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Tell the Boss About It.

Mark Twain said about the weather: "Everybody talks about it, but nobody does anything about it."

It Can't Be Done.

One of the puzzles of modern times is why the world has made such great progress in the physical and technical realm and so little in industrial relations.

John Keats.

John Keats (who, instead of being the dainty and sensitive dreamer of popular imagination, was a two-fisted scrapper who knew the thang of ale)

Half-Knowledge.

I am not one of those who believe that a half-knowledge of a subject is useless, but it has been my experience that when a fellow has that half-knowledge he finds it's the other half which would really come in handy.

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IN THE QUARANTINE STATION

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JOHN SICHEL, United States consul at Maasdorf, looked up from his desk, as his secretary entered, with a patient smile that a consul acquires after having served several months in a foreign city.

"A lady to see you, Mr. Sichel," said the secretary. "She is very much agitated."

"Is she a— a young lady?" queried the consul.

"Young, sir, and very beautiful."

"Well, let her come in," sighed Mr. Sichel.

As Doris Gray entered his office even Mr. Sichel's jaded soul was stimulated into admiration.

"Be seated, madam. What can I do for you?" he asked.

"I've lost my husband," exclaimed Doris, bursting into uncontrollable sobs.

"Oh, well, he can't have gone very far," said the consul. "When did you lose him?"

"Oh, you don't understand," cried the girl. "I'll have to tell you. It's this way:

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"Now do you doubt me?" she continued.

"No," said the consul briskly. "A question or two. You are sure that you went back to the right hotel?"

"Of course I am," cried the girl indignantly. "That's what the police told me. They wanted me to inquire at every hotel in the city. I am absolutely certain—why, didn't I find John's pipe under the table, where it had rolled, and the thieves didn't notice it when they removed his things. Oh, can't you help me? He has been kidnaped, perhaps murdered, and I am alone—"

The tears came into her eyes again. "Now, now, Mrs. Gray," said the consul soothingly, "pray don't distress yourself. I am going to probe this mystery to the bottom. I—"

He broke off as the sounds of a violent struggle came from the adjacent room, and a moment later the little clerk appeared at the door.

"Mr. Sichel! Help!" he shouted. "There is a crazed assassin wants to enter—"

He disappeared suddenly, and the sound of the struggle was renewed. An instant afterward the door burst open and there appeared a wild-looking figure attired in a silk hat and a pair of pajamas, to which latter the clerk clung desperately.

With a cry of rapture Doris Gray ran to the apparition and, laying her head upon its shoulder, sobbed from joy.

"John! Oh, John, it's you!" she wept.

"It's all right, Monsieur Jean. You can go now," said the consul to his secretary. "Perhaps I can offer you a suit of clothes," he continued to Mr. Gray.

"Thanks! Thanks!" panted the apparition. "I had an overcoat—took it from the jailer—but I lost it on the route here. I knew they wouldn't dare to follow me inside this office, over which floats the American flag."

"John! What happened?"

"Why," said John, more calmly, "I hadn't got as far as the drug store before two men came up behind me, pushed me inside, gagged me, tied me, opened the door again, and pushed me into a cab that was waiting. It was all done so quickly that nobody saw anything except the drug store clerk. Then they put me down at the door of a sort of big jail, whisked me inside, and flung me into a private bedroom with barred windows. I lay there all night, except when the doctor came to feel my pulse. He tried to take my temperature, too, but I broke the thermometer. In the morning I looked out and the first thing I saw was the Stars and Stripes floating from this building. I knew where I was then, so when the jailer, or whoever he was, came in, I got him into a corner, knocked him down, took his overcoat—they'd taken all my clothes away—and made for the door. Luckily it was unlocked, and so, after knocking down a couple of watchmen I reached you."

"Can such things be in a civilized country?" exclaimed Doris. "Mr. Sichel, you must cable to Washington at once. You must present an ultimatum to the Dutch government for Mr. Gray's clothes and cane. All in the conspiracy; drug clerk, police, hotel-keeper, clerk, matron, housekeeper, maids—what does it mean? Is this a nation of lunatics?"

The consul clapped his hand to his forehead.

"I have it!" he exclaimed delightedly. "You came from Zurich? Your baggage was labeled Zurich?"

"Yes. Well—"

"Wasn't there cholera at Zurich when you left?"

"That's why we left in a hurry. But—"

"This is the exposition year. A case of cholera in Maasdorf would ruin the show—cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. You complained of a headache, Mr. Gray. The Dutch are a commercial nation. Don't you see?"

"You mean they fixed all that between them while Mr. Gray was being kidnaped?" inquired the girl.

"Not kidnaped," said the consul. "Why, that was only the quarantine station for this district. No doubt the doctors know by now that Mr. Gray hasn't the cholera. Now if you take my advice—"

"A package for a Mr. Gray, sir," said the clerk, entering, and Mrs. Gray opened it.

"John!" she exclaimed. "Your suit, your hat, your shirt and collar, fresh from the laundry. Your shoes polished! And what's this?" she continued, holding up a glittering bauble.

"Why, that," said Mr. Sichel, "that's the Order of the Blue Eagle, first class, given only to Holland's most distinguished men."

"They must have telegraphed to The Hague!" said Doris Gray in awe.

"Ah, well, the Dutch get in some quick work sometimes," said Mr. Sichel. "You may dress in here, Mr. Gray. Good luck to you both. No, I'd let the matter drop and go back to your hotel, Monsieur Jean!"

"A gentleman's waiting to see you, sir. He says he is a college friend of yours and has been robbed—"

"Ah! Tell him I've just gone out of town for a month," said the consul.

