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An Obstinate Boy.

Of course Donald was a most foolish and obstinate boy. There could be no question about that. He had a good position in the house of a very rich and a very liberal patron.

Donald had not had any education to speak of—that is, any education lying within the realm of books, and what training he had came from the sterling discipline of his good Scotch mother.

So he plodded along, putting up with the sneers of the lackeys and other employees who laughed at his conscientious work, but he could not.

The days and weeks and months merged into years, and all the time Donald became more and more satisfied with life—especially as he rode with Miss Ethel by day and attended to her by night.

And then came the crash. Ethel had arrived at the age of sixteen, and was about to leave for a boarding school in the devious and alluring paths of society, under the skillful tutelage of her mother.

Donald stood, stammered, beside the horse. Her little maid, Jennie Gray, who had come to meet her mistress, had been an involuntary listener to the remembrance which came into Donald's eyes, and before going into the house went to him, and laid her hand on his arm.

"I am sorry for you, Donald," she said, her eyes wet with sympathy. "But you must not mind. Be a great surgeon anyway."

"Forgive me," he said, "I do not know what I am doing. Thank you for your kind words. I will always remember them. And—and I will be a great surgeon."

He sprang on his horse and went clattering to the stable. And he did become a great surgeon. This story is all too short to follow his struggles and self-denial, his dogged persistence as he slowly climbed the ladder.

In the meantime Ethel Wayer's life had not been all as she had dreamed it. A financial crash had carried off her father's fortune, and her life had been a long and dreary one.

"Why, that was my maid—" "And is to be my wife," he rejoined, gravely. "She consented only yesterday."

"I thank you—you—and her." "I congratulate you," he rejoined. Then he went away.

COTTON TEN CENTS PER LB.

The Prediction is Based Upon the Government Report This Month. The government report on the 3rd inst. has caused quite a flurry among the speculators, and the mills in the South are said to be anxious about the situation.

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Does not justify the expectation of a crop of 10,000,000 bales of American cotton. "The world consumed during the year just ended 11,000,000 bales of American cotton, and in order to make this supply suffice reserves everywhere are practically exhausted."

ROOSEVELT'S TRIP TO THE SOUTH. He Begins Journey in Happy Mood—Talks on Trusts and Government Control. President Roosevelt and his party left Washington for the trip to Charleston, Tenn., on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and the first stop was at Wheeling, W. Va., where he was greeted by a vast crowd at the depot.

The entire party, which included Secretary Conroy, secret service men and a staff of correspondents, entered vehicles and were driven to the McClure House, headed by a military band. Throughout the entire route enthusiasm was rife, the streets being lined with people from Western Pennsylvania.

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I am advocating them not in any particular spirit, because, gentlemen, the problem is a problem which affects the life of the nation as a whole. I am advocating them simply as an American citizen, who for the time being stands as the Chief Executive and the special representative of his fellow American citizens of all parties.

"Some of my ultra-conservative friends have professed to be greatly shocked at my advocating government control of corporations. I would explain to those gentlemen, once for all, that they are whenever they think that I advocate on the stump anything that will not put into effect the plan that I have just outlined.

THE CRAZE FOR PENSIONS. The Abuses That Are Practiced to Get Names on the Pension Roll. The Columbia correspondent of the News and Courier writes as follows: There has recently been a good deal of agitation regarding the abuses that seem to creep into the pension lists in this State.

These have been a great many suggestions as to the best method of curtailing the existing and evidently growing tendency toward the pension list. It is a hard thing to say, but I know of a few cases where the pension list is being used as a means of getting a pension from South Carolina for a man who is not a pensioner.

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H. B. Carpenter, a civil engineer, who has just completed the survey of the southern line of Utah, says the boundary does not cross a foot of cultivated land. It traverses a desert, which is cut up by great canyons that are almost impassable.

Lake Erie and Western railroad engine No. 79 is justly termed the most unlucky engine in the company's service. It has been in more accidents than any other engine in the company's service.

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A great scheme is suggested by the Figaro of Paris for the utilization of the rainfall of the Pyrenees. It is proposed to dam the valleys all along the chain, hold up the mountain torrents in a series of artificial lakes, regulate the flow, run it through turbines, and so generate electric power.

The Fiji Islands, within the memory of some now living, far away on the other side of the globe, inhabited by fierce cannibals, were the dread of missionaries they have become forthrightly Christianized.

The victims of Mont Pelee's latest eruption only returned to their homes last week, the French government thinking that danger was over.

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