

# His One Useful Act

Putting Turned Out to Be of Value

By ESTHER VANDEVEER

One day Edward Carr, who was always on the lookout for odd articles, attended an auction of furniture in the house of a man who had recently died. An antique desk, said to be 150 years old, was put up, and Carr resolved to buy it if he could secure it at a reasonable price. Among the bidders was a young lady of attractive appearance who seemed to be very desirous of buying the desk, but when the price was run up over \$50 she dropped out and with evident disappointment. The desk was finally knocked down to Carr for \$100.

One of the pigeonholes he used for pencils, erasers, penholders and other small articles. At times when he brought some little instrument from his workshop that he didn't care to



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When the beneficiary came to ask Edward Carr what she could do for him to show her appreciation of what he had done for her he said that she had done a great deal—all she could do—already. He had been told and had believed that he would be nothing but a putterer and would never be of use to himself or any one else. He had the satisfaction of having brought a rightful heir to her estate, and that was quite enough for a man of whom nothing whatever had been expected.

Whether or not the heiress was caught by this frank modesty, whether she considered that there was but one way to pay the debt she owed, she finally discharged it by giving herself to the man who had made her rich. She takes great pleasure in humoring her husband's taste for old things, and as for the desk in which the will was found, she has had it inlaid with gold.

Every time she loses 38 cents she worries a dollar's worth.

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all got tangled up in Carr's brain and he could not separate them.

Carr was not long in deciding on the right way to treat this case. He went to a lawyer and asked him to look up the estate of Peter Carson. It was found that Peter Carson had died forty years before without a will. The heir at law was a son, Nicholas Carson, who had gone to the bad. An effort had been made to find him at the time of his father's death, but it had been unavailing.

There being no proof of Nicholas Carson's death, the estate had remained in limbo for ten years, when the next and only heir at law, Mary Cowdry, spinster daughter of Peter Carson's sister, succeeded in obtaining from the courts a document declaring Nicholas Carson legally dead, and the property was turned over to her. The report made no mention of Emily Marston, but upon inquiry Carr learned that she was a young woman who had taken care of Carson, who was old and feeble. At the time of his death surprise was manifested that he had made no provision for her.

Of all these persons the last named was the one in which Edward Carr was most interested, though it appeared that at Peter Carson's death she was given no special importance. He learned that ten years after his decease she had married. She, too, had died, leaving one child, a daughter, who would now be about twenty years of age.

On learning this Carr was at once struck with the idea that the girl who had tried to buy the desk might be this daughter of Emily Marston and the real heir to Peter Carson's estate, which had been considerable at his death and in the forty-six years that had elapsed since had doubled. It was now in possession of Mary Cowdry, an old woman and still unmarried.

To look for the girl who had bid on the desk would be like looking for a needle in a haystack, but it was not difficult to get the name of Emily Marston's daughter, and it was found to be Emily Peck. Her address was obtained from a directory.

One afternoon Miss Peck, who was a schoolteacher, had just returned from school when a maid brought her the card of Edward G. Carr. Never having heard of Mr. Carr, she thought there must be some mistake, but went down into the parlor.

Carr saw before him the girl who had tried to buy the desk. She did not recognize him, though he recognized her at once.

"I think I have seen you before," he said.

"Indeed! Where?"

"At an auction where I bought a desk."

"Oh, you bought that desk, did you?"

"Yes, may I ask you why you wished it?"

"The desk belonged to an old gentleman, Peter Carson. My mother, as a young girl, took care of him. He told her that he had provided for her in his will, but no will was found. She expected to find it in his desk, but it was not there. The desk was bought by the person whose effects were sold at the auction I attended. I recognized it from my mother's description of it and thought I would like to buy it, since my mother told me she believed there was a secret drawer in it and that secret drawer might contain a will."

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**One on the Judge.**  
A lawyer was arguing a case before a certain judge, between whom and himself there was no love lost. The judge listened for awhile with ill concealed impatience and then burst out with:

"Tut, tut! Mr. W., you have your points of law all upside down!"

"I don't doubt that they seem so to your honor," replied Mr. W., "but you'll think differently when your honor's rulings are reversed."—New York Tribune.

**Photographers and engravers have made farming very fascinating. With the right periodicals before him a fellow can spend a very delightful evening in agricultural pursuits.**—Toledo Blade.

**In the Contracting Line.**  
Film—What's your business? Flam—Contractor. Film—What line? Flam—Debtors.—Judge.

## Whole Family Benefited By Wonderful Remedy

There are many little things to annoy us, under present conditions of life. The hurry, hard work, noise and strain all tell on us and tend to provoke nervousness and irritability. We are frequently so worn out we can neither eat, sleep nor work with any comfort. We are out of line with ourselves and others as well.

