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"That is precisely what I was driving at. Our banker can't run with the hare and hunt with the hounds. You'll excuse me if I say that you haven't been altogether fair with Timanyoni Ditch, or with Colonel Baldwin, Mr. Kinzie. A friendly banker doesn't help sell out his customer. You know that, as well as I do. Still, you did you do that?"

Kinzie threw up his hands and tried to defend himself. "It was a straight business transaction, Mr. Smith. As long as we're in the banking business, we buy and sell for anybody who comes along."

"No, we don't, Mr. Kinzie; we protect our customers first. In the present instance you thought your customer was a dead one, anyway, so it wouldn't make much difference if you should throw another shovelful of dirt or so onto the coffin. Wasn't that the way of it?"

The president was fairly pushed to the ropes, and he showed it.

"Answer me one question, both of you," he snapped. "Are you big enough to fight for your own against Stanton's crowd?"

"You'll see; and the sight is going to cost you something," said Smith, and the blandest oil could have been no smoother than his tene.

"Is that right, Dexter?"

"That's the way it looks to me, Dave," said the ranchman capitalist, who, whatever might be his limitations in the field of high finance, was not lacking the nerve to fight unquestioning in any partner's quarrel.

The president of the Brewster City National turned back to Smith.

"What do you want, Mr. Smith?" he asked, not too cordially.

"Nothing that you'd give us, I guess; a little business loyalty, for one thing-'

diate necessities for another?" suggested the banker.

With all his trained astuteness-Denver or Chicago. But there is no ward the sale of electric current to the gray eyes there was something that hurry about that part of it."

The president took a slip of paper Brewster City National.

plece of two-name paper, anyhow."

Smith took up the slip and glanced at it. It was an accommodation note for twenty thousand dollars. With the money fairly in his hands, he paused investors had Smith revealed the full father's office. to drive the nail of independence dimensions of the prize for which Timsquarely before he would begin. "We don't want this at all, Mr. Kin-

zie, unless the bank's goodwill comes with it," he said with becoming grav-

"Til stand by you," was the brusque rejoinder. "But it's only fair to you both to say that you've got the biggest kind of a combination to buck youa national utilities corporation with the strongest sort of political backing."

"I doubt if you can tell us anything that we don't already know," said Smith coolly, as he put his name on and canal system. the note; and when Baldwin had selves up a bit more definitely, you end. But Smith did refuse it. shall know all there is to know, and It was not until after Miss Coronato make money as you'll give us."

your nerve, boy? You made him be- calm sanity had a way of losing its stone safely at the top of the pit. lieve we'd got outside backing from grip. somewhere." "I didn't say anything like that, did

walked in."

JOHN SMITH BLUFFS A CRAFTY BANKER AND GETS HOLD OF SUFFICIENT WORKING CAPITAL TO GO AHEAD WITH THE GREAT IRRIGATION DAM PROJECT

Synopsis.—J. Montague Smith, cashier of Lawrenceville Bank and Trust company, society bachelor engaged to marry Verda Richlander, heiress, knocks his employer, Watrous Dunham, senseless, leaves him for dead and flees the state when Dunham accuses Smith of dishonesty and wants him to take the blame for embezzlement actually committed by Dunham. Several weeks later, Smith appears as a tramp at a town in the Rocky mountains and gets a laboring job in an irrigation ditch construction camp. His intelligence draws the attention of Williams, the superintendent, who thinks he can use the tramp, John Smith, in a more important place. The ditch company is in hard lines financially because Eastern financial interests are working to undermine the local crowd headed by Colonel Baldwin and take over valuable property. Smith finally accepts appointment as financial secretary of Baldwin's company. He has already struck up a pleasant acquaintance with Corona Baldwin, the colonel's winsome daughter. He goes to interview a crafty banker while the financial enemies plan ruin for Baldwin's company.

Smith looked up with his best-na-

"Thank you," she laughed. "In a

dinner, lodging and breakfast of us

was about all you could stand, wasn't

it? I thought maybe it would be that

She had seated herself in the chair

"I-I don't want to tell you," she

"If you're going to take it that easy,

"The Smiths never have to have

"Haven't you any middle name?"

