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sistent on Occasion-The Experi-ences of Women Engaged In This Line In New York. "And this man." said the young woman, referring to the last name on the list, will give me a check tomorrow without

SUCCESSFUL AS DUNS.

The manager shook his head doubtful ly. "I don't take any stock in his promises," he said. "He is tight as the bark ises," he said. "He is tight as the bark on a tree and slippery as an eel. He never pays anything till he has to. He's been giving us that same old gag about paying tomorrow for the last six months."

"And he will keep his word this time," said the young woman confidently.

And he did. The next evening when she reported at the office the young woman turned in a check for the full amount owed by the tight individual. The situa-

man turned in a check for the full amount owed by the tight individual. The situation was so extraordinary that the manager scratched his head in perplexity. "Well," he said, "you certainly are a remarkably fine collector."

And after the young woman had eaten her dinner and had taken time to digest both the meal and the compliment she mue to the conclusion that she was in-

me to the conclusion that she was in-deed pretty good at the business. "It took me a long time to find out what I was good for," she said. "I tried my hand was good for," she said. I tried by at teaching, stenography, amateur gardening, dressmaking and photography successively and was a failure in each. Then I turned my mind to collecting.

"My first employment was with a

small publishing house up town. The owners owed everybody, and everybody owed them. They paid nobody, and no-body paid them. It took me just about two days to demonstrate to my own sattwo days to demonstrate the isfaction that I had at last struck the level of my abilities. I began straight off to take in money, and when at the end of the first week the manager footed up his receipts and found that I had collected subscriptions and advertising bills to the amount of \$1,000, which, considering the size of individual accounts was a sum as high as Pike's peak, he fell on my neck and called me blessed. The firm was too deep in the mire, however, to be pulled out even by the hand of a heaven born collector. Their liabilities so far led their assets that their only salation lay in bankruptcy, and this last refuge they finally sought when I had collected 99 cents on every dollar coming to them. I do not tell this in a spirit of rauity, but simply to refute the statement that a woman couldn't earn her salt at collecting. I know a dozen women in this town who are so employed, and each is considered a gem of great price by her employers."

A west side furniture dealer who has employed a woman collector for several years said that if there was any one years said that if there was any one thing he could take time to talk about even in his busiest moments it was the merits of the woman collector. "There was a time," he said, "when I vowed that I wouldn't have a petticoat around my store in any capacity. My attention was first attracted to the subject by the quick way one woman collector made me pay a bill. Physically the work for this store is hard. There is much walking to be done and many stairs to be climbed. be done and many stairs to be climbed.

Moreover, many of the people who buy our goods on the installment plan are disagreeable to deal with when it comes to collecting. But that is where I find the woman collector invaluable. Her fund of patience is inexhaustible, and she is inventive and resourceful to a degree. If she cannot get around a creditor one way, she will another, and, what is best of all,

the field of distinctly feminine labor, such as dressmaking, millinery and the like, that the woman collector seeks to win her laurels. When asked why this was so, one successful collector replied that it was a case of the refutation of the theory that like cures like. "It may take a thief to catch a thief, but it doesn't take a woman to make another woman pay her debts," she said. "I am the manager of a large collecting agency. I have both men and women in my employ, and when I have a bill against a woman I invariably send a man to collect it. Women who owe money know well enough that another woman sent to collect a bill can see right through their subterfuges, no matter how flimsy or how plausible. They do not care a straw for her opinion, how-ever, but they don't want to be found out by the men.

A Nassau street lawyer employs a woman collector whom he regards as an honor to her sex and the calling. "I don't always collect the money I set out to get," she said, when complimented on her achievements and consequent reputation.
"A year ago I set out to collect \$1,250 from a client of my employer. 'Go up to his office every day,' were my employer's instructions. 'Don't give him a minute's peace. Hound the very life out of him till he pays. Just walk right in, no matter who is there, and demand that \$1,250. He can't turn you out, because I did for him what no other lawyer in New York could have done, and it behooves him to

"For three months I obeyed those in-structions literally. I traveled up and down the elevator so often that every-body in the building came to know me as '—'s dun,' and the man hated the very sight of me. One day I was sick and very sight of me. One day I was sick and couldn't go down town. A second day I staid away and still a third. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the third day as my employer sat in his private office talking to a client the door was opened suddenly and a towheaded little boy stepped audaciously into the room.

"'Say,' he said, 'I'm —'s boy, an my

boss wants to know why that woman ain't been over for that \$1,250 he owes

"I positively refused to call after that, and we never did get the money. But you don't come across many people like that."

Events will take their course—we cannot help or hinder them to any great extent, therefore why worry about them. The old saying, "Do not cross a bridge until you come to it," is very old and hackneyed, but nevertheless it is good, sound logic. When we cannot help a thing, we might as well reserve the worry until the time of disaster comes. It will save the face from being wriakled, will keep the temper from becoming worse and will make the brain clearer.

A good way to do is to go straight ahead and let things work out by themselves and to accept the fact that things cannot be helped.

OFFICIAL SIGNATURES.

Work That Has to Be Done by Presidents and Cabinet Officers," said sprivate secretary of one of the former, "lose a lot of valuable time in signing their names to official documents which are given life by the scrawl traced so hurriedly upon them.

"Ancient official documents show that when George Washington signed his name during the early part of his first administration he frequently wrote it 'George Washington,' although his favorite signature and the one he commonly signed was 'Go. Washington.' It has also been found on documents written 'G. Washington.' Doubts may be entertained as to the accuracy of this statement, as the almost universal signature known to the public is with his first name abbreviated 'Go.,' but the facts are as I state them.

