O. Henry Stories

X.-Helping the Other Fellow.

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[Copyright by Frank A. Munsey Co.] But can thim that help others help thim-



HIS is the story that William Trot ter told me on the beach at Aguas Frescas while waited for the gig of the captain of the fruit steamer Andador, which was to take me

aboard. Reluctantly I was leaving the Land of Always Afternoon. William was remaining, and he favored me with a condensed oral autobiography as we sat on the sands in the shade cast by the Bodega Nacional. As usual, I became aware that the

Man from Bombay had already writ ten the story, but as he had compressed it to an eight word sentence I have be come an expansionist and have quoted his phrase above with apologies to him and best regards to Terence. "Don't you ever have a desire to go

back to the land of derby hats an starched collars?" I asked him. "You seem to be a handy man and a man of action," I continued, "and I am sure] could find you a comfortable job some where in the States."

Ragged, shiftless, barefooted, a con firmed eater of the lotos, William Trot ter had pleased me much, and I hated to see him gobbled up by the tropics. "I've no doubt you could," he said idly splitting the bark from a section of sugar cane. "I've no doubt you could do much for me. If every man could do as much for himself as he can for others every country in the world would be holding millenniums instead of centennials."

There seemed to be pabulum in W T.'s words. And then another ides says he, 'and I'll show you what brains came to me.

I had a brother in Chicopee Falls who owned manufactories-cotton or sugar or AA sheetings or something in the commercial line. He was vulgarly rich, and therefore reverenced peace.'

"Great!' says I. 'I'll go with you. art. The artistic temperament of the I knew that Brother James would hon | just now, but give me liberty as second or my slightest wish. I would demand from him a position in cotton or sugar or sheetings for William Trotter-some thing, say, at \$200 a month or there abouts. I confided my beliefs and made my propositions to William. He had pleased me much, and he was

While we were talking there was a sound of firing guns-four or five, rat ful noise came from the direction of rum or any of its ramifications for the cuartel, which is a kind of make mine. It's one of my non-weaknesses.' shift barracks for the soldiers of the

republic. "Hear that?" said William Trotter.

"Let me tell you about it. "A year ago I landed on this coast with one solitary dollar. I have the same sum in my pocket today. I was second cook on a tramp fruiter, and they marooned

me here early one

morning without

benefit of clergy

just because 1

instead of cheese.

"When they



face and white William Trotter.

somewhat under the influence, came and sat down beside me. "I had noticed there was a kind of a village back of the beach, and enough gate was open, and he walked inside scenery to outfit a dozen moving pic- and up to the president's table as confiture shows. But I thought, of course, dent as a man who knows the head it was a cannibal suburb, and I was waiter in a fifteen cent restaurant. given, making matters worse. wondering whether I was to be serv- And I went with him because I had ed with carrots or mushrooms. And, only 75 cents, and there was nothing as I say, this dressed up man sits be- else to do. space of a minute or two. For an hour and looks, colored man as he was, like we talked, and he told me all about it. he was about to call out for corporal of



parts, conscientiousness and plausibility, besides being educated and a wreck to his appetites. He told me all about it. Colleges had turned him out and distilleries had taken him in. Did I tell you his name? It was Clifford Wainwright. I didn't exactly catch the cause of his being cast away on that particular stretch of South America, but I reckon it was his own business. I asked him if he'd ever been second cook on a tramp fruiter, and he said no; so that concluded my line of surmises. But he talked like the encyclopedia from 'A-Berlin' to Trilo-Zyria.' And he carried a watch -a silver arrangement with works and up to date within twenty-four bours, anyhow.

"T'm pleased to have met you, says Wainwright. 'I'm a devotee to the great joss Booze, but my ruminating ing a solid republic out of the wreck of facilities are unrepaired, says he, or one. I didn't follow his arguments words to that effect. 'And I hate,' says with any special collocation of interhe, 'to see fools trying to run the national intelligibility, but he had Mr.

there are many kinds of fools, and the white linen tablecloth all over with world runs on its own apex, accord figures and estimates and deductions. ing to science, with no meddling from He speaks more or less disrespectfully

ury is empty, it's on the verge of war ernment require, and when he gets with Nicamala, and if it wasn't for the hot weather the people would be shakes his hand and says he's saved starting revolutions in every town. Here is a nation,' goes on Wainwright, 'on the brink of destruction. A man of intelligence could rescue it from its impending doom in one day by issuing the necessary edicts and orders. President Gomez knows nothing of states manship or policy. Do you know Adam Smith?

