iction

Patty's Business Experience

By MAUD HUMPHREYS.

"Is it as bad as that?" asked Mrs. Constance Wilson in dismay.

"Every bit as bad," responded Patty. with a brave attempt at cheerfulness. "When it is all over I will have per haps \$500 and the furniture."

"Dear me," thought Mrs. Wilson, was such a fine business man." But she did not express the thought. She knew the girl's loyalty to her dead father.

"Patty," she finally exclaimed in trithem. You know the continent like a wrath: guidebook, and you'd be useful. They "It is bad enough, Connie, to rail in

know. Patricia Norris drew herself up very givable." straight.

"Connie, don't suggest impossible going straight into the business world and work-really work."

Mrs. Wilson affected a cheerful acquiescence which she did not feel.

think this over. You'll hear from me tomorrow. And of course you'll suc-

ceed, whatever you undertake." Mrs. Wilson had been Patty's governess in the days when such a thing as financial uncertainty seemed far reshe was manuscript reader for a big publishing concern. When she reached her dimly lighted bedroom, third story, back, in a noisy boarding house, she note to Patty:

My Dear Girl-Before we do anything else we must find a home. I am sick unto death of boarding. Shall we have a unto death of bearding. Shall we have a little flat together, a cunning apartment, with what you want of your dear old things as furnishings? Then we'll find you the position. But first a home, for your sake and mine. Save me from the fate of a hall bedroom, my dear. It is the chance I have dreamed of for years.

Three weeks later Mrs. Wilson caught Patty frowning at her across a dinner table that was homelike and dainty.

"Connie, there's absolutely nothing left for me to do. The tins are hung straight in the kitchen, and I've tried the bricy-bracy in every conceivable position. I'm not to be put off any longer. I want a job."

There was mirth in the tone, but it rang false. "Job" from the lips of Patricia Norris! Nevertheless that same evening they faced the situation together. Mrs. Wilson had seen this coming and was prepared.

"There is absolutely nothing open in our offices, as I had hoped, Patty, and the only schools where I would have influence are supplied with teachers that never marry or die." She surveyed the girl through a vell of unshed tears. "You've a regular C figure, dear, and such lovely fluffy hair"- She broke off disconnectedly. Patty laughed.

"Connie, do stick to the text. Shall I so forth as an artists' model?"

Mrs. Wilson clasped her hands tight-

"Not exactly that, but I heard of something today, Patty, that you could do-so well." "Name it." responded Patty, but

with an odd sinking sensation in her heart.

"At Schermerhorn's they want-a-a and you're the very- Oh, Patty, don't look at me like that. I've tried so hard to get something better!"

In a second the girl's soft arms were round her neck.

"Connie, behave yourself! Of course I shall take it and be properly grateful. How much?" Only \$12.50 a week, but you

wouldn't have got that much only that I told the head of the department what a-a beauty you were."

"Flatterer!" answered Patty, with a laugh that sounded more like a sob. So did Patricia Norris make her entry into the business world. It was not hard work, and she never wearled of handling the beautiful wraps and frecks. Her statuesque beauty set them off to perfection, and the head of the department approved of her because she "never got gay" nor wasted the time of other employees by chatting with them, as her predecessor had done. In fact, she held herself aloof from the other girls in the shop. It was an odd, unreasoning pride that they could not understand. If the girls who thought her proud had known how she envied them they might have felt differently. They worked with their hands, and she-just posed. It was not brain that earned her salary, but a mere bauble of physical perfec-

And she resented most of all the quiet, searching glances of a young fellow who seemed to be in the cashier's department. Once when she went to draw her salary he stood near the paid his bills and what kind of man window and handed forth the envelope without even asking her name. She no good to give the bill, which they influshed slightly, and after that his closed, to the justice of the peace for compelling glance called forth a stiff collection. The answer they got from little bow when they came face to

One noon when she was threading her way through a stream of cars and drays she was almost run down, and the gray eyed young man from the ter, and I am John Smith, justice of enshier's department reached her before the policeman. Two nights later,

when she and Mrs. Wilson indulged in the extravagance of tickets for a fashionable playhouse, they emerged upon a sudden rainstorm.

"Oh," walled Mrs. Wilson, "my new Just then some one arrayed in a long

coat and balancing a comforting umbrella reached their side. It was the young man from Schermerhorn's. "Come back into the lobby, Miss Nor-

ris, while I call a hansom for you. "A hansom, Patry! He said a hansom!" exclaimed Mrs. Wilson almost tearfully. "What will it cost?"

"I den't know," snapped Patty nervously, "not as much as a new bonnet," A few moments later he escorted them to the waiting bansom, raised his hat gravely, looked just once into "and every one thought Mr. Norris Patty's brown eyes, and away they whirled in the blackness of the night.

