AMERICAN SENTINEL.

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STATEMENT
SHOWING THE CONDITION OF THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, DEC. 31st, 1896.

ASSETS.

Value of real estate and ground rents owned by the Company, less amount of encumbrance thereon	$ 1,814,791.33
Loans on bond and mortgage	66,871,974.65
Stocks and bonds absolutely owned by the Company (market value)	14,860,793.13
Interest accrued on stocks, bonds and other securities	1,631,851.44
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company deposited in bank	1,921,284.08
Premiums due and in course of collection	1,603,130.74
Premium notes	386,394.03
Loans on Company's policies	3,817,235.00
All other admitted assets detailed in statement on file in this office	9,155.86
Total admitted assets	$ 92,926,610.26
Less agents' credit balance and Company's debits	35,984.35
	92,890,625.91

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Securities deposited in various States for the protection of Policyholders in such States (market value) $ 10,575.00	10,575.00
	92,901,200.91

LIABILITIES.

Losses reported adjusted and unpaid	283,253.11
Reserve as required by law	65,969,330.47
Amount of unpaid dividends due policyholders	102,170.00
Amount due and accrued on account of bills	43,222.42
Premiums paid in advance	6,000.00
Total liabilities	66,103,976.00
Surplus as regards policy-holders	26,797,224.91
Total income	18,589,828.46
Total expenditures	9,146,783.43
165,415 policies in force in United States on 31st Dec., 1896	384,167,829.00
211 policies written in Maryland during the year 1896	830,447.00
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1896	223,631.31
Losses paid in Maryland during 1896	79,672.00
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1896	81,672.00

STATE OF MARYLAND,
Insurance Depart., Commissioner's Office,
Annapolis, March ——— 1897.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to December 31st, 1896, now on file in this department.

F. ALBERT KURTZ,
Insurance Commissioner.

SAMUEL T. OTTO, Agent, New Windsor, Md. ap-24-3t

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE

OF A FIRST-CLASS

Limestone and Dairy Farm,

On Pipe Creek, Carroll county, Md.

By virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from John Q. Sensency and Marion B. Sensency, his wife, to George P. Buckey, dated June 28th, A. D. 1885, recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber G. A. M. No. 22, folio 369, &c., and duly assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at Public Sale, at Linwood Station, on the Western Md. Railroad, on

SATURDAY, 8TH OF MAY, A. D. 1897,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that Valuable Farm, described in and conveyed by said mortgage, containing

129 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 20

Square Perches of Land, more or less.

The improvements thereon consist of a large two-story Brick and Stone Dwelling House, a newly built two-story frame Dwelling House, Bank Barn, Wagon Shed, Corn Cribs, Smoke House, Dairy, and other necessary outbuildings, water convenient to the buildings. There is a due proportion of Wood Land and one of the most superior Meadows consisting of about 20 Acres. The land is of first-class Limestone quality and is in an excellent state of cultivation.

This Farm is in New Windsor district, Carroll county, Md., on the county road leading from Linwood to McKinstry's Mill, is about one-quarter of a mile from Linwood Station on the Western Md. Railroad, about 2½ miles from New Windsor, adjoins the land of John E. Sensency, E. B. Garner and others, is now occupied by the said John Q. Sensency, is convenient to railroad, schools, churches, &c., and is one of the best farms on Pipe Creek.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash; or if desired by the purchaser, reasonable credit terms will be given, or two-thirds of the purchase money will be loaned on the farm for any reasonable time on mortgage.

JOHN C. BUCKEY,
Assignee of Mortgagee.

Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Solicitors.
J. Thos. Roop, auct. ap-10-5t

TRUSTEE'S SALE;

OF A DESIRABLE

Little Property.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 3529, the undersigned, as trustee, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, MAY 15th, A. D. 1897,

at 3 o'clock, P. M., all that parcel of land, containing

2 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 2 SQUARE PERCHES, more or less. The improvements thereon consist of a comfortable Two-Story Frame Dwelling House, with porches, summer kitchen, stable, hog house, &c., well with pump at the door, large variety of fruit trees, in bearing condition, good garden, land in excellent condition. This property is in Mexico, Carroll county, Md., about 100 yards from Brummel P. O., is immediately on the county road leading from Westminster to Manchester, and adjoins the land of John Stephan, Mrs. George Struth and others.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof; one-third in six and the other one-third in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

JOHN BERNSTEIN,
Trustee.

Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Solicitors.
John T. Diffenbaugh, Auct. ap-17-ts

NO. 3514 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

EX-PARTE.

In the matter of the Trust Estate of Elias N. Davis and Hannah C. Davis, his wife.

Charles T. Reifsnider, James A. C. Bond, Alfred T. Buckingham, trustees and plaintiffs, vs. Elias N. Davis and Hannah C. Davis, his wife, defendants.

Ordered, this thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1897, that the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, take jurisdiction in the Trust Estate of the said Elias N. Davis and Hannah C. Davis, his wife, and that the said trustees settle said Trust Estate under the supervision and control of the said Court, and it is further ordered that Charles T. Reifsnider, James A. C. Bond and Alfred T. Buckingham, the trustees in the above cause named, give notice to all persons having claims against Elias N. Davis, to file said claims properly authenticated, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, on or before the 14th day of June, 1897, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for four successive weeks before the 13th day of May next.

I. THOMAS JONES.

True Copy,—Test:
ap-17-3t BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:

APRIL TERM, 1897.

Estate of Lucretia E. Van Bibber, deceased.

ON application it is ordered this 12th day of April, 1897, that the sale of the Real Estate of Lucretia E. Van Bibber, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Charles T. Reifsnider, Executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said Executor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 3rd Monday, 17th day of May, next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 2nd Monday, 10th day of May, next. The report states the amount of sale to be Five Hundred Dollars. ($500.00.)

JACOB RINEHART,
ALBERT SCHAEFFER,
WILLIAM Y. PRIZZELL, } Judges.

True Copy,—Test:
GEO. M. PARKE, Register of Wills.
ap-17-3t

ICE Cream Freezers, Window Screens cheap est, at GILBERT & GEHR'S.

BARGAINS IN Housekeeping Goods.

We think these few things in Housekeeping Goods will interest you. We don't propose to be outdone on any of these goods. We are as determined as ever to give you

"The Same Goods for Less Money, or Better Goods for the same Money."

A choice assortment of Yellowware—small Dishes, Pie Plates and Bowls, the old time standby, 5 cents.

Special Bargains in Decorated Meat and Vegetable Dishes, beautiful goods and worth almost double the price we ask, 15 cents, or two for 25 cents.

Decorated 44-piece Tea Sets, real nice goods they are, for $3.50 a set.

12-piece Chamber Sets, including Slop Jar, beautiful relief decorations in colors and gold, really worth $7.00, our price $5.00.

We still have those beautiful Vase Lamps that we have sold so many of, blue and brown decorations, each 98 cents.

Another Lamp Bargain—elegant iron base, with oxidized fittings to match, globe and fount beautifully decorated in assorted designs, each $1.90.

Runabout Lanterns, a very convenient lantern, burns candles, won't blow out and can't explode, 10 cents.

Whitewash Brushes, just what you need now--we have them in all grades. 5, 10, 25, 39 cents.

Carpet Tacks, good size boxes, 1 cent.

Felt Window Shades, in light or dark, green, old gold or spanish olive, each 10 cents. First quality goods.

Graniteware Dish Pans, good size and first quality goods, 29 cents.

Wash Tubs, first quality Cedar Tubs, galvanized wire hoops, the best tub on earth, 50c, 75c and 95 cents.

We are still giving out Coupons, but they must be redeemed on or before May 15th, as we will not redeem them after that date.

Yours to serve,

NEW YORK BARGAIN HOUSE,

31 East Main Street, Westminster,
T. W. Mather & Sons. Opposite the Catholic Church.

BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!

AT

BIGGS' FURNITURE STORE,

Westminster, Md., where can be found goods to suit the times, both in price and quality. Bed Room Suits, Parlor Suits, Dining Room Sets, together with all other different kinds of goods, such as Fancy Rockers, Cobbler Seats, Upholstered Spring Seats, Brocatell, Corduroy, Tapestry, &c.; also all kinds of Wood and Cane Seat Rockers in all the different styles and at prices that will compete with the lowest. A call at my place will convince you of what I set forth in the above. Yours Respectfully,

de-12-1y J. WESLEY BIGGS.

