

MANY WOULD SHARE GOOD FORTUNE OF HELLO GIRL

Since the recent announcement that Miss Clittle Griggs, a telephone girl, employed with a Kansas City grain commission company, had received a half million dollar bequest from a cousin in Alaska, she has received letters from persons all over the middle west. Most of them have been from men, some proposing marriage; others asking for money, and still others begging her to let them have the money to invest or perfect inventions.

The letters from men who desire the young woman for a wife, and, incidentally, her half million, although they all declare they love her for herself and not for her money's sake, are most interesting to the disinterested reader, for Miss Griggs declares she will pay no attention to them.

Miss Griggs does not deign to answer any of them, and, as a result, the writers have, with one exception, subsided into silence after one letter. The one exception is an Iowa man. He gives his name as Butler and his address at Whittemore, Iowa. His first letter to Miss Griggs covered three sheets and was closely written. In it he mixes business and sentiment by alternately declaring that he wanted to love her and begging for \$5000 to "put him on his feet again."

The first letter says in part: Miss Clittle Griggs, Kansas City, Mo.—My Dear Friend: I have read of your good fortune in getting a half million dollars. It will be nice for a young and beautiful girl like you are. I am a poor man and want to ask you to help me. I have been sick and lost out so that I am on my last ground. Won't you give me \$5000 to start in the drug business with? Or, no, I don't want you to give me the money. Let me have it and I will repay you. That sum will be small to you and would be such a help to me, who needs a lift so sorely. Now, dear lady, remember the bible says it is good to give, and you won't miss it. I have worked

hard all my life and have not squandered my money, but you know we all have had luck at times."

So on through to the end the letter ran. Miss Griggs did not answer the letter and she has recently received a second letter from Mr. Butler, inclosing a stamp for reply and pleading at great length and, in turn, for an answer, her love and \$5000 of her money. He said:

"My Dear Friend Clittle (if you will allow me to call you such):—You must not get angry, but please read all this scribbling. It may be true that you are getting many letters, but will add that there is not one of them that needs assistance from you as I do. I know if I could have a personal interview with you, you would not turn me down. I have concluded that you are a fine girl and nothing would give me more pleasure than to be able to call you my wife. Would it not be nice if such a thing would come to pass? I bet you will laugh and say I am crazy, but I will say I am only half way to the quarter mile post."

Butler's letter continues on for several pages. His sentences fairly teem with novel declarations. He also intimates that he will come to Kansas City to see Miss Griggs. Butler closes his letter, after innumerable pleas for money, with the phrase, "Your honest friend," and begs in the humblest language for a reply.

A man who signs himself Lowenstein writes from Strong City, Kansas, as follows:

"Miss Clittle Griggs, My Dear Friend.—I am sure you will want to invest your money in a good, paying proposition. Now, that is what I have. It is a sure thing. If you will write to me I will send you the names of some of our leading business men who have invested in my proposition. It pays 100 per cent per year. I would be willing to invest as much as you wish and, in case my proposition proves successful, would be willing to marry you. Hoping you will consider both my propositions, I remain," etc. Miss Griggs has been at work at the switchboard as usual.

PHILADELPHIA WOMAN'S GIFT TO THE PRESIDENT

President Roosevelt will receive as an inauguration gift a quilt composed of 22,642 pieces, the handiwork of Mrs. Charlotte J. Creigmlie, of 5237 Larchwood avenue, Philadelphia, says the North American.

The quilt is made entirely of satin in the national colors—red, white and blue. Neither the red nor blue are solid colors, but each is finely shaded, lessening the contrast and enhancing the color value of the whole. The materials alone cost upwards of \$100.

It was Mrs. Creigmlie's intention to present the quilt to President McKinley, but he was assassinated before it was completed. She has waited some years to see if Roosevelt, as a president, were worth the gift, and she is

now entirely satisfied. She had no doubt of his election either.

"Perhaps Roosevelt will not be elected, and then the quilt cannot be an inauguration gift," a visitor suggested the other day.

"There's not much danger of that; but if it should happen I'll give it to him before," Mrs. Creigmlie replied. To a remark that perhaps Parker would appreciate the quilt if elected, she declared vigorously: "Not a bit of it! Give my quilt to a democrat? I guess not!"

Mrs. Creigmlie worked on the quilt and the two pillow shams that match it in odd moments for several years. When exhibited in a fair conducted by the women of the Baptist temple the quilt excited unstinted admiration and was pronounced a wonderful piece of needlework.

Loving One's Enemies.

One of the hardest sayings in the gospels, according to the common opinion, is the command of Christ to his followers to love their enemies. People have said, how can a man love one whom he hates, and how can a man avoid hating a man who is hateful?

Men do not readily perceive that Christ and other great religious teachers stand on a different plane of consciousness from that occupied by the average man. Christ and all men who

live in their spirit, dwell not on the lowlands, but on the hilltops of the world.

Living on the hilltops, the masters of life perceive the things that escape the attention of the hustlers and bustlers, who are so active in doing their daily tasks that they cannot see with any degree of clearness the faces of people they come in contact with.

Christ saw that there is no real cause for enmity between men; that hatred is always due to a misunderstanding of both our neighbors and ourselves. We put our emphasis on the wrong things, and hate those who refuse to say amen. But as men learn to accept the right of the neighbor to think for himself, and to live his own life, the antagonism softens and softens, until it finally disappears in a friendly good will.

When a man once loses the conception of his own infallibility, and recognizes that every right which he claims for himself, whether of belief or action, is a right that belongs equally to his neighbor, good fellowship prevails. Hatred ceases because there is nothing to hate. One may then love his enemy, because he knows that his enemy is such only through misunderstanding—that is, ignorance—has made every enemy. Knowledge will turn the enemy into a friend.

There has been little wisdom in our lives. Between two courses of action presented to us, we have usually chosen the worse, because, at the time it has appeared the easier. The dying knight of the middle ages, when informed that he must forgive his enemies, replied that he had none—he had killed them all. That was the common way of getting rid of enemies

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in the old days. We have advanced beyond that stage. But few of us have got beyond the stage of looking upon men as enemies. But we can overcome our enemies by loving them, as Christ said. By loving them long enough and well enough, we can conquer their enmity to us, and make them friends.—Tacoma Ledger.

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