At their apartment Mrs. Wilson, covering her beloved confection of chiffon and roses with a handkerchief, rushed into the hall, leaving Patty to settle umph, "there are the Van Allen girls the bill. The latter was strangely sigoing abroad. Their father is a wid- lent until they were brushing their ower. He wants a companion for hair, when she suddenly burst forth in

are new to this sort of thing, you public over a ruined hat, but to bewall the price of a hansom is unfor-

"Why-why"- gasped Mrs. Wilson. "He paid the backman, that's all," things. I positively refuse to take a grouned Patty, and she threw berself position that savers of charity. I'm face downward in her pillows, murmuring, "He needn't think that just because he saved my life he can pay my her's fare."

And yet inconsistently she took a 'I'm going home now, my dear, and strange pleasure in recalling the look in his dark gray eyes when he leaned forward.

A menth later Mrs. Wilson came home radiant.

our office, and you must take it quick. take up official work at the national lying and libelous editorials, articles moved from the Norris mansion. Now There are dezens of applications, but I have the promise!

And the next day Patty handed in her resignation to Schermerborn & Co., to take effect on Saturday. With drew forth a small bank book and stud- the last day came word that Mr. ied it carefully. As a result of long re- Frawley would like to see Miss Norris flection she dispatched the following before she left. For once she relaxed the rule and asked one of the girls who Mr. Frawley was,

"Oh, he's the company," responded the girl carelessly.

After drawing her last pay envelope Patty crossed to the main office and was ushered into a smaller room. The ubiquitous young man of the gray eyes rose to receive her.

"Mr. Frawley has sent for me," she began, with just the suggestion of a flush in her cheeks.

"I am Mr. Frawley," replied he, and the gray eyes danced at her confusion, "I wanted to tell you, Miss Norris, that, while we regret to lose your valuable services, we are glad to know you are securing a position better suited to-er-your tastes and abilities. I trust you will not forget-us."

The gray eyes were looking most plendingly into hers. The flush crept hair.

sometimes. Mr. Frawley," she mur- therefore, a breach of the privileges mured in a low voice. "But you know of congress. It was all so new to me, and I feltoh, I can't tell you just how I did feel!

"I think I understand, Miss Norris.

Mrs. Wilson and I, and we are always to show:

home Tuesday evenings." ly, and she walked rapidly from the

That night at the dinner table Mrs. Wilson rambled on happfly: "I really had to gain business experience somehow-and"-

"No," replied Patty absently. "It has done no harm." But she was thinking not of the experience, but of the glad model to show off their imported suits, light in the gray eyes when she had told him he might call,

Sign of the Craft.

porter I used whenever I had a week's pay in my pocket to dine at a quaint | which the present controversy arose. little restaurant not far from Washington square.

The place was a quiet one and had as its peculiar attraction a waitress named Sadle, a bland and smiling

Swedish girl. I had noticed for several evenings a young fellow dining, like myself, with careful reference to the right hand side of the menu. My curiosity was excited about him, and one evening I tal strings bank bill authorizing the called the affable Sadle to my table. "Sadie, who is that fellow over

there?" I asked. "His name ban Smith," said she,

'Hopkinson Smith." "Ah, yes!" said I. "What is his busi-

ness, do you know?" "Vall, Ay dunno yust," she replied. 'Ay alvays t'ought he ban writer faller like you van. He neffer has mooch moneys."-Harper's Weekly.

A Village Power. A Columbus firm had an account against a man in a small country town in Ohlo and after ineffectual attempts to collect determined to do something radical. So they wrote a letter to the postmaster of the town and asked information concerning the merchant, what his reputation was, whether he he was generally, and said if he was the postmaster took their breath away.

It read something like this:

the peace. Yours very truly, "JOHN SMITH."

MAY HAVE CABINET POSITION

Scattle Man Can Have Appointment If He Says He Wants It.

Washington, Jan. 17 .- It is the desire of President-elect Ta.t to give the Pacific Coast representation in his cabinet, but up to the present time no Coast man has been selected, no has any particular cabinet office been set aside for a Pacific Coast

There is a very strong belief that Richard A. Ballinger of Scattle could have a cabinet office if he desired it. but he himself has discouraged his friends who have been urging his appointment and has strongly indi-



RICHARD A. BALLINGER.

empital.

sources that Secretary Garfield will is Joseph Pulitzer, editor and pronot be continued in the cabinet after prietor of the New York World." the fourth of March There has been no formal announcement to this effect, but men who have talked with the President-elect assign various reasons for their belief. If it is true that Mr. Garfield is not to be in the Taft cabinet and the incoming President should insist upon Judge Ballinger taking a cabinet office, his most likely appointment would be that of Secretary of the Interior.

OUR NATIONAL CAPITA

Interesting Events of the Week in Washington, D. C.

35, the house adopted resolutions re- on an appropriation bill in face of a ported by a special committee laying single objection. on the table the part of the President's annual message relating to the secret service and also the message of January 4 replying to the inquiries closer and closer to the soft brown of the house on the subject. This was taken on the ground that the "I am afraid I've been very rude messages are not respectful and are.

