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He wondered if she would pin a nap-

kin about his neck and cut up his food

for him. She was assuming such vast-

ly superior airs he was prepared for

was fading behind a bank of dark.

Olivia looked at him furtively once

meal. She wished her father had not

thought it necessary to warn her

against Tom's "boyish foolishness." It

had made everything so difficult, so

awkward, and it was "spoiling the

poor dear's holiday." But "papa had

said" he would be seriously angèred

if she allowed Tom to pay her any

And so the awkward dinner had

dragged its slow length from soup to

men into the library, as Tom had fond

coffee, and Ollie had not followed the

He could never clearly recall all his

guardian had said to him during that

prolix introductory talk about his own

affairs. He knew it had contained

hints about financial losses, invest-

ments that had not turned out as they

should, depreciation in real estate, fail-

ure of railroad stocks to pay dividends,

with a lot more of dry business talk

which had nothing in the wide world

there was no other subject under the

"And so from Berlin, you think,

Mr. Matthews rubbed his chin re

the pause that followed Tom's ques-

air. Tom sat facing the yard gate.

His elbows shook, and he sat up very

Three horses had stopped in front of

the gate. Clarence Westover was on

one, and the Westover coachman was

Ollie sailed into the room buttoned to the chin in a pretty dark green habit.

on another, leading a third on which

was a lady's sidesaddle. Westover

alone dismounted and strode briskly

up the walk. Five minutes later Ollie

sailed into the room buttoned to the

chin in a pretty dark green habit. She

held out one small gauntleted hand to

Tom. "I'm so sorry, Tom, dear, that

papa appointed today for you to spend

with us. He didn't know then that

Jeanne Westover had asked me to try

a riding horse for her. She is awfully

afraid of horses, but said if I liked

sulky silence. All of a sudden the

map of Europe developed an immense

fascination for him. He glued his

gaze to it to the exclusion of all the

world besides. He could hear his

guardian outside discussing the horse

"You say it is a new horse, West-

"Nothing but what his previous own-

er tells me. He vouches for the beast's

goodness of disposition. William, there,

has tried him with a riding skirt, and

guess he's gentle and all that! But

Jeanne wanted Miss Matthews' opin-

ion of his gait. She says a man can't

judge of what is pleasant riding for a

"She is quite right," said Ollie, with

decision. "He cannot." Then she tip-

I have been riding him for a week. Oh,

over, one you know nothing about?"

with Westover.

woman."

er says it is a darling."

a valiant show of interest.

stiffly in his chair.

had best go on to Vienna, sir?"

sort of loverlike attentions.

ly hoped she would.

leaden clouds.

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SYNOPSIS OF PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS. he has seen something of the world In order that new readers of THE Enquirer may begin with the following installment of this story, and understand it just the same as though they had read it all from the beginning, we here give a synopsis of that portion of it which has already been published:

The Province of the English of the world. Until he has measured himself by others at standards. Now, there is Mr. West-over"—

Tom stared at the map of Europe with hot cheeks. Reason convicted himself by the control of the world.

synopsis of that portion of it which has already been published:

Tom Broxton comes to Broxton Hall from college, having been summoned to his father, who is dying. Mr. Matthews, Tom's guardian, passing "Mother" Spillman's cottage, drops a bag of papers. The next morning Matthews comes to look for one of the papers which have been lost. He does not find it, but Jimmy Martin, a gardener, soon after brings it to "Mother" Spillman, She pledges Martin to secrecy and hides the paper in the back of an old chair. Tom Broxton visits the room in which his father lies, finds some flowers on an easel and among them an unfinished letter from his father to himself. Through ground glass doors he sees a figure tampering with the papers contained in his father's desk. Before he can enter the room the figure disappears. Approaching his father's body lying in his coffin, Tom looks for a seal ring worn on the finger, but it is not there. Olivia Matthews Tom looks for a seal ring worn on the fin-ger, but it is not there. Olivia Matthews arranges with her father for a garden pararranges with her father for a garden party at Broxton Hall on her eighteenth birthday. Her father, riding past the Hall, stops there and sees the mysterious figure standing over Colonel Broxton's desk. After the lawn party Tom Broxton and his guardian sit at the Hall talking about it, and Mr. Matthews proposes that Tom, after being graduated at college, shall go abroad to study and declares that the Hall must be sold, to both of which propositions Tom demurs. Mother Spillman cautions Tom against his guardian, but fails to convince him. but fails to convince him.

