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Thomas Mordaunt's Investment.

BY REV. HORATIO ALGER.

One evening in October, 1850, Thomas Mordaunt, a Boston merchant, was crossing over Cambridge bridge, when his attention was drawn to a young man walking some rods in advance of him. The night was dark, and it was with difficulty that he could discern his figure or his movements. An impulse seized him to hasten his steeds. It was fortunate that he did so, for the young man stopping suddenly, climbed the railing of the bridge, and would have flung himself into the river, had not Mr. M. Mordaunt hastily seized his arm and prevented him from accomplishing his purpose.

"Rash young man, what would you do?" said the merchant.

"I would terminate a life which I have wasted," replied the young man bitterly.

'If you have wasted your life hitherto, you are about to throw it away utterly now. How is that going to remedy matters?' said the merchant.

'I am tired of life,' said the young man, after a pause.

'Because you have not lived properly. Turn over a new leaf. Reform your life and you will soon cease to complain.'

'There was a time when I might have followed your advice. Now I cannot.'

'Why not?'

'I have not a dollar left in the world. I once had a handsome property, now it is all gone.'

'You have strength and ability still left, at least.'

"Who will lend me a helping hand?"

'I will.'

'And yet you don't know me?' said the young man in surprise.

'No,' said the merchant, 'but I will take you on trust.'

'You are very kind. What shall I do? I place myself in your hands.'

'First, you must accompany me to my home. You will pass the night at my house. To-morrow we will talk over your plans.'

This proposal was gratefully accepted. The next morning Mr. Mordaunt for the first time had a good view of his visitor. He was a young man, apparently about twenty-five, but his face was pallid and lacking the fresh hue of health. The marks of dissipation were easy to read in his bloodshot eyes and heavy and inflamed eyelids.

'First, said the merchant, I should like to hear your story.'

'Your kindness entitles you to my confidence,' said the young man. 'My name is Frederic Evans. I was left at twenty one with twenty-five thousand dollars, of which I had uncontrolled possession. Instead of embarking in business and making myself a worthy member of society, I gathered about me a set of young men, and nearly every night was consumed in carousals which were often kept up till morning. The excitement of this life was pleasureable, and I fancied myself happy. At all events, I gave myself no time for thoughts. I need hardly say that I was very popular with the companions who feasted at my expense. My fortune seemed to me large, and I fancied, inexhaustible. A week ago I found that not a dollar of it was left. Four years of lavish expenditure had drained it to the last remaining dollar.'

'However, I treated the matter lightly. I said to myself: now it is the turn of my friends. I have lavished money upon them. I have lent them without asking for repayment. I will go to them.'

'Well, what success did you meet with?'

'None at all.'

'The first whom I addressed professed much regret at my altered circumstances, but was sorry that he was unable to help me. The second to whom I frequently lent money, refused me without ceremony. And one offered to lend me five dollars if I would not apply to him again. My indignation was such that I threw the money in his face. Other applications were equally unsuccessful. I then endeavored to obtain employment, but my appearance was against me. Nobody wanted to employ an intemperate man; and when I promised reformation no one would trust me. Then it was that I framed the desperate resolution which you were the means of thwarting. Now, sir, you have my story, and it is for you to say whether you regret having interfered with my resolution last evening.'

'Far from it,' said the merchant encouragingly. You are yet young. Your life may be redeemed. Indeed it is your duty to expiate your past follies by a purer course of living. What are your plans?'

'I should like to go somewhere where I am not known. There I can start fair. Here I should be surrounded by my old temptations.'

'I think your views are wise and judicious. What do you say to California?'

'The very place,' said young Evans, eagerly.

'Be it so. I will lend you five hundred dollars. This will pay your passage out and defray your expenses until you can get something to do.'

The light of a new born hope now sparkled in the eyes of the young man.

'But this on one condition.'

'Name it.'

'That you promise to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors.'

'Draw up a pledge,' said the young man, promptly, "and I will sign it. It has wrought me harm enough in the past. It is my only salvation.'

Ten days afterward Fredrick Evans was on his way to California, where after a pleasant passage he landed.

In 1850, as it will be remembered, California was a new country. The time of its gold mines was recent. From all parts of the country eager eyes were turned toward this modern El Dorado, where riches were to be acquired on the easiest terms.

Frederick Evans at once made his way to the mines. He found that the stories which he had heard had not been exaggerated. At that early period fortunes were sometimes made in less than a year. They were sometimes lost in a day. It was a strange unsettled condition of society. Far from the restraints of civilization, crime and dissipation were fearfully prevalent. The results of a year's hard labor were often lost at the gaming table in an hour. Disappointment and loss often led to quarrels and bloodshed, sometimes to robbery attended with violence.

From the wild scenes around him Frederick Evans kept himself steadily aloof. At times, weary with his day's labor, and having no other way to occupy his time, he was almost tempted to indulge in the dangerous recreation. But the thought of his promise, of his obligations to Mr. Mordaunt for the life which but for him would have been sacrificed, withheld him. He listened composedly to the sneers of his companions, and held on his way.