DR. FAHRNEY'S TEETHING SYRUP.

THE BABY'S COMFORT, THE MOTHER'S FRIEND.

Once tried, always used. Will cure Colic in 10 minutes; cures curd or sour stomach, relieves all forms of indigestion, can be given to babies 1 day old. Will prevent Cholera Infantum and keep the baby in good, healthy condition through the period of teething. An over dose does no harm; nothing to hurt an infant. 25 cts. at druggists.

Made only by DR. D. FAHRNEY & SON, HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Try 1 bottle sent free if you mention this paper.

COLUMBIA Bicycles!

Standard of the World,

1897 Models, 5 per cent. Nickle Steel Tubing, have no equal,

$100.00.

HARTFORD BICYCLES.

Patterns 7 and 8 reduced from $75 to $60.

Patterns 9 and 10 reduced from $60 to $55.

We ask experts to examine them. Equal to any bicycles made except the Columbia.

Maybe the above prices are more than you wish to pay for a wheel. If so we wish to say we have a very good wheel that we are selling at the very low price of $35.00.

This wheel is worth more than the price we ask for it, and we are willing to have you bring an expert machinist with you when you come to look at it, and we will abide by his decision. It is made of weldless steel tubing; connections—drop-forgings and selected steel, wheels—28-inch with selected Washburn & Moon piano wire spokes, hubs turned out of bar steel, bearings turned from bar stock and properly hardened, balls large size, cranks 6¾ in. round, tapered; drop-forgings, tread 4¾-in., sprockets—drop-forged front and detachable rear. Everything first-class. This is not what is termed a cheap wheel but a good wheel cheap. Come and look at it whether you wish to buy or not.

A. H. WENTZ,
JEWELER AND OPTICIAN,
WESTMINSTER, MD.
feb-11-tf

Second Hand Bicycles.

We have a few rare bargains in second-hand

Wheels--

wheels that are solid and sound and will stand any amount of hard usage, but are just a little out of style. We offer them

VERY LOW.

Have you seen those Dunlap Detachable Tires? If you will come in we will take pleasure in showing them to you.

GEO. MATHER,
Crescent Agent,
at the N. Y. Bargain House,
31 E. Main St.

GREAT MODEL EMPORIUM,

WILLIAM F. DERR,

Babylon Building, near Rail Road,
WESTMINSTER, MD.

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We Strap the Helmet Tighter.

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NEW PRICES!

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Goods shown in this store than t the present time. Experk unmatchable. We are sure

and prices are right.

5 pieces new all wool Covert Mixtures, in Tans, Gray and Green, 40 inches wide, at 50c yd.

A beautiful line of new Checks and Mixtures to select from, in all the popular shadings, at 39c yd.

Black Brocade Satins in the new large designs; very popular for Skirts, excellent weights, at 75c yd.

Real Lyons Dye Black Habuti Silk, fine grade, at 39c yd.

Miscellaneous Items.

Beautiful Leather Belts, new styles, at 25c.
Latest fads in Ladies' Collars at 12½c.
10 dozen elegantly trimmed Corset Covers at 25c.
A new stock of Pretty Embroidery, cheap at 12c yd.
25c extra fine Real Lisle Thread Ladies' Vests at 17c.
A big box of Regular 10c Handkerchiefs on sale at 5c.

ALL AT THE

GREAT MODEL EMPORIUM,

WM. F. DERR, WESTMINSTER, MD.

Bark Wanted

AT

Schlosser Tannery.

We will pay Five Dollars and Fifty Cents ($5.50) per ton of 2,000 lbs. for

Prime Chestnut or Spanish Oak Bark,

of this year's peeling, delivered in good order and condition at the Schlosser Tannery, before the 1st day of July, 1897.

ENGLAND & BRYAN,
Proprietors.
Jas. S. Baer, Supt. mr-20-2m

You Make a Mistake

if you fail to visit the

Harness Emporium

OF

J. W. SHUNK

before making your purchases, for the simple reason that we are in a position to sell you goods, in our line, cheaper than any other house in this country. We carry a full stock of

Harness, Saddles and Bridles,
Whips, Collars,
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We have Fly Nets in Abundance,
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in rich profusion and everything usually found in a first-class establishment;

All at Prices below the lowest.

