

### AN ODD CORPORATION.

#### WHAT MRS. MARY TYLER DID TO SAVE HER HEIRS TROUBLE.

She Transferred Nearly All Her Property to an Incorporated Organization Called "The Tyler Estate"—Real Estate in Several Cities.

Among the property items which the city is trying to acquire title to for the proposed Ninth regiment armory in Fourteenth street is a lot belonging to the Tyler estate. The Tyler estate is a novelty among the corporations of the country. It is not the estate of a deceased person, as one would naturally infer from the title, but is the estate of a wealthy western widow, who has had her real estate holdings capitalized and a stock company formed to take and hold the titles to it. Her object is said to be to so arrange the titles to her property that when she comes to dispose of it by her will there will be the least possible opportunity left to disappointed relatives to contest her will and drag her name and private history into the courts and before the public.

The certificate of incorporation of the estate recites that it was organized under the laws of Missouri as a corporation for manufacturing and business purposes, and is called "The Tyler Estate." It was organized under the legal advice and direction of Henry Hitchcock, of the St. Louis bar, a lawyer of that western city, who is said to have assured his client that the laws of Missouri authorized the organization and formal incorporation of real estate corporations.

The founder and principal proprietor of the Tyler estate is Mrs. Mary Lawrence Tyler, widow of Robert Tyler, of Louisville. She is said to be worth several millions, principally in lands and property in this city, Philadelphia, Louisville, St. Louis and other places, all of which, however, she has conveyed to the Tyler estate, taking the stock of the peculiar corporation in payment. The estate is capitalized at \$500,000, but that does not begin to represent the actual value of the property it owns.

#### THE LAW IN SEVERAL STATES.

The real estate records of this county show the transfer of two pieces of property to the estate by Mrs. Tyler in February, 1898, the time when the corporation was formed. One of the items is the lot in Fourteenth street, which is wanted by the city for armory purposes, and the other is a business building and lot in Crosby street, between Broome and Spring streets. The city authorities and the representatives of the estate could not agree upon the price to be paid by the city for the Fourteenth street lot and condemnation proceedings have therefore been begun, wherein the price will be fixed by a commission.

But the principal interest in the affair attaches to the corporation itself. Many devices have been resorted to in times past by wealthy people who had large estates to dispose of by will to prevent the quarreling of heirs over the manner in which the property has been distributed by the owner in his or her will, but this is the first instance ever heard of in which a private person, having no desire or intention of going into business, where some occasion for forming a limited liability corporation might exist, has voluntarily had her property capitalized and represented in stocks and bonds.

Who the present officers of the Tyler estate are could not be ascertained, nor any statement regarding the details of the organization—whether the corporation has more than one executive officer, now the property is managed by the officers, or in what manner transfers of real estate belonging to such a corporation could be made so as not to affect the value of its shares or to impair the security of the bonds. How long a life such a corporation could have is a question, furthermore, which no lawyer could answer offhand.

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But it is claimed for it that the property can in this manner be held together for long periods of years, whereas, under ordinary conditions, no sooner is a wealthy person's will filed for probate than a long contest begins in the courts between the various heirs over the manner of its distribution among them.

By incorporating, as Mrs. Tyler has done, it is declared that all trouble of this character is done away with. The testatrix wills not her property, but a certain number of shares of her estate to each heir, who is limited by his opportunities to either accept or reject them. This, however, still leaves the contesting heirs opportunities to fight over the distribution of the shares.

But Mrs. Tyler expects to get the better of this class of heirs by giving away the shares to the persons she desires to have them before her demise. The corporation, as said, is a novel one, but, like the trust, may prove to be only the forerunner of many which will be organized as soon as the legal status of the Tyler estate shall have been passed upon by some competent legal tribunal.—New York Times.

#### Music From Insects.

The notes of the katydid are perhaps as familiar as any and have a certain fascination, the sounds taking on various inflections and meanings. They are produced by rubbing the inner surface of the hind legs against the outer surface of the front wings—fiddling, in fact. When the male cricket sings in the hearth it raises its fore wings and scrapes them against its hind ones. Even the butterfly makes a sound audible at some distance, certain species having been heard to utter a clicking sound.—St. Paul Dispatch.

#### Why He Changed.

Conductor C., of our early train, was a church member with a reputation of being good natured and mild mannered to all. He's changed in appearance since Saturday's trip. Our train had just started from B—station when we saw some distance off an old woman of the colored persuasion and of 200 pounds weight, shiny and nervous, with carpetbag and umbrella swinging with the energy of her great exertion to catch the train.

His heart was touched and he pulled the ropes for "down brakes." At this unusual signal every window was pushed up and an eager head thrust out of each. The conductor smilingly encouraged the would be passenger, and the others cheered her as she thundered along in a full duck gallop. Two lady friends of hers (brunettes) stood upon the platform of the car and frantically beckoned her approach. When at last she was landed by the train, and was helped on by the conductor, three brakemen and a boy, she greeted her two friends with several affectionate "smacks" and a "goodby, children," then rolling back again to the ground she turned to our polite conductor and said, "Thank you, boss," and waddled away.

