The man who is always giving advice sauntered up the street and found the tattered hobo sitting on the curb. "My good man," began the former, "why are you idling away your time like this? Don't you know the world owes you a living?"

"That so?" responded the hobo, nonchalantly. "Well, I guess I better call up a collection agency and get dem to collect it for me.'

"But this is serious, my man. You deserve something in this world.

"Sure, boss, the last judge I ran up against said I deserved six months." "Tut! Tut! Don't be fecetious. Why,

wear broadcloth. three sizes too big for me."

"Well, what in the dickens are you sitting on the curb for, anyway?"

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CHAPTER X. When Zelda asked her father one day where his office was, he answered her eyes on the door of the inner room;

Block. This was an old-fashioned office building, with a basement and a street. short stairway leading to the main corrider. It was no longer fashionable, as the better class of lawyers and real esyou could rise up in the world and tate brokers had sought building of a later type that offered electric lights now, boss. Dis suit is so broad it is faced the court-house square, and was the habitat of divers small attorneys judgment next door to a musty old book-shop, where the proprietor, a quaint figure with a great mop of iron-gray hair, sold pens and paper and legal blanks to Dogberry Row, as this quarter of the street was called. Zelda strayed into this thoroughfare

by chance one winter afternoon shortly before Christmas and was arrested by the sight of some old books in the any appeal there. She turned into a bookseller's window. The venerable bookseller came out into the barement area and spoke to her of the books, holding a volume meanwhile, with his forefinger closel upon the page he had been reading. Yes; he kept French books, and she went into the shop and looked over his shelves of foreign

"There is very little demand for them," he said. "Some of these are rare. Here is a little volume of Hugo's poems; very rare. I should be glad if you would take it for a dollarany of these poets for a dollar. But of course I can only offer. It is for you

"I shall take the Hugo," said Zelda He wrapped it for her carefully, even regretfully, and held the packet for a moment, caressing it with his hands, while she produced a dollar from her purse and took it from him.

"Call again. I have been here for years; Congdon, Dameron twenty

Yes, Dameron Block," repeated Zel-

đa. The constables and loungers on the sidewalk in front of the justice's court stared at her as she came out and glanced for a moment at the upper iron sign at the eaves bore the name "Dameron Block, 1870," in letters that had long since lost the false aspect of stone given to them originally by gray

Zelda went into the dim entrance and read the miscellaneous signs that were tacked there. One of them was inscribed "E. Dameron, Room 8"; and passing on she presently came to a frosted-glass door, where the same legend was repeated. It was late in the afternoon; possibly her father would go home with her, she thought, and

turned the knob

She entered a dark room on a courtway, evidently used as a place of waiting: there was another room beyond, reached by a door that stood half-open. Her father was engaged; his voice rose from the inner room; and she took a chair by the outer door of the waiting-She looked about the place cuin a corner lay a set of harness in a struck him at once. disreputable state of disrepair; and Ezra Dameron did not understand pasted on the walls were yellowed much about human nature, though like No Collection No Charge. sheets of newspapers containing tables all cunning people he thought he did. of some sort. Zelda did not know what It was beginning to dawn upon him these were, though any of the loafers that Zelda was deeper than he had im on the curbstone could have enlighten- agined. Perhaps, he said to himself ed her as to their character-they were she was as shrewd and keen as himthe official advertisements of the sales self; or, he asked again, was sne no burden of taxes and street improve- the moods of a girl are as many as the ments; but he had been the chief buy-

er of tax titles in the county. very lenient indeed," Ezra Dameron was saying. "I have, in fact, considerests of my trust, I should say."

"But another extension of two years would be sufficient for me to pay. I had been taken from a forbidden shelf wish very much for Olive not to know that her schooling was paid for with borrowed money. She gives me all she earns. Her position is assured, and I am putting aside something Maude-No; she lets the audience month to apply on the debt. We owe it, he put it down again, and began to nothing else.

"But two of these notes are already in default, Mrs. Merriam. I have in-curred obligations on the strength of them. A woman can't understand the requirements and exactions of busi-

"I am sorry, very sorry, Mr. Damer-All I ask is this extension. It can't e a large matter to you!

"I regret more than I can tell you that it is impossible. If it were myself -if it were my own money that I advanced you, I could perhaps be less insistent, but as it is, this money belongs to another-in fact, it is part of my daughter's estate. She is perfectly helpless, utterly ignorant of business; it is necessary for me to exercise the greatest care in administering her affairs. It is a sacred trust, Mrs. Merriam, a sacred trust from her dear mother."

