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The Social Ladder

It Was Successfully Climbed by a Mother and Daughter.

By ETHEL HOLMES

A stagecoach lumbered up a zigzag road in the Rocky mountains. On the outside seat behind the driver sat a gentleman whose eminently respectable traveling suit and his clean cut features indicated that he was to the manner born. Beside him sat a young man in the costume of the country. His shirt was flannel; his hat was a sombrero.

On the next seat back sat a lady, the aristocratic gentleman's wife, and beside her a girl of nineteen, their daughter. The man in the sombrero was telling them about the mountains and its people and pointing out the more prominent peaks, to which the travelers listened with great interest.

The sun was hot, the pace was slow. and the two combined tended to make the driver drowsy. When the coach reached an eminence and started down an incline, instead of being wide awake, to the dangers of mountain travel he was nodding. He not only failed to put on the brake, but dropped the reins. He was awakened by the shouts of the passengers behind him, who saw a terrible death staring them in the face. The horses, unchecked, started down the slope and were soon going at a breakneck pace.

The driver basely abandoned his post and, putting his foot on the iron step beside him, swung himself to the The young man who had ground, been pointing out objects of interest let himself down over the footboard on to the tongue, gathered up the reins, quickly remounted to the box, put on the brake and managed to reduce the pace sufficiently to enable the coach to turn a curve without going over a precipice. Then after a further short scent he brought the horses to a standstill. The first sensation that came to him after it was all over was feeling the arms of the aristocratic gentleman about his neck.

One day a couple of years after this episode Mrs. Murphy and her daughter, while bowling along Ocean avenue at Newport, received a terrible shock. "Oh, heavens, mother, there's Barton Keith! Look the other way, quick!"

Miss Murphy, pretending to see something to which she desired to call her mother's attention, pointed in the opposite direction from the young man, be carriage rolled by, and the w began to discuss the situation.
"What in the world could have

brought him here?" exclaimed the

"I would as soon have expected to see a Mississippi pilot."

"Bart has been a stage driver." "He'll tell everybody here all about

"He won't know any one to tell." "It seems hard to cut him after that affair you had with him."

There have been changes since then. At that time father was building his little branch ratiroad. He hadn't got on to the main line."
"Well, I don't think there's much

danger, considering that he can't have any entree here. Heaven knows what a time we've had even to get in on the outer circle. How can Bart Keith with no money get in at all?"

"He may be prosperous. He's well enough dressed." "Yes, he quite looked like one of the

swells. I wonder why he's here?" That night there was a grand func-tion at one of the "cottages," and the next morning Mary Murphy ran to her mother with a newspaper in her hand

and her eyes wide open.

"For land's sake, mother, listen to
this: 'Among those present at Mrs.
Atherton's last night was Mr. Barton Keith." "You don't mean it!"

"How in the name of conscience do you suppose he got in there?" "I can't imagine. I know we couldn't

get a bid." "He must have a pull somewhere "Your father had a pull, but it didn't work. He offered Peter Jones a tip on the stock of our road if he'd get

him an invitation to the Athertons'. But Pete said they were of the old New York blue blood and rich besides. These people who have both blood and noney are the hardest of all to move." "Oho! Here's the explanation!" and

she read a social item:
"'Mr. Barton Keith is visting Mr.

and Mrs. Emerson Forbes."

"Oh, my goodness gracious!" exclaimed the mother. "How in the world did he ever get in with them?" There was a silence between the two which Mary ended by saying. "Mother, we've gone and done it?"



"So we have." "We must find a way to take a back track."

"But we're entirely ignorant of the key to the position."
"What do you mean by that?"

"So we must."

"We don't know what reason the Forbes have for taking in Bart." "Do you suppose they know what

he's been?" "Of course they do. Bart couldn't keep it if he wished. That's the singular part of it. The Forbes have been prominent in New York and Newport society for a hundred years. But one thing I have noticed in these old

families—they're more independent about whom they take up than any other people. I can't imagine those Perkinses, who made their money in fertilizing material, having anything to do with Bart Keith. You know how they snubbed us." "Yes, indeed I do, and I'm waiting

for the time to come when I can get even with them.' "But, mother, how are we to fix it up with Bart?"

