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To house this lave that from my own o'erflows,
For—ah, I'll not tell you, but Phyllis knows!

—John Kendrick Bangs in Woman's Home Co

A Singular Story of a Man Who Met One Who Had Known Him Years Before.

It was a hotel clerk who told me this. If you make friends with a hotel clerk, you will generally find him ready to tell you stories, and sometimes the stories are good.

The hotel is a New York one and not one of those particularly gilded, plate glassed and velvety piles where everything seems to be for splendor and nothing for comfort. One great attraction about the house is its wide, roomy hall, which is always warm in winter and always cool in summer.

You will find, sitting and sprawling about the long, broad lounges and the big chairs, dozens of men who are not registered at the hotel, nor ever have been, nor have even invested in a small glass of beer at the bar of the adjoin-

ing cafe. One day in particular, in the month of February, was a great harvest time for that hofel hall. Every seat was occupied, and the clerk shrewdly guessed that the fine, driving snow that had been filling up all the chinks of the window frames had much to do with the size of the gathering about the heaters. Presently a man in a somewhat wornout overcoat entered and began kicking show from his feet and showering it from every part of his

The clerk, who had nothing else in particular to do just at that moment, saw that the large number of idlers who crowded the benches rather disconcerted him. In fact, the clerk noiced that the last comer was looking decidedly annoyed and guessed that his annoyance proceeded from the evident fact that there was no seat for him. He would have to loaf standing or else go into the cafe and let a waiter come and ask him, what he would take, which would be inconvenient in the absence of the wherewithal to pay.

The newcomer looked at him and seemed to take a sudden resolution, as clerk ought to be satisfied of his having some particular business in there. Having got his hat and his discolored

overcoat finally clear of snow, he walked up to the desk boldly and asked, "Is Mr. Farquharson stopping here?" "Which Mr. Farquharson, sir? What

"Er-um-er-Ronald-Ronald Farquharson."

"Where does he register from clerk asked, solemnly looking at the

"From-er-Ottawa." "Ronald Farquharson, Ottawa. Canada," the clerk repeated, keeping his finger on one spot on the page of the register. "Do you wish to see Mr. Farquharson? I don't know whether he's in. Yes: his key is here. Will you

send up your card, sir?" The clerk had some little difficulty in keeping his face straight while he made these routine inquiries of the visitor, for the visitor's eyes seemed about to pop out of his head. He opened his mouth once or twice before speaking. "Well-er-yes-that-is"-

"Ting!" the bell sounded, and a porter came forward to take the visitor's

"I-haven't a card with me," said the man who had come through the snowstorm to see Mr. Ronald Farquharson of Ottawa, Canada.

A blank card was produced, and the visitor, with some evident hesitation, wrote on it "John Henry Robinson." The bellboy took the card away on a silver waiter, and John Henry walked up and down, seeming, as the clerk thought, rather nervous.

Presently a florid young man in brown tweeds came from the passage on one side of the clerk's desk. The young man was carrying a card in his

hand and seemed puzzled. "Where is this person?" he said showing the card to the clerk. "Mr. Robinson, sir? There he is

walking toward the door now. His back is turned. "Did he say he knew me?" "He asked for Mr. Ronald Farquhar-

son, Ottawa, Canada." "Got my whole name all right?" "Yes; he had it as pat as you have

"That's funny," said Mr. Ronald Farquharson: "I have known a good many Robinsons in my time, but I never knew that any of them lived in New York-I beg your pardon, sir," he added, turning to the visitor, who was now near the desk. "I think this is your card. You have the advantage of

"Oh, yes," said the man in the frayed overcoat, laughing a rather forced laugh. "You're Mr. Ronald Farquharson-er-of Ottawa-Ottawa, Canada. Heard that you were in New York, you know."

"That's odd," said the Capadian. "I only got here a few hours ago." "That's right. Going to make a long

Well, before I tell you about that

perhaps you'll give me some idea as to what your business may be with me." "My business? Oh, yes. Well. you see, we Americans are always anxious to learn the views of prominent. Canadians."

"About what?" "Oh, about-about annexation, you

know. "I see. Well, why don't you go and ask Mr. James Scott Muirhead or some of those other representative Canadians who are staying here. Why do you pitch on me? I suppose you haven't been a reporter for very long-haven't had much experience at the business." "No," said the other man eagerly. "That's it. I haven't had much experience. I understood you were a repre sentative Canadian.'

