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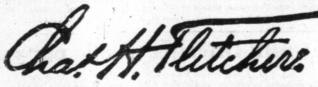
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[Copyright, 1900, by C. B. Lewis.] The first I knew about Miss Murdock, the stenographer and typewriter, moving into our skyscraper was when she sent for me to call at room 23. I found her to be a woman of 40, and I couldn't say that she was a dream of loveliness. She was tall and thin and scrawny, and her hair would have been gray if she hadn't bleached it. She put on a sweet smile as she greeted me, and of course I smiled back.

"Sammis," she began, "I have sent for you to say that I am all alone-all alone in this big world."

"Yes'm."

"Which is a sad thing for a young girl, you know. I like the frank, honest look of your face, and I hear good reports of you, and I have sent for you to ask if you wouldn't be my little brother. I once had a brother about your age, and I thought the world of him, but he died in my arms. Shall we

be brother and sister, Sammis?" I told her I was witling. I think that every elevator boy who has the interest of his employer at heart is always willing to be a son or brother to any lonely hearted tenant.

"You are so good!" she said as she kissed me on the ear and then stood off and tried to blush and look coy. "I shall call you Brother Sammis, and you can call me Sister Eva, and we will both have more to live for. Brother Sammis, do you think your sister a bad looking girlie?"

"You are a dream!" I replied. "And how old would you say I was?"

"About 20." "Ah, you young rogue, you must not

flatter me. I am almost 23. And how's

my walk, Sammis?" She rose up and wriggled and tiptoed back and forth and smiled and simpered, and I told her it was the gait of a 16-year-old maiden. She kissed me on the other ear for that, and then she told me in sisterly confidence that if any one sent her bouquets or invited her out to lunch I mustn't say anything about it. If any one asked her age, I was to put it at 23, and I was to be very, very discreet in case of little and I had a thorough understandings fits were to go her way. A week passed, and no one inquired her age, sent her bouquets or invited her to lunch. her bouquets or invited her to lunch. She sent for me to know the reason why, and I felt obliged to lie to her. It is no harm for a boy to lie to his sister. I told her that Mr. Jumper, on the floor above, was casting sheep's eyes at her; that Mr. Johnson, on the floor below, had praised her walk; that the gentleman in room 48 said that her face had reminded him of a Grecian goddess, and the cotton buyer in room 54 was dying to ask her out to lunch. She kissed me on the forehead and patted my shoulder and blushed, and the family conference broke up in great good

Now and then "Sister Eva" had a caller who wanted some work done, but the days passed, and the bouquets didn't shower down. I kept lying to her in a brotherly way, as it seemed my duty to do, but there came a day when I saw that something must be done or there would be a family row. I bought her a big bouquet and wrote the name of Mr. Saunders on a card and handed it in to her. Mr. Saunders was the gas engine man on the same floor. He was 60 years old, as dignified as a knot on a log, and few men dared to speak to him. "Sister Eva" was delighted. When I told her that an invitation to lunch would speedily follow, she blushed and simpered and looked so coy and shy that I was really proud of her. I hoped to get out of it with the bouquet, but she kept asking me every day if Mr. Saunders had said anything more, and I was finally driven to say that he would call very soon and ask her to bonor him with her company to lunch. I was wondering how many more lies I would have to tell to get out of the scrape when a sudden climax came. At noon one day Mr. Saunders called at her room with some work he wanted done at once. She had her Sunday clothes on, and as he entered she simpered and tiptoed around and put on her hat and said she felt so nored. He wasn't over two minutes destroying that poor girl's illusion. What he said or how he said it I don't know. I saw him go in, and, knowing that all was lost, I hid under the stairs. I heard him talking about light headed women and she answering back about fool headed men, and three minutes later I was a discovered elevator boy. "Sister Eva" bauled me out of my hiding place, and the way she did thump me around left me an almost helpies wreck. She hauled me into her room by the hair of the head and said I was brother. She boxed my head from side to side and said the family had been disgraced. She led me about by the ear and cast me out into the cold world without a sister, and three hours later she had moved out of the room and disappeared. I hoped that was the end of it, but it wasn't. Next day Mr. Saunders called me up to his room and, after giving me a shake which

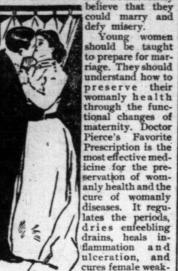
sened my teeth, he said: "Boy, you play another trick like that on me, and I won't leave a whole bon

your body!"

SAMMIS, the Elevator Boy. M. QUAD.

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"Nearer, My God, to Thee."

As a writer, as a poet, there were few in the literary world of London (in the '40's) who had not heard of Sarah Flower Adams, the gifted woman to whom all Christendom today pays homage in its love for her immortal hymn, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee.'' It was written in 1840, and had subsequently been set to music by Eliza Flower, and included in a collection of hymns written and composed by the two sisters. Only within that year had their book of 'Hymns and Anthems' been published, and the hymn that was destined to inspire the world had then been heard but once or twice, and within the walls of a single church-South Palace Chapel, London. In 1860 notes or theater tickets. Sister Eva sympathetic music quickened it into glorious life and brought it within before I left, but I can't say that I was the reach of every congregation and highly delighted to have found her. every Christian soul. But this was She didn't offer me a cent extra to help long after the author of the hymn pay off that mortgage on the widow's had passed away. She died in 1848, without knowing of the triumph and glory that awaited her work. Her

to her fame."