#### CHAPTER VIII. AN ACCIDENT.

Fixing a coldly rebuking eye upon the moody young face opposite him, Mr. Matthews tapped the library table impatiently with a paper cutter.

"I am afraid, Thomas, you are not giving me your undivided attention.' And Tom, blushing guiltily, said he was afraid he was not. He tried to make amends by staring stolidly at the map of Europe which lay spread out on the table between him and his guardlan. The ivory paper cutter once

more resumed its peregrinations. He could command his eyes and his ears even if his heart had gone astray. By planting his elbows on the table and firmly clamping his jaws between both hands he secured the attention of those useful organs and put them entirely at his guardian's service. But ter. Both played truant and absolutely sun that held any interest for him. refused to be drawn into consideration of this proposed tour of foreign parts. His day was proving distinctly disappointing, but he need not advertise that fact to all the world. With dull ears

he heard his guardian's voice. "Now, when your dear father and I projected this identical tour our intention was to go directly to Paris"-the paper cutter halted directly over the black spot standing for that fascinating metropolis-"and from there"-

With rebellion in his heart Tom was summing up his grievances. Olivia had not emerged promptly on his arrival. Her long delay had the effect of making him feel crudely premature and not eagerly welcome. All the sparkle had been blown off the day by her tarrying. Her father excused her on the score of a headache, superinduced by loss of rest. When she did appear, however, cool and fresh in her crisp, pretty house gown, with shining eyes and red ripe lips, it was impossible to accept that fiction of a headache.

"We planned to remain in Paris six weeks on our first visit, confining ourselves principally to the art galleries and the places of historic interest. You see that was or would have been just after the days of the commune."

Tom's ears reported his guardian's words, and when Olivia did come his heart complained. He had gone forward eagerly to meet her, almost ardently. She must have read all his adoring thoughts in his burning eyes and flushing cheeks. His telltale cheeks had gone flaming hot at sight of her. She had smiled at him as indulgently as if he had been a young spaniel frisking at her heels, and for the brief space of time lapsing between his coming and the summons to dinner she had patronized him so openly that she had successfully imposed upon him an uncomfortable sense of extreme juvenility. He gnawed his budding mustache

in impotent rage. "Poor, dear Rufus!" his guardian droned. "He had the making of a fine artist in him. Doubtless that six weeks in Paris would have been most profitably spent by us. From Paris we meant to go by easy stages"-here the paper cutter ambled erratically over the map, descriptive of the easy stages -"until we reached Florence - Florence, the home of classic art, the scene of immortal Savonarola's unap-

preclated efforts and martyrdom." What a finished young lady the pretty little thing had blossomed into on the strength of a debut! He had tried to talk to her of the future, giving it a tinge of common interest-hers, his, theirs. She had persisted in questioning him, with a matronly air of superior age, about his studies and his wardrobe and his physical condition. He had alluded to his guardian's wish that he should travel and intimated that half a dozen words from ner adverse to the project would settle his mind permanently. No power on earth could make him put the sea between her and him if she would bid him stay.

Instead she had wrinkled her pretty brows sagely and said: "Yes; papa and I talked all that over before you came home, Tom, dear. It is really the right crude, so incomplete, you know, until side. Tom retained his seat and a on the outskirts of his own lands precaution is a necessary one."

conjuring up all sorts of imaginary dangers. You know I can manage a horse, if there is any one thing on earth I can manage, and Mr. Westover says he is perfectly gentle."

go and spoll my lovely ride, papa; by

"Oh, yes, to be sure! A sheep is flery by comparison, 'pon honor, sir. My sister Jeanne is a notorious coward. You don't think I would let Miss Matthews run any risk?" This with an ardent look at Olivia.

