

Personal Talk With You. If you do not read The Observer...

The Serene Mr. Thomas.

(Copyright, 1907, by M. Cunningham.) I was sitting in a room in a London hotel when Mr. Thomas entered.

"Yes, that was the problem with me for years. I gave the subject my most earnest thought. I had about arrived at the conclusion that it was an utter impossibility in my case when I got a sudden inspiration, and lo, the whole mystery was solved. Nothing could be easier."

"I acted about two hours ago, he quietly replied. 'In that bag over there is \$2000 belonging to my firm. I have waited ten years to lay my hands on it. The opportunity came at closing time today. The first part of the problem is solved. Now comes the getting a way to some other country.'"

"I have the American chain whiskers here, and, with your permission, I will give it on." He took a false goatee from his pocket and stepped to the mirror and attached it, and when he turned around I was astonished at the change.

"I am infinitely obliged to you and hope your opportunity may soon come. Cultivate serenity. Nothing is gained by expending too much nervous energy. Of course you could make an outcry and set the police on my trail, but you won't do it, you know. Accuse me of the fact, you see. Make you any amount of trouble and perhaps land you in prison. Well, so-so to you."

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THE SOCIAL TRIANGLE

By O. HENRY.

At the stroke of 8 they Snigglefrits laid down his goose. Ikey Snigglefrits was a tailor's apprentice. Are there a tailor's apprentices now?

At any rate, they toiled and slumped and heaved and pressed and patched and sponged all day in the steamy fetor of a tailor shop, but when work was done Ikey hitched his wagon to Billy's and they went out to the street.

For each of us when our day's work is done must seek our idleness, whether it be love or penance or lobster a la Newburg or the sweet silence of the musty bookshelves.

his plump and active roll of money, his clarion call to friend and comrade—oh, what a king of men he was! How he obscured his lieutenants, though they themselves loomed large and serious, blue of chin and important of mind, with hands buried deep in the pockets of their short overcoats!

He stepped forward into the little cleared space in which majesty moved and held out his hand. Billy McMahon grasped it unhesitatingly, shook it and smiled.

He held out his hand. away his scabbard and charged upon Olympus. "Have a drink with me, Billy," he said familiarly—"you and your friends!"

"Don't mind if I do, old man," said the great leader, "just to keep the ball rolling." The last spark of Ikey's reason fled. "Wine," he called to the bartender, waving a trembling hand.

They threw his week's wages in a crumpled roll upon the bar. "Cret," called the bartender, smoothing the twelve one-dollar notes. The crowd surged around Billy McMahon again. Some one was telling how Braungard fixed 'em over in the Eleventh. Ikey leaned against the bar while and then went out.

Van Duyckink's rather somber eyes lighted up. He rose to his lank height and grasped Billy McMahon's hand. "Thank you, Mr. McMahon," he said in his deep, serious tones. "I have been thinking of doing some work of that sort. I shall be glad of your assistance. It pleases me to become acquainted with you."

mouth. And Mrs. William Darragh McMahon wore a look of discontent upon her plump but pretty face, and the very rustle of her silks seemed a sigh. There was a brave and conspicuous assemblage in the dining salon of the hotel, and Mrs. McMahon's diamonds were outshone by few in the room.

How to Destroy Odors. Place a cup containing vinegar on the stove near the pan in which you are cooking cabbage or onions and the odor will not spread all over the house, as it would otherwise.

How to Cure a Cold Sore. Besides being more or less painful and annoying, a cold sore is a mark of dishonor to the face and mouth. The best way in which to cure this painful little blister is to moisten it with camphor to dry it up.

How to Fill-up Holes in Wood. It sometimes becomes necessary to fill up cracks or dents in fine woodwork, furniture, floors, etc. The following is the best way of doing it: White-tissue paper is steeped and perfectly softened in water and by thorough kneading with glue transformed into a paste and by means of ocher (earth colors) colored as nearly as possible to the shade of the wood.

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Chanced. A street boy of diminutive stature was trying to sell some very young kittens to passersby. One day he accosted the late Rev. Phillips Brooks, asking him to purchase and recommending them as good Episcopal kittens. Dr. Brooks laughingly refused, thinking them too small to be taken from their mother. A few days later a Presbyterian minister who had witnessed this episode was asked by the same boy to buy some more kittens. This time the lad announced that they were faithful Presbyterians.

A Pertinent Query. "The little daughter of a clergyman, pranced into her father's study one evening while the reverend gentleman was preparing a lengthy sermon for the following Sunday. She looked curiously at the manuscript for a moment and then turned to her father.

Herbert Spencer and the Puddles. Spencer knew to ride when going to a dinner, yet so carefully did he guard himself against the chance of soiling his dress shoes that he habitually carried a large number of newspapers under his arm. These were for the purpose of being dropped, one by one, into each mud puddle he might encounter on crossing the street. By the time he reached his destination the store of newspapers was exhausted. Muddy shoes on the return walk did not matter to him in the least.—London Caterer.

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In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon. In and for the county of Sherman. Vids M Johnson, Plaintiff, vs Paul B Johnson, Defendant.

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