"I came to-day," said the woman's voice, apologetically, "hoping that pay-

ment could be deferred.' "Yes, to be sure; it's wise to be forehanded. But the loan must be paid at the maturity of the last note, in May. I must close my wife's estate very I have timed all my loans to

that end." The purring voice stole through the anteroom, where Zelda sat forward in her chair, listening with parted lips and ing a sharp clatter that startled her

She gave a little gasp and reached for it, scarcely stooping, so intent were evasively that it was in the Dameron and when she had regained it, she ran into the hall and down the steps to the

She felt a great yearning for sympathy, fer some one to whom she could confess her misery and heartache. was growing dark, and when she reached her uncle's house, the lights "Thanks, but I am wearing dat and elevators. The Dameron Block shone brightly in his library. She knew he was there, and that she could, at : word, make his house her home and and real estate men. In the basement shake herself free forever from her below, a justice of the peace sat in father. The was always rebuffing and thwarting her Uncle Rodney in his efforts to help her. But at the gate she paused with her hand on the catch She came to and hurried on. Forrest's house. There, too, a welcome awaited her; but the thought of the verheated rooms, of the cheerless luxry in which her aunt lived, stifled her. She felt no temptation to make side street that led to her father's louse and walked slowly homeward.

> Without putting aside her wraps she ropped a match into the kindling in fireplace of the living-room, and waited until the flames leaped into the throat of the chimney. Polly was in the dining-room, showing a new assistant how to lay the table for the evening meal, and she came to the folding doors and viewed Zelda with the in terest that the girl always had for her Polly was Zelda's slave, and she went about half the day muttering and chuckling over what seemed to her Zelda's unaccountable whims.

"Polly," said Zelda, "this is Julius aesar's birthday-or Napoleon Bonaparte's or the Duke of Argyle's-do you

nderstand? The black woman showed all her teeth in appreciation.

"And we'll have out the candlesticks those very high ones; and you may use that gold-banded china and the real cut glass."

Polly departed chuckling and Zelda ent to her room. Her father was eading his newspaper by the fireplace when she came in upon his startled gaze an hour later. She had arrayed herself in a white silk evening gown windows of the building. A galvanized He had never before seen her dressed so at their family dinner-table. The long skirt added to her height. Her hair was caught up from her forehead in an exaggeration of the prevailing mode.

> "Good evening, father! I thought I'd dress up to-night just for fun, and to get the crinkles out of my things. Isn't this gown a perfect love? It's real Parisian."

She swept past, the rich silk brushing him, and then-Polly having appeared at the door with her eyes staring from her head:

"Now let us feast while we may," she said.

She passed before him into the dining-room with an inclination of her head and to her place. The old man had not spoken and he sat down with painstaking care, finding apparently riously. On a long table lay in great He bowed his head for the silent gracdisorder many odds and ends-pack- he always said, and raised his eyes ages of garden-seed under dust that with a look of sweet resignation to the afforded almost enough earth to sprout girl. Nothing in the old house ever them; half a dozen fence pickets tied escaped his sharp eyes. The old china together with a string; and several with its gold band, and the cut glass strata of old newspapers. On the floor that had not known service for years

of tax titles. Ezra Dameron always playing some deep role—even laying a "talked poor," and complained of the trap for him? He did not know that moods of the wind and sea. He remembered that his wife had been eas-"I'm sure that I've been very lenient. Ily deceived. He had crushed the moth er; but this girl would not so easily subdued. The candles made a soft ed it a family matter, calling for con- light upon the table. He lifted his siderate treatment, on the score of my eyes furnively to see whether the gas friendship with your husband. If it in the chandeller overhead was light had been otherwise, I would have been ed; and was relieved to note that the obliged to take steps-steps toward extravagance of the candles was not safeguarding the interests-the inter- augmented there. He drew his bony fingers across the table-cloth, feeling its texture critically. He knew that i of the linen closet. Clearly his rule over the ancient Polly was at an end

> When they returned to the livingroom he tended the fire; and when he took up his paper nervously, from habtalk. Almost for the first time since Zelda's return, he showed an interes in her foreign experiences, and led her to speak of them. And she exerted herself to be entertaining. He had ipposed that Mrs. Forrest would rejudice Zelda against him during the years in which she had kept the girl away; but his daily scrutiny had disovered no trace of disrespect or contempt in her attitude toward him.

