has put me in as manager I want to make a showlong to.'

"Come out of it, Bud. Your brain is "You can't make it until spring," wabbly," yawned Cullen wearily. "I'll urged Norton. "The money's got to lie in the bank all winter. Now, why don't you make a hundred thousand

in there."

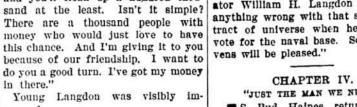
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my fifty between now and spring?" "Sure as a nigger likes gin," replied Norton confidently. "How?" asked Langdon. The young congressman leaned over confidentially. "This is under your hat, Randolph. Commencing Wednesday, Feb. 3, You can keep quiet?"

Langdon nodded eagerly. "Then put it into Altacoola land." "The naval base?" gasped Langdon. Norton nodded. "Now you've hit it. The government

will select Altacoola for a naval base. Then land will jump way up to never and you'll clean up a hundred thousand at the least. Isn't it simple?



"JUST THE MAN WE NEED." S Bud Haines returned from "You've always treated me right, Charlie; you've been for me, I know. young Langdon's room, where he had left the latter in bed, towel filled with cracked ice But suppose the government doesn't searound his head, he saw two famillar lect Altacoola. Gulf City's in the run-

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"Where are you going? Can't you

"Oh, it is, is it?" irritably replied

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on the plantation.

"Well, take that,"

he angrily cried,

aiming a savage swing at Haines.

The reporter's

athletic training

proved of ready

service. Dodging

under the clinch-

ed fist, he turned

dexterously, seiz-

ed young Lang-

don's outstretch-

ed wrist and bent

the arm down

Randolph, who as the "young marse"

"Guess it's your fault this time."

look out?" blurted Langdon,

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Haines grinned.

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for the benefit of the south and Langdon will go the limit on it. Even a Republican majority doesn't mind a little Democratic support, you know. I think he's just the man \$300,000 you can use in this gulf naval base bill."

up any measure

"You can swing him?" asked Peabody sharply. "Then you guarantee him?" snapped the Stevens drew closer to Peabody.

"I elected him, and he knows it," he chuckled. The boss nodded.

bulge out of his head. "And it's likely that a man like "What!" he gasped. "You got Lang-Langdon, new to politics-a simple don's money in Altacoola, through his gentleman of the old school, as you deson? scribe him-might have considerable influence on opinion throughout the

country. Langdon's colleague grasped the arm fifty shall make a hundred by spring." of the senatorial dictator.

"He's just the man we want, sena tor. He's one of those old fellows you you've done a good day's work. By just have to believe when he talks. the way, a New York client of mine has a little business that I cannot at-

"By Jove, Langdon stock is going up when the chairman of the naval committee drops in to welcome him."

We came to call on Senator Lang-

Senator Stevens' new colleague,

Bud Haines opened his eyes wide.

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Similar Diversion gressman hurrled precipitately across

that has contributed fame of southern women. "I've been wanting to speak to you, gia, more girlish and a vivaci gentlemen," said Norton, full of the was the especial pet of her father and good trick he had turned, "but I didn't usually succeeded in doing with him like to interrupt you. I think I've what she chose.

done a big stroke for Altacoola to A real senator and two such young women handsomely gowned seemed to take the old hotel back a score of years-back to the times when such With a keen sense of the dramatic sights were of dally occurrence. The the congressman let his next words ancient greatness of the now dingy International lived again. "I've got Senator Langdon interested

"How are you, senator? Glad to welcome you, sir," was the clerk's greeting.

The genial senator held out his hand. Everybody was his friend.

"Glad to meet you, sir; glad to meet "Well, I just let his son invest \$50, you," he exclaimed. "Must make you 000 of the senator's money in Altaacquainted with my daughters. This coola land. That ought to help some." is Miss Carolina Langdon, this Miss Stevens stared in amazement at his Hope Georgia Langdon." congressman, his eyes threatening to

The two girls, with their father's idea of courtesy, shook hands with the clerk, who was not at all taken aback by the unexpected honor.

Hope Georgia was thoroughly de-"I sure have, senator," chuckled Norlight 1 with everything, but Carolina ton. "He's in to the extent of fifty looked at the worn and faded walls thousand, and I've promised that the Aand furnishings with evident distaste. "Oh, this is Washington," murmured "It'll make three hundred thousand Hope Georgia ecstatically, clasping her at least," snapped Peabody. "Norton, hands and gazing at a vista of artificial palms in a corridor."

"Ah, this is Washington," sighed the new senator contentedly as he gazed across a hall at the biggest and most corgeous cigar stand he had ever seen or ever hoped to see-the only new thing, added to the hotel since Grant was president.

"Truly magnificent establishment you have here, sir; magnificent!" he exclaimed as an imitation marble column came within his purview. "I remember my friend Senator Moseley speaking to me of it thirty years ago. Are our rooms ready?"

The clerk, hugely pleased, hastened to assure him that everything was in first class order, waiting. "You better go up, girls, while the strong man's world-which many

a woman would give her all to enter and play a part therein.

"What else have you against a political career, Mr. Haines?" went on the senator, taking up their conversation.

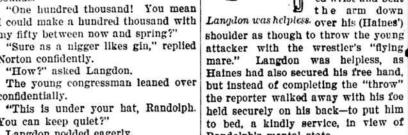
"Well, my age for one thing. naven't any gray hairs."

Langdon waved this objection aside. "I might arrange to pool ages with you. Sometimes I think we want young men in politics, like you." The reporter shook his head.

"Old in age and young in politics, like you, Senator Langdon," he replied. "Politics I sometimes think is pure hypocrisy and sometimes something worse. A man gets disgusted with the trickery and dishonesty and correp

"Then," drawled Langdon, "the thing to do is to jump in and stop it! I read in the newspapers a great deal about corruption. The gentlemen in national politics whom I have had the honor of knowing-Senator Moneley, an intimate friend of thirty years; my present colleague, Senator Stevens, and others-have been as honest as the day is long."

"But the days do get short in Noember, when congress meets, don't they?" laughed Haines, rising. "I'm afraid I've taken too much of your time, and I seem to have talked a lot."



Randolph's mental state. From across the lobby Charles Nor-

> ment. "Now that I've got the young fellow to sew up his old man's money in Altacoola land," he chuckled, "reckon Senator William H. Langdon won't see anything wrong with that same noble tract of universe when he comes to vote for the naval base. Senator Ste-

ton had watched Randolph's discomfiting encounter with Haines with amuse-