The three walked down the steps together, Westover cutting at the shrubbery with his whip, Ollie holding her pretty head well up under the little gayly plumed riding hat, Mr. Matthews with his bare head gleaming white and venerable in the bright sunshine. Tom took it all in gloomily without once losing his interest in the map of Europe. There was certainly nothing about the new horse's appearance He swung rapidly through the door and to inspire apprehension. He stood with up the stairway. to inspire apprehension. He stood with his head hung dejectedly, as if he knew and resented the fact of having been recently and somewhat unfavorably criticised.

"Now, papa, does he look dangerous?" Ollie cried, laughing triumphantly as she ran lightly forward to mount the horse block.

"I can't say that he does. In fact, I think I may say positively that he does not. But be careful, my darling. Westover, don't let her be reckless. She loses her head when she mounts a horse. I think there must have been a jockey among her ancestors."

After watching the start the lawyer turned slowly back toward the house with his head bent and his hands folded behind his back. He was in no particular hurry to get back to the library. anything, everything. He was ready to snarl at everybody. His lovely vision | In spite of all that had been said, a lingering sense of uneasiness beset him. He was always uneasy when Olivia was out of his sight. or twice during the rather constrained

She was his idol, his all. What a clever little witch she was, too, older than her years by reason of her lifelong companionship with him! How adroitly she had managed to let Tom Broxton see that there must not be any love passages between them! And such a slight hint he had given her! No; for years yet he wanted no lovers about, but if they must come Tom Broxton perhaps should have his opportunity. Under some circumstances Clarence Westover would be as acceptable as another. The Westovers held a fine position in the world and had the money to maintain it on. Olivia must have both. She was his idol, his all.

For her sake he would-He started and lifted his head. He was back in the library. Tom Broxton was looking at him with such keen directness that his own eyes fell before the boy's.

"I have been studying the map, sir, since you have been out of the room, and I am quite satisfied with the route to do with Ollie. At that juncture as you have marked it out. And, Mr. Matthews"-he rose from the table, But his conscience smote him with tated motion—"we need not discuss the front doorsteps sent him forward with pushing the map away with an irringratitude to his guardian, who had spent weeks mapping out a pleasant matter any further. I am ready to foreign trip for him, and so he closed start as soon as commencement is

over, the sooner the better." his heart and opened his mouth with He was very pale, and his lips were set firmly at the corners. Yes, the day had been an utter failure, and he wanted to get back to Broxton before O!lie flectively, with eyes on the map. In and Clarence Westover got back from their ride. He knew now why Ollie tion a great clatter of hoofs filled the

had no welcome to bestow on him. "I suppose I will find my horse in the back lot," he ended abruptly.

"Yes, I presume so. But, Thomas, my dear boy, this is a very abrupt termination to our talk. I have much to say yet about your own affairs. There are many points we have not touched upon."

"I am sorry, sir, but I shall start back to college very soon in the morning. If there is anything of importance, I presume it can be communicated by letter. There are some things at the Hall I want to look into before leaving again." He beld out his hand and looked down into his guardian's face from his superior height frankly and affectionately. "And rest assured, my dear guardian, that whether we talk or don't talk, whether you write or don't write, I am content to leave my affairs in the hands of the man my dear father loved and trusted."

The lawyer's square set jaws quivered for a moment, but he wrung Tom's hand cordially. "Thank you, my boy, thank you. A guardian's position is not an enviable one at best. You have made mine much easier by your head reflectively and then was compelkind words."

As Tom rode away from the cottage sore and disappointed about Olivia and smarting with a sense of defeat, it oc curred to him that he was rather glad good money too. he had made that little speech to his guardian. It was like exorcising forever any feeling of distrust that might have been aroused by that crazy nonsense of "Mother" Spillman's, which in spite of him, had obtruded itself

once or twice during the day. Yes, he would go back to college ear ly in the morning. He would not even wait to see Ollie again. He would start comes along whose little scheme is to on his foreign tour straight from college. He would measure himself by it is delivered and sell it for a couple broader standards before he should see of hundred. her again. He must be without flaw in her eyes when he should finally ask her to be his wife."

