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Below we print the names of a few cash prize winners in our recent contests. Three of them have been made independent for life, namely: Mrs. L. L. Rich, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., who won an annuity of \$200 a year for life; Mrs. Martha Brown, of Mohawk, Ontario, Canada, and Mr. Arthus W. Madden, of Phillipsburg, N.J., seach having won \$250 a year for life; Mrs. Martha Brown, of Mohawk, Ontario, Onanda, and Mr. Arthus W. Madden, Phillipsburg, N.J., seach having won \$250 a year for life; Mrs. J. S. 250 a year for life; Mrs. Martha Brown, Mohawk, Ontario, Oanada, \$250 a year for life; Mrs. Martha Brown, Mohawk, Ontario, Oanada, \$250 a year for life; Mrs. J. C. Poucher, Unstead, Suwanee, Co., Florida, \$500; George C. Cone, Jr., Una, Davidson Co., Tenn, \$200; J. Molaughin, Mauchang, Mass, \$100; Sicily Taylor, 583 Cherry St., Kansas City Mo., \$51, J. C. Geisinger, 648 Minnesons St., San Francisco, Cal., \$90; H. L. Rowley, Mathews Ru, P., \$59; John O'Brien, Iron, N.Y., \$59; Dr. W. Wilhorte, Corbin, Kansas, \$55; R. J. Hicks, Aspen, Colorado, \$30; Martha Gregory, 3 Park St., Norwalk, Conn., \$30; Miss Annie Gregor, 1620 West 4th St., Wilmington, Delaware, \$50, M. Past, 7. Colescotts, St., Shelbyrtilla, Ind., \$50; Mrs. E. C. Reprolada, 408 E. 7th St., Muscatine, Iowa, \$39; Mrs. L. R. Cols, Sedgwick, Me., \$30; Mrs. F. M. Lane, Ewing, Note, \$90; Mrs. J. Just. Enfeld, N.H., \$59; F. Randolph, Burlington, N.J., \$90; Sammel Wrny, \$21 E. Eine Ave., Loraine, Ohio, \$60; Mrs. E. C. Loval, 18 St. Louis St. Martha Gregory, Sp. St., School, Mrs. A. H. Grainger, Englanda Brown, Sp. St., School, 18 J. Loval, 18 St., Louis St., School, Mrs., School, School

\$10,000 REWARD

We will give \$10,000 in cash to any-one, if they can prove that we have not paid the cash prizes to the parties whose names we advertise, or if they can prove that we ever knew or heard of these parties before they answered our advertisement. We offer this large cash reward in order to convince the public that they will always re-ceive honest treatment



Having outgrown the twobuildings which we now occupy, we will remove June 1 to this handsome seven story granite block, which will be devoted entirely to our business. If we did not treat all our contestants fairly, do you think we would have achieved the greatest success made by any firm or individual in the 20th century.

The Chance of a Lifetime

Last October, November and December it will be remembered we advertised what was at that time considered one of the biggest corrects ever published. The first prize was nothing more or less than an annuity of \$300 a year for life. Mrs. L. L. Rich, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., was declared the winner and the following letter from Mrs. Rich speaks for itself:

President THE BERNARD-RICHARDS Co., 100 Broad St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir--Your letter of the 16th, containing a check for \$300, being the first instalment of a life annuity, was received last eve. A more surprised or happier woman I do not believe exists in this little town to-day. I will be sixty years of age the first day of next May. Have been a widow of a soldier of the rebellion for six years, with but a meagre income. Have been unable to obtain a pension, though I believe myself justly entitled to one. Now, my present income, with this annuity, makes me independent and very happy.

And I heartily thank you and all connected with the "Brown Book of Boston" for my ground luck.

P. O. Bex 839.

Just stop and think for a moment what a grand prize this was. It means as long as Mrs. Rich lives she will receive from this firm every year on the first day of February \$300 in cash.

Now, if you were so foolish as to ignore our previous advertisement, we certainly would advise you not to overlook this one, for without a doubt it is the opportunity of your life, as you have a chance to win Two Thousand Dollars in Cash.

We want you to read this over very carefully, for it does not cost you one cent. One of these centests is, we believe, a very hard one, in fact, so hard that it cannot be solved in a minute nor an hour, but it is going to tax your brains and is, we believe, a very hard one, in fact, so hard that it cannot be solved in a minute nor an hour, but it is going to tax your brains and take considerable of your time. However, don't give it up for it can be solved and just think of the reward. We will give \$2,000 in Cash for the correct answer.