That train was started as by one in a spasm, and the minister read on the following evening a prayer request from the wife of a backsliding conductor.—Troy Telegram.

#### A Wonderful Mineral Substance.

A new mineral substance, resembling asphalt, has been discovered in Texas, which promises to become very useful to the scientific and industrial world. It is unaffected by heat, acid or alkalis, and is said to be the most perfect insulator yet discovered. It may be used for paint and is a perfect covering for wood or iron, resisting all the influences which destroy ordinary paints. As a varnish it retains its character under all conditions. It may be rolled into a tissue and used for waterproof tents, clothing, etc.; it makes leather impervious to water and prevents iron and steel from rusting.

Professor Hamilton, of the Western Electric company, finds that wires covered with this substance offer sevenfold the resistance offered by other wires, and the results of its use in electrical engineering are likely to be very marked. The material is found in unlimited quantities, from two to forty feet below the surface, and if it proves as useful as it promises will be a new source of wealth to Texas.—Boston Transcript.

#### Why People Go to Europe.

The high fares on American railroads result in sending people to Europe. All of New England and the Middle states are full of people who have climbed Alps, visited Rome, boulevards of Paris, been all over the United Kingdom and seen the midnight sun on the coast of Norway, and yet who have never been west of Chicago. They hear of the beauties of the Pacific coast, they read about the glories of the Yosemite valley and they want to go and see them, but when they learn what it will cost they think they cannot afford to go farther than Niagara Falls. After that they go to Europe, and so year by year the Atlantic passenger lists have been swelling rapidly until now they are something stupendous to contemplate.—Bangor (Me.) News.

#### Began Growing After He Was Thirty-five.

Oak Cliff has a citizen who is now a robust old gentleman of fine physique and is descended from a very long lived ancestry, their ages running to ninety-six, ninety-eight, one hundred and six, and up to one hundred and twelve years. He has all his teeth except two which were knocked out by an accident, and they are as sound as a dollar, although he is now seventy years old. He has grown three-fourths of an inch in height since he was thirty-five years old, and he wears a size larger hat now than he wore then. From that age up to forty-one or forty-two years his weight remained at 190 pounds, and now, at three score and ten years, his mental faculties, he says, are brighter than ever before.—Dallas (Tex.) News.

#### Arrested for Selling Branded Peaches.

A peculiar case of innocent violation of the revenue laws has developed in Decatur. F. S. Fox bought a quantity of imported branded peaches. He took them to Cerro Gordo and sold them at his restaurant. Jacob Leslie's boy became intoxicated on the peaches, and this started quite a run on the peaches. Fox had to order a fresh supply. Mr. Leslie had Fox arrested for violation of the liquor law, and the trial will take place at Cerro Gordo. A Decatur chemist analyzed the peaches, and found that one bottle contained 37 per cent. of alcohol.—Cor. Chicago Tribune.

#### Moral, Chew Gum.

A man from Oxford county lost a railroad coupon ticket to the fair and inquired at the ticket office if one had been found. One had been found, but how were they to know that it was his. He asked to look at it and it was shown to him. He said: "It is mine. I can prove it. See, the face of it is torn off. Look here," and he opened his vest pocket and showed a hearty end of gum and the face of a railroad coupon sticking to it. The two matched, and the ticket was passed over to him.—Lewiston Journal.

#### Made a Fortune Easily.

Captain D. S. Goodell, a retired sea captain, of Searsport, Me., advanced money to enable James Knibbs, of Troy, N. Y., to prosecute a suit for an infringement upon his fire engine valve patent, on condition that he should have a certain percentage of the damages recovered, if any. Captain Goodell's share of the winnings thus far foots up \$750,000.—Bangor Letter.

#### Appearances Are Deceitful.

While riding down Washington street the other afternoon the seat beside me was occupied by a poorly dressed, ignorant looking man, with the misshapen, dirty hands of a coal heaver. Yet he was reading, with apparently intent interest, a well thumbed copy of Herodotus in the original Greek.—Boston News.

#### New York's Army of Dependents.

Did you ever stop to think how large is New York's standing army of dependents, and what persons, under the commissions of charities and correction, constitute it? According to the last report by the commissioners the total number of disabled, infirm, demented, minor or delinquent persons under public charge in the workhouse, city hospitals, almshouses, jails, insane asylums and on Blackwell's island amounted, when the last census of them was taken, to 13,348. Of the number included in the last report 5,804 were at the time in public asylums under city care, 3,134 in city hospitals, 1,636 in the workhouse, 1,517 in the almshouse and 1,375 in jails and prisons.

These taken into account merely those under the care of the city authorities and maintained wholly at public expense. This item of municipal disbursement amounts to about \$2,000,000 a year, or \$6,000 a day. Six hundred thousand dollars a year are paid for salaries and wages, \$1,300,000 for supplies, and the rest for transportation, buildings, rentals and repairs.—New York Sun.

