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In the billiard room the men were striving to amuse themselves with much smoke and an occasional bit of brilliant play. The women were endeavoring to kill time with the latest novels and long neglected correspondence.

Stoughton sought the library, where big log sputtered cheerfully on the hearth. He drew a chair before the fire and, picking up a book at random. began to read.

There was a sound of light footsteps on the polished floor, and a quiet voice said mockingly "At last you yield to precedent. All

the others read ponderous books before the fire." Stoughton turned. Miss Coverly stood

at the other end of the fireplace regarding him gravely. "The others?" he said inquiringly

as he laid the book down. "The other men of science," she ex-

plained. "Did they read bound volumes of German funny papers?" he laughed. "Don't tell me," she said in shocked tones, "you are reading the Fliegende Blatter?

"Caught red handed," he confessed. "You seem to have no respect for precedent," she pouted.

"You told me the other gentlemen of science who came were fat and baldheaded and vague as to ideas. Tell me. have I grieved you very much in not following the precedent in these things?"

"Not tremendously," she laughed. "Look here," he said suddenly. "Did any of those scientific fossils propose to you?" "Goodness! What an absurd ques

tion!" said she. "Did they ?" he ; sesisted.

"Certainly not!" "Well, you see, my-er-chief desire

is not to follow their established precedent," he remarked pointedly.

The girl flushed; the professor came a step nearer. The girl retreated; the professor advanced sturdily. In a corner he caught her and held her fast. "Contrary to precedent," said be evenly, "I shall ask you to marry me."

eyes twinkling wickedly. "And contrary to precedent I shall say"- she began and paused.

"What will you say ?" he begged. "Now-now, if it's contrary to precedent, can't you imagine what I shall

say?" she asked archiy. Mrs. Brenton came into the room just then.

"We need Miss Coverly for a four hand at bridge." she said. "Now, how long, Professor Stoughton, do you intend to monopolize her society?" The professor took the girl's hand in his and faced the smilling intruder.

The power of kindness. It wins when all coercive measures fail.

The dignity of simplicity. When the "frills" are off the man is "on."

The wisdom of economy. The man who saves makes more than he saves. The pleasure of working. The only really unhappy, rich or poor, are the idle.

The influence of example. Practice does more than precept in showing the way.

The worth of character. In the last analysis the only real value is a clear conscience.

The success of perseverance. "Keeping everlastingly at it" brings the hoped for result.

The value of time. Lost capital may be restored by diligent use of experience. Time lost is lost forever.

The obligation of duty. Your concern should not so much he what you get as what you do for what you get .- New York Commercial.

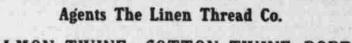
Temperament and Food.

For billious persons a chart of life published by Professor Boyd Laynard gives emphatic warning of dangerous rocks in the shape of sausages, pork, turtle and other commodities. Eels must not be eaten by brain workers, chilly persons should cultivate a taste for sardines, while irritable people are warned away from ginger, and the melancholy man must not touch bacon. Whitebalt, it is suggested, is inadvisable for persons who are of an amorous nature, asparagus is forbidden to those who suffer from excitement, and languid persons are told to be careful when they indulge in peas, potatoes, arrowroot and macaroni. Duck for some mysterious reason is described as unsuitable for the bashful, the irate, the pale, the drowsy and the inebriate. -St. James' Gazette.

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