"'Lemme see,' says I. 'There was a one eared man named Smith in Fort Worth, Tex., but I think his first name was'-

"'I am referring to the political econ omist,' says Wainwright. "'S'mother Smith, then,' says I. 'The one I speak of never was ar-

rested. "So Wainwright boils some more with indignation at the insensibility of people who are not corpulent to fill public positions, and then he tells me he is going out to the president's summer palace, which is four miles from Aguas Frescas, to instruct him in the art of running steam heated republics. "'Come along with me, Trotter,'

can do. "'Anything in it?' I asks. "The satisfaction,' says he, 'of redeeming a country of 200,000 popula-

tion from ruin back to prosperity and family was monopolized at my birth I'd prefer to eat a live broiled lobster choice if I can't be in at the death.'

"Wainwright and me permeates through the town, and he halts at a rum dispensary. "'Have you any money?' he asks. "I have,' says I, fishing out my silver dollar. 'I always go about with

adequate sums of money.' "'Then we'll drink,' says Wainwright. "'Not me,' says I. 'Not any demon

"It's my failing' says he. 'What's your particular soft point? "Industry,' says I promptly. 'I'm

hardworking, diligent, industrious and "'My dear Mr. Trotter,' says he 'surely I've known you long enough to tell you you are a liar. Every man must have his own particular weakness and his own particular strength in other things. Now you will buy me a

drink of rum, and we will call on President Gomez. "Well, sir," Trotter went on, "we poulticed the face of the first walks the four miles out, through a mate with a virgin conservatory of palms and ferns cheese omelet at and other roof garden products, to the dinner. The fel- president's summer White House. It low had kicked was blue and reminded you of what because I'd put you see on the stage in the third act, horseradish in it which they describe as 'same as the

first' on the programs.

"There was more than fifty people threw me out of | waiting outside the iron fence that surthe yawl into rounded the house and grounds. There three feet of surf was generals, agitators and epergnes waded ashore in gold lace uniforms and citizens and sat down under a palm tree. waiting to get an audience with the roy-By and by a fine | al five card draw. And in a kind of a looking white summer house in front of the mansion man with a red | we could see a burned sienna man eating breakfast out of gold dishes and clothes, genteel taking his time. I judged that the as possible, but crowd outside had come out for their morning orders and requests and was

afraid to intrude. "But C. Wainwright wasn't. The

"The Gomez man rises from his chair the guard, post No. 1. But Wainwright says some phrases to him in a peculiarlubricating manner, and the first thing you know we was all three of us seated at the table, with coffee and rolls and iguana cutlets coming as fast as about ninety peons could rustle 'em.

"And then Wainwright begins to talk, but the president interrupts him. "'You Yankees,' says he, polite, 'assuredly take the cake for assurance, I assure you,' or words to that effect. to walk than to ride. May I suggest some refreshments?' says he.

"'Rum,' says Wainwright. "'Gimme a cigar,' says I. "Well, sir, the two talked an hour, keeping the generals and equities all in their gold uniforms waiting outside I listened to Clifford Wainwright mak- slightly.



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Gomez's attention glued and riveted. "'I never touch a drop,' says I, 'and He takes out a pencil and marks the of import and export duties and cus-"'I was referring,' says he, 'to the tom house receipts and taxes and president of this republic. His country treaties and budgets and concessions is in a desperate condition. Its treas- and such truck that politics and gov-

the country and the people. "'You shall be rewarded,' says the president. "'Might I suggest another rum?"

says Wainwright. "'Cigar for me-darker brand,' says I. Wainwright back to the town in a vic- marks his front line trench. toria hitched to

two flea bitten

of the world that he had learned in books, I took hold of him easy and (To be continued)

DOCTORING THE HUNS WITH THEIR nperceptible zephyr. "Eleven O'clock"

Gas Attacks, Used First by Against Them.

CARE TAKEN TO

Waves of the Vapor, Sent the gas will not reach the enemy's Over to Enemy Trenches, Pays Them for Ypres.

dence of the Associated Press) - almost inhuman appearance. Masked Before the "big squeeze" began discussion of British gas attacks was strictly prohibited but now the taboo has been lifted, and a British "gasman" has been allowed to write chests, they look like some of the a graphic account of the work of his own special corps whose business it about in the books of Mr. H. G. s, he says "to doctor the Germans Wells."
"Behind our lines." he writes,

'the sun set in a blaze of glory. A glance over the parapet shows the gray mists of twilight; but 150 still air. The feeble breeze has died yards away, like a brown earth shad-completely. Hurriedly the order runs ow among the grays, hangs the rusty down the line: 'Cancel and stand by. "'Cigar for me—darker brand,' says I. barbed wire of the enemy and just Behind their masks the gasmen grunt "Well, sir, the president sent me and teyond a white, chalky upthrow disgustedly. But suddenly—crack!