> It had been on her tongue several imes to ask him boldly about the debt of Olive's mother, even if it should be necessary to confess that she had overheard his conversation with Mrs. Marriam; but this might cause an _unpleasant scene. No great haste was necessary, she judged; and so she waited. She could probably persuade her aunt or uncle to help her in the matter when the time came, if no other

way should occur to her. When she went at last to her room, the old cedars outside her windows were moaning softly. She found a satisfaction in bolting her door, and then she drew from her writing-table the little book, tied with its faded rib bon, and opened it to the charge her other had written-those last pitiful words-and read them over and over again, until they seemed to be audible

whispers in the room: "Perhaps I was unjust to him; it

She lay awake staring into the dark REPTILE AND BULL for half the night, with tearless eyes, one hand clasping the little book under her pillow.

CHAPTER XI.

Zelda saw much of Morris during the winter. He went often to the louse in Merriam street in spite of the fact that he assured himself constantly that she did not interest him more than other girls. She continued to delight in plaguing him, particularly before her uncle, who learned, however, not to praise Morris to Zelda. Forrest pretended to be a diligent chaperon, but Mariona social affairs did not amuse her, and she went out very ittle. Frequently Merriam took Zelda to the theater; now and then he connived with Morris to the end that Olive should be asked, and the four would go place. Miss Brandt had been on a afterward for a supper at Merriam's house. Zelda brought Olive more and from her home, and was accompanied more into touch with her own life. She knew no happier day than Christmas, Mrs. Forrest-not, however, without urging-gave a family dinner which Ezra Dameron, Olive and her other sat down at the same board, with Rodney presiding. There were times when Zelda's courage failedwhen the shadow of her mother's unhappiness fell darkly upon her; but she made no sign to the world. So the winter passed, and in the first bright wistful days she went forth with Zan to find the spring

"I have not heard you speak of your aunt and uncle of late," said Ezra Dameron to Zelda one day, after she had been for an outing with Olive.

"I saw Aunt Julia this afternoon. sn't well; she suffers a great deal. She as asked me to go away with her again-she likes going about, and she has planned to visit a number of sum-

"If you don't go, what will she do?" a gleam of humor in his small gray Well, I have asked her to come to

he farm."

"I am very glad you did. It would e a capital arrangement."

here there's something doing." ed his head as he buttered his roll. ie was silent for several minutes, and

when he spoke it was in a tone of And so you are coming with me, Zelda? I had hoped you would. I have

summer at The Beeches." Yes, father; of course I shall go vith you. I have never had any other

"You are very good to me, Zee. I am rateful to you for many things. An le and aunt have never treated me of the girl. airly. We have nothing in common am glad to find that they have not estranged you and me; the paternal elation is a very beautiful one; very

Her father had spoken often during he winter of the farm. Zelda's willingness to go there was a great relief to him; and when she suggested that she should like to ask Olive to spend the whole of her vacation with them he made no objection. He knew that she saw Olive frequently; Zee had asked her cousin to the house for meass several times since the Dramatic Club episode, and her father had treated keep Zelda away from her aunt and uncle; and it flattered his vanity that she remained with him so steadfastly and took apparently so filial an interest in his happiness and comfort. Zelda went to Olive at once with her in-

"I'd be delighted, of course, Zee; but have to move "Oh!" said Zelda.

"We're mortgaged; that's the trouble with us; we're not only mortgaged, but we can't pay! So we hope to find an other house somewhere and get out of scarcely a quarter of a mile below her

(To be continued.)

Keep Your Feet Straight. How many men know how to walk? Most men turn their toes in or out, a writer in the New York Press says. The toes should point straight ahead, so that the foot at the end of each step can give the body that upward, forward impetus that results in what is called a springy walk. This does not mean that a man should walk exclusively on his toes. The whole foot must be used in proper walking. The fluous part. Every inch of every foot

is meant for use. When a man walks in the right way speaking literally—the back of the tempts to end its life, but was always the bulk of the burden until the for then drop its feet. ward movement shifts the weight to the ball of the foot and finally to the grown tired of confinement, the cage toes. The ideal step is a slightly rock- door was opened, but the bird refused ing motion. At no time should the entire foot be pressed against the ground. eat, Heel to toe is the movement. Try it and see how cauch further and more way, and what Poor Lo doesn't know about footwork can go into the discard.

Not the Style, "There!" said her husband, "that

looks like a hat!" "It will never do in the world!" "Why not?"

"The hats that are in fashion now don't look like hats."-Houston Post.

only spend two weeks at the seashore this summer." "Only two weeks. That means I shall have to become engaged to the first dent in Akron a year ago. man I meet."-Detroit Free Press.

TWIN TERRORS OF YOUNG PENN. SYLVANIA WOMAN.

Plucky Little Dog Comes to the Res cue Until Other Members of the Family Arrive at the Scene.