"I have a middle initial. It is 'M.'

as he said it, and the light in the new

offices was excellent. Thanks to her

horseback riding, Miss Corona's small

oval face had a touch of healthy out-

door tan; but under the tan there

came, for just a flitting instant, a flush

of deep color, and at the back of the

"It's-it's just an initial?" she

"Yes; it's just an initial, and I don't

"I don't know why you should be."

"Oh, I don't know; a million or so, I

"I should think you would be rather

glad of that," she told him. But when

be glad, she talked pointedly of other

There were fine little beadings of

After the other members of the of-

"Well, son; you've got the animals

respected daddy-in-law-Mr. Hiram

Fairbairn; you know him-the lumber

"Dick's wire was an order; instruc-

"I'm listening," said Smith.

she commented, half absently, he

Smith had never seen there before.

"All right; you needn't."

"You win," he said shortly.

"What made you think so?"

way."

every day."

stammered.

queried.

can get into your car and go around | end," was the way in which she in- gray of the printed lines turn red. and interview your crowd, man by terrupted the financial secretary's man. I want to know exactly where brow-knittings over a new material has found a true bill against Montague we stand with the old stockholders be- contract. "I have just wagered him a fore we make any move in public. Can nice fat little round iron dollar of my with embezzling the bank's funds. The

Baldwin lifted his hat and shoved his | it?" fingers through his hair.

"I reckon I can; there are only sixty tured grin. or seventy of 'em. And Bob Stillings is your lawyer. Come around the corminute or so I'll go back to the presiner and I'll introduce you." dent's office and collect." Then: "One

### CHAPTER X.

The Rocket and the Stick.

For a full fortnight after the preliminary visit to the Brewster City National bank Smith was easily the busiest man in Timanyoni county. Es- reserved for inquiring investors. There tablishing himself in the Hophra was a little interval of glove-smoothenough to dress the new part becom- desk end at him and said: ingly, he flung himself into what Colonel Baldwin called the "miracle- perfectly ridiculous question?" working" campaign with a zest that knew no flagging moment.

Within the fourteen-day period new town offices were occupied on the sec- John Smith?" ond floor of the Brewster City Na- "Why should you doubt it?" tional building; Stillings, most efficient opened, with the Brewster City Na- embarrassed. tional named as the company's depository and official fiduciary agent.

At the dam the building activities had been generously doubled. An electric light plant had been installed, and I will tell you," she retorted. "Mr. Williams was working day and night | Williams thought your name was an shifts both in the quarries and on the alias; and I'm not sure that he doesn't forms. Past this, the new financial still think so." manager, himself broadening rapidly as his field broadened, was branching | aliases. It's like John Doe or Richard "And a checking balance for imme- out in other directions. After a brief Roe, you know." conference with a few of his principal stockholders he had instructed Stillings to include the words "Power and Light" He was looking her fairly in the eyes trained in Kinzie's own school, at in the cataloguing of the new comthat—Smith could not be sure that the pany's possible and probable charter gray-faced old Westerner was not set- activities, and by the end of the fortting a final trap for him, after all. But | night the foundations of a powerhouse he took the risk, saying, with a decent were going in below the dam, and neshow of indifference: "Of course it gotiations were already on foot with would be more convenient here than in the Brewster city council looking to-

city for lighting and other purposes. Smith had made the planting of his from a pigeonhole and wrote rapidly financial anchor securely to windward upon it. Once more his optimism was his first care. Furnished with a selectlocking horns with prudent caution. It ed list by Colonel Baldwin, he had use it ordinarily. I'm not ashamed of was the optimism, however, that was | made a thorough canvas of possible in- | the plain 'John.' driving the pen. Baldwin's word was vestors, and by the time the new stock worth something, and it might be dis- was printed and ready for delivery astrous to let these two get away with- through Kinzie's bank, an ironclad pool out anchoring them solidly to the of the majority of the original Timanyoni Ditch stock had been organized, in the United States?" "Sign this, you two." he said. "I and Smith had sold to Maxwell, Stardon't know even the name of your new | buck, and other local capitalists a suf- | guess." outfit yet, but I'll take a chance on one | ficient amount of the new treasury stock to give him a fighting chance; this, with a promise of more if it he tried to make her say why he should

