

THE SONG AND THE DEED.

There was never a song that was sung by thee, But a sweeter one was meant to be...

When Cupid Stopped a Drive.

A Stock Market Story.

THE magnate was a satisfied man. As he sat in his library that night, November 12, 1912...

"What is it that you're thinking of so hard, daddy?" asked the girl who sat in the big red leather chair opposite the fire...

"Oh, I guess you've not come in!" This last as a knock at the door attracted his attention.

"Toronto, Mr. A—, to be exact. Here is the situation: He is carrying about all the C. P. that he can carry at present, and it averages him about 135.

"Oh, no. You have done very well. We shall do the trick on Thursday and Friday. Wire Krowitton to clean up the cash in Toronto as well as he can to-morrow. He has all the collateral to get five million or so out of the banks. That will make it surer. We shall start the job at six o'clock.

"Daddy, what are you going to do?" she asked, when they two were alone. "The magnate chuckled. 'Just a little bit of strategy, my dear, in the market. We want to make some Canadians selling to do it on Thursday.'

"What is it that you have in the pot. They won't let go. They will sell. I guess, looking for a rally. Stock always rallies."

Minutes later she kissed him on the cheek and went away to her room. There was a troubled look on her face. She took from a drawer a card and sat on the edge of a couch and read it. Here is a part of what she had in her hand.

The Letter was dated Toronto, November 8.

It was signed by the man she had met in Wisconsin the summer before. It was the clue to a secret that none knew except herself and him. She let it drop on the couch and sat there thinking.

"And daddy will break that stock, he says, and ruin every one that has it. Oh, dear, what shall I do?" She sat there half an hour, thinking desperately. At the end of that time she sat down at her desk and wrote a telegram, writing on plain paper because she had no blanks.

"They are going to put your stock away down. Sell out. I know this. It is going to go on Thursday. They want to ruin some one. I don't know who it is. DOTTIE." She went to sleep after that. On Wednesday morning she drove down to the telephone office herself and sent that message away.

That is the reason strange things happened in Toronto. That also is the reason Canadian Pacific never reached 120 during that bad week. Of course Dottie, who knew nothing of stocks, could not be expected to know that when a man gets tips that are startling and wonderful he is apt to consult his friends. Nor did she know that the man to whom she sent that wonderful wire was hand-in-glove with the man at whom the drive of Thursday was to be aimed.

In the office of Mr. A., of Toronto, there was a rush and bustle on that Wednesday morning that had had no parallel even in the most exciting boom days of the summer. It was true that the associates of Mr. A. were nearly exhausted. It was true also, and this fact the spy had missed, that a new bank was on the very verge of flotation in Toronto. The President of it was to be Mr. A. In the ordinary course of events it would have been opened within two weeks or so.

Here is the cause of the bustle. On the hint that a drive at Canadian Pacific was intended Mr. A. had sent round to the banks asking prospective loans. He had been met by the reply that heavy loans that morning had pre-empted a great deal of the available cash, and that, while the banks were very sorry, etc., etc. To throw his stock in the market would only precipitate things. That bank must be opened. It must be opened at once. All preliminaries had been gone through with two weeks before. The executive staff alone was incomplete.

That day in Toronto a bank was created. The staff was more or less temporary, and could not be called efficient, but there was money, lots of money. On Thursday night, November 12, the magnate received a telegram that filled him with wrath and amazement. "New Bank Montreal opened here this morning," said Mr. A. Said he to protect his loans. Money came off at close rapidly. What shall I do? "KNOWITTON."

The flicker told the rest of the story, all except what was in a letter that reached Dottie on Friday night. There was no special drive at Canadian Pacific.—New York Times.

Eel Spearing in Winter. Nearly all the eels in market in winter show the marks on their sides where the spear has pinched them. Eel spearing goes on everywhere there is ice strong enough to bear a muddy bottom and salt water not too deep to permit of handling the spear.

The spear which generally finds favor is the Sag Harbor pattern, consisting of a dull, oval blade in the center and three, four or five barbed prongs on either side. None of these members is sharp. Their intention is not to penetrate the eel, but to straddle him and hold him as would a pair of spring forceps.

The owner of a spear allies it to a spencer pole fifteen or twenty feet in length, and armed with an axe goes out upon the ice, carrying a feed bag to hold his catch. A hole is cut through the ice in a likely place, and the spearer begins to jab the mud at the bottom in a systematic manner.

WOMAN'S REALM.

A UNIQUE BUSINESS.

A Young Woman Farmer Ever Living by Renovating Colonial Furniture. While looking up some odd bits of furniture for a studio, the writer was directed by a New York furniture house to call at a certain address in reference to her wares.

