

JUST COMMON FOLKS.

If only sweetest bells were rung
How we should miss the minor chimes
If only grandest poets sang,

Not they the warriors who shall win
Upon the battlefield a name
To sound the awful din;

Fate has not lifted them above
The level of the human plane;
They share with men a fellow lore

An Unconscious Matchmaker.
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It is possible for such a metamorphosis
To take place. Not a month ago we sat here,

I suppose it is for penance, Will,
That I am to narrate my own mistakes
And misdeeds to Mr. Allison.

"I know you will laugh at me dreadfully,
Mr. Allison, but you must remember
That I had never before seen so many stairs."

"The doctor expects me. Please have my luggage sent."
"Dear old man! So you have decided
To install that awful creature in your house,

"My dear lady," interrupted Charlie,
"you don't mean to say—it isn't possible
That any misunderstanding arose out of that?"

"I do mean to say so," she replied,
laughing; "it was quite possible—indeed,
natural—I should assume that those words
referred to me. I was at first highly indignant
and then began to cry."

"Let me tell the rest," interrupted the doctor;
"I fancied I was dreaming as I became aware
of the invitingly opening table; then I noted two covers
spread upon it for a delightful tete-a-tete,
and upon my napkin a photograph of the sweetest
face I had ever seen. Listen to what was written under it:

"As I am so ugly; as I destroy your peace
and drive away your friends, I leave you to lurch
alone and shall find a home elsewhere."

"The American Is Vulgar.
We must all agree that the American
has beyond other men an innate respect

TWO FOUR BOYS WHO MADE THEIR MARKS IN THE WORLD.



MAR-US DALY'S MONEY.
Capital represented by him. \$100,000,000
His personal wealth. 22,000,000
Copper interests represented 75,000,000

HENRY VILLARD'S DEEDS.
Reported the Lincoln-Douglas debate
Reported the first Lincoln campaign.
War correspondent, the Civil War.

Marcus Daly graduated from digging potatoes
to digging copper and accumulated a fortune
of \$50,000,000. Henry Villard rose from reporter
to railroad president, became a Napoleon of finance,

lost two enormous fortunes, and died a millionaire.

for women and for helpless things,"
writes "An American Mother" in the Ladies' Home Journal.

"Why, with all these qualities—why is he not a more agreeable fellow? Why, with all the traits that go to make up a courtly gentleman—why is he vulgar?"

RUSHING INTO THE CITIES.

Young Men Invite Failure by Embracing Untried Fields.
Some published fragments of the new census statistics are very depressing to the old-fashioned, yet very sensible, people who have been hoping that the movement of villagers and country people to the large cities had been checked.

Nevertheless the rural districts are not going to be depopulated, except when their soil is very poor and their malaria overrich. A countryward movement started in some cities a few years ago and it has been increasing in volume. It may be almost invisible in some localities, for 3,000,000 square miles are an area so great that any city's window might be lost in it.

"I should like to subscribe to your paper. Would you be willing to take it out in trade?"
Country Editor—Guess so; what's your business?
"I'm the undertaker."—Brooklyn Life

Cities that Grow Most Rapidly.
The census bulletins confirm the truth of the statement that the growing American cities are those where manufacturing can be carried on economically.

White House Is Ricketty.
In the plan for building a new house for the President elsewhere than on the present site it has been proposed to utilize the present mansion for offices.

S. A. in bringing the adoption of Mrs. Harrison's plans for enlarging the house, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

An Epitaph for Ruskin.
The London Academy has awarded a prize of one guinea to J. R. Anderson, Lalbeck, Keswick, for the best inscription suitable for the proposed mausoleum of John Ruskin in Westminster Abbey.

He Taught Us To Hold In Loving Reverence Poor Men and Their Work Great Men and Their Work God and His Work.

Key to the Working-Girl's Success.
Whatever vocation the girl wage-worker settles upon she may as well accept the fact, first of all, that slipshod performance and inadequate equipment will win no favor, will not even secure a foothold.

Barter.
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English Public Buildings.
The public buildings of England alone are valued at a sum approaching \$1,250,000,000.

DESTROY BIG TREES.

CALIFORNIA GIANTS ARE RUTHLESSLY CUT DOWN.

Necessary Waste of Lumbering Mammoths Over Fifty Per Cent—Forestry Department Demands That Efforts Be Made to Save Few Remaining Groves.

Gifford Pinchot, United States forester, has issued a pamphlet concerning the big trees of California which has created no little comment through its endeavors to state clearly and emphatically the necessity for the preservation of the California mammoths.



