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FORNEY'S FATAL MISTAKE What It Cost the Writer.

The Philadelphia Press in publishing memories of its founder, the late John W. Forney, gives the following history of the famous Forrest letter, which was the blight of its impulsive writer's political aspirations:

One simple, thoughtless act in the life of the late Colonel John W. Forney, being made the subject of base and continued misrepresentation, prevented him from mounting to that height of political fame to which he aspired, and to which his talents urged him. The writing of what has come to be known as "The Forrest Letter" had an active influence in preventing Colonel Forney's entrance in President Buchanan's Cabinet, and proved an insuperable obstacle to his further political progress. The true story of how that celebrated missive came to be written has never been told in print, and its publication now is demanded in justice to one who has suffered in this instance as he did in many others, that he might benefit a friend. Daniel Dougherty, who was as near and dear to Colonel Forney as any one, was familiar with the circumstances surrounding the writing of the Forrest letter, and from his best recollection of them has this narrative obtained its foundation.

Miss Kimberly having made a great success in New York as a public reader, visited Philadelphia to win the applause of its discriminating audiences. She happened in Colonel Forney's path, and his generous disposition prompted him to aid the lady in obtaining the success she desired. He exerted himself in every way to make her Philadelphia engagement a fortunate one, and the result exceeded fond anticipation. Miss Kimberly then departed on an extended Southern tour, bearing with her letters from Colonel Forney that insured her a kind reception in every city she visited, and made her trip eminently successful. So many were the kindnesses showered on this lady by the distinguished journalist, that her traveling companion, Mr. Roberts—who, if Mr. Dougherty's memory has not proved treacherous, afterwards became her husband—wrote a letter to Colonel Forney, expressing his hearty acknowledgment of the favors conferred on Miss Kimberly, and his earnest desire that the time might soon arrive when he could make some return.

It was while this well-known public reader was traveling through the Southern States that Edwin Forrest, the greatest tragedian of his day, and Colonel Forney's bosom friend, burst into the room of the then editor of the Press one day and in a towering rage, denounced Jamison, the actor, as the despoiler of his hearth. In very plain language he accused Jamison of undue familiarity with Mrs. Forrest. The differences between the tragedian and his wife had long been widening, and on this occasion the former unburdened himself to his friend, and declared that had he but proof of Jamison's faithlessness to the demands of hospitality, he could procure the divorce he so much desired. He to whom he spoke was pre-eminently an impulsive man, and one who invariably jumped beneath the spur of the moment when pricked by the call of friendship. He knew that Jamison was then performing in New Orleans, and also that Miss Kimberly and Mr. Roberts were at that time in the Crescent City. The thought flashed through his mind that

through Roberts, his friend Forrest could gain the information he wished to obtain. So sudden and thoughtless was the resolve that took possession of him that it never even occurred to him that any declaration that might be made by Jamison could not possibly affect or be used as evidence against Mrs. Forrest. He sat down instantly and hurriedly wrote the celebrated Forrest letter, in which he asked Roberts to get Jamison "in his cups" and worm from him the secrets of his intimacy with Mrs. Forrest. Thus far no harm had come to Colonel Forney from his thoughtless action, for the letter was in the custody of Roberts, who was deeply indebted to him.

Some time later Miss Kimberly appeared on the theatrical stage in New York. On the night of her first appearance, Edwin Forrest was among her auditors. Returning at night to the hotel in which he was stopping, he was accosted by the city editor of a New York morning newspaper. Finding that the tragedian had been to see and hear Miss Kimberly, the journalist drew from him his opinion of the actress. Forrest was nothing if not blunt, and as the actress' methods did not meet his unqualified approval, his criticism was not softened by kind expression. The city editor had not witnessed Miss Kimberly's performance, but he returned at once to his office and wrote a criticism of her acting, every thought expressed in which had been obtained from Edwin Forrest. The next day, Mr. Roberts was in the office of the newspaper, disposed to make decided objections to the notice that Miss Kimberly had received. The city editor and himself discussed the matter, and the former finally, as a clinching argument, said that the criticism must be admitted to be fully justified by Miss Kimberly's performance, for, as a matter of fact, it had really been made by that master of the Thespian art, Edwin Forrest. Mr. Roberts, it is supposed, then determined on obtaining revenge, and thought that he would attain his object by giving publicity to the letter written to him by Colonel Forney in Mr. Forrest's interest, and allow the impression to go abroad that a conspiracy had been entered into to persecute a defenseless woman. The letter was made public, and the political future of Colonel Forney was blasted by the New York Herald wielded the unfortunate missive as a cudgel to be whirled daily about the head of the editor of The Press, and his enemies never neglected an opportunity to use it to his detriment. When cold-blooded James Buchanan—who would rather that kind words had been said of him by an enemy than to learn that a friendly act had been performed by a supporter—was having strong influences brought to bear on him to place in his cabinet the man who not only nominated but elected him, the claims of Colonel Forney were lifted out of sight when that Forrest letter was placed on the other side of the wavering balance of the President's mind. The Southern members of the cabinet, with the exception, probably, of Howell Cobb, were strong in their opposition to Colonel Forney, fearing that his strong individuality would give him the mastery even over the Chief Executive, and so they based on the Forrest letter sentimental reasons why they could not sit in the cabinet with its author. Urged by these fallacious reasons, the vacillating President turned his back on his