ANCAC 0 T T C N R

In the block square to the left we have printed twenty jumbled letters which we want you to try and arrange. These jumbled letters, when properly arranged, will spell the names of three cities in the world, one city being located in China, one in the United States, and one in North America. In making the names of these three cities, the letters can only be used as many times as they appear, and no letter can be used which does not appear. When you have found the three correct names, you will have used every letter in the twenty as many times as it appears. If you cannot find the three correct names, but find only one, you will receive a special prize worth one dollar. Remember, if you find only one correct name, you will have the same chance to win the second \$2000 cash prize mentioned below. We want to distinctly impress upon your mind that there is no trick or catch about the names of these three cities. We do not mention the sections in the respective countries in which these cities are located, nor do we request you to mention that fact in your answer; simply state the country in which mention that fact in your answer; simply state the country in which the cities are located, not the State or section. We do not require that.

If you send in your answer at once we are quite sure you will not be disappointed. Someone is going to win the money and it maybe you. Anyway, it does not cost you any money to try, and if you are a successful contestant there is only one easy condition which will take about one hour of your time, and which we will write you as soon as your answer is received. We would advise you to get out your geography, atlas or encyclopedia, and look for the names of these three cities at once. The correct names are only known to the President of this Company and his

The envelope containing the names of these three cities has been sealed and deposited with a leading safe deposit company in Boston, and will not be opened until the day after the contest closes. This, we believe, is the only honest way of conducting a contest, as every one will have an equal chance. In the event of more than one correct answer being received we will request five parties who have answered this advertisement to act as a committee to award the cash pre rata. They will be invited to come to Boston at our expense, and be our guests while in this city. We take this original method of ours of selecting a committee to show our good faith, as we want to treat all in the fairest manner possible. The committee will be selected solely upon their merits from among the contestants ten days before the contest closes, May 20, and in addition to their expenses being paid we will allow each one 35 a day for their time. You may be asked but not compelled to act as one of the committee. The committee who decided our contest on Feb. 1st, were Mrs. Anna C. Boyd, 1019 Terry Ave., Seattle, Washington; Miss Leila E. Cuthbert, 101 Major St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Mr. J. M. Conolly, Punta Gorda, Florida, and Mr. C. L. Baker, Bristol, R. I. In addition to the \$2000 in cash we will give you an opportunity to Win. you an opportunity to Win.

FIRST PRIZE \$2000 IN CASH FREE

SECOND PRIZE \$1000 IN CASH FREE; THIRD PRIZE \$350 IN CASH FREE; FOURTH PRIZE \$200 IN CASH FREE. We are going to give to someone who has entered this contest, and who complies with our easy conditions, an opportunity to win and secure from us, without any labor or expense on their part, Two Thousand Dollars in cash. We mean just what we say. If you are the lucky one, and we hope you are, for some one will get it, we will send the winner Two Thousand Dollars in cash. Now, in addition to the cash prizes already mentioned we are going to give away a Second Prize of \$1000, a Third Prize of \$350, a Fourth Prize of \$4200 and Fifty-eight Cash Prizes of \$50 each in the following manner, and that is we will give to one party residing in each State and Territory of the United States and in each Province of the Dominion of Canada a Cash Prize of \$50 each.

each State and Territory of the United States and in each Province of the Dominion of Canada a Cash Prize of \$50 each. You have an opportunity to win and secure from us without any labor or one cent of expense on your part, any of the above mentioned cash prizes. There is positively no deception, and as for trickery how can there be when the committee is selected from the contest ants, and you yourself might be chosen to decide who the winners are. Do not throw this advertisement aside and say, Oh. pshaw, I have answered puzzles before and got nothing for it, for if you do you will regret it as long as you live, someone will win the money and it may be you; no one can tell. Anyway, it does not cost you one cent, as we do not want any money from you. Are the prizes werth trying for? We think they are, for \$2000 in cash will be the means of building you either a pretty little home, or establish you in a comfortable paying business.

Do you know of any firm in the world who have made such liberal offers in such a fair manner? On course you have no assurance except our word that we are financially able to carry out the promises we make. If you have the least doubt we would be pleased to have you get a special report from either Bradstreet's or Mutual Agencies, our bankers in Bosten, or better still, write to the prise winners whose names we publish above. We are a responsible company with a paid up capital of \$100,000, composed of well known business men, giving employment to upwards of 160 people, and our sole object in giving away such large

winners whose names we publish above. We are a responsible company with a paid up capital of \$100,000, composed of well known business men, giving employment to upwards of 160 people, and our sole object in giving away such large cash prizes (something never heard of before) is to advertise our business; and we will leave no stone unturned to accomplish, by honest methods only, our object. Everyone entering this contest will receive honest treatment, and you will have the same chance whether you live in California, Canada or Massachusetts; distance positively makes no difference.