should be needed. Not to Maxwell or to any of the new | things and presently went back to her anyoni High Line was entering the perspiration standing on the fugitive's race. Colonel Baldwin and one Wil- forehead when she left him. liam Starbuck, Maxwell's brother-inlaw, by courtesy, and his partner in fice force had taken their departure, wheel within the wheel; how the great | himself back with some degree of clear- | ing business tide a bitter undertow was eastern utility corporation represented headedness to the pressing demands of beginning to set in. He took his first by Stanton had spent a million or his job. Just as he was about to give decided backward step on the night more in the acquisition of the Esca- it up and go across to the Hophra when he went into a hardware store lante grant, which would be practical- House for his dinner, William Starbuck and wought a pistol. The free, fairly worthless as agricultural land with- drifted in to open the railing gate and fighting spirit which had sent him bareout the water which could be obtained to come and plant himself in the chair hand against the three claim-jumponly by means of the Timanyoni dam of privilege at Smith's desk end.

With all these strenuous stirrings in stirred up good and plenty, at last," signed: "Let this go to the credit of the business field, it may say itself that he said, when he had found the "mak-Timanyoni Ditch, if you please, Mr. Smith found little time for social in- ings" and was deftly rolling a cigar-Kinzie, and we'll transfer it later. It's dulgences during the crowded fort- ette-his one overlapping habit reach quite possible that we sha'n't need it, night. Day after day the colonel begged ing back to his range-riding youth. but we are willing to help out a little him to take a night off at the ranch, "Dick Maxwell got a wire today from on your discount profits, anyway. Fur- and it was even more difficult to refuse his kiddle's grandpaw—and my own ther along, when things shape them- the proffered hospitality at the week-

we'll give you just as good a chance driving to town with her father, as she frequently did-had thrice visited the When they were safely out of the new offices that Smith began to con- tions from headquarters to keep hands bank and half a square away from it, gratulate himself, rather bitterly, to off of your new company and to work and mopped his forehead. "They say away from Hillcrest. For one thing, word he used-with Crawford Stanton. a man can't sweat at this altitude," he he was learning that Corona Baldwin How does that fit you?" remarked. "I'm here to tell you, was able to make him see rose-colored. Smith, that I've lost ten pounds in the When she was not with him, he was a the self-congratulatory face-wrinkling last ten minutes. Where in the name man in daily peril of meeting the of the quarry foreman who has seen

Miss Corona's fourth visit to the it?" he asked. handsome suite of offices over the "Dick is all wool and a yard wide; activity was scouted as a cause for the Brewster City National chanced to and what he signs his name to is what pickings, but one guess as to their "No; but you opened the door and he fall upon a Saturday. Her father, he is going to stand by. You won't lose origin was that some vessel, a warship president of the new company, as he him, but the wire shows us just about or possibly a big yacht, returning from "That's all right; I'm not respon- had been of the old, had a private of- where we're aiming to put our leg into a long cruise had passed up the coast sible for Mr. Kinzie's imagination. fice of his own, but Miss Corona soon the gopher hole and break it, doesn't and fer crew had emptied the larder We were obliged to have a little ad- drifted out to the railed-off end of the it?" vertising capital; we couldn't turn a larger room, where the financial secwheel without it. Put me in touch retary had his desk. Fairbairn and his colleagues are just put to sea.

We've got our footing-inside of the

a lew minutes too late. Starbuck,

the ex-cowpuncher, who was now well up on the middle rounds of fortunes ladder, shook his head doubtfully.

Oon't you make any brash breaks, John. Mr. Hiram Fairbairn and his crowd can swing twenty millions to your one little old dollar and a half, and they're not going to leave any of the pebbles unturned when it comes to saving their investment in the Escalange. That's all; I just thought I'd drop in and tell you."

Smith went to his rooms in the hotel a few minutes later to change for dinner. He found the linen drawer in his dressing-case overflowing. Opening another, he began to arrange the overflow methodically. The empty drawer was lined with a newspaper, and a singles headline on the upturned page sprang at him like a thing living and ventuagus. He bent lower and read the underrunning paragraph with a with a good business lawyer, and I'll "Colonel-daddy tells me that you are dull rage mounting to his eyes and start the legal machinery. Then you coming out to Hillcrest for the week- seeing for the moment to make the

Smith the absconding cashier of the Lawrenceville Bank and Trust, charged allowance that you won't. How about crime would have been merely a breach of wrust and not actionable but for the fact that Smith, by owning stock in the ban rupt Westfall industries lately taken over by the Richlander company, had so make himself amenable to the law. Smith disappeared on the night of the 14th and is still at large. He is also wanted on anegher criminal count. It will be remembered that he brutally assaulted President Durham on the night of his disappearance. The reward of \$1,000 for his appre-hen fon and arrest has been increased to \$2,000 by the bank directors.

