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"Yes, yes, I am perfectly willing to acknowledge that you are hardworking, honorable and trustworthy. Surely I have proved that by taking you so completely into my confidence in business matters. But that is not sufficient. The man who marries my daughter must have shown some striking evidence of business acumen before I give my consent." Mr. Brampton, banker and diamond merchant, wiped his glasses and sat back in the comfortable chair of his private office, dismissing the whole matter with a wave of his hand.

Eric Wilmontan, his confidential secretary, also tried to forget the matter, temporarily, but with less success. "He's such a self-willed old gentleman," he thought, "that if he weren't Doris' father I should call him a stubborn old fool." This heretical train of thought was broken by the entrance of a clerk with a card. He took it. "Mr. Wilfred Norton Harrington to see you," he said. "I don't think he's a client of ours."

"Harrington, Harrington," murmured his employer. "I don't recollect the name. Oh, yes, though I fancy he must be the son of that wealthy old Harrington of San Francisco who died a couple of months ago. I heard that the young man was going to settle in New York. Send him in," he added to the clerk.

The latter retired and presently admitted a tall, clean shaven man of about forty, dressed in a top hat and fashionably cut frock coat which did not seem to fit him.

"Mr. Brampton, I believe, I should like to transact some private business with you if you can spare the time," said the stranger.

"My secretary is entirely in my confidence," answered Mr. Brampton. "In fact, I depend on him a good deal, so you may speak quite freely."

Mr. Harrington sat down and placed a red morocco velvet case on the table. "I have no doubt you know of my father's death some two months ago, and also that I have purchased No. 8—Fifth avenue. I have my affairs pretty well settled now, but in looking over the jewelry left by my father I find that there are several things which I don't care to keep. Pearls, for instance, my wife has a superstitious horror of. She refuses to wear them and it would be ridiculous to keep them locked up in the safe." He paused for a moment and took from the case a magnificent rope of graduated pearls. "Here is a string of 175 pearls that I am willing to dispense of."

The other two bent over him with interest; they were indeed a handsome set. "I think I remember being notified that your father was collecting these, some five years ago, and sent him a few, on approval, I fancy," said Mr. Brampton, at last jotting down a conservative estimate of \$45,000 on a writing pad, which he dropped in a drawer where his secretary could see the figures.

The latter took it, and wrote \$50,000 beneath, and returned it. "I have as many pearls now as I care to handle," the banker went on, "but if you will put a price on these I will see if we can make a deal."

"My wife insists so strongly on my disposing of them that I have decided to let them go at a price considerably below their value, \$35,000."

The other two men looked at each other. "It is not a matter to be decided offhand," said Mr. Brampton, "but if you give me time for consideration I think we can come to an agreement."

"If a few hours would be sufficient," suggested Harrington, "I should be very pleased if you would dine with us and we can settle the matter this evening."

"That is excellent," replied the banker as the visitor rose. "Good day."

"I suppose you would like to telegraph to San Francisco to make sure that everything is all right," said Eric when the door was closed.

"I will wire the Pacific bank as receiving me in his own house will be really sufficient. Every one knows he's bought No. 8—Fifth avenue," Mr. Brampton wrote and dispatched the message immediately.

A satisfactory reply arrived before they left the office. Mr. Harrington had removed a considerable amount of jewelry from that very bank to his New York house about a fortnight before.

but I may have been mistaken. She seemed very anxious to get rid of the pearls, said they always brought her bad luck or some such foolishness, and so we concluded the bargain. Mr. Harrington promised to bring them around at noon, and I'll give him the check. By the way, there was a man in the telephone booth who came through the outer office. Is anything the matter?"

"Yes, the building is being rewired, and for today they have put us on a party wire."

Mr. Brampton nodded, and they proceeded with the business of the day. Shortly after noon Harrington arrived.

"Good morning," he said. "I trust that we can transact our business quickly, as my wife is waiting in a cab outside, and I am rather pressed for time."

"Certainly," the check is already drawn out," answered the banker. "Ring up the bank, Wilmontan, if you please, and notify them that Mr. Wilfred Norton Harrington is coming round to cash my check."

Eric shut himself into the booth in the outer office, and put the receiver to his ear. He was about to call "Hello!" when he heard a voice, which he recognized as that of Walters, a lawyer in an office below, saying: "Is this Mr. Harrington?"

"Yes," answered another voice. "Thought it was you, Wilfred. Just come from Prince's."

"No, my wife and I made a flying trip to Europe on business, and got back a day earlier than we expected."

"Well, you kept every one pretty well in the dark. Have you opened up your new house yet?"