When you have carefully arranged the Jumbled Letters into the three names which you think are right, send your answer to us at once and enclose a stamp for reply. In a few days you will receive an answer telling you whether you are a successful conditions. We will also send you full particulars regarding our other contest whereby you can win for one moment's thought a large cash prise without labor or expense on your part. Do not delay, as this advertisement will not appear in this publication again. Address us this way:

The Bernard-Richards Co., Ltd., 432 Wharf and Broad Streets, Boston, Mass.

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"Ahem! so you are a teetotaller, and that was a polite way of reading me a temperance lecture, I suppose," snapped madame, compressing her thin lips and eyeing her new companion sharply.

"No, indeed," she affirmed, "I had no thought of preaching temperance to you, although I believe in it thoroughly. I although I believe in it thoroughly. I merely stated a simple fact regarding myself, and would not presume any reflections upon anything that you might do. You may think me rather outspoken, for mamma always encouraged me to speak my thought freely, and to be exactly truthful; but please do no imagine that I intend to be malicious."

"I do not believe you are, child; I do not believe you are, child; I do not believe you are, child; I do not believe you are, said Madame Marton, while she studied the sweet, bright face attentively; "but I haven't had the most heavenly time with some of my companions, and they have made me suspicious of everybody. Now run along, and do not lose your train; but mind you do not disappoint me tomorrow." although I believe in it thoroughly

you do not disappoint me tomorrow "Well, then, good morning; I will "Well, then, good morning; I will not disappoint you," said Shirley pleasant-ly; and with a bright smile and a gracely; and with a bright shine and a state

'She is the queerest character in the "She is the queerest character in the world," she mused, as she rode back toward New York. "But, truly, I believe she assumes a great deal of that gruffness, simply because she has, as she said, no faith in human nature. She must have had a great many hard experiences and disappointments in life, to have made her so sour and antagonistic. Poor woman! how I pitied her when she said there was not a soul in the world Poor woman! how I pitied her when she said there was not a soul in the world who really loved her. I'll make her love me, if I can, and I will try to please her, for I honestly believe she has a kind heart, if one only can get at it."

"How she suspects the Norwoods of being insincere!" she went on. "I wonder if they are really so, or whether it is only her imagination. I really believe that Miss Blanche might not be remarkably ingenuous; but I should suppose that Mr and Mrs. Norwood ought to be above and Mrs. Norwood ought to be above pretensions of regard simply because the woman has money.

CHAPTER XII.

After Shirley's departure, Madame Marton stood for nearly five minutes on the spot where the young girl had left her, lost in profound thought, and feeling as if half the sunshine of the day had

the spot where the young girl had feeling as if half the sunshine of the day had departed with her.

"Well, Felice Marton, what are you goling to do about it?" she at last muttered, while she shook herself as if just waking from a dream. "Are you going to appreciate the goods the gods have sent you, and make the most of it, or are you going back to the oid ruts, showing yourself as the cross-grained, antagonistic old woman you have always been, and lead the girl a miserable life, as you have all the rest?"

She fell into a reverie again, and seemed to be trying to decide some difficult question that was agitating her mind. "Humph!" she ejaculated at last, with a long-drawn sigh, "the leopard cannot change his spots, thorns will not bring forth grapes, nor thistles figs.' and she'll have to take me as she finds me. But she's the brightest girl it has even been my fortune to secure for a companion, and she is much too smart and pretty for such a position. Oh, dear! she is just the kind of girl that Felice Marton would have liked for a daughter, if the world hadn't gone all wrong with her, and made a cross old maid of her, instead of a loving, happy wife, as she once hoped to be."

moment of thought, and with an angry shrug of her shoulders, "the child has made a baby of me already! She is as pretty as a picture, though, and her eyes—somehow they have a familiar look—that clear, straightforward glance is very like—it makes me think of—

Chut!"
She broke off suddenly, drew herself up and stalked primly from the room.
Meanwhile, Shirley was fast flying back toward New York, where, upon her arrival, she found an appetizing lunch awaiting her, and while she partook of it she gave to Abby Knapp, with mirth-gleaming eyes and dimpling cheeks, a detailed account of her interview with her future employer. employer.

"And so you've gone and engaged your self like any common servant?" sniffed the woman, contemptuously, and with a look of unmistakable disapprobation, although she surreptitiously wiped a tear from her eye with the corner of her apron, and smothered a sob of grief which the thought of parting with the lovely girl, whom she had grown to love very dearly, sent quivering to her lips. "No, not quite a common servant," Shirley smiling returned, "for I hardly think a common servant could do what I shall be obliged to do; still, I give my services for wages the same, and so I may be regarded as such by madame; I cannot tell." though she surreptitiously wiped a tear

may be regarded as such by madame, I cannot tell."