We are confident we can save you a good day's work on every $5.00 spent with us.

Thankful for past favors, we are yours for business,

J. W. SHUNK,
my-4-1y Westminster, Md.

NOTICE.

You can get more goods for your cash, more cash for your eggs at the

Medford Cash Store,

Than any other place in the county. If you will come to see us we will

Prove It.

We issue a weekly circular giving prices. Send us your name, and you will receive it.

Special Notice.

Persons having Real Estate for sale or exchange and wishing to dispose of the same will do well in conferring with

GEORGE W. ALBAUGH,
Westminster, Md.

LOANS NEGOTIATED.
dec-26-96-1y

IMPORTANT

Announcement!

Change of Business Method at S. P. Engler & Son's Mill, New Windsor.

The undersigned hereby announce that on and after April 1st, 1897, they will conduct their business, at New Windsor, upon a

STRICTLY CASH BASIS.

Goods will be sold only for cash.

This method will enable us to make a decided reduction in prices, to the advantage of all purchasers.

mr-20-2m* S. P. ENGLER & SON.

CASTORIA

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

CASTORIA

TRANSFERS AND ABATEMENTS.

The County Commissioners will sit for Transfers and Abatements:

On Monday and Tuesday, April 26th and 27th, for Districts Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

On Monday and Tuesday, May 3rd and 4th, for Districts Nos. 4, 5 and 6.

On Monday and Tuesday, May 10th and 11th, for Districts Nos. 7 and 8.

On Monday and Tuesday, May 17th and 18th, for Districts Nos. 9, 10 and 11.

And on Monday, May 24th, for Districts Nos. 12 and 13.

All persons interested are requested to attend, as no abatements or transfers will be made after that time to effect the levy of '97. Persons making application for transfers of and abatements on property will be required to comply with Sections 16 and 17 of Article 11 of the Revised Code of Public General Laws.

By order of Board of County Commissioners,

A. T. BUCKINGHAM,
ap 17-4t Clerk and Treasurer.

NO. 3536 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County sitting as a Court of Equity.

In the matter of the trust estate of Adam Giggard.

William H. Stonesifer and Ivan L. Hoff, trustees, vs. Adam Giggard.

ORDERED on the aforegoing petition, this 19th day of April, in the year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven, that the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, take jurisdiction in the trust estate of Adam Giggard, and that said trustees settle said trust estate under the supervision and control of the said Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity. And it is further ordered, that William H. Stonesifer and Ivan L. Hoff, the trustees in the above entitled cause, give notice to all persons having claims against the said Adam Giggard, to file said claims, properly authenticated, with the clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, on or before the 28th day of June, 1897, by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll County, once a week for four successive weeks before the 31st day of May next.

CHARLES B. ROBERTS.

True Copy—Test:
ap 17-4t BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

CORPORATION ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Election of One Person to serve as

MAYOR AND FIVE PERSONS

to serve as Common Council, for the City of Westminster, Md., for the ensuing year, will be held on

MONDAY, THE 3rd DAY OF MAY, 1897,

between the hours of 12 M. and 6 P. M., at the residence of

MRS. M. E. GRUMBINE,
No. 72 East Main street, Westminster.

JOSEPH W. SMITH, Mayor.
Henry B. Grammer, Clerk. ap-17-te

EXCURSION TO

Barnum's Show

BALTIMORE, AT LOW RATES.

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH, 1897,

under the auspices of Sulphur Spring Lodge No. 130, I. O. O. F. of New Windsor, Md. Special excursion train will be run by the W. M. R. R. from Highland, Glen Falls and intermediate stations, to Baltimore on above date. About 10 hours in Baltimore will afford ample time for business or pleasure. Fare for the round trip not to exceed $1.00. See posters for schedule. By order of Committee.

CHAS. W. SMITH, C. W. WOOD,
ap-10 4t* ISAAC SMITH.

NO. 3512 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Louis A Anderfuhren and Eleonore Anderfuhren, his wife, Mortgagees, vs. John B. M. Jenifer and Jeannette C. Jenifer, his wife, Mortgagors.