A good thing to do under such circumstances is to take something like

**Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills** to relieve the strain on the nerves. Mrs. J. B. Hartsfield, 23 Corput St., Atlanta Ga., writes:

"I have on several occasions been greatly relieved by the use of your medicine, especially the Anti-Pain Pills, which I keep constantly on hand for the use of myself, husband and two sons. Nothing in the world equals them as a headache remedy. When I am enabled by the use of one or two of the Pills to continue my household work otherwise I would be in bed. My husband takes me in two boxes of the Anti-Pain Pills and 'Nervine'."

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## TOWN ENCOURAGES BIRDS TO FIGHT THE INSECTS.

Brookline, Mass., Puts Up Boxes For Its Feathered Aids.

Besides being one of the wealthiest towns in the United States, Brookline, Mass., has an ambition to be a bird sanctuary.

The forestry commission began it when it placed 100 nest boxes in trees throughout the town, members of the Brookline bird club promising to watch them. The state fish and game commission has sent its wardens into the towns to stop shooting of birds and the annual town meeting authorized the selectmen to appoint a special bird warden.

All this activity is largely aimed to get effective aid in the fight with various insects that prey on vegetation. The gypsy moth and the brown tail moth have been fought with vigor and much success. Now it is the leopard moth that is feared, and it is to increase the number of feathered foes of all these insects that the forestry department is not only putting up free apartments for woodpeckers and other hole nesting birds on private property, where people agree to watch and report on them, but they are also putting up similar boxes along the public streets and in the public grounds.

The officials say that nowadays people so clean up the dead wood and so carefully prune the shade and orchard trees that hole nesting birds have no chance for a home under ordinary conditions. They look in vain for suitable nesting sites and regretfully pass on to more favorable regions, leaving city shade trees a prey to pests.

The Brookline Bird club, which, though less than a year old, has 300 members, is now holding an exhibition in the town hall to stimulate public interest in bird life. There they show handsomely mounted specimens of the native birds and an interesting variety of bird boxes, feeding stations and bird baths. Many of the bird houses were made by pupils in the town schools, some of them so well constructed and finished as to rival the product of professionals.

## TO KILL MILLIONS OF RATS.

American Exterminators Will Be Used to Stay Their Spread in Sheffield.

Deputy Consul Luther J. Parr reports that the steel works and large stores in Sheffield, England, are very largely infested with rats. "I understand," he says, "that many attempts have been made to exterminate them. In the works, however, very little damage is done by rats, and it is the rule to occasionally employ a professional rat catcher, who catches about 100 rats a night, and is paid £1 for a night's work. Such a profession is no doubt lauded by the fact that there is a ready sale to sporting men for the rats caught for training their dogs. An opportunity will shortly occur in Sheffield to demonstrate the value of American rat exterminators. What is known as the killing shambles and the fish and meat market, located right in the center of the city, are to be pulled down in accordance with the new town planning scheme of the city authorities. When this does occur it is recognized by the public that the home of millions of rats will be destroyed, and articles and letters appearing in the local newspapers recently urged the corporation to do something to prevent the migration of this vermin."

**"Certified" Babies Now.**  
"Certified" babies will be offered by the morals court of Chicago to persons desiring to adopt children. Foster parents will receive certificates guaranteeing that the child turned over to them is "free from organic disease, insanity or constitutional weakness." A scientific inventory of the infant's traits and possibilities will accompany the certificate.

**Building a Life.**  
Human life is a building. It rises slowly day by day throughout the years. Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice which is rising slowly within us. Every influence that impresses us, every book we read, every conversation we have—indeed, every act of our commonest days—adds something to the invisible building.—J. R. Miller.

## BANKRUPT SIEGEL BACK TO FACE TRIAL; LOOKS UNWORRIED



HENRY SIEGEL

NEW YORK, June 9.—Henry Siegel, the bankrupt department store owner, who faces trial for grand larceny in connection with the failure of the New York and Boston stores and for the failure of his private bank, in which many of his employees lost their savings of many years, returned from abroad, where he had gone to visit his daughter. His trial will be moved at once. Siegel had nothing to say, but wore a smile that seemed to indicate that he was not worried despite the hardships his failure worked upon his trusting employees.

## Heart to Heart Talks

By CHARLES N. LURIE

### "SNOW UPON THE DESERT'S DUSTY FACE"

The worldly hope men set their hearts upon Turns ashes, or it prospers and anon, Like snow upon the desert's dusty face, Lighting a little hour or two—is gone.—Omar Khayyam.