Not for a moment did he relinquish that cherished purpose. And so he rode along under the sweet

revising his beautiful vision, but never once doubting the final outcome. How silly he had been to flare up in that style at sight of Clarence West- He hovers around the house in which over! It had all been so simple when the suspected purchaser lives, night

explained. He hoped the dear little and day, watching any attempt to make thing was having a real jolly ride. He way with the piano. Usually three or pronounced himself a sulky dolt. In- four weeks are long enough to settle herently sunny natured and generous, I'om could never attain to a fully developed case of the sulks. He rode forward whistling softly. He had all toed to kiss her father. "Now, don't the quiet roadside to himself.

this one she would keep it. Her brothin the old Hall writing a long letter to the plano detective is called off by his Mr. Matthews got up from the table Ollie. He composed it as he rode employer, with no one but himself and and walked out of the room by her slowly through the weedy bridle paths two or three others the wiser. But the



switching at the fall intrusive heads of sumac and sassafras bushes that brushed against his stirrups. He would tell Ollie how impossible it was for him to go so far away as Europe without letting her know of his love and asking her to wait awhile until he should come back less crude and incomplete, better proportioned for having measured himself by other standards. What a churl he had been for getting so vexed with her that morning! Everything she said showed her interest in him, and if she did prick him with her little patronizing airs it was the result of her being the sole companion of the man who had to look after him and his interests and who doubtless had often consulted her. By the time he reached the outer

gate to his own parklike inclosure Olivia stood absolved in his loyal heart. She was altogether lovely and trustworthy. He, Tom Broxton, was an ill mannered cub, not worthy to button her pretty boots. Sun never shone upon sweeter maiden. It was meet and proper he should go through some sort of probationary toil to render him less unworthy of her. He never could be quite worthy of heroh, no, never! But she would be his after a little while, all his. His pulses bounded joyously. Life was assuming rosier tints with the passing of each moment. It made him glad to think it would be in his power to gratify her every wish, let her wish for never so costly or unattainable a thing.

For your sake, my sweet, I am glad of all the wealth that is mine, glad of the store of gems hidden away somewhere, all for you, Ollie-all for you, my beloved! The breath of wild clematis filled his nostrils; birds piped musically in the larch branches over his head; splashes of sunshine flecked the brown earth of the narrow bridle path. He whistled aloud in the fullness of his boyish content. At a rapid canter he swung into the open before

the Hall door. A strange group clustered about his something that lay prone on the veranda floor. Martin, his own yard man, was flinging his legs over the horse Clarence Westover had ridden away from the Matthews gate an hour before. Westover was walking up and down, with bared head and blanched cheeks, wringing his hands and giving wildly impossible orders to everybody at once. Still, white and motionless, Olivia, his Ollie, lay the central figure of this excited group.

Tom's tall form was soon added to it. He pushed Westover away without apology. His grieved young face was terrible in its stern wrath.

"You have killed her. How dared you mount her on an untried horse?" Westover was too utterly miserable to resent this masterful arraignment. "An idoit fired a gun behind the hedge. Both horses bolted. Broxton,

if she dies I'll blow my brains out." "You have none to blow out," said Tom, with brutal candor. Then, stooping and lifting the unconscious girl in his arms, he swung rapidly through the door and up the stairway, followed by a wailing and useless group.

### TO BE CONTINUED. THE PIANO DETECTIVE.

Work That Keeps a Sleuth Busy Most of the Time. "Did you ever hear of a piano detect-

The city hall detective scratched his led to admit that he had never heard of such an individual.

"Well, there are a dozen or more of them in Philadelphia, and they make

"Their work is simple. You see, a great many plano firms sell instruments on the installment plan. That is, the purchaser pays, say, \$50 down on a \$500 or \$600 instrument and agrees to make good the remainder at so much a month. By far the greater number of such purchasers are as honest as the day is long, but once in a while a man move out the piano a day or two after

"It is the business of the plano detective to circumvent this sort of thing. As a rule, some suspicious movement on the part of the would be defrauder of the piano dealer causes him to be placed under suspicion. The dealer smelling locusts on the shady roadside can't step in and take his instrument away under the contract, and the only thing he can do is to watch it. Here is where the piano detective comes in. the question one way or another. If the piano buyer is crooked, he is practically certain to make some sort of a move before the expiration of that time. If he doesn't, it is pretty safe presumption He would spend this his last evening that the suspicion is groundless and

Miscellaneous Reading.