Ordered, this 23rd day of April, A. D. 1897, that the account of the Auditor, filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of May next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

True Copy.—Test:
ap-24-2t BENJ. F. CROUSE Clerk.

LICENSE NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons and bodies corporate or politic, whom it may concern, that they

MUST OBTAIN A LICENSE,

or renew the same, on or before

THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1897,

according to the provisions of Ordinances Nos. 83 to 88 inclusive, passed by the Mayor and Common Council of Westminster.

WM. N. BEAVER, Bailiff.
HENRY B. GRAMMER, Clerk. ap-17-3t

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

THE President and Directors of The Westminster Savings Bank have, this 3rd day of April, 1897, declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of

THREE AND ONE HALF PER CENT.

on the Capital Stock and 2 per cent. on Weekly and Monthly Deposits, free of all taxes, payable on and after April 15th, 1897.

WILLIAM H. STARR,
ap-10-3t Treasurer.

$25 REWARD.

TAKEN from the stable of John C. McKinney, Hood's Mill, Carroll county, Md., a Dark Bay Horse, with heavy mane and tail; also white saddle marks on back. $25.00 reward for return of horse, or information leading to whereabouts of same.

J. C. McKINNEY,
ap-17-3t Hood's Mill, Carroll county, Md.

BEST and Cheapest Refrigerators, at GILBERT & GEHR.

NOTICE OF THE ORGANIZATION OF A MILITIA COMPANY.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting will be held on Thursday, May 6th, 1897, at 8 P. M., at the Firemen's Building in Westminster, Md., for the purpose of organizing a Militia Company. This company, when organized and proficient in drilling, &c., will probably be assigned to the First Regiment of the Maryland National Guard. All young men desiring to connect themselves with the Guard of Maryland are invited to attend the meeting.

WILLIAM H. BAER, Jr.,
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
Committee on Organization.

WEDDING INVITATIONS, Cards, Circulars, &c., printed at this office.

Select Poetry.

TWO FAIRY SISTERS.

There was once a little maiden,
And she had a mirror bright;
It was rimmed about with silver,
'T was her pride and her delight.
But she found two fairy sisters
Lived within this pretty glass,
And very different faces showed,
To greet the little lass.

If she was sweet and sunny,
Why, it was sure to be
The smiling sister who looked out
Her happy face to see.
But if everything went criss-cross,
And she wore a frown or pout,
Alas! Alas! within the glass
The frowning one looked out.

Now this little maiden loved so much
The smiling face to see,
That she resolved with all her heart
A happy child to be.
To grow more sweet and loving,
She tried with might and main,
Till the frowning sister went away,
And ne'er came back again.

But if she's looking for a home,
As doubtless is the case,
She'll try to find a little girl
Who has a gloomy face.
So be very, very careful,
If you own a mirror too,
That the frowning sister doesn't come
And make her home with you.
—Helen Standish Perkins in May St. Nicholas.

Select Story.

"REPLY PAID."

From Westminster Budget.

She had received a letter in the morning begging her to somehow procure him a little money. Things were going badly, and he had been ill. She thought of it all day long, having dispatched the little she had, and, for the thinking things looked no better. Her brother had not enough to live upon, and there was an end of it. Fate was niggardly with them all. During the afternoon the girls came in and Mrs. Hamlin. Mrs. Hamlin was always delightful and cheery. Her lovely dresses and sweet face and fragrant elegance reminded Maisie that at least she was the right person in the right place—with fitting surroundings and the beautiful things of life that all women instinctively claim as their right hers.

"Maisie, you look preposterously dejected. What is it? Are you in love with an anarchist, or is it only general aspirations toward the impossible?" "No, I am not in love, but I am thinking of proposing to some one."

"Why?"

"Because I am in a hurry. Fred, you know, is frightfully hard up."

"But why don't you accept Mr. Howard, when he's so devoted, poor man?"

"That wouldn't be fair, because, you see, he is devoted, and I—no, I think a fat man with beard and glasses is the sort of thing—in the abstract."

"Oh, excellent in the abstract; protects you, is kind to you and gives you checks. In the concrete he"—

"Dear Mrs. Hamlin, don't. The matter is not discussable in the concrete."

"Fancie Maisie proposing!" said one of the girls.

"You don't know what I am capable of," returned Maisie.