#### A Big Salmon Crop.

This is a great year for big crops. Now it is the salmon crop that exceeds anything in the history of the country. Puget Sound is reported to be so filled with salmon, making their annual run to the sound shores and the fresh water streams for feeding and spawning, that the steamboats seem to be floating on a solid mass of fish. The paddles kill hundreds of them and are choked with their bodies. The sound steamer captains describe the run as an unbroken string of salmon thirty miles long, the water for that distance being fairly alive with them.

Neither the oldest inhabitants nor the aged Indians remember such a big salmon run. The result of the enormous run is a big reduction in prices. Usually good salmon sell for ten to twenty-five cents apiece, but now at one cent each the market is glutted with the finest quality of fish. At Port Williams a few days ago two casts of a seine netted over 3,000 fine salmon. Everybody is fishing.—Chicago Herald.

#### A Plague of Butterflies.

Munich has been invaded by an enormous army of butterflies. Millions of the species known as "nonnenschmetterlinge" attacked the city a few nights ago, attracted, as is supposed, by the brilliancy of the electric lights. The walls of the houses before which electric lamps were fixed were literally covered with the butterflies. In several places they forced their way through the doors and windows and fluttered around the lights. In the Cafe Kaiserhof and the Loewenbrau-Keller the intensity of the light fascinated such swarms of the butterfly "nuns" that the devotees of King Gambrinus found their hats and clothes so thickly coated with the invaders in possession. In some places the lamps were darkened by the mass of butterflies clinging around them.—St. James' Gazette.

#### Where Caps Are Made.

New York furnishes headgear for nearly nine-tenths of the American heads that wear caps. Perhaps the inhabitants of this town think they have seen a good many yachting caps within the past few weeks, but as a matter of fact the vogue of the yachting cap has only just begun. It came from Europe, took the Atlantic coast by storm and is now sweeping westward toward the Pacific. Thousands of girls that never saw navigable water will presently be looking saucily forth from beneath this sailor headgear. Comparatively few caps of any sort are sold in the east. Nearly all of them go beyond the Alleghanies and a few are sent as far as the Sandwich islands.—New York World.

#### Found Her Lover in Prison.

As Miss Nichols, of Buffalo, was visiting the penitentiary at Lincoln, Neb., in company with a relative, who is one of the executive officers of the state, the young lady uttered a scream on catching sight of one of the convicts at work in the harness shop. "Why, Mollie!" he ejaculated. She was about to mention his name in the same exclamatory manner when he suddenly said: "Molly, don't mention my name or you will betray my identity." The fellow is known as Frank Carroll, and is doing time for forgery. It has been learned that he was engaged to marry Miss Nichols, and came west to make his fortune, with the above result. The young lady is prostrated.—Cor. St. Louis Republic.

#### A Prehistoric Find.

A mound containing the skeletons of several prehistoric people has been discovered on a farm near Carthage, Ill. The skeletons lay in all conceivable positions, and are supposed to be those of warriors who fell in battle. It is believed that the farm is the site of an ancient battlefield. The skeletons are of unusual size and the teeth in the skulls are larger than those of ordinary human beings. The authorities of Carthage college have received permission to explore the cave, and a noted antiquarian has been sent for to aid in the investigation.—Philadelphia Ledger.

#### Scallops in an Aquarium.

Nothing is prettier than to watch pectens in an aquarium. They have a fluttering motion and move up and down in the water. Provided with an aductor muscle of great power, they can rapidly open and close their valves and take in or throw out water. As Mr. Hugh M. Smith writes: "The sight of a school of scallops moving in unison through the water is a very striking one." Fishermen know that the scallop moves, for it often happens that where there were scallops one day on a bank there are none to be found the next. Probably changes of position are made for food or temperature.—New York Times.

#### Simplicity of Carlyle's Life.

There was in Carlyle a certain arrogance of intellect that grew with years, and often asserted itself in fashions that he himself felt to be grievous. This has

been mistaken for arrogance of heart. Did arrogance of heart he never had. In sympathies and manner of life he remained to the end much of the simple peasant. Seldom a year passed, of the eighty-five that he lived, that he did not spend a month or two among the Scotch heaths and peat bogs in or near his humble boyhood home.

There, nearer than anywhere else, his restless soul came to the attainment of that peace and composure which it was quite capable of nowhere. To the end his own poor, tolling, uneducated kinsmen continued the dearest people on earth to him, and rarely came a payment from editor or publisher that, whatever his own necessities, he did not share it with some of them. Had they been stupid I am not sure that he would not at times have shown them scant mercy, but their humbleness only bound them the closer.—E. C. Martin in Scribner's.

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### A Revelation.

Few people know that the bright bluish-green color of the ordinary tea exposed in the windows is not the natural color. Unpleasant as the fact may be, it is nevertheless artificial; mineral coloring matter being used for this purpose. The effect is twofold. It not only makes the tea a bright, shiny green, but also permits the use of "off-color" and worthless teas, which, once under the green cloak, are readily worked off as a good quality of tea.

An eminent authority writes on this subject: "The manipulation of near tea, to give them a finer appearance, is carried on extensively. Green tea, being in this country especially popular, are produced to meet the demand by coloring cheaper black kinds by glazing or facing with Prussian blue, titanium, gypsum, and indigo. This method is so general that very little genuine uncolored green tea is offered for sale."

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