NEW PENSION LAW. Passed at the Recent Session of

the General Assembly. THE CONDITIONS TO BE FILLED.

Full Text of the Act That Is of Interest to All Old Soldiers In South Carolina.

The following is the new pension the Confederate Veterans' association present may determine any matter pre- ties as they deem best. of the state. The bill was introduced by Mr. Patton, of Richland, at their request. The act was approved, February 19th, by Governor McSweeny. the pensioners, their residences and hereunder his warrant for such sum as It reads:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of South Carolina: The sum of two hundred viewed by them. The compensation formed of the death or removal from thousand dollars shall be annually ap- of the members of said board shall be the state of such pensioner; Providpropriated to pay the pensions provided \$2 per day for each day's service, not ed, That the comptroller general shall for by this act, and in case the same, or such amount as shall be appropriated in any one year. shall be insufficient, then the amount so appropriated shall be distributed shall thereupon pass upon the names be paid out by said clerk of court with-proportionately among those legally contained in said lists, and shall certify out additional compensation. proportionately among those legally entitled to receive the same : Provided, division (a), section 4 herein, shall have amounts approved by them, and said cause to be printed forms in blank on been first paid in full.

Sec. 2. The applicant must have been prior to the time of the application.

of this chapter the applicant unqualified by residence must also show: (A) If a man.

or sailor in the service of the state or upon which they act, shall be filed in to receive a pension under the laws of in the Confederate States in the war the comptroller general's office by the this state shall have been omitted, by between the states; and

nor possessed of property sufficient to In making their report to the state produce such an income. (B) If a woman.

1st. That she is the widow of a man ings upon each material allegation who was a bona fide soldier or sailor contained in the application. in the service of the state or of the the states : and

2d. That she has never remarried;

age; or (b) that her husband lost his common pleas for each county; and the vided for herein, the several pension life in the service of the state or of the clerk shall from such book certify to boards as now constituted shall con-Confederate states in the war between the comptroller general, on or before tinue to exercise their respective functhe states; and

\$100 per annum nor property sufficient alive and entitled to the pension. to produce the same.

Sec. 4. The persons described in set forth, to wit; (a) All soldiers and sailors who lost

both arms or both legs, or sight, or of \$8 per month.

one arm or leg in the said service, the less the same has been regularly apsum of \$4 per month.

(c) All other persons entitled to pensions under the provisions of this act, the sum of \$3 per month: Provided, That all soldiers and sailors, now citi- On the first Saturday in August of their use. zens of this state, who were in the ser- each year the surviving soldiers and vice of the state or of the Confederate sailors of the state or Confederate States in the war between the states, States, in the late war between the and who are totally disabled by paral- states, in each township, shall meet at ysis, and who have no income, and a time and place therein designated who is unable to make a living, shall by the chairman of the county board, receive pensions as provided by this by two weeks' public notice, and hav

of this section. in writing, through the township rep- ans of said township. resentative, addressed to the county | The representatives so elected shall pension board, to be appointed as here- meet at the county courthouse on the inafter directed for each county of the first Monday in September following, state, setting forth in detail the nature and having organized by electing of the disabling wound, if any, the presiding officer and secretary, shall company and regiment or battalion in elect from their own number four, who, which he served, and the time and having selected a competent physician, place of receiving the wound, and and elected one of themselves as chair showing that neither he nor his wife is man shall constitute, together with in receipt of the income as hereinafter such physician, the county pension specified, and showing further, the board for the year or until their suc time and place of residence within the cessors are elected and qualified. In state by the applicant. Such applica- those townships where the veterans tion shall be verified by the oath of the fail to select a representative as for the coining of the "Pine Tree" applicant, made before any officer in herein provided, the chairman of the the state authorized to administer county pension board shall appoint this country, altogether a man of great oaths, and shall be accompanied by some person otherwise qualified as the affidavit of one or more credible representative until such election shall large number of descendants. One of witnesses, stating that they knew the be had; and in those counties where applicant was a soldier or sailor or the the survivors failed to organize a counwife of such, as the case may be, and ty board as herein provided, the state helieve the allegations made in the ap- board of pensions may appoint four plications to be true; Provided, That ex Confederate soldiers or sailors other said applicant is not drawing a pension erwise qualified, to organize and conin any other state. Sec. 6. Such application shall be veri-

duce such income; and it shall be the said county.
duty of the auditor to furnish such Sec. 15. The comptroller general duty of the auditor to furnish such without fee or charge.