There was a wealthy man who built for himself a house in a New Jersey town. "It shall be the finest house in the town," said this man. And he sent to his native place in Scotland for granite for the walls and to Spain for tiling for the roof. And he watched the house grow in size and in beauty. With an exultant heart, rejoicing in his riches and in his success in the world, he saw it rise and he looked upon it and found it was good.

But the house was never finished. Before it could measure up to the man's expectations the face of Fortune froze to him and he lost his worldly possessions. Creditors came into that town and took possession of the house. The ghosts of disappointed hopes haunted it. No one ever lived in it.

Now, twenty-six years after the man began to rear the house, it has been torn down by wreckers.

When the man was still planning the house he said to himself: "It shall stand as a home for myself and my daughter and her children's children I shall place in the cornerstone an indestructible leaden casket containing newspapers and coins and letters and other things, such as are commonly placed in cornerstones. Perhaps some one of my descendants may wish to build himself a larger, finer house on the site of this one which I am erecting. Then he shall be interested in the contents of the leaden casket."

The man is dead and his daughter lives in a city far from the town in which her father built the mansion. The wrecker tearing down the mansion told of the finding of the casket and the news of its discovery came to the ears of the woman. She sent to the wrecker and asked him to give her the letters and writings which told of the planned greatness of the house.

One of them was a letter from the young daughter of the family to an aunt, telling her of the glories of the great house which her father was building and how happy she and her parents expected to be in their magnificent new home.

Men build mansions for themselves and their families, but no man can foresee the end of his labors.

**Baby's New Shoes.**  
Always sandpaper the soles of baby's new shoes before they have been worn. This keeps her from slipping on the bare or polished floors and prevents many a bad fall which could easily result in a sprain or a broken bone.

**Only One?**  
"John, there's one thing I want to say to you." "What's the matter, Maria? Aren't you feeling well?"—Puck.

**Pennsylvania's Last Wild Elk.**  
The last wild elk in Pennsylvania is supposed to have been killed in the winter of 1867 by an Indian named Jim Jacobs, from the Cataraugus reservation. Jacobs followed the elk from Flagg swamp, in Elk county, to the wilds of Clinton county, through a hard snowstorm, when it came to bay on a rock, and the Indian shot it. It was a bull, and none of the species had been seen or heard of in the region for several years before that.—Philadelphia Record.

**Quite So.**  
Mr. Downright—I don't believe Swallow's tale about his extraordinary capacity for eating. Mrs. Malaprop—Oh, you can believe all he says. Mr. Swallow's tales of his appetite are quite voracious.—Baltimore American.

**The Glove on the Pole.**  
A quaint custom in an English town, Honiton, is "proclaiming the fair." The town obtained the grant of a fair from the lord of the manor so long ago as 1257, and the fair still retains some of the picturesque characteristics of bygone days. The town clerk, dressed in picturesque uniform and carrying a pole decorated with gay flowers and surmounted by a large gilt model of a gloved hand, publicly announces the opening of the fair, as follows: "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez! The fair's begun, the glove is up. No man can be arrested till the glove is taken down." Hot coins are then thrown among the children. The pole and glove remain displayed until the end of the fair.

## HUERTA READY TO GIVE UP JOB

Dictator is Willing to Quit Under Almost Any Condition

Responsibility Put Up to the U.S.

If Delegates Reach Any Agreement, Huerta Will be Glad to Retire.—Explanatory Statement Issued

WASHINGTON, June 7 (Sunday).—That Huerta had definitely ordered blockade of Tampico was the official word reaching here early today, after announcement of the northward movement of Huerta's gunboats.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario, June 6.—An attempt to place greater responsibility upon the United States for the restoration of peace in Mexico through mediation was made by the Mexican delegates here today. As a result of questions put the Mexicans as to the meaning of the word "politically" in their statement issued several days ago, declaring that General Huerta is prepared to withdraw provided "Mexico shall be politically pacified." Emilio Rabasa issued an explanatory statement.

This statement was interpreted to mean that General Huerta is prepared to resign under the terms of any sort of an agreement which may be reached.

If the American and Mexican delegates, through the mediators, reach an agreement for the establishment of a provisional government he will retire. If the constitutionalists come into the conference and a peaceful settlement is reached he will also acquiesce. What Huerta wants is an agreement which will permit him to retire in a dignified manner and he is understood to have given his delegates authorization to accept the terms of the agreement as so far discussed.

The statement issued today is taken as merely elaborating on the first explanation which was made on the initial declaration in setting forth that Huerta will never retire in favor of Carranza. The declaration that peace shall be assured by political means which will guarantee for the nation maintenance of law and order is taken as eliminating the constitutionalists who are recognized only as bandits by the government.

