

SEND ME.

Not mine to mount to courts where seraphs sing, Or glad archangels soar on outstretched wing; Not mine in union with celestial choirs...

—Edward Everett Hale.

...A Crimson Elopement...

"I cheerfully admit that it is annoying," said the dean of the department, "so annoying that my admission is the only cheerful thing about it."

The stout, chop-whiskered parent from Chicago held up a fat, white hand of protest. "I put Jim in your charge," he said. "And you gave him money enough to be independent of every one," concluded the dean.

"Well, but he is not stopping at buying diamonds. He's had the impudence, so his roommate writes me, to propose to marry the woman."

"Really? I am sorry to hear it, but the fact doesn't alter my opinion. Personally, Mr. Ferris, I am willing to do all that I can for you, but as the lad graduated last spring, and as a week ago, he voluntarily severed his connection with the graduate-school, I must insist that the university is no longer in any wise responsible."

"I don't care who's responsible," declared Mr. Ferris, "so long as I can keep my son from marrying a music hall singer!" With which remark he bounced out of the office and boarded a car for his downtown hotel.

Meanwhile, in a typical study not a thousand yards from where he had been talking, a distressingly somber couple—a tall, broad-shouldered, blonde lad and a slip of a dark-eyed girl—were clasping hands across a flat-topped desk and looking long into each other's somewhat frightened face.

"I really believe you're sorry," said the boy in a thoroughly masculine endeavor to conceal his own weakness by accusing his comrade.

But his comrade was not so to be tormented. "You know I'm not Jim," she reproachfully replied. "Only—"

had evidently been moving faster than was his wont and he puffed loudly as he sank into a chair directly facing the still swaying curtains.

"I got your wire at my hotel," he said. "When?" asked James in a painful effort to gain time.

The elder Ferris pulled out a great gold watch. "Sixteen minutes ago," he replied. "Why do you ask? Didn't you expect me?"

"No—that is—"

"Why, what else did you think I'd do?"

"Oh, of course, I expected you, father, and, of course, I'm awfully glad you've come. Oh, I'm delighted to see you! But I—the fact is, I didn't expect you quite so soon, not just quite so soon, you see."

"Well, I came to this town a day earlier than I expected, and now I'm ready to hear what you've got to say for yourself."

He settled back in his chair, looking like a judge who, after an expected verdict, has just asked the prisoner whether he has any adequate reason to advance against the pronouncing of sentence.

gave up a woman he had told he loved for a threat like that? Candidly, now, what would you think of him?"

As Mr. Ferris, Sr., would probably have put it, his bluff was called.

"Oh, hang it, Jim!" he said in a voice that trembled, "you've got me by the neck, and you know it. Is it fair? Look here, I say; a year ago I foolishly objected to your proposal of a long engagement to Bert Burton."

But Jim's mouth straightened. "It's too late," he said grimly, looking again, and with added nervousness towards the curtain.

"Too late?" shouted the father. "Do you mean to say? What are you looking at those curtains for? What have you got in that room? Jim, there's somebody there. Don't lie to me. There's a woman there!"

Both men had sprung to their feet when the portieres parted and Jim stepped forward to take the hand of the flushed and trembling little girl with the big, dark eyes.

"Father," he said, "you'll have to forgive that chorus girl game. There never was a chorus girl."

But the older man, though vaguely smiling, was too thunderstruck clearly to understand.

"And this," he managed, however, to cry, "is little Bert Burton?"

EDITORIALS

Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

WIRELESS UP TO DATE.

POPULAR prices for transatlantic messages have been the dream of nations since the practicability of wireless telegraphy was demonstrated, yet until now the existing cables have continued congested at rates prohibitive to common service.

his Glace Bay station played havoc with his plans for progress, but he kept his forces indefatigably at work, and now assures the public that by Jan. 1 a vast new plant will be in operation, with ability to care for general business promptly, regularly and at a low rate.

Foreseeing the triumph of the Marconi system, the British government has been prompt to act in response to popular opinion and has forestalled any monopolistic charges on wireless messages, not only inland, but also charges on ships at sea.

A woman of good social position who recently secured a divorce did not hesitate to say that most men were inconsistent, that they had little interest in their homes, and that they were easily lured by men and women to loose habits of life.

THE SWIFTEST RUNNERS. In Mexico, in the little mountain town of Bocoyna, in the state of Chihuahua, there is a tribe of Indians whose physical endurance and long-distance running are phenomenal.

Although pedestrians of other climes and those inured to the science of long-distance running can seldom stay more than ten miles, the Tarahumaras think nothing of jaunts of one hundred to two hundred miles, and these distances, too, at a gait that seems incredible.

When all was ready the runners set out from Bocoyna, first at a slow swinging gait. As they went along they warmed to their work, and the pace was quickened. To the surprise of everybody, the winner made the full distance in sixteen hours.