Connect Up "Connect up!" The order comes countermanded and the quiet of the down the line from one bay of the trench to another, and the gasmen immediately get busy. The front tows of neatly piled sandbags of which each fire-step is apparently colidly built are pulled out and discolidly built are pulled out and discolid built

inveigled him into a walk out a couple of miles from the village, there and four way joints, spigots, where there was and screw-jet, and upon these, with an old grass hut spanner and key, the gasmen start on the bank of work. The cylinders are all conect-Favoring Breeze Needed

did sailors scan the sky more intentbie ly than the gasmen watch their lit-

HOW TO KEEP WELL

BY JOHN W. S. McCULLOUGH, M.D., D.P.H., CHIEF OFFICER OF THE PROVINCIAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

ORTUNATE INDEED is the baby who is nursed by its mother and who thus avoids the danger of summer complaint which follows in the track of dirty milk. But the baby must be weaned sooner or later! It cannot go on nursing forever. When shall the baby be weaned? The careful mother will endeavor not to wean the baby in very hot weather; and, while this is of importance, other considerations edge is rapidly approaching the Gerof equal or even greater moment must be taken into account by the nursing nother. A healthy child should be weaned at the ninth or tenth month. At the sixth or seventh month the front teeth appear. What does this mean? It indicates that the child is getting ready to take care of other food than the mother's milk. In weakly children the eruption of the teeth may be delayed somewhat, but whenever the teeth do appear they must be taken as a

The weight of the baby, increasing as it should from week to week, is one of the most important indications of the baby's health. If all is going well, the weight increases steadily; if the weight is stationary or if losing weight, it is evidence that the breast mllk is unsuitable, and the baby should be weaned, or partly weaned, irrespective of age. If the mother is suffering from any acute or chronic disease, or if pregnant, the baby should

As to the best time for weaning. Do not depend on the time of the moon or any such nonsense. All things being equal, the early spring or late

When the first teeth appear along about the sixth or seventh month, substitute first one regular nursing with four (4) ounces of good dow's milk and two (2) ounces of barley water sweetened with a little sugar of milk. After two days substitute this for two regular nursings, and at the end of a couple of weeks the milk and barley water may be given alternately with the nursing. By the ninth or tenth month the breast may be discontinued altogether. In this way the baby will be weaned gradually and will not usually miss the breast.

The greatest trouble is with the anxious mother, who is apt to think

that the baby is not getting enough. Many mothers think the baby is always hungry and they give it too much food; the more food the baby gets the more irritable it becomes. It cries not because of hunger but because its stomach is overfilled. The cry is interpreted wrongly and more food is

After weaning, the diet should comprise milk and barley water or milk with the broth of oatmeal, chicken or beef, some stewed fruit, orange juice, a crust of bread, and later a soft-boiled egg. Be sure and give the baby plenty of pure water, and keep it in the

open air as much as possible. If the baby is fretful, keeping it in its cot or carriage in the open air is the best sedative. Don't give it soothing syrup, paregoric, or any other

The pulse is produced by the action of the heart forcing the blood through the arteries, just as a fire engine forces water through hose at a fire. The blood is sent from the left side of the heart through the arteries, capillaries, and veins of one's body to the right side of the heart, thence to the lungs, where it is purified by the air we breathe. From the lungs it passes to the left side of the heart and then through THE PULSE AND
the body again. If one presses one's finger on an artery, such as the radial, on the instant an impulse is felt; this is the pulse. If, as is commonly the case, it beats 70 times to the minute the pulse rate is 70. Various factors influence the pulse rate. When one is lying down it is He spoke English better than you or me. You've had a long walk,' says he, 'but it's nicer in the cool morning as the temperature (which in a well person is 98 Deg. F.) For example, a pulse of 110 should carry a temperature of 104 Deg. F., but there are

In typhoid fever, with a temperature of 104 Deg. F., the pulse would probably be lower than 110. In diphtheria the pulse runs higher, a temperature of 100 Deg. F. often giving a pulse of 120.