"No; but my valet and my wife's maid have everything ready. I am going up there as soon as I've seen my things through the customs."

At this point Eric broke into the conversation and persuaded Mr. Harrington the second of that he had better present himself at the offices of Brampton & Brampton within half an hour, if he valued his property.

Then he rang up another number, and after a short conversation hung up the receiver and returned to the private office.

The others were a little impatient at his delay. "I think you will be received properly at the bank," Eric said politely.

He even went to the extent of fetching the visitor's hat and cane.

Mr. Brampton noticed the hesitation in his manner. "I see your opinion of Mr. Harrington has altered now," he said presently.

"I suspend judgment for half an hour," laughed Eric enigmatically.

Some ten minutes later the door flew open and in rushed Harrington No. 2, who was followed by Walters, the lawyer, from downstairs.

In the scene that ensued the principal actors had the stage to themselves, except when the lawyer was called upon, while Eric sat back and enjoyed the excitement.

First the rightful owner of the gems raved at the loss, and then, when he found them intact; then the banker realized that he was \$35,000 out of pocket and gave way to his feelings accordingly.

"Can't you do something instead of sitting there like a fool?" he shouted. "Telephones to the police to watch every railroad station and dock!"

"I don't think that's necessary," answered Eric quietly. "He and his wife, too, I hope, are already in their cells. Let's get a cab and go there. Perhaps Mr. Harrington can identify them."

In less than five minutes, Brampton was once more in his office calling. "Well, I can see you've pulled this matter off pretty well, my boy," he said, wiping the perspiration from his forehead. "Now tell me how it happened, and what it all means."

"It was simple enough," explained Eric modestly; "the real Harrington had given the pearls to this man Tomkins, his valet, to put in the bank, just before he started for Europe, and also had given him orders to help this French maid to get the house ready for them on their return. Thus they were enabled to pose as Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and invite you to dinner to lull suspicion. I realized this from the conversation over the telephone, and called up the bank to have them arrested when they appeared, in order to avoid the fuss of detaining him here till the police arrived."

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Getting Real Lemons.
A dealer in New York City held up a small bottle filled with a pale amber liquid. "Smell it," he said, drawing the cork. The visitor inhaled an odor which seemed to call up visions of orange and citron groves of ancient Greece.

"It's the genuine oil of lemons," said the dealer in response to a look of inquiry. "That is all I have left of a pound of the oil, and it took 1,200 lemons to produce it. Rather expensive stuff, almost equal to that of attar of roses. The method of obtaining the oil is tedious. A man has a big, dry, clean sponge before him on a table. He takes strips of the lemon peel, gives them a certain twist which breaks the cells and sends the oil out in a fine spray on the sponge. He has to work quickly to avoid evaporation."

Then the sponge has taken up the sprays of about a hundred rinds it is wet enough to be squeezed out. An ounce or so of clear and fragrant oil then flows from it."

Irving's First Success.
In 1874 Henry Irving achieved an immense success by his performance of "Hamlet" at the London Lyceum theater. His interpretation of the part was so striking and unusual that the play had a run unprecedented at that time, continuing for 200 nights. Of his experience in playing this part Sir Henry gave, some years before his death, an interesting account.

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DO FISH SHOW TEMPER?

The Finny Tribe May Indulge in Both Fun and Indignation—Their Mental Characteristics.

A fish inquisitive or in a temper is undoubtedly an absurd idea at first sight, but the absurdity lessens on reflection. All animals of whose ways we have intimate knowledge reveal the emotions which the fishermen deny to fish. For example, children, lambs, young tigers, young lions, young monkeys, kittens and puppy dogs rush at things which attract their eyes, and that without thought of eating them, and if they are thwarted or injured in the contact they are apt to rush at them again in irritation. If, then, we take it for granted that fish are incapable of curiosity and irritation, we are assuming that the minds of fish are fundamentally different from those of all living creatures with those natures we are familiar.

That, when one thinks of it, it would be an assumption so gross that it is impossible of acceptance until it has been justified by the clearest reasoning. No reasoning whatsoever can be offered in its favor, and no authority is offered against it. We have no authority for believing that the mental characteristics of fish are different from those of animals generally. We are used to believing this, but the usage is unintelligent. It probably springs from the separation of sympathies which come from our living in an "element" other than that of the salmon and the trout. If we were amphibious we should have a clearer insight into their ways and perhaps find that both fun and indignation lurk at times under the saturnine aspect of their visages.