Galeton, Pa.-To have been bitten by a rattlesnake and then chased by an infuriated bull was an experience of 17-year-old Sarah Brandt, daughter of a farmer three miles south of this visit to a girl friend several miles by a fox terrier. Returning toward evening, her attention was attracted by a clump of wild roses, from which she was minded to pluck a bouquet to carry home. The flowers grew on an embank

ment almost as high as the girl's head and it was with considerable difficulty that she gained a position from which she was able to reach the coveted posies. She was compelled to cling to an alder bush with her left hand as she reached to pluck the blossoms with her right. The little dog ran up toward the

rose clump, gave a queer little bark and scampered back into the road. The girl thought nothing of the dog's unusual action, however, until an instant later, when, without warning, a big rattlesnake sprang from its position near the wild rosebush and sank and the old man looked at Zelda with its fangs into her bare arm an inch or two above the wrist.

The girl was fully a mile from the nearest house, and started on a run to reach help before the poison became scattered through her system "But she won't come. She does not A few rods farther on she came to ike that sort of thing. She likes to be the meadow of a neighbor, and by crossing this field she could shorten "Yes, yes; a worldly woman; a very the distance by almost a quarter of a verldly woman"-and Dameron wag- mile. She scaled the fence and had gained a portion of the distance across when she heard the bellow of a bull and, to her terror, found that she was being pursued by the angry animal. Her little terrier, however, saved the rished it so much that I have not day for her, as he ran toward the adressed you to commit yourself. I vancing bull and put up such a lively new that your aunt would be likely bluff that the attention of the big anioffer something more attractive than mal was temporarily diverted from the girl in an attack upon the dog. By this time the screams of Miss Brandt had been heard at the farmhouse and several members of the household ran to the girl's rescue, just as the bull ld man is very poor company for a left off his unsuccessful attempt to oung girl. I had feared that you impale the frisky little dog on his light not be satisfied here. Your un- horns and had returned to the pursuit

Fortunately for Miss Brandt, the household in which she had sought refuge was provided with a preparation to overcome the effects of a snake's bite, and the administration of this saved her life, but she was dreadfully sick for forty-eight hours.

Miss Brandt is peculiarly unfortunate. She was with her brother on a A. P. ARMSTRONG, LL. B., PRINCIPAL deer hunt last fall when at a point in Ours is admittedly the high-standard commercial the woods where he had stationed her school of the Northwest. on a "runway" a good sized black bear business and professional experience qualify stusuddenly emerged from a thicket. She donts for success, by individual instruction if became alarmed at the bear, fearing desired, in a short time and at small expense, ive with his usual formal courtesy. The | to shoot lest she should but aggravate main thing with Ezra Dameron was to it and it should attack her. In scamwork free. Write today - there is money in it, pering from the stump upon which she was standing watch she fell and sustained a broken wrist, her rifle having fallen upon it with violent force as she pitched headlong to the ground

In the meantime the bear had been you mustn't make it hard for me to hiking away through the thicket as This is my busy summer; we fast as his legs could carry him, and though crippled, Miss Brandt succeeded in firing the gun the given number of times for the prearranged signal of distress, and her brother, who was on another bench of the ridge, started to find her. He came face to face with Mr. Bear as the latter was streaking for the tall timber, and one shot from his rifle sent bruin to the dust.

CANARY BIRD HANGS ITSELF

Tires of Life When Singing Mate Dies and Proceeds to Commit Suicide.

Seaford, Del.-Grieving over the goose step of the German army is as death of another bird, which had absurd as the boy's prank of walking been its singing mate for over two on his heels. The Almighty has not years, a canary owned by Mrs. Marfreighted the foot with a single super- tin Hammond, who lives near here, committed suicide by hanging itself in the top of its cage. The little bird had made several at

heel strikes the ground first. Then the discovered in time. Its method was rest of the heel comes down, after to fly to the top of the cage and push which the outer edge of the foot takes its head between the metal bars and Thinking the little songster had PORTLAND, OREGON

to come out and afterward would not

Its last attempt to end all was not discovered until too late to save its easily you can walk. It's the Indian's life. The canary was a beautiful songster.

> Bolt Hits Buried Casket. Zanesville, O.-In an electrical

storm a lightning bolt struck a flower vase over the grave of Grover Moore in the Roseville cemetery. Shattering the vase, the bolt plowed through the earth and found a resting place six feet below the surface, shattering the coffin and box in which it was confined. Both the box and coffin were "Your father informs me that we can easily seen through the hole which the bolt had bored through the ground. The damage was repaired next day, Moore was killed in a street car acciAn Experienced Man.

"How do you conquer your ele phant when he goes on a rampage?"

I asked the menagerie proprietor. "We avail ourselves of an experienced baggage man," he replied. "An experienced baggage man?" I

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