Huerta is ready to retire under the terms of any agreement which shall be reached in the Niagara conference, but should General Carranza refuse to recognize the provisional government decided upon here, then it would rest with the United States to support this government against the constitutionalists.

## JURY CENSURES PORTLAND MAYOR

Officials are Criticized in Verdict of Big Fire Inquest

The Decision is Reached Quickly

Crew of Ferry Are Charged With Neglect of Duty—Precaution For Safety Are Held Lacking

PORTLAND, Ore., June 9.—The coroner's jury inquiring into the deaths of William Sterling and Alexander Balough at the fire of the Northwest Door company last Wednesday returned a verdict censuring Mayor Albee and the crew of the ferryboat W. S. Mason.

The jury reached a decision within half an hour after being locked up at 5 o'clock. It required three hours and four separate drafts, however, before the members submitted their written statement.

The verdict follows: "The jury finds that William Sterling and Alexander Balough came to their deaths by drowning in the Willamette river near the east ferry slip of the ferry W. S. Mason, on June 3, 1914, about 5:15 p. m.

"From the evidence submitted the jury finds that the said deceased were forced by the burning of the Northwest Door company to jump into the river in an endeavor to save their lives.

"The fire that destroyed the plant was caused by flying embers from the burning debris on the old Montgomery and Columbia docks, owned by the Lewis Investment company.

"We find that the captain and crew of the ferryboat W. S. Mason showed a dire neglect of their proper duty in not standing by, with proper life-saving apparatus at hand, in an endeavor to save life."

**Twenty Years of Pleasure.**  
St. Michael's church, Macfield, England, is noted for its beauty. "The Manchester and a curious Charles G. Harper tells of a curious epitaph in the churchyard upon one epitaph in the churchyard who died in 1755. Mary Broomfield, who died in 1755, aged eighty. It reads as follows: "The chief concern of her life for the last twenty years was to order and provide for her funeral. Her greatest pleasure was to think and talk about it. She lived many years on a pension of inexperience a week and yet saved £5, which at her request was laid out at her burial."

**Comfortable Disappointments.**  
Next to having the dentist postpone an appointment to tinker with your teeth what is the most comfortable disappointment you ever experienced? Ours is having only \$2 to lend to the man who drops in to borrow \$10.—Detroit Free Press.

## GENERAL AGUILAR MAY BEAT VILLA TO CAPITAL



General AGUILAR

VERA CRUZ, June 6.—General Aguilar may beat Villa and Zapata in his dash to the City of Mexico. Aguilar is at present at Tuxpan. He is said to be planning to march to Puebla, 100 miles south, and attack the weakened federal garrison. Puebla is only sixty miles from the capital.

## SUFFRAGISTS STILL RAVAGE LONDON

Historic English Church is Completely Destroyed by Big Fire

Bomb, Placed in Castle, Dies Out

Non-Militants Also Worry Government— Sylvia Pankhurst is Borne to Meeting in Invalid's Chair

LONDON, June 5.—The campaign of arson and attempts at destruction of property by means of bombs was continued today by the suffragettes.

Broadchurch church, a historic edifice near Derby, was destroyed in the early morning and during the day an amateurish bomb was found in Dudgeon Castle, near Dundee. The fuse of the bomb had been extinguished by the wind.

Sylvia Pankhurst, borne to the platform on an invalid chair, made another appearance tonight at a suffragette meeting in Cannington and repeated her threat that she would lie on the steps of the house of commons without food or water until Premier Asquith consented to receive a deputation of her followers.

While the suffragettes are pursuing a campaign which in the opinion of most people only tends to deter the attainment of their wishes, the nonmilitant section has organized and is carrying on a constitutional political programme of peculiar annoyance and embarrassment to the government.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage societies, whose executive committee embraces a large number of influential persons, including Mrs. Henry Fawcett, Lady Francis Balfour, the Countess of Aberdeen, Lady Brassey, Lord Courtney and Lord Lytton, has issued a report showing that it is spending funds freely at bye-elections in support of labor party candidates and against the official liberal candidate.

The policy of the National Union is to do its utmost to overthrow the Asquith government, the entire blame for the defeat of the woman suffrage bills being placed upon the premier, and at the same time help the labor party, which is the only party supporting the women's cause. The policy will greatly strengthen the laborites in promoting three-cornered contests, and to avoid such triangular candidates at the next election is believed to be the government's only chance of a return to power.