"When Mr. Lincoln first entered the White House, he always signed his name in full, 'Abraham Lincoln.' Subsequently he abbreviated his official signature to the 'A. Lincoln' of familiar sight.

"Mr. Cleveland elided one of his Christian names before he came to Washington, and he always wrote 'Grover Cieveland' in full.

"The president devotes a specified time

land' in full.
"The president devotes a specified time daily to affixing his signature to papers of state, and the commissions of army, navy and other officers bearing presidennavy and other omcers bearing presiden-tial appointments, and presidential post-masters, of whom there are about 3,500, changing with each administration or re-commissioned if reappointed. Mr. Lin-coln ewidently found that it consumed to much time to write his name in full, and this is the reason, no doubt, why he ab-

breviated it.
"It cannot be said with exactness "It cannot be said with exactness which of the cabinet officers signs his name the most frequently. I believe, however, that it is the postmaster general. Not only does he affix his signature to the countless official papers of the department in common with his confreres, but he signs the commissions of all the postmasters of the fourth class. all the postmasters of the fourth class, and they approximate 70,000. Some-times one postoffice will be commission-ed several times during the term of the incumbent postmaster general, and it would not be far out of the way to say that he signs from 80,000 to 100,000 fourth class postmasters' commissions during his term.

"Cabinet officers acquire great rapidity in making these formal signatures, and they hurry through with it, as it is a task and blocks other more important work. Messengers stand by the side of the chief presenting the commissions or papers with one hand while they quickly blot each signature as made with the other."

OILS FROM THE WHALE.

They Possess Certain Qualities Which Keep Them In Demand. "Whale oil," said a dealer in oils, "is to ome extent used as a lubricating oil, but not to a very large extent. When used for lubricating purposes, it is more often compounded with mineral oils, which are

cheaper. Whale oil is used for tempering steel. It is still used in a limited way by some people as an illuminating oil.
Whale oil is used for making whale oil soap, used for killing worms on trees.
"Sperm oil is a fine lubricating oil, used on fine machinery, large and small. The fine sewing machine oil is likely to be sperm oil. It is used for illuminating purposes in safety lamps in warehouses, be-cause of its small liability to explode, sperm standing a higher degree of heat than mineral oils. It is used as a signal oil on shipboard, for lamps and lanterns and for side lights, and so on, and on steamers for a lubricating oil. For all these purposes mineral oils and lubricat-ing compounds have more or less sup-planted it because of their greater cheap-

ness, but sperm oil is nevertheless in de-mand for them. There are some other uses for whale oil and for sperm oil, which are still sold to larger and smaller users by the barrel or the can or gallon. "The desirable qualities for some uses of these oils, once so commonly used, make a market for the comparatively small and diminishing quantities of them now brought to sale, even though their prices are higher than those of the oils that

are nigher than those of the oils that have so commonly supplanted them.

"There is an oil produced from some part of the head of the whale that is much more costly than either whale oil or sperm oil. It sells in fact for as much as \$10 a gallon. This is watch oil, and it may be bought of dealers in watch sup-plies. It is used for oiling watches and also for oiling the arbors or journals of the wheels of tower clocks. It is not only a fine lubricant, but it withstands cold remarkably well, not freezing except at an extremely low temperature, for which reason it is very desirable for such use in cold and exposed situations."

General Stark In a Hole.

There is nothing like old letters and old diaries for bringing history to life again. What historian has drawn such a picture of the hero of Bennington as this, borrowed from the journal of Colo-nel Israel Angel of Rhode Island? Even the spelling gives color to the truth of the

"Septr 21st 1780. A Rany morning but Soon broak away the gentlemen met again this day to Settle the dispute between Barron Steuben and Col Hazen but did not finish the business, went to dobbs Ferry in the afternoon on our way back a merry scean happened Genl Stark going to water his hors at a place Call'd The Stole, mired him, and got him into the mud and mire. The Genl Got out without any damage Except bedaubing himself with mud, the adj. gen. allso mired his hors, but he got out without difficulty. Genl. Stark was drawd out by the Soldiers."—Youth's Companion. Companion.

Imitation Teeth.

At an earlier period in the development of the art imitation teeth were made as perfect as possible, in respect to both shape and whiteness, so that their very freedom from blemish often rendered their falsity more conspicuous. Nowadays the matter is better understood, and defects are purposely made in order to contribute to illusion.

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A Little Off. "My necktie is disarranged," Sher-

lock Holmes, Jr., suddeniy exciaimeu. His companion looked at him and "How do you know? You haven't

felt of it, and there is no mirror here that you could have looked into. Sometimes, Mr. Holmes, I am almost forced, in spite of your declarations that you do these wonderful things by reasonable, human processes, to believe that you must be gifted with second sight. Now what has convinced you that your necktie is disarranged?"

"I noticed a man look at my tie just now and then feel of his own," the

great detective answered.
"Wonderful! Wonderful! Only your tie is all right."

To Pack Eggs For Long Keeping. The yolk of the egg spoils much quicker than the white. For th's reason it is important that the yolk should be surrounded with a layer of the white. If the egg is placed on the side or large end the heavy yolk will settle to the bottom and come in contact with the shell, which admits the air. If it is placed on the small end it will always have a layer of white between it and the shell. Eggs absorb odors easily, therefore only odorless materials should be used when packing

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