Some infections like diphtheria and tuberculosis stir the pulse-rate to a high degree. A consumptive with a temperature of 100 Deg. F. would likely have a pulse of 120. A very slight infection of consump the fence, and while I smoked, silent, raise the pulse five or ten beats, while the temperature may be raised very, The transfer of the same of th

tle inconspicuous wind guages, fixel to the edge of a trench. They must have a wind of a certain direction, and they prefer it of a certain strength. On this occasion the direction is satisfactory enough, but the breeze shows signs of weakness, and casionally falls to a mere, almos

"When not watching the wind, the gasmen are watching their pipes; repeatedly feeling and testing every inch of tube and joint, for none know better than they the danger of Huns, Now Often Turned leakage of the escape of gas into their own trenches. Persistently and officer passed down the line, casting rapid though keen glances as he goes at each set of cylinders and the connecting pipes. And in every bay PREVENT LEAKS he pauses and whispers two words to the corporal in charge: 'Eleven o'clock.' But the wind, without which trench and do its deadly work among its occupants, begins to peter out.

"At ten-fifty the gasmen don their special respirators, which in the dim London, Aug. 5.—(Correspon- light, gives the wearers a strange,

Infantry Indifferent to Wind's

Direction. "But not a breath disturbs the crack! ! rat-a-tat! rat-a-tat-tat! The orders to the infantry have not been "Connect up!" The order comes countermanded and the quiet of the

a regular beach and ominous, the cowled heads of a der heads lying bare and exposed comber, the smartest man on the whole coast, but kept down by rum. I weighs about 130 pounds and control weight wei liked him.

"One day I inveigled him are inveigned are inveigned as a company out of action.

When day breaks a fair wind i blowing, straight towards the Ger-"You shall be rewarded," says the president.

on the bank of work. The cylinders are all conectations as little river, ed up in series, and nothing remains now broad daylight, and the gas will be visible as soon as it leaves will be visible as soon as it leaves will be visible as soon as it leaves the president.

grass, talking beautiful of the wisdom in order to release the deadly fumes.

Favoring Breeze Needed

"But something is required to will be running messengers and hurded his hands and feet together with carry the gas over to the German ried telephoning in the German leather thongs that I had in my lines—a favoring breeze—and never lines. They know that within few minutes the word will have reached the German big guns at the back, and that every piece capable of flattening out a parapet and burying them, mangled and broken, among their own cylinders will be concentrated upon the front line ench in which they stand,

The Gas Attack

"Time! Over the top the jet pipes are flung, and then, simul-taneously along the almost two ilant hiss, as of some monstrous and venomous snake suddenly aroused from slumber. Now the gasmen are working frantically with wheel and spanner and key, and the hiss inreases in shrillness and volume. Outside the parapet the green poiscn fog is already spreading like a blanket over No-Man's land. Carried ceaselessly forward its outer man trenches, into which it will pre

sently sink. "No rifle or machine gun has been ordered this time, and from either line scarcely a sound is heard except the deadly hiss of the escaping fumes. The minutes pass in tense, ominous quiet.

Watch for Leckages

"Behind their masks the gas egan to breathe more freely, and hen, suddenly, on the left, 'Crash And 'crash' again, and yet again This time on the right, somewhere se at hand. The men crouch low over their cylinders; the explos llow one another almost too rapidly to count, and in any case their minds are no longer fitted to count or care. Only the valves must be turned, and the pipes must be watched, and the sudden spurt of vapor which marks a leak must be checked by the application of a handful of ud, which the gas itself immediate ly freezes into an iron hard and imenetrable mass.

"Closing-up time! Rapidly the valves are shut down, the jet pipes withdrawn and plugged and stacked away. Feverishly the men work at bagging up their cylinders again Imperturably a sergeant stalks down he ruined and battered trench, shep herding his flock towards their dug out. He is an old times—a transfer from the infantry—and he scarcely puivers as a shell bursts behind traverse he has just left. Quietly h rects two of the men to carry an inconscious case to the nearest point the communication trench where stretcher bearers may be found. The Effects

"In the dugout, with the shells still pounding overhead, the section's roll is called. Most of the men ans wer to their names. Some are ans wered by comrades as wounded an or others no one answers at all. "But over in the German trenche nundreds of men are choking and gasping in agony for an hour before they can die. They have been made o quaff their own medicine."

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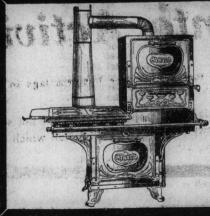
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