

courteous man, humane, considerate; he stands the brunt of the beggars' onset with heroic endurance. On the first day he fought his way by simply emptying his pockets. More lately he has found out that he best satisfies everyone by giving to no one. More mendicants in rags are easily shaken off; not so petitioners in broadcloth and laced coats. "I'll attend to your affair. I have not forgotten you. Leave your petition with me. We cannot transact business in the streets. Come and see me at the office by and by. For God's sake leave me at peace. Let me breathe." At this rate, with a word for everyone—a kind word to the least intrusive, but, also, occasionally, a word of stern rebuke for the most troublesome—the great man accomplishes his walk, a slow progress over a short way, the crowd gathering around him as he advances, and closing densely and tumultuously in his rear. At the War Office, all along the spacious staircase in the hall, in the long row of antechambers, another and a larger throng has long been assembled—a motley throng; broken-down old men, ragged women, with infants in arms, at the outskirts; decent coats and gorgeous uniforms in the foremost places; over that multitude of faces an endless variety of expression, weariness of waiting, disappointment of former applications, consciousness of irresistible claims, disdain of the surrounding company, dogged determination to push through every obstacle, an ill-veiled sense of indignity, a proud conceit of the suitability of a reverse of fortunes, of an exchange of parts between the solicitor and the dispenser of patronage. Calm, dignified, sympathetic, the dispenser of patronage has to run the gauntlet of all that expectant crew. He has a stately bow for one who was formerly his superior; a familiar nod for an old comrade, hearty greeting for a bosom friend, for his heart is unchanged, though his position is altered, and the first requisite for the exercise of power is a prompt recollection of names and faces, a ready word for high and low, a lofty graciousness in granting a request, the balm of courteousness to soothe the wound of an unavoidable denial. "Well, and what can I do for you, my dear sir?" I heard him say to a well dressed but crippled old soldier, who, supported by two friends, was effectually barring the passage to the minister's private cabinet. "Tell me your business, but tell it quickly, for time is short and affairs are pressing—or stop," he added, a bright thought occurring to him as he fumbled in his pocket—"here is a four-dollar piece; perhaps that will answer your purpose better than any amount of talk between us." And, to my great astonishment, the purpose was answered. The well dressed cripple pocketed the golden affront, he fell back among the rest of the petitioners, and the minister was allowed to reach his sanctum without further molestation.

Four times in the day, from his home to his office, and back again from his office to his home, General Prim has to make his way through the same hindrances. And as his lot is so is that of Serrano, so is that of every one of his colleagues in the Cabinet, so is that of Olozaga and others, who, although not in power, are supposed to wield that influence to which power itself is subservient. Woo betide any man, woman, or child who may be suspected of being a wielder of influence! Domestic influence, backstairs influence, wheel within wheels, the whole machinery of personal or party interest is set to work to achieve the sacrifice of public to private interest.

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