FELLING A BIG TREE.

tion, through which there is hope of perpetuating these groves. In the northern groves the species hardly holds its own.

MISSING OF GREAT THINGS.
People Who Have Stabbed Their Necks Against Big Fortunes Unaware.



LOGGING RAILROAD IN A BIG TREE FOREST.

Several occasions I thought vaguely of having the device patented, but I dismissed the scheme as 'not worth while.'

Everyone who is interested in the big trees, as everyone must be either from curiosity, a natural love of the forest or for scientific reasons, must deplore the destruction of these forests.

In the Darkest South.
But there was no evidence against the man who was lynched," protested the stranger.

WHAT A ROORBACK IS

MR. DOODLESAP EXPLAINS TO LITTLE FRANCIS.

Owing to Difficulty in Giving the Lad a Correct Impression He Relates a Harrowing Domestic Experience of Recent Occurrence.

"Pa," said Little Francis, "what's a roorback?"
"Well," Mr. Doodlesap replied, "I don't know as I can explain it so you'll understand exactly, but so you can get an idea of what it is from a little story I'll tell you."

"I put it in a pigeon-hole in my desk," I told her, "or else I threw it in the waste basket. I don't remember which."

"Well, Francis, your mother was not amused. She informed me that the woman who had written the letter was a brazen thing, and wanted to know if I had ever seen her."

"I had an experience of that kind once myself. It occurred to me that a revolving bookcase would be a handy thing for office use, and I had one built to order. It proved a success, and on

several occasions I thought vaguely of having the device patented, but I dismissed the scheme as 'not worth while.'

"I have a friend, for instance, who stumbled upon the principle of the Bell telephone long before the war. He was at college at the time, and he and a fellow student actually went so far as to construct an experimental line, over half a mile long. They had it in successful operation for several weeks, when it was discovered and destroyed by a cantankerous professor, and thus vanished what might have been one of the biggest fortunes in the world."

"Another gentleman, who was formerly a client of mine, anticipated the pneumatic tire before somebody else patented it. He is fond of horses, and away back in the '70s he had a light road cart made that was almost the exact counterpart of the modern pneumatic suiky. The big, clumsy-looking tires excited great merriment among his friends. They dubbed them 'sausage wheels,' and he has told me more than once that that foolish joke was the thing that caused him to abandon the experiment."

"Oh, yes," said young Mr. Blackstone, "I have been admitted to the bar, but I am not practicing regularly at it."

ONLY ONE LIKE IT EXTANT.

Omaha Man Gives Prize a Sixty-Dollar Bill to a Boy.

The most unique piece of legal tender in the city, outside of the Byron Reed collection, is a \$60 bill, in the possession of A. K. Rhodes, 2582 Spaulding street, says the Omaha Bee.

The bill was issued during the first session of the Continental Congress in 1779, and is a document of peculiar appearance. The paper is of a faded yellow material and is coarse and heavy. It is cut almost square, four inches by three. The promise to pay is worded as follows: "The bearer is entitled to receive sixty Spanish milled dollars or an equal sum in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress of the 14th of January, 1779."

The Byron Reed collection contains an \$80 bill and several samples of continental currency of other denominations, but has no duplicate of Mr. Rhodes' treasure. Neither does the rich library on numismatics in the collection have anything to say regarding the history or value of the document.

The bill bears every evidence of being genuine, however, and is undoubtedly worth far more than its face value. Mr. Rhodes values the bit of paper very highly, both as a curio and as a keepsake, and has never made any effort to ascertain its commercial worth.

OTTO FIECHT, of the Coeur d'Alene, is said to have been offered \$1,000 for his specimen spoken of by the Spokane paper, but preferred not to part with it. He submitted the currency to the Treasury Department and after an examination it was reported that the bill was legal; such an issue is known to have been made in the year mentioned. The official signature inscribed in ink is that of George Bond.

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen gained 3,700 new members in the past year.

Laborers are so scarce in Switzerland that they have to be imported not only from Italy, but from Bohemia and Silesia.

The new United States census will show that nearly 1,000,000 females are employed in the factories of the United States.

Edison's plan to cheapen electric power by abolishing dynamos will throw hundreds of mechanics out of employment.

LABOR NOTES

Various news items related to labor, including mentions of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, laborers in Switzerland, the new United States census, Edison's plan, Kansas City, Mo., and the Minneapolis flour mills.