"And say, Monsieur Jean! I'm not seeing any more ladies this morning unless— Oh, well, send them all in. It's part of the day's job."

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Newport.—At the last meeting of the Newport city council it was decided to continue the street improvements that have been progressively carried on in this city the last ten months.

Bend.—The Aune barn, relic of the early days of the present century, when Bend was a stage terminal, with Shaniko the nearest railroad, is to be razed. The old barn in recent years has been encircled by modern office structures.

Garibaldi.—The Garibaldi water district system is being installed. B. C. Seydl of Portland, who obtained the contract for labor only at \$12,679.70, has arrived with men and equipment and started work.

Salem.—R. C. Reese of Prairie City, Or., has filed with the state engineer an application covering appropriation of water from Strawberry creek and Onion creek for the development of 1278.5 theoretical horsepower in Grant county, at an estimated cost of \$80,000.

Salem.—In making up his official election proclamation Saturday the secretary of state discovered in the official returns from Lane county an error that reduced the majority in favor of the repeal of the state income tax law from 16,692 to 12,744 votes.

Salem.—County Clerk Boyer, at the next convention of the county clerks of the state, to be held in Portland December 18, will present a resolution providing that unregistered voters shall obtain six freeholders before they will be allowed to swear in their ballots. Two freeholders are required under existing law.

Albany.—Three unmasked bandits Saturday at noon held up the bank at Shedd, 14 miles south of Albany on the Pacific highway, and made away with \$299.55. All three were recaptured, one by one, within two hours and a half after the robbery, but they declared a fourth robber had made his escape with the loot.

Salem.—There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending November 26, according to a report prepared here by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Frederick Stover, Salem, wood hauler; Mrs. Frank Eastman, Medford, canner, and Dale A. Perry, St. Helens policeman.

Pendleton.—Poultry growing on a scale sufficiently large to produce enough eggs to serve the needs of the institution will be launched this fall at the state hospital here, according to Dr. W. D. McNary, superintendent. J. Kline Montgomery, for two years assistant poultry man at the state hospital at Salem, will be in charge of the plant here.

Canby.—B. F. King, a farmer living up the Molalla river some distance from Canby, was in town Saturday to tell how good fortune had provided his Thanksgiving dinner. Sitting by the front window in his mountain home, he said, a big wild goose dropped at the front door step. The bird had been shot by some hunter and the wing was broken.

Albany.—Five horses were lost in an attempt of Charles Huston, stockman, of the Prineville country, to drive 35 horses over the South Santiam pass in the Cascade mountains. Five animals broke through the crust over the snow and it was necessary to shoot them. Mr. Huston returned to Albany with the remainder of the horses and shipped them from here.

Salem.—The population of Salem, exclusive of the state institutions, has increased approximately 2000 during the past year, according to the government census announced recently. Since 1920 the population has increased 4402 or approximately 5 per cent. This census does not include more than 5000 persons now enrolled at the various state institutions located in this city.

Klamath Falls.—Purchase of 2800 acres of pine timber in Klamath county by R. E. Gilchrist, wealthy lumberman of Altuna, Mich., was announced here Saturday. The purchase price was given at \$53,000 in papers drawn up for filing this afternoon. The timber acreage was obtained from the Chinook Timber company of M'Incepolis, which bought it as an investment 25 years ago.

Hood River.—Numerous small wagers changed hands in Hood River Sunday when Major Carroll M. Hurlburt drove the first automobile from Oregon to the Washington bank of the Columbia over the new Hood River-White Salmon interstate bridge. Progress of crews of the Gilpin Construction company that built the great span has created more interest here than any undertaking of recent years and during the past month speculation as to when the bridge would be open for traffic was rife.

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Venus de Milo Never Had Arms, Says Dr. Edde

Paris.—It may be some consolation to art lovers throughout the world, who have wondered in what position were the missing arms of the famous Venus de Milo statue in the Louvre, to learn that even the ancients themselves were perplexed on this point.

Doctor Edde, a French physician, has just made known that during a recent visit to Egypt he came into possession of a small bronze statuette of the same period as the Venus de Milo. This statuette is an exact copy of the famous Venus, and like the original, it has no arms.

American cities in great number get their nicknames from their principal industries. Trenton is "The Pottery City"; Troy, "The Collar City"; Fall River, "The Cotton City"; Akron, "The Tire City"; Hollywood, "The Moxie City"; Patterson, "The Silk City"; Waterbury, "The Brass City," and Danbury, "The Hat City."

As soon as man's eyes are opened to the fact that honesty in thinking and acting pays the highest rewards to heart and soul and body, that honesty is the tap-root of all efficiency, and that no efficiency is possible without a fearless desire for an honest measure of values in all things, we shall start on a new era in our land.

Tell me how a young man uses his spare time, and I'll foretell his future. The youngster who studies in spare hours is sure of promotion. But the lad who just "kills time" when he's old will whine about "hard luck" and "no chance." Think this over, boys.

Remember this little rule for success: Let your every act start from a sincere interest in the things to be done, never from the mere desire to impress others with your personality. Sincere motives are the firm foundations upon which actual accomplishments are built. Conceited motives are the shifting sands upon which failure is built.—Lowell Fillmore.

Making Sure. A man told a magistrate in Southampton that in his anxiety to get a letter delivered to an address in New York, he walked from Tottenham to Southampton and gave it to a ship's steward he knew.

Inconsistent. Why do they call it a shipment when it goes in a car, but a cargo when it goes in a ship?—New York Evening Post.

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