Let us now return to Mr. Mordaunt. He was a wealthy merchant, extensively engaged in foreign trade. His career had been a singularly successful one. Prosperity had been almost uninterrupted for a period of many years. It might have been faith in his lucky star that led him to embark in a variety of enterprises too great for his capital.

In the year 1857 there came a sudden commercial crisis, which like a great tidal wave swept over the country, carrying into utter ruin many a firm long established and generally regarded as secure against any assault. There were many others which reeled before the shock, and for a time seemed wavering between life and ruin.

Among these was the firm of Mordaunt & Co. In ordinary times they would have been quite secure. But at this time the mercantile community, alarmed for their own safety, had grown cautious, and denied to Mordaunt the aid which he needed to carry him through.

One morning he sat in his counting-room in dispair. Heavy bills matured that day which he had no means of meeting. Failure seemed inevitable.

'This is the end of thirty years' activity; he said gloomily. 'But hard as it is, there seems to be no way of escape, and I must submit.' It was at this moment that a stranger entered his counting-room unannounced. Mr. Mordaunt did not recognize him. He was somewhat over thirty, with a face browned by exposure to a southern sun, compact, sinnewy and healthful. His face was prepossessing and his whole manner frank and courteous.

'Have you any business with me?' said Mr. Mordaunt, wearily.

'I wish to inquire how you are affected by this crisis.'

'Do you ask ask as a friend, or an enemy?' inquired the merchant, suspiciously.

'As a friend, sir. Most emphatically.'

'Then,' said the merchant, "I have no hesitation in saying, that unless I can obtain the use of twenty thousand dollars before two o'clock, I shall be a bankrupt. That would enable me to weather the storm.'

"Will you give me a pen?' said the stranger. 'There, sir, take that and use it,' he said, after a moment's pause.

'A cheque for twenty thousand dollars!' exclaimed Mr. Mordaunt in excitement. 'This is salvation. But why are you so kind to me? How do I deserve it?'

'Seven years ago, said the young man, 'you saved my life, and put me on the road to prosperity. I determined to repay the debt if I were able. To-day brings me the long hoped for opportunity.'

The merchant grasped the hand of the young man cordially.

'I accept your assistance,' he said, 'on condition that you become a partner in the firm which you have rescued from ruin. I can promise that it will be for your advantage, since this sum is but a trifle to the amount of our assets.'

My story is finished. The bread which the merchant had cast upon the waters had come back to him after many days. But it was his greatest satisfaction that he had rescued a young man from destruction, and led him back from wrong courses to a useful and honorable life.

A NEW POLITICAL PARTY.—A meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative Association was held at Topeka, Kansas, recently, with a view of forming a new political party. Speeches were made by Senator York, Governor Robinson and others, and resolutions passed in favor of the repeal of the National Banking Law, and revision of the tariff, so as to raise revenue from imported luxuries, instead of articles of necessity for the comfort of the masses, and in favor of Congress controlling railroads and regulating the rates of freights and fares. A Committee of eight was appointed to fix the time and place for holding a State Convention of anti-monopolists and farmers.

A story has been told of a graceless scamp who gained access to the Clarendon printing office in Oxford, England, where the forms of a new edition of the Episcopal Prayer Book had just been made up and were ready for the press. In that part of the "form" containing the marriage service, he substituted the letter *k* for the letter *v* in the word live, and thus vow "to love, honor, comfort, etc., so long as ye both shall live," was made to read, "so long as ye both shall like!" The change was not discovered till the whole edition was printed off. If the sheets thus rendered useless in England be still preserved, it would be a good speculation to have them neatly bound and forwarded to Indiana, Connecticut and Chicago.

A Texas editor, whose midnight oil must have failed him just as he was going to press, prints the following energetic opinion: "The man who would water petroleum and sell it, would sneak up behind the throne of the King of Kings, and steal the gilding from the wings of the angels.

"Do try and talk a little common sense!" exclaimed a sarcastic young lady to a visitor. "Oh!" was the reply, "but wouldn't that be taking an undue advantage of you?"

The London *Times* estimates that 74,000,000 bushels of wheat will be required from this country to supply the markets of Europe until the crop of 1874 is harvested.

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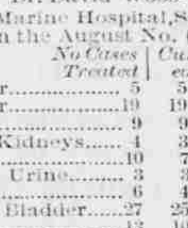

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE State of Oregon, for the County of Clackamas: Jacob Wiener, plaintiff, vs. Sophia Wiener, defendant. To Sophia Wiener, the defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before the first day of the next term of the above entitled Court, which will commence more than six weeks after the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on Monday, the 27th day of April, 1874, and if you fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to-wit: a decree of divorce from you. This summons is published in pursuance of an order made by Hon. W. W. Upton, Judge of said Court, in chambers, on the 19th day of January, 1874.

CAPLES & MORELAND, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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