"I'll dare you, Maisie," Mrs. Hamlin twinkled; "£20 on, and I'll give you a month."

"Twenty pounds!" repeated Maisie. And there was an odd sound in her voice.

"Twenty pounds."

"Done!" she said, to the astonishment of the room. "It's a bet!" Every one sat up and bristled with delighted curiosity. Maisie, of all people, who invariably treated her swains with a good tempered scorn that was the envy of her friends!

"I will do it now!" she went on excitedly. "Mabel, give me those telegraph forms. Of course I wont undertake to carry out the contract if any one accepts," she added.

"No, no; but a bona fide proposal!"

She then sat down and addressed seven telegrams and dispatched them by the maid. "Reply paid," she said. "And now we'll have tea."

"What have you done?" questioned Mrs. Hamlin.

"I have asked seven men to marry me."

"Maisie!"

"Well, seven gentlemen will hardly be able to think that I am pining for them all, and they'll exchange notes."

"Men never do that."

"Ah, what men never do that surely man always does," she laughed. "Honor with them is a collective virtue that has no application in the singular. You shall read the answers."

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In due course of time the answers came. One day one of the girls opened them before her expectant friends, who refused to go till all had come. "Regrets," quoted Maisie, holding up one with mock gravity. "Next, please. Ah, thank you, Susan! 'Sorry, previous engagement.' 'Alas! impossible!' 'Circumstances over which I have no control!' 'I would if I could, but I can't!' 'No!' That's rather impolite, and he really—well, one mustn't be kissed and tell. 'Twas so long ago too. You see, ladies, how devoted my lovers all are. But I have won my bet. Ah, here is another; one more polite refusal! No! 'Of course I am honored," she read. A crimson flush of shame spread over the girl's laughing face. "That's chivalrous of him," she said, trying to hide her embarrassment. "And now to invent a polite refusal to my own proposal."

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Horace sands was in chambers when Miss Maisie's telegram—reply paid—arrived. He was smoking a cigarette with Max Welby. They generally smoked together after lunch in a kind of sympathetic silence. He read it slowly, then went out of the room. On returning his friend noticed an expression of most pathetic woe upon his placid features and such a hangdog look that he refrained from putting any questions from fear of intruding on private matters. Horace, however, after some fidgeting, said, "You know after all it's a dreadful thing, but what could a fellow do? She's a charming girl of course, but I don't think of exactly—in fact, I am not a marrying man, you know. I never thought of marrying—don't know anything about it."

"If you'll explain what you are talking about, I may be able to understand."

"Well, the fact is Miss Maisie wired and asked me, don't you know, and I, of course."—

"Asked you what?"

"Well, I suppose I oughtn't to say," he said, suddenly flushing crimson.

"Did she propose to you?" asked Welby with an incredulous look of amusement. "Answer paid too. The devil she did! And you have accepted?"

"What else would you have me do?"

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For the next few days Horace Sands experienced a general sense of bewildering expression. He was an engaged man—to a lovely girl, it was true, but nevertheless he was engaged, tied up, as it were—somebody's property. He must buy presents and rings and think of furniture. Never in his life had he thought about furniture. Even at college he had not, as many of the men did, troubled how his diggings were arranged.

He passed a man in the street carrying a kitchen safe. He tried to think what a safe was meant for and realized that they would certainly have to have a safe. Some perambulators in a great shop caught his eye, and he blushed and looked obstinately on the other side of the road. He had postponed calling—he had not dared yet. He would never summon courage to behave as a lover should to such a wonderful piece of femininity.

He remembered now that her eyes were gray and serious and laughing all at once; that she had a delightful, petulant mouth. The thought of her was sweet. The reality at present was terrifying. He could not yet face his betrothed. He must have time to get used to himself under these new conditions. Another day passed. On the fourth he dressed himself in a frock coat, adorned his buttonhole with a bouquet and started for her house.

When he arrived as far as the street in which she lived, he turned round and went to the club. There was a note from her—three days old. Again he flushed and thrusht it into his pocket. He went out, and in the busy traffic of the streets read his first love letter from Maisie:

DEAR MR. SANDS—How chivalrous and nice of you! It was a bet, you know.