political creator, and thus a thoughtless act performed from the purest motives of friendship affected for evermore the political career of Colonel Forney, for from that time, however brilliantly he may have shone in journalism, he was no longer the Warwick he seemed destined to be.

Floating Telegraph Station.

It has been proposed in the Institute of Civil Engineers, England, to establish a floating telegraph station off the coast of Ireland 500 miles from shore. A similar experiment tried in the North Sea, off the Norfolk coast, has been found to answer well. It was the idea of Captain Moody for the benefit of the North Sea fishermen.

A telegraph wire connected the vessel with the shore. Any appearance of a storm was immediately telegraphed to land, and the fishermen remained on shore until better tidings came. The result has been a great decrease in the loss of fishing vessels and of life. The form of Captain Moody's vessel was that of the ace of clubs, with an additional section occupying the place of the handle. It is anchored from the four projecting points and remains immovable. Although exposed to the severest gales of the North Sea, it has stood up under them without having suffered any damage, while other vessels in the "open" have been wrecked. The object of the one proposed for the Irish coast is similar, only more extended in its operations, to telegraph the approach of western storms, which would be again telegraphed to the various seaport towns on the European coast, so that vessels might be guided in their movements of departure to sea. It is proposed that the cost of maintenance be equally borne by England, France, Spain and Portugal, being the countries having a coast line on the Atlantic Ocean. It is believed that the meteorological information furnished from a boat so anchored would be of the greatest value, and be the means of preventing the destruction of many lives and much property.

The New Primer.

I.
This strange looking creature is a Billy Goat. He has a Beard on him that looks like Papa's, and he is a Stronger Butter than Mamma uses for Cooking. What is the Billy Goat doing? He is Eating an Oyster Can. If you Were to go up and Pull the Billy Goat's Beard you Would feel Something Drop. And it Would not be the Billy Goat, Either.

II.
What is This we See? It is a Razor, and Papa uses it Every morning to make his Neck sore. It looks Pretty Sharp. Draw it across your Fingers and Make it Dull. You could Cut your Name on the Mantel Piece with the Razor if you Were to Try. A Razor is a Handy Thing to have in a House where there are Corns and Piano Legs to Carve. It is also Just the Thing to Cut off the Kitten's Tail with.

III.
Here we Have an Album. It is Full of Pictures for little Children with Dirty Fingers to Look at. Here are two Pictures of Papa. This is one of Him before he was Married to Mamma. He looks like a Two-year-old Colt behind a Band of Music. Here is a Picture of Papa after he Married Mamma. Now he Looks like a Government mule hauling a Load of Pig Iron. See if you Can put your finger on the Nose and the Eyes, and the Mouth of Each

Picture. Turn down the Leaf when you Come to a Pretty Picture you Like. The baby is Eating Bread and Molasses. Let him Take the Album and Look at the Pictures, too.

IV.

Who is this Creature with Long Hair and a Wild Eye? He is a Poet. He writes Poems on Spring, and Women's Eyes and Strange, unreal Things of That Kind. He is Always Wishing he was Dead, but he wouldn't Let anybody Kill him if he could Go away. A mighty good Sausage Stuffer was Spoiled when the Man Became a poet. He would Look well Standing under a Descending Pile-driver.

V.

Here we have a Clothespin. It is made of White Pine, and has a grip on it like a poor Cousin. It would be Nice to put the Clothespin on the Baby's Nose. The Baby could not Help itself, and the Clothespin would get in its Work on the Nose for all it was Worth.

VI.

The Girl is at the Gate. A young Man is coming down the Lane. The Girl's papa is Sitting on the Front Porch. He is very Old. He has Raised a Family of Eleven children. What is the Old Man Thinking about, and why Does he Gaze so Intently at his Right Boot? Maybe he is Thinking about Raising the Young Man who is Coming down the Lane.—*Dancer Tribune.*

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