## CHAPTER XI.

The Narrow World.

hearship of the irrigation project had fallen, to show his mercy. "Will you forgive me if I ask you a medly made him a more conspicuous target for the man-hunters, Smith Backsliding (vv. 4-7). of Timanyoni High Line had been was a new one to him. She was visibly ing to be the best-known man in Brew- by God's help.



'How About It?"

ster and he cherished no illusions about lost identities, or the ability to lose them, in the land where time and space have been wired and railroaded thought. And then: "How many 'John | pretty well out of existence.

M. Smiths' do you suppose there are It was needful that he should work while the day was his in which to work, and he did work. There was still much to be done. Williams was having a threat of labor troubles at the dam, and Stillings had unearthed another possible flaw in the land titles dating back to the promotion of a certain ailroad which had never gotten far leyond the paper stage and the acquiring of some of its rights of way.

Smith flung himself masterfully at the w difficulties as they arose, and earn his meed of praise from the men or whom he overcame them. But the Little Alice mine, alone knew the he still sat at his desk striving to bring under the surface current of the hurryers was gone and in its place there was a fell determination, undefined as yet, but keying itself to the barbaric pitch.

> Try as hard as he may, Smith finds that he cannot keep sentiment out of his life. His fear of discovery and arrest increases. Important developments come in the next installment.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Sea Gives Up Eatables. Early strollers on the beaches as Dexter Baldwin pushed his hat back be sure, upon his wisdom in staying strictly in cahoots—'harmony' was the far forth as Belmar recently recovered from the surf enough food to stock a country grocery, says a Sea Girt. The financial secretary's smile was N. Y. dispatch to the New York Times. The flotsam included canned goods of many sorts, but mostly tomatoes of jumping Jehoshaphat did you get sheriff. But when she was present, his tackle hitch hold to land the big and asparagus; one man carried home three tubs of good butter and many "What is Maxwell going to do about clothesbaskets full of lemons; all of which were fresh and hard. Submarine overbard so as to be certain of abso-"I'm not borrowing any trouble. Mr. lutely fresh provisions when next the

# INTERNATIONAL

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# LESSON FOR OCTOBER 7

PSALMS OF DELIVERANCE.

LESSON TEXT-Psalms 85 and 126. GOLDEN TEXT-They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.—Psalms 126:5.

These Psalms breathe the spirit of the true patriot. The Psalmist sees his afflicted country suffering for the sins of the people, prays for their restoration to the Divine favor, and with the eagle eye of faith anticipates the joyful day of spiritual and temporal blessings because of restoration to the Divine favor. Doubtless such Levrenceville, May 19.-The grand jury patriotism would be pleasing to the Lord on the part of us all.

Psalm 85. I. Praises for Mercles Received (vv. 1-3).

Praise is given for (1) Deliverance from Captivity (v.

He had in mind the specific mercies of a given time; perhaps it was one of the oppressions of the Philistines from which they had been delivered. (2) Forgiveness of Sin (vv. 2, 3).

"Thou hast forgiven the iniquitycovered all their sin." God's restoration was the proof that he had pardoned. Great indeed was the sin of Jacob, but God's forgiveness was greater. He is peculiarly a God of mercy. the fresh newspaper reminder Having forgiven the sins his anger is House, and discarding the working ing silence, and then, like a flash out that his sudden bound upward from taken away. He stayed his hand from khaki only because he was shrewd of a clear sky, she smiled across the the laboring ranks to the executive the judgment which would have justly

II. Prayer for Restoration From

"Certainly. Other people ask them scatted himself of sleep and redoubled He knew how worthless the outward his efforts to put the new company on blessings of the Lord would be unless "Is—is your name really and truly a sound and permanent footing. In the people inwardly turned to the the pature of things he felt that his Lord. He, therefore, besought the own shift must necessarily be short. Lord to give them the greater blessing, It was just here that Smith was The more or less dramatic coup in that of a change of heart. Without the of corporation counsels, had secured given to see another one of Miss Co- Timenyoni High Line had advertised change of heart forgiveness would be the new charter; and the stock-books rona's many moods—or tenses—and it him thoroughly. He was rapidly com- futile. A change of heart can only be

(1) That God would turn the hearts of his people toward himself (v. 4). Knowing the people's utter helplessness to turn to God, he cried out to God to save them by turning them to himself. He knew that God's anger could not turn from the people as long as they were impenitent.