"I don't know, Mame, unless you have the same power you used to have over him."

Mame cast a glance in a mirror. Art had done a great deal for her since she waited on the railroad men her mother fed in their days of poverty. Nothing that money could buy was now denied her. But she knew Bart Keith well. He had loved her in calico, and to love her in costly fabrics must incite an entirely new sensation. Besides, he was in the swim at Newport, where he would meet the finest costumes in America, to say nothing of the women they incased. To make matters worse she had cut him.

"Mother," she said, "I believe I'll write him a line saying I've heard of his being in Newport and telling him we're here. That'll look as if we hadn't seen him on the avenue."

"Do you think he'd tumble to it?" The girl pondered awhile, then admitted that she knew very well he wouldn't; their eyes had met and there had been a mutual recognition. She dared not write the note.

from Keith. He told her that, having heard she was at Newport, he had come on from the west to find her. But time had made great changes for both of them and he did not doubt she was following a course which seemed inviting to her in her new sphere. He shrank from parting with her without letting her know that he had kept the boyish promises made years ago. He refrained from mentioning the cut she had given him, but it was evident it was this that had turned him from her. He closed his epistle with the word "farewell," and she knew that he had passed beyond recall.

For a time the Murphys heard that Keith was being introduced under the wing of the Forbeses. Then they began to hear his name mentioned among the people and in the society notes inde-pendently of his introducers, and it was not long before they learned that which travels on the wings of the wind. Keith was rich. He had become interested in certain western speculations with Mr. Forbes, and the two had made money together. Then came a rumor that Keith was to marry Miss Alice Forbes.

Up to this time the Murphys had merely wondered. Now they were astonished. And over Mary Murphy came a wave of regret. It was not for the loss of Barton Keith's wealth or position; it was for Keith himself. The prize they sought for and for which she had snubbed the lover of her young girlhood every day seemed farther from her grasp. Despite their millions the Murphys found it impossible to effect an entrance into Newport society.' Mary had become accustomed to wealth, and it failed to satisfy her. She was hungry for the boyish love that had been hers in poverty, but she had thrown it away.

The report that Keith was to marry Miss Alice Forbes proved true. When ed the Murphys read in the society columns of a New York newspaper a story concerning the contracting par-ties that gave them the key to the situation. It told how Mr. and Mrs. Forbes and their daughter were fraveling in the Rocky mountains, how a stage driver fell asleep, how a young man who had been formerly a handler

of the ribbons saved the pr from death, how Mr. Forbes had taken him up and enabled him to make a for une. But the story did not tell the most important feature that had led to the union—a young girl seeing an act of cool bravery on the part of a young

The wedding of Barton Keith and Alice Forbes was not celebrated with that splendor usual to nuptials in the fashionable world. It was said that this was in deference to the wishes of the groom, who bore the reputation of being an extremely modest man. He devoted himself to business, his only recreation being driving four-inhands, and this was supposed to be in memory of experiences of former days.
"Mother," said Mary Murphy one day, "I have a plan."

"What is it, Mame?" "We can't break through the shell of this Newport egg. We must go else-

"Where shall we go?" "To London."

"Good gracious, daughter! If we can't succeed here, how can we do so among the British nobility?"

"Others who have failed here have succeeded there. Leave it to me. Money, dear mother, is the power that doors wherever money is needful. These British nobles are getting Our people are getting rich. Many here have always been rich, and some care nothing about becoming richer. In England commoners have been getting rich, while the nobles have been getting poor. Noblemen would prefer to marry an American to a commoner of their own country, there being no titles here. I shall go to London, marry a title and come back here for just long enough to snub those who have snubbed us."

Two years later Mary Murphy re-turned to Newport as the Countess of Munkennon. Her advent was heralded, and when she arrived invitations were piled on her table. Before looking for those she intended to accept she picked out those from certain peo-ple who had snubbed her as Miss Murphy and sent immediate "regrets."

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Many other curious fashions prevailed in different localities. In some the young men rode or ran to the bride's house for a bottle of rum. In others the bees were told of the wedding and given bride cake. In still others the unmarried girls scrambled for the bride's garter to see who would be married next.—Alice Morse Earle in Magazine of American History.

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