of each year, and shall examine each failure to select by the said veterans' Evening Post.

duties of their office, and after said are elected or appointed and have oaths are duly filed in the office of the qualified. clerk of court, the said county pen-sion board shall proceed with the dis-members of the county pension boards

charge of the duties imposed upon shall be \$2 per day, not to exceed five them, and shall certify their approval days, and the compensation of the to the state board of pensioners, giv- state board shall be \$2 per day, not to ing in detail the reasons which influ- exceed five days, and the latter shall enced them to grant or oppose each be allowed mileage at the rate of five application, accompanied by all the cents per mile. evidences upon which they made their Sec. 17. In the counties where the decisions.

shall constitute the quorum. A ma- shall make such regulations for the law, based upon recommendations of jority of the members of the board distribution of the fund for such counsented to them, subject, however, to a Sec. 18. It shall be the duty of the right of review of the state board. As comptroller general to issue on the 1st soon as such county board completes Monday in April of each year to the its list as above, giving the names of party entitled to receive a pension amount per month to which they are may be herein prescribed, so long as entitled, they shall certify the same to such name shall remain on the pension

Sec. 9. The state board of pensioners of the several counties of the state, to to the clerks of courts of the various counties the lists of the names and comptroller general to prepare and clerks of courts shall record the same which such applications, certificates in a book, and said roll so made up and affidavits may be conveniently a resident of the state for two years shall be designated "approved pension made, and he shall cause the same to

current year. Sec. 10. Every application approved lst, That he was a bona fide soldier by the county board, with all papers person who has been declared entitled 2d. Either (a). That while in such be by him submitted to the state board shall be the duty of the state board of service he lost a leg or arm, or receiv- of pensions for their review. In the pensions to allow, and the duty of the ed other bodily injury whereby he has examination of the applications of each comptroller general to issue his warbecome disabled; and further, that person for a pension, the said board neither himself nor his wife has an income exceeding one hundred and fifty facts set forth in the application, and entitled; said amount to be paid out of dollars per annum, nor property suffi- shall have the right to examine such the next regular appropriation for pencient to produce such an income; or evidence as to determine the right of sions, after the fact of such accident (b) that he has reached the age of 60 such applicant to a pension, and for the shall have been determined by said years, and that neither he nor his wife purpose of this chapter the chairman state board of pensions, and said is receiving annually an annual income of each county pension board shall amounts shall be paid out of said apof seventy-five dollars from any source have the right to administer oaths. board of pensions, they shall set forth, tled thereto. in detail (and separately) their find-

Sec. 11. Each of the county boards Confederate States in the war between shall keep a book in which they shall tory thereof, be, and the same are make a list of the applicants for pen- hereby, repealed. sions, setting forth the approval and 3d. That either (a) she is 60 years of in the office of the clerk of the court of board of pensions shall be had, as prothe first day of February of each year, tions. 4th. That she has not an income of the number of pensioners who are stil

Sec. 12. The state board of pension shall have the authority, and it shall the preceeding sections shall be enti- be their duty to revise the list of pentled to a pension upon complying with sion claims allowed by each county the other provisions of this act, and board, and to confirm or reject any shall be paid the amounts hereinafter pension claim allowed by such board as they may deem proper and right upon the facts presented by the said monopoly. It was confined to the reboard, or upon such additional facts gion controlled by Massachusetts, and who are physically helpless, the sum connected therewith as they may be the one issue apparently included all able to procure; but they have no the invention of the inventor connect-(b) All soldiers or sailors who lost right in any case to grant a pension une ed with engines that depended upon proved by the county board of pen- limit of the monopoly was 14 years,

sions. Sec. 13. The county board of pensions shall be constituted as follows: act the same as those under class,"A" ing organized by electing a chairman and secretary, shall elect by ballot, an Sec. 5. Before any soldier or sailor ex-Confederate soldier or sailor, not a shall receive any payment provided in holder of nor an applicant for a penthis act, he shall make an application, sion, as a representative of the veter-