(2) That God would take away the very remembrance of their sins (vv.

(a) The ending of his anger (v. 5) The desire seems to be that he would wipe out the very marks of his displeasure by not longer allowing punishment to be meted out to them. (b) The return to the people's joy

(v. 6). Their joy could only be realized through a revival from God. The Psalmist now becomes more bold in his

requests. (c) Shall show them mercy (v. 7). "Make it visible," is his cry. God's judgment was most real. His desire is

that his mercy would be just as real. III. Exultant Anticipation (vv. 8-13). Having spoken the sentiment of the repentant people, the poet expresses confidence of the Lord's response. So faithful is God that those who sincerely pray to him can go forward

(1) "He will speak peace" (v. 8). He knew that a gentle answer would come, but its continuance would depend upon the fidelity of the people. Turning to folly would provoke again his wrath.

with the assurance of petitions granted.

(2) Will bring his salvation near (v. 9).

Only as his salvation was near could glory be in the land.

(3) Devise a way by which "Mercy and truth," "Righteousness and peace,"

may be united (vv. 10, 11).

He did not suggest a way. He may not have known it. Faith now sees the way in Christ. In him such a union has been blessedly effected. (4) The land shall become fruitful

When sin is removed, temporal prosperity shall follow. Earth's barrenness is due to sin. When the curse is removed fruitfulness shall follow.

(5) Righteousness shall be the guide of his people (v. 12). In that golden, glad age God's right-

eous ways will leave a track in which his own may walk with security. Psalm 126. I. The Fact of Zion's Deliverance

(vv. 1, 2). (1) By whom (v. 1). The Lord.

(2) Effect of (vv. 1,2). (a) The people were scarcely able to believe it. So sudden and unexpect-

seemed to them as a dream. They expressed their feeling in joyful laughter. (b) The heathen noted their deliverance as marvelous, and ascribed it to God (v. 2).

ed was their deliverance that it

The Proper Attitude

The proper attitude of a man toward woman is not a very complicated affair. The fellow who admires her if she's beautiful, honors her if she is a mother, respects her if she works, has sympathy for her if she is in distress, and pities her if she stumbles is in a fair way to become a gentleman. -Houston Post.

Qualities of Head and Heart. "The head best leaves to the heart what the heart alone divines."-A Bronson Alcott

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Children Want to Know. History repeats herself, but a child is always original.

Small Marjorie was most intelligently concerned over motion pictures of the war. When she failed to understand a situation she asked for information.

"Why are those men stooping under

that bridge, mother?" Mother explained that they were going to blow it up.

"Oh! Will they have breath enough?"

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The Impatient Guest. Heloise of the rapid-fire resraurant was relating to Claudine, another waitress in the same establishment, certain interesting episodes which occurred at the bartenders' ball on the pervious night. "All in the living world I says to Hughie was-"

"Sa-a-ay!" sarcastically snarled a hypercritical customer, "I'm still waiting for my order! Is this a restaurant or an elocutionary entertainment?"

"Aw, listen to the living skeleton having a fit on the tiled floor!" coldly retorted Heloise. "I says to Hughie, 'Hughie,' I says, 'I wouldn't have thought it of you!' Just like that."

Perfectly Ridiculous.

"It's too bad that you broke your doll," commented the caller.

"This doll is not broken," corrected the child gravely. "Oh, isn't it? I thought that was

the doll that used to cry 'Mamma!' when it was queezed." "This is the same doll. But you must remember that was several years. ago. She is much older now. You don't expect a grown-up young lady

The caller had to acknowledge that whatever she expected, it probably wouldn't take place.

to cry 'Mamma!' when she is queezed

Dyspeptic Dangers. "Is this war bread, my dear?"

"No; why do you ask?"

changing their brass for other people's

"It looks to me as if a man had only a fighting chance with it." Some folks make a specialty of ex-



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