

A LITTLE DIPLOMACY

By L. D. Conlee.

MRS. REGINALD DE PEYSTER BILLETTE was not an intentional party. Indeed, it was only his tenderness of nature that made him respond to every girlish exclamation from the Washington set who fell victim to his feigning person and charming manner.

With the coming of Lent, Reggy spoke to the old lady of threatened nervous prostration, that made absolute rest essential and that would keep him from the house party at his grandmother's.

No proof is extant that at the end of a week Billette had not, in his usual way, pledged words of eternal fidelity to Miss Snythe; but it is certain that he had poured words of burning passion into the ears of Miss Fields.

"Ah! how could you, Mr. Billette? I was weak to let you; for I know—'feeling'—a little hesitation, a quick flutter of the bust under the golf jacket—'I feel you have kissed Mayme, too!'"

"My dear friend," Miss Fields murmured, in tones broken by seeming emotion. "I would not cause her pain for worlds; would never let her suspect but that I trust her."

"If I could," she said, "I would tell you who would do the same with Daisy!"

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Dr. Browder During Her Honorary—Novel Injunction—New Senator For South Dakota—Unsuccessful Trial of an Air Ship.

Dr. Browder's suit case druggery. A pair of blue eyes and a pair of black, monkey-like, ears bulged in the trousers he folded away. Yes; those two village girls haunted him. Neither had yielded to him quite as others had before; neither had really confessed anything; and hanged if he could tell which of the pair he really cared most for.

Mrs. Schuyler-Brown welcomed her grandchildren with effusion on the piazza. Later they had a hearty breakfast in her sacred boudoir, and there Reginald received his mother's ultimatum. He must give the western heritage for wife, under penalty of disinheritance.

Mrs. Schuyler-Brown, who had been a belle in the days of the Civil War, was a woman of high intelligence and fine character. She was a widow, and her husband had left her a fortune of some \$500,000.

It was a long time before the old lady could get Reginald to do as she wished. He was a young man of high intelligence and fine character, and he was a member of the elite of the city.

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WHERE ARE THE SEAL, RABBIT, ELEPHANT AND DEER?

Nine men were killed as the result of the collapse of a bridge at Springfield, Pa., while a local freight train was passing over the structure. When the locomotive and the cars went down a gang of Italian laborers working under the bridge were caught beneath the wreckage.

The National Educational association, at its meeting at Detroit, passed a resolution in favor of establishing a national university at Washington, to be supported by the government.

Charles S. Young, of Tuskegee, Mich., has succeeded in getting Judge Taylor to issue a novel injunction. It perpetually restrains Foster Kilpatrick from visiting Mrs. Young or from speaking to her, or writing to her in any way, directly or indirectly.

The strike of the Newport News Ship-building company's mechanics was broken by the military decision of the men to return to work at the old shop. There was a special guard of American, German, Italian and Japanese troops at the station and a number of Chinese police.

General Gaslee, who commanded the British Indian troops at Peking, left July 14 on route for England by way of Japan, Canada and the United States. There was a special guard of American, German, Italian and Japanese troops at the station and a number of Chinese police.

James A. Ragsdale, American consul at Tientsin, has sentenced three American loggers, caught in the Chinese quarter of the city, to four years' imprisonment in the American jail at Shanghai.

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