"You did, eh?" the florid young man laughed. Then, looking his visitor straight in the face, he said, "What paper do you happen to represent

"Boun-er-Jones." "Oh, you are Mr. Jones of the-what paper did you say?" "I didn't say. I represent quite a lot

of papers. It's a sort of trust, you know." "I see. A news agency-New York papers?"

"Oh, no; western papers chiefly." The clerk saw that as the conversation went on Robinson, alias Jones, got more and more nervous, while the Canadian seemed to be more and more thoughtfully interested in the inter-

On hearing that his visitor represent ed "western papers chiefly," Farqubarson paused and seemed to consider. Then he suddenly said, "Well, Mr. Brown- By the way, Mr. Brown.

haven't we met before?" At that the representative of western papers' gave a start and, staring hard for one moment at Farquharson, said, with every appearance of embarrassment, "I don't think so-I'm afraid I mustn't detain you any longer. And with that he turned and fled on

into the snowy streets. Farquharson went up to the clerk and, leaning against the desk, said, "Did you ever see that man before?".
"Never that I know of," said the clerk. "Of course a good many men

pass in and out of here every day." -"Well, then," said the man from Ottawa, "let me give you a pointer about him. Years ago, when I was a boy in Detroit, I worked in a big clothing store, and that man-his real name is Bounderby, though his card says 'Robinson,' and he also answers to Jones and Brown-that man Bounderby was bookkeeper. He got into trouble about his accounts and skipped out west. Did he see my name on the register?"

"No," said the clerk. "He was loaf-ing in here and came and asked for the first name he could think of, I suppose, just as an excuse to stand about and get warm. They do that sometimes-an old trick."

"Yes, but it's funny he should have thought of my name, wasn't it, when he had evidently forgotten all about me. Thought I was a Canadian even. only go there now and again on busi- by a devout population, but ness. And how do you account for his happening to connect my name with Ottawa? He only knew me slightly before he stole that money and skip-But the funniest thing about it all is that now I can tell his old mother, whom I bappen to know slightly in Detroit, that her son is alive and well. That's what I'm going to get back."

"And yet," the clerk remarked when he told me the story, "some people say there is no Providence."-Philadelphia

A Frightful Fate.

"As we put to sea," says Captain Younghusband in his book on Japan, we passed a sunken steamer, the Anglia, and afterward heard the ghastly story of her loss. She touched a sand bank, beeled over and capsized in a few seconds, but the water was not deep, and one side of her remained above. The majority of the passengers and crew got off in boats or on floating spars, but a few were caught below

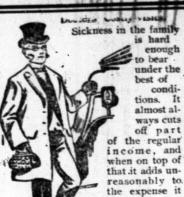
"We have often read of martyrs of ald who were fied to posts in the sea and left to drown by inches with the rising tide. Imagine, then, the fate ty-four hours. of these poor fellows. The portholes were just large enough for a man to put his head through, but no more. The ship was of iron, and to enlarge the holes in the time available was an impossibility, though an attempt was made with cold chisels. The boats from another ship came alongside and handed food and drink to the doomed men and gave them such encourage

ment as was possible. "But the tide rose inch by inch, and at last the time arrived when it seeme better for all that the boats should leave, for to remain was but to pro long the agony on both sides. Some of the imprisoned cursed and foamed at the mouth with anguish. Some prayed. Some, in the cold sweat of despair, besought the boats' crews to shoot them ere they left. Sadly and silently the boats slipped away. The tide rose, and the last shricks of the dying men sank into the sigh of the rising waves."

He Was His Own Dentist.

A Foxcraft man who was suffering from a toothache while "seven miles from a dentist," attended to the ach ing molar himself by tying a fishline around it, fastening the other end of the line to a book in the post of the piazza and sitting down quickly.

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aickness itself.

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at 20 is apt to be an old maid at 30. Everything comes to those who It is now the autumn leaves' wait.

A man finds himself in the hands of

hard creditor when he borrows trouble Hair dye deceives people who use it into thinking they are deceiving other people. It is a pity the average man can't

borrow money as easily as he can borrow trouble. Everything comes to the man who waits, but it's different with some

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