President Roosevelt has made public details of an investigation by John Riplinger, ex-controller of Se postoffice inspectors and secret ser-I-I hope I shall see you again. May vice agents of Senator Tiliman's conpection with an alleged "land grab" "We live at the Jerome apartments, in Oregon. The President undertakes

That Mr. Tillman used his influ-The gray eyes thanked her eloquent- ence as a senator in an effort to force the government to compel a railroad corporation to relinquish its control of land grants from the United States in order that he and don't think it has hurt you, dear. You his family and his secretary, J. B. Knight, might profit through the purchalle of some of the land.

That the Senator used his government franking privilege in numerous instances for the conduct of private

In the preparation of his speech in reply to the President's charge, Senator Tillman has failed to find a Oregon land case, in connection with

The Senator does not charge that the papers have been abstracted by a riculture is authorized to fix definite government detective who may have been shadowing him, but does not say that it would be impossible for such official to gain access to his room and to his deak,

Senator Fulton has prepared and will offer an amendment to the pospostmaster-general to deposit postal savings funds in other than national banks when he is satisfied with the security offered by them. Fulton says there is much demand for such an amendment, as it will permit a wider distribution of savings deposits.

Representative Hawley, of Oregon, has introduced a bill appropriating \$150,000 for operatin the new dredge 'Oregon," recently constructed for use in the harbors along the Oregon and Washington coast. The bill provides that the dredge shall operate at Coos Bay, Coquille, Tillamook harbor, Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay and such other points as may be designated by the secretary of war.

Both Women Free.

Media, Pa., Jan. J.—Mrs. M. Florence Erb, wife of Captain J. Clayton Erb, who was well known in political circles all over Pennsylvania, and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beisel, who were charged with the sensational murder of Captain Erb on "Gentlemen-I am the John Smith the night of October 6, 1908, walked about whom you are seeking informa- from the Delaware county courthouse tion. I am also John Smith, postmas- free women. After the jury had been out nearly 18 hours it brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of

each woman.

GRAND JURY

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL MEETS WITH DEFEAT

Many Senators Opposed to Passage of the Bill to increase Salary of the vice-president president, speaker.

Washington, Jan. 29.-Six Wash ington correspondents of out-of-town papers and a local news bureau have been subpensed to appear before the federal grand jury and testify, presumably in connection with statements appearing in their publications bearing on the Panama canal purchase. in his special message to congress

of December 15, regarding charges of corruption, the President announced that the attorney-general had under his consideration the form in which proceedings for libel against Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, should be brought.

Nowhere in the government annals has such an action been taken as the government suing for criminal The President in his message was most emphatic in saying that it should not be left to a private citizen to enter suit, and was particular to state that he did not believe "we should concern ourselves with the "There's on opening, Patty, dear, in cated that he has no desire to again particular individuals who wrote the from correspondents or articles in Information comes from various the news columns. The real offender

> The provisions for an increase of the salary of the President to \$100,-000 and of the salaries of the Vice-President and speaker of the house of representatives to \$20,000 each, contained in a senate amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, were taken up in the senate Monday and point of order made against them by Borah was further considered, resulting in the adoption, by a vote of 34 to 32, of another amendment, fixing the speaker's salary at \$15,000.

Borah, of Idaho, made a point of order against these increases on the ground that they involved general legislation which, according to the Washington-By a vote of 212 to rules of the senate, cannot be placed

> A treaty providing for extradition has been signed with Honduras by Secretary Root. The state department has declined to say whether or not the treaty is retroactive, but if it is the last haven of refuge for fugitive prisoners in the Western Hemisphere has disappeared.

Among the criminals liable to be brought back under the new treaty is attle, who absconded with some \$60, 000 of that city's funds. He is now living in security in Honduras.

The house committee on approgency deficiency appropriation bill, a bill of \$30,000 for the maintenance of automobiles for the White House It was explained that Mr. Taft has intimated that he would use automo biles during his incumbency of the White House, and in order that he might have the machines at the beginning of his administration, the item was included in this bill.

The senate committee on agriculture has authorized a favorable report of the McCumber bill providing In the days when I was a cub re- number of papers bearing upon the for the inspection and grading of grains. Under this bill national inspection and grading of grains is provided for and the department of aggrades. In addition to the present laboratories, others are to be established at Scattle, Tacoma and San Francisco and other points.

The house committee on rivers and harbors voted against a general appropriation bill for rives and harbor improvements. The committee will report a bill providing for carrying on important work already be gun, for surveys of urgent projects proposed and for any emergencies which may arise.

Attorney-General Bonaparte will INDEPENDENCE. be invited to appear before the spe cial committee of the senate, which is considering the Culberson resolution calling for the opinion of the judiciary committee as to the authority of the President in permit ting absorption of the Tennesseo Coal & Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation.

With the signing of an arbitration treaty between the United States and Austro-Hungary, at the state department, conventions of that character with more than 20 nations of the world have been agreed to. The treaty now goes to the senate for ratification.

The house committee on naval affairs has fixed the amount needed for the maintenance of the naval service during the fiscal year 1910 at \$135,-662,888, as compared with \$122, 662,485, the present appropriation.

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