## GREAT SINGER GETS DIVORCE FROM RAPP

CHICAGO, June 9.—Mrs. Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the singer, today won her divorce suit against William Rapp, Jr.

Judge Sullivan instructed the jury to return a verdict in her favor. He did so on a motion by Mrs. Schumann-Heink's attorney.

The madame was jubilant. She announced with much glee that, as soon as it became certain she would get a decree, she received three marriage proposals.

One, she said, was from a Chicagoan, who submitted his request in person; one was telegraphed to her from Los Angeles; one came by wire from New York.

**20-Pound Baby Born.**  
PLACERVILLE, Cal., June 4.—The largest baby born in El Dorado county within the memory of the oldest inhabitant arrived today in the home of H. H. Long, of Caldon. It weighed 20 pounds at birth.

**Cures Stubborn, Itchy Skin Troubles.**  
"I could scratch myself to pieces" is often heard from sufferers of Eczema, Tetter, Itch and similar Skin troubles. Don't Scratch—Stop. Eczema treated at once with Dr. Hobson's zema Ointment. Its first application starts healing; the Red, Rough, Scaly, Itching Skin is soothed by the Healing and Cooling Medicines. Mrs. C. A. Ebbefeld, Rock Island, Ill., after using Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment, writes: "This is the first time in nine years I have been free from the dreadful affliction."—Guaranteed. 50c, at your Druggist.

## PROTOCOL NEAR; PEACE PLANS MADE

Dictator Sends Word That He Agrees to Compact in Principle

President and Cabinet Proposed

Mediators Receive Draft of the United States—Delegates Announce They Will Not Thwart Hope

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., June 8.—The United States government, through Justice Lamar and Frederick W. Lehmann, presented today to the three South American mediators a complete plan for the pacification of Mexico.

It is the same in principle as that presented by the mediators and already agreed to by the Huerta government. It contemplates establishment at the earliest date practicable of a new provisional government, most in Mexico City, which would conduct general elections for a permanent government.

The plan written by the American delegates, after consultation with the Washington government propositions of which the Huerta delegates will be advised tomorrow. A full conference of all delegates and mediators is planned for tomorrow or Wednesday. This is for the formal consideration and final drafting of the protocol.

The Mexican delegates had known that, while they hoped the Antilla cargo would be returned to New York, they were not disposed to interrupt mediation, even if the ammunition finally got ashore.

Final word was awaited tonight from the American government as to whether the Antilla would be permitted to land her arms. The Spanish ambassador at Washington is expected to receive from Secretary Bryan the reply to the note addressed originally by the Huerta government to the mediators and referred to Washington by the American delegates here.

The Huerta delegates wrote the note before they knew a blockade had been ordered, but when General Huerta learned that his representatives were taking the matter up through diplomatic channels he suspended the blockade.

## GREATEST CROP OF WHEAT IS FORECAST

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The great crop of wheat ever known in the United States was forecast today in the monthly report of the department of agriculture when the bureau of statistics estimated an output of 900,000,000 bushels of winter and spring wheat combined.

The crop last season when previous records were broken totaled only 753,350,000 bushels. The crop in 1912 was 730,257,000 bushels; 1911, 621,233,600 bushels; 1910, 625,121,000 bushels; 1910, 631,190,000 bushels; 1909, 631,260,000 bushels; 1908, 661,602,000 bushels; 1907, 634,987,000 bushels; 1906, 692,979,439 bushels; 1904, 552,299,517 bushels; 1903, 637,821,835 bushels; 1902, 678,463,000 bushels; 1901, 718,460,218 bushels; 1900, \$522,229,505 bushels.

The bureau also reported a perfect acreage condition of oats with an estimated yield of 31.7 bushels average throughout the country.

## TRUST BILLS ARE OPPOSED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, June 6.—Preparations were made today in the senate to take up anti-trust legislation as soon as the Panama toll exemption repeal bill is disposed of next week.

The interstate commerce committee voted to report out for the present a bill creating a federal trade commission, and the three antitrust bills passed yesterday by the house were received by the senate and sent to committees for consideration. There they probably will rest for several weeks at least.

Chairman Newlands, of the interstate commerce committee, said today he would report the trade commission bill to the senate early this morning and attempt to have it made the unfinished business. If he succeeds the bill will come up immediately for discussion.

## MOUNT LASSON GETS STILL MORE ACTIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, June 4.—According to the local United States forestry bureau an enlargement of the crater on Mount Lassen has been reported by Forest Supervisor A. J. Rushing, of Mineral, who returned early this morning from an inspection of the volcanic disturbance. He says the orifice now measures about 50 by 200 feet and that more steam and stones are issuing from it now than ever before.