

a story which has from the beginning been dazzling in its interest.

**Fortune's Slaves.**

On learning of Mr. Gould's death many said they would be satisfied with a very insignificant part of his fortune ; their one comment was that Mr. Gould was a very young man to die. They wondered why long since he had not relinquished all interest in his vast enterprises and studiously given his time to recuperate the inroads made upon his health by the severe strain of business.

The same was said of Alexander T. Stewart when he died, and of Charles Pratt. The same will be said when other very rich men die. These comments came from people who fail to appreciate the enormous responsibilities resting on men with great fortunes. Commodore Vanderbilt once said that it is the easiest thing possible to make a fortune here in New York, but after that it is the most difficult thing in the world to keep it.

Unless it is watched carefully, unless all the influences bearing upon it are personally controlled, there is great danger that it will melt. Another point is that these men, after laboring for a lifetime, cannot shut off steam and rest in idleness. It would affect them mentally and physically to do so.

**A Hard Worker.**

Mr. Gould once said at the time of the great Wabash strike : "I am afraid the employees on our road think they work too hard. Work never hurt any-