"And you as much of a lady as any in the land," sighed Abby, disconsolately. "I'm sure Mr. Clifton thinks so, too," she added, stealing a siy glance at the beautiful face.

Shirley flushed consciously at this remark for neither the nor Clifton had

mark, for neither she nor Clifton had thought it best to confide their hopes and plans to the woman, faithful though she was to their interests; there would be time enough for that when their pros-pects warranted a settlement in life, they

thought. "Well, nurse, I do not think that my going to serve Madame Marton will change that fact," she cheerfully returned, and ignoring the latter part of her remark.

"No, miss, it wouldn't with some folks, but with others it would," Abby replied,

dejectedly.

"Well, I feel sure that those whose good opinion I desire to retain will still be my friends, even though I may be the paid compainon of a wealthy lady; as for what others may say, I shall not concern myself at all, so long as I am able to preserve my own self-respect." Shirley preserve my own self-respect," Shirley independently responded. "And now, nurse," she added, "as I shall have to be very expeditious in my arrangements, I wonder if you will assist me a little this afternea"." afternoon

afternoon."

"Indeed I will, and be glad to, Miss Shirley," was the eager response. "My heart is almost broken, thinking of the time when I'll not have a chance to do anything more for you," she concluded, without an effort to check her sobs or tears this time.

Shirley herself was also ready to weep at this evidence of Abby's love for her; but she did not believe in brooding over the inevitable parting, and so she began to be very merry over her packing, and

the inevitable parting, and so she began to be very merry over her packing, and the other preparations which she had to make for her coming journey.

But Abby's sorrow was very genuine, and, though the fair girl succeeded in occasionally beguiling a smile to her lips, she went about all the afternoon with a sad face and tearful eyes.

Evening brought Clifton, to ascertain the result of Shirley's application to Madame Marton.

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scription of the interview and of the wo-man's appearance, while, at the same time, he was dismayed at the thought of her being subject to the dominant cap-rices of such a character as he feared Madame Marton might be, and his heart was exceedingly heavy over the approach-

have liked for a daughter, if the world hadn't gone all wrong with her, and made a cross old maid of her, instead of a loving, happy wife, as she once hoped to be."

The woman's face was very pale now, and a pained expression lurked around the tightly compressed lips, while in her jet-black eyes there shone a look of dumb agony.

"Bah!" she exclaimed, after another was exceedingly heavy over the approaching separation.

"It shall be only for a little while, my darling," he said, as he folded her close in his arms when he finally bade her good night. "Six months, perhaps, or a year at the longest. "Ah! dearest." he continued, regretfully, "if I could but have foreseen this, I might have been prepared to take you even now, and given you a luxurious home, for I have wasted

money enough to have supported us handsomely for years."

Shirley softly touched his lips with the

tip of her rosy forefinger.
"You shall not induige in useless regrets," she said, gently. "It is worth a great deal to one to become conscious of one's weak points," she went on, smiling into his sorrowful face; "because one will thus learn how to avoid the same pitfalls in the future.

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"What a little philosopher you are, love." Clifton said, with a slight smile. "and what you say it very true; but I could bear the lesson more patiently if no one save myself had to suffer on account of my extravagance. When, however, I think that you must toil in the service of this extravagant and disagree-spherical more presented if I am very able old woman, because of it, I am very unreconciled," he concluded with a heavy

Pray do not grieve on my account," "Pray do not grieve on my account, shirley cheerfully answered, "for were it not that I must be separated from you, I would rather enjoy this new departure and the prospects of studying Madame Marton's very original character."

"I fear the lesson will be very wearing." Clitton grayely returned. "But some," Clifton gravely returned. "But there is one comforting reflection, and that is, you are not obliged to remain with her if you find the position too disagreeable."
"That is true," said Shirley, "and I

refused to pleage myself for any definite time. However, I shall give the position a fear trial, for I want to see if I can-not brighten the poor woman's lonely life a little; it was very pathetic when

she said there was no one in the world who loved her."

The next morning, promptly at ten, Shirley presented herself in Madame Marton's rooms at the Hoffman.

"Well," grunted the woman, with a satisfied nod, "I am glad to see that you can be on time." She herself was ready and waiting, with her bonnet and gloves on, to go out upon her shopping expedition.