He did not read any more, but strode homeward. He had been a pretty kind of fool anyhow—a vain ass too. As if a beautiful girl like that—then he began to laugh. At any rate, he was free again—free! But somehow he wasn't quite sure that he wanted to be so very free. The furniture had begun to interest him.

They met the next evening at Lady Vaughan's. She received him with a very bright smile, and they danced. They danced several times, and then he said at the end, "I suppose you couldn't care for me, could you?" And she colored all over and said, "Oh, no, I couldn't—not anyhow in the world!"

Fate threw them together. They constantly met. She tried to avoid him, but he would not let her, and she ceased at last to try. At the end of three months he again asked her to be his wife. The tears crept into her eyes then, and she said, "You are very kind and chivalrous, and I am very grateful, but I can't—indeed I can't!" So that he went away conscious that there was a barrier between them he could not break down. He went abroad with Welby and proved a preposterously dull companion.

"She will never have me," he said one day irrelevantly. "I believe it's all because of that confounded telegram."

"Most likely."

"What shall I do?"

"Forget her."

"That's what I have been trying to do, but she's crept somehow into my heart, and I can't."

"Wire, then!"

"What?"

"What she wired to you."

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Maisie was sitting with Mrs. Hamlin, and her pretty face was even paler than on the memorable occasion of the sending of the telegrams. "Ah," she said, "it is a pity! I care for him so much—so much—and it could never be now! Could it?"

"It's rather difficult," said Mrs. Hamlin. "How mad of us all to have let you do it! We didn't realize till the things were gone. Your spirits carried me away. He's abroad, isn't he?"

"Yes, and I can't bear it, but I must. That's life, isn't it?" she said with a little sad smile. "We all manage to bear what we can't." And then a telegram came, reply paid.

"What is it?" said Mrs. Hamlin.

"He has wired. Look!"

"And what are you going to say?"

The girl sat down upon her heels upon the floor and looked first into the fire and then at Mrs. Hamlin. "I think I ought to be polite. Don't you?" she said. "He was to me."

"Yes," said Mrs. Hamlin, "I think you should be polite."

And Miss Maisie was.

HAMMERING SENSE INTO HIM.

From Detroit Free Press.

"I'm cured," declared a young fellow with good looks and an abundance of animal spirits to several of his boon companions the other evening. "You know that my sister Lena clerks down town and is frequently detained till after dark. On such occasions she always walks home with a girl friend in the same establishment. Lena has always said that if any man ever tried to stop them she would make it so hot for him shat he would try to find some honest employment, and I thought I'd just test her courage for the fun of the thing.

"I did. When the girls were hurrying along about two blocks from home, I sprang out of an alley, stuck an empty revolver in their faces, ordered them to throw up their hands and told them that a scream from either of them would mean immediate death. The other girl went to screeching, but Lena was loaded for bear and swiped me over the head with an iron poker that had dangled from her belt under her cloak. I tried to explain, but she was too excited to heed anything but the job she had undertaken. I was knocked down, but she welted away till my scalp was slit in 20 directions. The cries of the other one brought a policeman, and even after the whole thing was explained he insisted on walking home with us to make sure of my identity. Under the impression that the policeman had clubbed me unmercifully, the old gentleman was calling for a weapon with which to annihilate him, when Lena hurriedly told the story.

"I'm 23, but father kicked me around the house three times and then threw me into bed. He informed me that the average lunatic could teach me common sense, and I believed him. I've sworn off on practical jokes."

DISEASE BEARING PARASITES.

Texas fever, an infectious disease of cattle which prevails as an endemic diaease in certain regions in the southern portion of the United States, has been shown, by the researches of Theobald Smith and other bacteriologists belonging to the agricultural department, to be due to a blood parasite belonging to the protoza (Pyrosoma bigeminum of Smith). In this disease the tick has been shown to be the intermediate host of the parasite. The ticks which fall from infected animals give birth to a numerous progeny in the pastures frequented by them, and these young ticks attach themselves to our animals which subsequently feed in the same pastures and transmit to them the fatal infection—Surgeon General Sternberg in popular Science Monthly.

Bride—"Here is a telegram from papa."

Groom—"What does he say?"

Bride (reads)—"Do not return and all will be forgiven."

A gold mine has been discovered at West Milan, N. H.

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