stitute said county board. Sec. 14. In case there shall be in any

fied also by a certificate of the auditor township no person-qualified to act as air, is a remarkably absentminded of the county in which the applicant representative, then the veterans may man. It is said that on one occasion resides, showing amount of tax return, elect, or in case of their failure so to he left his home early one morning and that his income does not exceed do, the chairman of the county penthe amount stated, and that he is not sion board may appoint, some properly in which there was a fine library to poste-sed of sufficient property to pro- qualified veteran residing elsewhere in

certificates, if he shall find the facts, shall be chairman of the state board of length he was run down in this library. pensions, and he, with three ex-Con-Sec. 7. In each county of the state federate soldiers, not holders nor ap the said application shall be submitted plicants for pensions, to be selected by to a board composed of four ex Con- the United Confederate Veterans asfi derate soldiers or sailors (to be chosen sociation at their annual meetings, toas hereinafter provided.) who shall not gether with a competent physician to be holders of or applicants for a pen- be selected by them, shall constitute sion, and a regular practicing physi- the said state board of pensions. you know this is your wedding day, cion to be selected by them, which That the comptroller general shall ap- man?" said five persons shall constitute the point a suitable person to serve as county pension board. They shall clerk to receive a salary of \$600 per gotten all about it! Wait till I dress, meet on the third Monday in January annum for his services. In case of and I'll go along with you."-Saturday

applicant under rules and regulations association, three members properly prescribed by the state board of pen-qualified shall be appointed by the sioners. After first being duly sworn, governor. The term of office shall be fairly and impartially to discharge the for one year and until their successors

Sec. 16. The compensation of the

survivors fail or refuse to comply with Sec. 8. Four members of said board the provisions hereof, the state board

the state board of pensioners, to be re- roll as above prescribed, or until inexceeding, however, five day's service forward the amount due the pensioners of each county to the clerk of court

Sec. 19. It shall be the duty of the rior to the time of the application.

Sec. 3. In order to obtain the benefits

rolls for 19—," and such persons shall be distributed in the several counties constitute the pensioners entitled to

necessary. Sec. 20. Whenever the name of any first day of February of each year, to any accident, from the proper lists, it propriation before the same shall be apportioned among the persons enti-

That sections, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, of the revised statutes of 1893, and all acts amenda-

Sec. 22. Until the election of the disapproval, which book shall be filed county pensions board and the state

## FIRST AMERICAN PATENT.

Granted at Boston In 1648 and Called a Monopoly.

To the general court of Massachusetts belongs the honor of granting the first American patent. This was in 1648 and was then designated as a water for their motive power. The and the court not only retained power to forbid exportation, but to prevent exorbitant charges upon the public for

The patent was issued in this form:

"JENKES MONOPOLYE. "At a generall Courte at Boston the 6th of the 3th Mo 1648. The cor't consid'inge ye necessity of raising such manifactures of engins of mils to go by water for speedy dispatch of much worke with few hands, and being sufficiently informed of ye ability of ye petition to peforme such workes grant his petition (yet no Othr per sen shall set up or use any such new invention, or trade for 14 yeares wthout ye license of him the said Joseph Jenkes) so farr as concernes any such new invention, & so it shall be alwayes in ye powr of this co'te to restrain ye exportation of such manufactures & ye prizes of them to moderation if occasion so require."

This inventor, Joseph Jenkes, or Jenks, as it would now be spelled, came from Hammersmith, England, settled in Lynn in 1643 and died in 1682-83, aged 81. He was a blacksmith and machinist, made the dies money and built the first fire engine in inventive genius and the ancestor of a his sons removed to Rhode Island, where he built several mills.-Boston

### AN ABSENTMINDED BRIDEGROOM. Robert Dewar, brother of Lord Wil-

liam Dewar, the British scientist who was the first experimenter to liquefy and repaired to the house of a friend, which he had access. That afternoon his relatives and friends searched the neighborhood in vain for him. At By his side was a new suit of clothes. "It's a nice man you are," ironically

said the spokesman. "What's the matter now?" returned

Robert irritably. "Your bride and the preacher are

waiting for you this two hours. Don't

"I declare," said the groom, "I'd for-