As it is, some of us who have been in the accidental neighborhood of a shark have had cause to realize that even a "hungry man is an angry man" a hungry fish, when annoyed in pursuit of his meal, is angry, too, and not unwilling to risk his skin in vindication of his appetite and his wrath. Besides, all fishermen, to their sorrow, know that there are times when salmon and trout rise brisily, but "not in earnest."

Many an exasperating hour have we of us spent with fish who give our flies a frequent poke or a frequent nibble at the tails of them and escape untouched. Many a time also have we found them rising at the fly not with their mouths, but with their tails, seeking to flick them under the surface and to "draw" them, to all appearance in the spirit in which a cat plays with a mouse. The analogy between fish and other creatures in the matter of curiosity and gambling goes even further. It may have been observed that it was the young of tigers and cats and dogs and other creatures that spoke of as given to playing with things that attract their eyes, not the elderly animals so much.

Well, fish are in exactly the same case.—London Standard.

FATHER OF CHEAP POSTAGE.

John Henniker Heaton, M.P., is a Man of One Idea.

If John Henniker Heaton, whose latest efforts in behalf of the establishment of a universal postal system have attracted widespread attention, had received the reward his achievements deserve, he would long ago have been made a postmaster-general. But that office is conferred for political reasons and not for business ability and expert knowledge of its duties. A grateful people have dubbed him "the father of cheap postage."

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GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC RAILWAY

Offers a Prize of \$250 to the Person Submitting Name that will be Adopted for the New Pacific Coast City.

A COMPETITION FOR THINKERS.

The recent use of names foreign to Canada by large corporations whose interests are essentially Canadian has brought about much adverse criticism, not only in Canadian newspapers but journals published in other countries, and to eliminate this omission and to over-rule any objection of this nature, the Grand Trunk Pacific are giving the people of Canada an opportunity to offer suggestions and submit names for the Pacific Coast City that will grow up at the terminus of the new Trans-continental Railway. With this end in view they have decided to offer a prize of \$250 for a name that will be in every way appropriate and suitable. This will give any one an opportunity of putting on their "thinking cap" and competing in an open contest to decide the name, incidentally receiving this handsome prize, and the honor of naming a city whose name will be the evolution of a new era in Canada's twentieth century prosperity. The only conditions governing the contest are as follows:

Name not to be more than three syllables or contain more than ten letters and to be purely Canadian, preferably significant of British Columbia, and not to conflict with other names of towns or post offices now existing in Canada.

Use paper not larger than eight by ten inches, and write in ink on one side of the paper only. Each competitor allowed to submit three names, on separate sheets, one name to appear on each sheet. Accompanying each name, a short article of not less than fifty words, nor more than three hundred words, explanatory of the title.

Name of competitor, with full Post Office address, to be signed at bottom of sheet. Name to be forwarded addressed, Pacific Coast City, Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, Montreal, Canada.

Competition will close at noon, December fifteenth, nineteen hundred and five.

As soon as competition has been decided, and name chosen; the name of successful competitor will be announced through the columns of the daily newspapers.

In case the name chosen has been selected by more than one competitor, then the explanatory article will be judged on their merits, and decision rendered accordingly.

YORK COUNTY LOAN CO.

Government Has Determined to Bring It Under Searchlight.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The Government decided yesterday that the affairs of the York County Loan should come under the searchlight. The scope of the investigation and the persons who will conduct it have not been finally decided upon yet, but the information is expected today.

How J. P. Coy has issued a statement to the public, in which he says the exercise of the statute, allowing investigation, should only be under extraordinary circumstances. "Wing to the very large number of people affected in this case, it was advisable and might, he hopes, check much of the litigation now in view. He points out that the litigants may well afford to stay their hand."

The Government selected an auditor yesterday, but when communicated with the party refused to accept the post because of pressure of business.

THAT STAB-LIKE PAIN IN THE SMALL OF THE BACK COMES FROM THE KIDNEYS

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DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

It is not the back that is aching, it is the kidneys. When the kidneys are situated beneath the small of the back.

Therefore, dull pain in the back, or sharp, quick twinges, are warnings of sick kidneys—warnings of kidney trouble. Plasters and liniments will not cure a bad back, for they cannot reach the kidneys which cause it. Doan's Kidney Pills reach the kidneys. That is what they are for and that only. So, if you would be free from backache, swelling of the feet and ankles, frequent or suppressed urine, painful sensation when urinating, specks floating before the eyes, frequent thirst, brick-dust deposit in the urine, or anything wrong with the urinary organs or bladder, you must keep your kidneys well. Help them to work freely, and help them to flush out all the body's waste and impurities.