The address led her to an unpretentious house in a quiet neighborhood in the Harlem region, where she found a young woman busily engaged in decorating furniture in a great, studio-like room filled with quaint and beautiful old pieces. She was renovating a great old Colonial hanging stool, suspended from the rafters by iron chains.

The wants of the visitor being made known the young woman made a rapid but careful estimate of costs. After selecting what she wanted, with the exception of a settle, which the young woman promised to procure, the writer spent some time examining the contents of the studio.

"Yes, this is all my business," said the young woman. "Over an hour for a woman, isn't it? So every one seems to think. I took it up by accident, as it were, and have found it to be profitable, as well as most interesting work. I came to New York five years ago with the idea of making a good living as teacher or secretary, for I had a fairly good education, and like most village girls, I believed New York to be the great opportunity for money making. I soon found out my mistake.

I hired a cabinet maker whenever I needed skilled repairing, but the decorations and small repairs I attended to myself, and soon I became so expert at upholstering that I could repair a chair with great ease and neatness, usually choosing a much prettier design than the old and dried upholsterer. After six months' commission work with the old furniture dealer I made arrangements with a New York hat maker to take over my business.

"Oh, it's very pleasant work, indeed, quite as interesting as any other decorative art, I should think, and it is very lucrative. I believe it is a good field for women bread-winners."—New York Times.

Secrets of Social Power. In the art of conversation lies, to some extent, the secret of social power. Seek by every possible means to remedy any deficiency, and by reading and frequenting libraries, where books and magazines are abundant, gain thorough acquaintance with every timely topic.

Colors That Make You Look Thin. White make a woman look innocent, winsome and classic. Clear white is for the blonde, cream white for the brunette. Is it not the woman in white who has all the attention and the wide-eyed young thing in white with a blue ribbon who captures all the boys?

How to Wear Veils. Veils have more in evidence than ever, and there are all sorts of veils to interest the girl of fashion. There are drapery veils, specially for hats;

FARM MATTERS.

Loss of Water. When the land is covered with some kind of crop, to avoid wastefulness of the soil, there is less loss of water, because much of it goes down instead of flowing away.

Fighting Weeds. Where the land is not in meadow or pasture, we get rid of the weeds by frequent cultivation. When possible, before sowing or planting any crop, it is best to let the freshly plowed land lie long enough for the weed seeds to come up. We then run them over with a strong harrow or weeder, while the ground is dry, and get rid of most of them.

The Milk Strainer. If a wire strainer is used pour it each time with warm water and soap and rinse with cold water. Cloth strainers should be first well washed in cold water to remove the milk then washed with warm water and soap and rinsed again, then scalded and dried where they will be clean and pure.

Finish For Farm Buildings. When building or repairing farm buildings it is often desired to put a cheap finish about the eaves and gables. Where some protection is desired, the plan shown in the cut will be found very serviceable.

The Fashionable Bow. The flowers that seem to take best with us are those that droop, arranged among them the fascias. These are often made of chiffon, but more frequently of velvet, and they have a great following in Art Nouveau and other styles of jewelry.

Rich Trimming. Spangled velvet is the latest material for trimming handsome gowns. It is not an expensive decoration, but it is very beautiful, and a very little of it adds greatly to the elegance of a gown. The velvet is black, and its richness is increased by the tiny golden beads that are thickly scattered over it.

One color from the headpiece down is the complete dressier's correct vogue. Large silver buttons are much in favor for fastening the jackets of late tailor gowns.

White cloth well covered with embroidery is used in the creation of some of the latest, and most effective rich "suits."

Unless Dame Fashion calls a halt the present mode of sleeve will become as ridiculously large below the elbow as it was several years back at the shoulder.

Exemption from military service on payment of a sum of money is to be abolished by the new Spanish militia law.

CURIOS FACTS.

Only the church steeple at Zudrovec, near Duklirk, now rises above the sand which overwhelmed the entire village in 1777.

In view of the same as to the permanency of typewritten records, the Italian minister for justice has ordered that no typewritten documents will be accepted as legal in Italy.

There is at this moment in the American Museum of Natural History a single butterfly which cost its owner, the late Dr. Strecker, of Reading, Pa., between \$7,500 and \$10,000. This rare insect, a female, occurs only in Sierra Leone; and the collector in question had to fit out an expedition and maintain it for over two years with no other object than the addition of the insect to his boxes.

Catch fishermen make astonishing catches by means of a very simple expedient. They put a number of live worms and insects into a bottle partly filled with water, which is then securely corked. The bottle is dropped into the water and the fishermen shake his line alembic.

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It is seldom that you can get a self-made man to apologize.

GOOD ROADS.

Progress of the good roads movement in this country during the last ten years. The Secretary of the American Road Builders Association, New York City, has been prominent; in fact, more money has been raised and expended in that period than in the previous 100 years. New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York have been pioneer States in carrying on this work.

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