Madame was always on the alert to discover the weak points in other people's characters, and those once detected, she never failed to harp upon them to the and of the characters. end of the chapter. It was her delight to offset the tardiness of someone else by her own promptness, or the slackness of an individual by her own neatness and primness, and then wee be unto the offender.

[To be Continued.] HAPHAZARD DIETING

Used Every Morning Insures Strength and Vitality.

Many people foolishly diet themselves in a haphazord way, especially at breakfast. For a few mornings oatmeal is used, then cracked wheat, cornmeal and other grain foods are used in turn. These frequent changes indicate that the above-mentioned foods are not sufficiently relished to make any one of them a regular breakfast friend.

Nine hundred and ninety-nine people out of every thousand after once trying Malt Breakfast Food, make it their first dish each morning, and con-tinue to use it. It is relished by young and old because of its delicious flavor and taste; it satisfies the hungry; it is retained on the most delicate stomach, and furnishes a sustaining vitality that no other food can impart. Get a package from your grocer and try it. Twenty-five to thirty meals for 15

WORKING UP A PRACTICE

Plan to Get Patients Devised by a Young Doctor and a Collector.

[New York Sun.]

"I recently came across a novel way of working up a practice in the medical profession," said the young man who boards. "For the last five years I have been subject to slight attacks of rheumatism. I had one of these spells last November and was confined to the house for several days. I was living on Eighty-fifth street then with a family that had been very kind to me, and during my indisposition they made a fire in the parlor

grate and coddled me like a baby. "One day while I sat there nursing my pains a book collector called to see one of the young women. He had to wait several minutes for her to come down and he devoted the interim to interviewing me in regard to my allment and treatment.
"'Had a doctor?' he asked.

"'No,' said I. 'I've been this way so often that I know as much about taking care of myself as any doctor could tell me. "The collector shrugged his shoul-

ders disapprovingly.
"That's where you make a mistake, he said. 'No man can diagnose his case so well as a physician. If you have no regular doctor I can recommend an excellent one. I'll give you his address in case you should change your mind and decide to call in some

"He handed me a card on which he had scribbled the name and address of some doctor down on Sixteenth street, and before he went away he extracted a promise from me that if I found it necessary to consult a physician I would patronize him. 'Two weeks ago I was laid up again

with the same old trouble. I was liv-ing on Forty-fourth street then, and again I was lucky enough to be with a family that tried to make me comfortable by snuggling me up before a grate fire. Late one afternoon that ame collector gave us a call. I recognized him at first sight, but he had not so good a memory for faces and the first thing he said was:
"'Siek? Had a doctor?'

"Upon my answering in the negative he produced a card. You ought to attend to yourself right away,' he said. 'It does not pay o let disease of this kind run you.

Here is the address of one of the best doctors in town. I'd give him a trial if I were you.' "The card was that of the Sixteenth street doctor, and in spite of my aches

"I don't want to be inquisitive," I said, but this is the second time you have given me a tip on this fellow, and I'd like to know how much you make out of it.' "He looked me over more closely

then.
"'Well, I'll be blessed!' he said, have seen you before this, for a fact. If I run across you a few more times you'll have the pedigree of that doctor down pat. But it's your own fault we meet so often. You ought to have seen him at first and he'd have cured



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my doctor. There are lots of fellows traveling about who perform the same service for other doctors who are hard put ly before the public, but I wouldn't advise you to visit any of them. I spoonful of Pain-Killer in a cup of hot don't know anything about them, but I can vouch for the ability of my man. "I haven't given the policy progon and progon are good than rum or whisky. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky. A void substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky. A void substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky." A teather was a policy progon and the policy progon are good than rum or whisky. A void substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky." A teather was proposed than rum or whisky. A void substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky." A void substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky." A void substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killen, "I haven't given the policy progon are good than rum or whisky." A void substitutes, there is but one pain-Killen are good than rum or whisky. to it to get themselves placed properadvise you to visit any of them. I don't know anything about them, but I can vouch for the ability of my man.

you slick as a whistle and you wouldn't a trial yet," added the young man whe boards, "but I'm going to call him in some day just out of admiration for his audacity."

> WOMAN'S RIGHTS; A SHINING EXAMPLE.

Queen Victoria was a silent pleader at the bar for woman's rights politically. No proposition is worthy attention unless it can be conclusively demonstrated. The Western enthusiast in the temperance cause fails utterly to convince anyone, either of a necessity for sobriety, when she fol-lows out the principle of mob law by demolishing saloons forcibly, or of woman's right to public control; but a woman ruler, who, after 50 years of sovereignty, dies, leaving a world inhabited by millions of souls lamenting her loss politically and privately, hands down to all women a noble assurance of their own possibilities.