Each year the Tarahumaras hold a big race meet at the town of Salsogoches, usually in the month of November. The race-track takes in a big sweep of country, and is eight miles in circumference, the total distance being one hundred and forty miles.

Some time ago a Mexican commander, arrived at Bocoyna. He had with him an important dispatch which he desired to send at the earliest possible moment to the war department.

tion, it is almost despairingly taken up by that rather bungling workman—the state.

What is the trouble? Why is it that of every 1,000 American men, women and children ten have been divorced and another ten perhaps have separated from their marital partners?

FAILURE OF PARENTS. JUDGE MOSES of the Juvenile Court of Baltimore has just made his annual report, which is interesting, not so much because of statistics as for its comments on the causes of juvenile delinquency.

both cases the curious gliding movement, the absence of shadow, the absolute stillness of the figures, which moved neither hand nor head, and hardly seemed to breathe, point to that conclusion.

KING OF JAILBREAKERS. Joseph De Lisle, Theater Handout Expert, Locked Up for Burglary.

When Joseph De Lisle was taken into the county jail here tonight, a Hartford (Conn.) dispatch to the New York Herald says, charged with breaking open the safe in a hardware store in Rockville and stealing several hundred dollars, several jail attendants, who are also students of the drama, recognized in the prisoner "De Lisle, king of jailbreakers and handout expert."

How It Came Out. You praised her stately slenderness In golden hours; You spoke with soulful tenderness Of leafy bowers.

Yes, it was most inspiring, too, When you would say For her you'd work untiring To your latest day.

Understand that many western railroads are putting Bibles in the same racks with the time tables, said one traveler.

It is a good idea," answered the other. "A man is never more in need of religious consolation than just after he has been struggling with the railway time table."

FACTS IN TABLOID FORM.

Over 1,500 different kinds of insects feed upon the oak. Hydrogen gas for ballooning is obtained by an electric process.

The British patent office business showed a decrease during the last year. All the machinery in the Indian government mint at Calcutta is electrically driven.

Ambulance launches comprise one of the innovations of the Hudson-Pulaski celebration. The population of Tucuman, Argentina, was 68,917 on June 30, 1909, while Santa Le had 48,347 inhabitants.

The method of raising sunken vessels by compressed air pumped into the hull has been found successful. Electric power is used on 2,246 miles of street railways in Great Britain to 148 miles operated by other means.

Over \$40,000 (United States currency) is to be spent in enlarging and improving the national college at Panama. The world's supply of tin was increased 116.68 tons last year, of which more than half came from the Straits Settlements.

Ohio produced 26,729 short tons of coal last year, a decrease from the previous year's output of about 13.7 per cent. Skimmed milk has been proved a valuable food for laying hens, according to experiments at the Virginia experiment station.

It is figured that it will take \$112,000,000 to build the subways necessary to take care of the street traffic in the city of Chicago. The Women's Aerial League has offered a scholarship of \$250 a year for students who intend taking up aviation as a profession.

Practically all the important coal mining states have inspection laws designed to prevent death and disaster among the mine workers. Alaska has 5,900 miles of waterway navigable for steamers, of which about 2,700 miles are included in the Yukon river and its tributaries.

Several French schools are using machines which suck dust from the leaves of books, spray them with the insecticide, and dry them with hot air. In one of the capitals of Europe there has been put up a big and costly hotel, and the manager has chosen for its telegraphic address the expressive word "Luxury."

According to the Monitor Official of Commerce of Paris, the Japanese government intends to establish a most mail van service designed to connect the principal towns in Japan. At Tourcoing, France, five couples of working people celebrated their golden wedding the other day. Great festivities were provided for the occasion by the municipal authorities.

Mauritius has 129 miles of railway, which, with the telegraph, is managed by the government; cable communication with Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia, and steamship lines to Europe and British India.

All places of any size in South America have town halls well equipped for giving lectures or entertainment, which can be hired at reasonable rates. The seating capacity in most of the theaters and halls is 1,000.

During the winter of the year 1909 French epicures consumed over 800 tons of snails in Paris alone. The consumption has diminished since then, but it still touches the estimated figure of 80,000,000 snails per annum for Paris.

There is very little drying carried on in Siam. Only a few East Indian keep cows and goats for milking, so that the quantity of milk from this source is very limited. Most of the milk used in Siam enters from abroad in the form of canned milk.

Miss Teuda's English school for girls in Tokio is said to be doing a pioneer work of much importance in Japan. She is really laying the foundation for higher education among the Japanese women. The enrollment for several years has been about 150 people.

Two species of quebracho are to be found growing in Uruguay and the Chaco country of Paraguay and Northern Argentina, the red (Aspidosperma quebracho) being the one containing tannin used in the manufacture of the extract so valuable in the tanning of hides.