

M. CLAM IN WALL STREET

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He loved those people. Why should he not love? They made him rich with ease. Yet all was misunderstanding. Now the press agent does make everything smooth. M. Rockefeller was before one monster. Now he is that kind old gentleman who loves the virtue and hates the ways of bad men. This is called the community jolly, an universal game of confidence, it is effective, yet cheap.

After the lunch M. Van Bibber with courtesy did introduce me to another famous millionaire, M. Gripperman. This millionaire is most skillful in the diagnosis. If one company is sick or disabled, M. Gripperman is called. Like the physician, he feels the pulse and gives the financial physics in one week or two weeks— presto!—that company is again on his legs, feeling as the colt. Often that stimulation is so powerful that the company runs away; it cannot restrain the exuberance!

M. Gripperman is busy always with all companies which need stimulants and with the infant new companies. These patients are frail also. Yet M. Gripperman has always the life-saving apparatus at hand.

With kindness M. Gripperman invited me to remain in his office during the meeting of those directors! Perhaps, to-morrow, I shall be one of those directors! M. Gripperman did not say so much, but I have a suspicion of good luck. As those millionaires appeared I was introduced to them. All greeted me with politeness. One millionaire said: "Ah, M. Clam! I see by that newspaper today that you have closed the deal for Bou Constrictor. You, then, are the partner of M. Rothschild? Those Rothschilds are my dear friends of childhood."

I said: "M. Gates does honor me to much. I know nothing of M. Rothschild. It is the American joke."

The reply: "Ha, ha! All right, M. Clam. If you wish to remain in company, very well!"

Diablo! What could I do?

Immediately M. Gripperman did call those directors to order. He said: "Are all ready? Very well. First, we are directors of Subterranean Limited. Moved and seconded capital stock be increased one hundred millions and adjourned. Next, Aerial Transportation Corporation. Secretary reports all rivals squeezed to the death. Adjourned. Next, North Pole & Patagonia Railroad Company. Concessions from Mexico and Brazil worth one hundred millions secured on an outlay of \$500 for those surveys. Plan for absorption of Pennsylvania and New York Central working well. Adjourned. Next, Knickerbocker meeting company. Shall charter be enlarged to deal in the insurance, hides, sugar, telephones, silk goods, and the harness wire? Carried. Adjourned. Next, Mastodon Trust Company. Stock of Aerial Transportation exchanged on Standard Oil shares for shares. Legislation legislative fund purchase on Albany fund exhausted. Moved and seconded that assessment be made on collateral companies to replenish funds. Carried. Adjourned. Next, American Toothpick Company. Shall all forests in British Columbia be purchased in exchange for stock? Yes. If owners of forests will raise five million to build and equip plant for working timber. Adjourned. Next—

Here one millionaire said: "It is the busy day. Excuse me. You, M. Gripperman, shall vote for me." One other said: "I, too, have business. Vote for me, M. Gripperman." Soon M. Gripperman was alone with me. He said: "Now you see, my dear Clam, the cares of us rich. A part of the crust world! Those people are ungrateful. Yet who will carry their burden if those captains of industry fall? Let me see—the next, So-called Copper Company. Shall that capital stock be increased, or is it too soon since that last time? All in favor of increase say 'Yes.' Unanimous. Adjourned. Meeting of directors of artificial Bread Company, Farmers' Insurance Company, Tenderfoot Oil Company, Peacock Copper Consolidated Company, Sahara Condensing Company, Death Valley Refrigerator Company, Tampa-Havana Tunnel Company, Universal Holding Corporation, Arizona Skyscraper Syndicate, Nebraska Corncrib and Breakfast Food Consolidated, and all other companies, corporations, and syndicates postponed until tomorrow."

Mon Dieu! It was with astonishment that I saw such negotiation, such commercial bigness! Almost the whole world was before me. Astoria, Havana, Alaska, Brazil, Spitzbergen, Nebraska! Ah! this was the grand business! To-morrow I, too, shall be one of those millionaires! With ecstasy I pinch. Yes, yes, I am not asleep! It is true! I look at those shares. Yes, I am not dreaming! Ten thousand shares of Bou Constrictor! Oh! I am

rich, I am rich! Almost I cannot wait until to-morrow.

Shall I become one citizen American or remain a Frenchman? That is the question. CLAM.

WOMEN MUST KNEEL TO MEN

is the Law Among Many Tribes of East Central Africa.

Men in Africa, and especially in east central Africa, believe that their women are their inferiors, and many centuries ago, says the Chicago Tribune, they made a law that has worn itself into a custom that women must acknowledge this by always kneeling when they meet a man.

Duff Macdonald, who spent many years as a missionary in that country, says that African women hold a most degraded position and are looked upon pretty generally as beasts of burden capable of doing all the hard work. When a woman meets any man, be it her husband or a stranger, at home or on the road she is expected to "taidi wala"—that is, to kneel and clap her hands to the lord of creation as he passes. Although a woman may have slaves of her own, she observes this custom whenever she meets them on the highway.

Macdonald adds: "Whenever we saw a woman go out of her way with the intention of kneeling before us, though she carried a hundredweight on her head, knowing that she would have to get up with it, we shouted, 'You are losing your way; this is the path,' and she took it, glad that she might dispense with this custom."

Certain it is that if the African woman kneels before a stranger or slave she prostrates herself most humbly before her husband, her lord and master. He is her father, and she is his child; he commands, and she obeys; he may inflict punishment, and she accepts it.

The title of "father" is given to all old people. A man of thirty will say "I am only a child; ask the old man." The woman must submit, of course. She is her husband's chattel; he has bought her for two skins of bucks and this is a fair price for one wife. He often gets them in payment for debts.

If a girl is not a first wife she counts for little, as these Africans usually have one chief wife and three or four minor wives. A man who is married a few years is expected to have junior wives. The chief wife has the superintendence of the others and looks after the household. The punishment she inflicts for laziness is to banish the junior wife from her meals until hunger brings her to her senses. If a junior wife is obstreperous she is put in a slave stock.

The authority of a chief wife is not a matter to jest with. If a junior wife gets unruly the whipping post is made use of. This does not annoy her lord, for African men have little sentiment for their wives and feel none for their junior wives. They are his chattels, having the same value as his cattle, perhaps less. When a man is pressed for money he usually sells his wife and not his cattle. He expects them to cultivate the soil and cut down the trees, and when he finds time or has the inclination he helps them.

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How to Spot Umbrellas.

"In most cases umbrellas are not fairly worn out; they are ruined through carelessness of their owners," said an umbrella and cane man. "When I see a man walking with an umbrella tightly grasped in his hot hand I smile to myself, because I know that very soon that man will be wanting a new umbrella. There is no super way of making an umbrella wear out quickly than this habit of carrying it about by its middle. Again, after being out in the rain you should turn your umbrella upside down and let the water drain off as it stands with the handle downward. By doing this you prevent the water from getting up at the framework and thereby protect the ribs from rusting. Some men open their umbrellas before they stand them up to dry; but this is a bad plan, because the umbrellas may stretch when it is wet. Another thing, too, never roll your umbrellas up so as to cut the silk."—Detroit Tribune.

Antiquity of Sugar.

The first mention of sugar seems to have been made by Pliney more than 1,800 years ago, who traces it to Arabia and gives the preference to Indian sugar, which he speaks of as "honey found in canes." Status in his day.

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