

O. Henry Stories

X.—Helping the Other Fellow.

By O. HENRY

[Copyright by Frank A. Munsey Co.] But can this help others help themselves?—Mulaney.



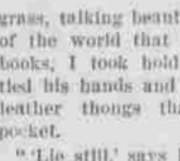
THIS is the story that William Trotter told me on the beach at Agnes Fresca while I waited for the captain of the fruit steamer Andador, which was to take me aboard.

"I'm pleased to have met you," says Wainwright. "I'm a devotee to the great José Bozoe, but my remaining facilities are unimpaired," says he, or words to that effect.



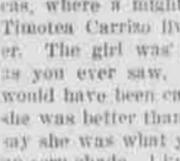
"You shall be rewarded," says the president.

"I was referring," says he, "to the president of this republic. His country is in a desperate condition. Its treasury is empty, it's on the verge of war with Nicaragua, and if it wasn't for the hot weather the people would be starting revolutions in every town."



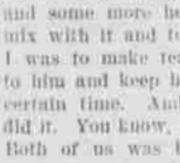
"Life still," says I, "and meditate on the exigencies and irregularities of life till I get back."

"Come along with me, Trotter," says he, "and I'll show you what brains I've got."



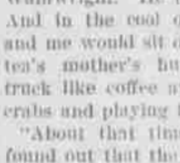
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"I've no doubt you could," he said, "by splitting the bark from a section of sugar cane."



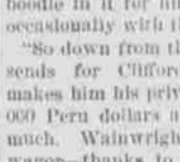
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"There seemed to be pabulum in W. T.'s words. And then another idea came to me."



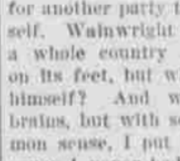
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"I had a brother in Chilpeque Falls who owned manufactory—cotton or sugar or AA sheetings or something in the commercial line. He was vulgarly rich, and therefore revered."



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"While we were talking there was a sound of firing guns—four or five, rattlingly, as if by a squad. The cheer for noise came from the direction of the corral, which is a kind of make-shift barracks for the soldiers of the republic."



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"Hear that?" said William Trotter. "Let me tell you about it."



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"It seemed that he was a man of parts, conscientiousness and plausibility, besides being educated and a wreck to his appetites. He told me all about it. Colleagues had turned him out and discharges had taken him in. Did I tell you his name? It was Clifford Wainwright. I didn't exactly catch the cause of his being cast away on that particular stretch of South America, but I reckon it was his own business. I asked him if he'd ever been second cook on a tramp frigate, and he said no; so that concluded my line of enquiries. But he talked like the encyclopedia from 'A—Berlin' to 'Zyria.' And he carried a watch—a silver arrangement with works, and up to date within twenty-four hours, anyhow."



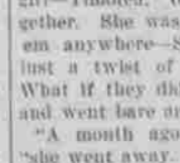
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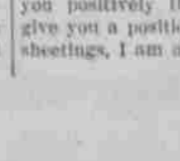
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FOR CONSERVATION OF NATIONAL RESOURCES. Last year congress passed the Ferry bills which provided for all the utilization of the now withdrawn water power sites and mineral lands. The measures were excellent ones, representing the ideas of Secretary Lane, the National Conservation association, and all forces interested in the honest use of Uncle Sam's rich acreage. The Senate defeated these bills. In early January of this year the house passed these same measures again. Will the senate succeed in crushing them once more? Are these possessions—practically the last parts of the public domain still in our hands—to be transferred as a free and unrestricted gift to monopolists, or are the public rights to be protected?—World's Work.

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"Hear that?" said William Trotter.



A Soft Voice Called Across the Sands.

jobs. But I'd have had to leave Agnes Fresca, so I didn't take any of 'em up. Say, I didn't tell you much about that old-Timotee. We rather hit it off together. She was as good as you find 'em anywhere—Spanish mostly, with just a twist of lemon peel on top. What if they did live in a grass hut and went bare armed? "A month ago," went on Trotter, "she went away. I don't know where to, but"

"You'd better come back to the States," I insisted. "I can promise you positively that my brother will give you a position in cotton, sugar or sheetings, I am not certain which."