An interesting deremony took place in the English Chapel at Athens recently at the conclusion of a special Commemorative tablets were unveiled to two Englishmen who fell in the cause of the Greek independence-Frank Hastings, who perished in the revolution of 1828 in the Island Zante, and young Clement Gilbert Harris, by the Turks upon the was killed frontiers of Epirus in the last Graeco-Turkish war. The Crown Prince and Princess, Prince Nicholas, the British Minister and Consul, repre-sentatives of the Government and many other notables were present. The newspapers are full of eulogistic rticles expressing gratitude to the two Englishmen who came to fight or the liberty of a country in which Byrce and Canning are still heroic

Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful. Welcome it in every fair face, every fair sky, every fair flower, and thank Him for it who is the fountain of all lovliness, and drink it simply and earnestly with all your eyes; it is a charmed draught, a cup of blessing.-Charles

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How a Reporter Evened Up Matt With a Captions Editor.

"In one of our western cities som years ago," said a Kansas City man, "a friend of mine was employed as a report-er on one of the local papers. The next man above him was constantly taking him to task for alleged derelections in duty and especially for mistakes in gram-mar, punctuation and similar things. The my friend, while a man of force and able to write in a virile manner, was nevertheless deficient in education, and his grammar was occasionally as bad as some of that of Charles Dickens. One day he had been particularly vicious in his criticisms of my friend. The follow-ing morning there appeared an editortal from his pen, in which the following sentence occurred:

"'To be a true American one should visit the Rocky mountains and contemplate its beauty and grandeur.' "Here was the chance my friend had been waiting for, and so he cut the quota-tion out and sent it to the owner of the

paper, to whom both men were responsible, with the following comments: "The first thought suggested by this strange statement is that its author should visit a school of grammar and contemplate its beauty and grandeur. pronoun standing for a plural antecedent night be used to advantage in a reversion of the style, like the following, for exam-

"To be a true American one should visit the editor of The Blank and contemplate their beauty and grandeur. Aside from the offense to English in this admonition to the American people, will the sentiment itself stand analysis? If the dictum be true that to be a true American one should visit the Rocky mountains and contemplate its beauty and grandeur, what is to become of the fol

The man who cannot afford to in dulge in this visit and contemplation? The busy man who cannot find time to go on a mountain gazing tour? "The many good citizens who are

"The attention of the owner was arrested, and he made inquiries which resulted in his straightening out matters between the two men. While this drastic criticism perhaps did not improve the edmy friend's position while on the paper.

ON WHOM WAS THE LAUGH!

An Artist's Attempt to Have Fun The following good joke on a party of

artists (or was it on the picture dealer?) was told by George Bogert, who was one of the party, as an actual occurrence:
"One day," said Mr. Bogert, "Frederick Kost, Carleton Wiggins and my self were down town and for a lark stopped in one of those cheap picture shops where they sell oil paintings for about \$1.22. After looking about a bit Kost selected one, supposed to represent

a deer. Said he to the dealer:
"Beg pardon, sir, but I am green at this business. Will you mind explaining this picture? The deer appears to have a melancholy, hungry look on his face Am I right?'

"'Quite correct,' replied the dealer. 'Step over here. This is better.' You see, it's this way,' continued Kost confidentially: 'My wife and I are in the city for a few days to buy some paintings for our new house in Indiana. I have to get a few hundred dollars

worth, and I reckon I had as well get them all right here.' "The dealer nearly dropped in his tracks, but was equal to the emergency. "'Yes, sir,' he said briskly, 'you have come to the best place in town, but before we begin business, gentlemen, come

over to the Astor House and have lunch "'Thanks,' replied Kost without the ghost of a smile, 'we had a late break-fast at the Waldorf-Astoria and really don't care for anything just yet. By the way, have you any pictures by a man named Carleton Wiggins?'

"'No; we had one by Wiggins, but couldn't sell it. We don't handle his pic-'Anything by a fellow named Bogert?

"'No. Never expect to either. His are not worth having.' "'Ahem! Have you any works of the celebrated artist Frederick Kost?' "'Kost?' said the dealer, scratching his head meditatively. 'Kost? I don't

think I ever heard of him.'
"We were nearly choking with laughter before, but this last was too much, and the laugh we gave Kost put the dealer on, as the saying is. Without a word he put on his hat and, leaving his assistant in charge, marched out of the store, wearing a very pained expression on his

Queer New Year Superstitions. "Don't take a light out of the house before one has been brought in," is the solemn injunction on New Year's night of the peasantry of Lincolnshire, Eng-land. Death is certain to result if this

To permit a woman to enter the house first on New Year's day is said to be a sure forerunner of evil. The same results are said to follow the throwing out of dirty water, ashes or any kind of ref-

In sweeping the house the dust must In sweeping the house the dust must be swept from the door to the hearth or death will be the consequence. A custom largely observed at present is after making the fire in the morning to spread the ashes over the threshold. If in the morning there is an impression of a foot leading from the house, a death in that family is so firmly believed in that preparations are made for it, but if the footmark leads toward the house a birth during the year is sure, and preparations are made accordingly.

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Bright Stars Not the Largest.

size and the brilliancy of its surface. A faint star far away may therefore be much larger than one which appears brighter to us because it is nearer, and as a matter of fact it is known that some faint stars have a much larger mass—that is, weigh more—than Sirius, the brightest star in the heavens, although this latter star is three times heavier than our

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