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AN INFAMOUS SYSTEM.

How the Spoils System Affects Women in the Government Offices—Stories to Make the Blood Boil.

"Oh, dear! What shall I do? What shall I do?" she sobbed, almost falling at my feet.

I tried to calm her, and led her aside to a friendly doorway. I had known her for an honest girl these two years, and the only dependence of a widowed and foolish mother, who had recently been laid away in the grave.

The mother died. The daughter anticipated her salary to pay funeral expenses. To-day she was discharged from office.

Young handsome, educated, penniless, homeless, friendless—pursued by a reckless libertine of wealth and high political position! Think of it, mothers!

"I am discharged," she sobbed. "What shall I do?"

Now, I'm a married man, and I'll tell you what I did. I looked around rather nervously for fear some passing friend would observe and overhear the supplications of this unhappy creature.

"Only one," she said, and I could see her glance at me. "But he—"

"Well—and he?"

"Then she told me how that same 'friend' had followed her. There was no question in her mind as to his motives. She knew he could provide for her, but she dared not do so.

She had asked him to have her retained and received his ultimatum. From her story I made up my mind that this congressional scoundrel had purposely permitted her discharge, believing she must inevitably fall into his hands.

Now, I am no saint, but it made my blood boil to see this scoundrel, who had seduced a young girl, I would that I could print his name in glaring headlines in every newspaper in the country, but nobody would believe it. You would not dare suggest such a family of such a man.

Few readers will appreciate the situation of these departmental women suddenly deprived of place. In other walks of life one drops out here and there, either from necessity or choice.

While the reader is taking in this article there will be some 300 of these 400 clustering around the door ways of the census bureau, crying about the desks, and sobbing over their empty purses.

There will be many poor girls in straightened circumstances, who have been honest and virtuous all their lives, who will, probably for the first time, calmly contemplate the contingency of shame—who will even make voluntary overtures to those whom they believe all-powerful to aid them. There will be many who will boldly face the world in the renewed fight for bread, who would die before they would ever think of such a thing.

And there will be a flock of male harpies crowding over the more desperate women of the throng, to catch them in their hour of desperation, and bear them away to a life of gilded sin. It is almost too sickening to contemplate. But it is a sight which Washington often witnesses; so often that we have grown calloused and hard of heart.

While a clerk in the treasury, several years ago, I saw many of these wholesale discharges. At one time there were 600 women given out of the treasury in one day. It was a frantic mob. Women fainted in the halls and tore their hair, and cursed their superiors and wept in the streets about the building, as if the gigantic columns would not support and restore them to their places.

From all I have seen it is clear to me that the employment of women in the government offices is a great mistake. It is not only prejudicial to the service, but harmful to the women themselves. It encourages all sorts of licentiousness. It provides the means to members of Congress of keeping their mistresses at government expense. It demoralizes both male and female employees. It is a standing disgrace to manhood and womanhood. It is a satire on our age of civilization.

It will not do to say that these conditions are not necessary. It is enough to know that they are true. I can think of no worse fate for a young, handsome, and intelligent woman than to be sent to this place and put in a government office. Where women come comfortable homes here it is not much matter, but those who come from abroad come to face too many ups and downs and temptations for ordinary human nature to resist.

A detective here for the first time in ten years says the history of wrecked lives of those men and women, especially the latter, who have started out with a government office would shock even a policeman. He told me that a dozen years ago there were plenty of them where women were living shameful lives, whose respectable parents in the States believed they were in government employment. A number of such cases have become public. Among the most notorious of these is the case of Nellie Burrell, the mistress for several years of Capt. Howgate. Her parents were given to understand that she was here in office, and that she was ignorant of an only daughter's shame but for the Howgate exposure. Her parents were almost crazed with grief, and used every means in their power to reclaim her, but it was too late. My friend, the detective, declared that he had acted in a dozen such cases as a medium for the suspicious relatives and friends of such women. They had all started out alike in government office, very often in my fifteen years at the national capital to aid in securing places

for women; but since I have seen how it works I have invariably answered that the applicant had better do anything that was honest before coming here. I want to repeat that here. And I want to extend the same remonstrance and advice to every young man. Of course, they won't take it. I don't expect that; but I feel some satisfaction of conscience in warning people against danger of any kind, even if they break their necks the next minute.

The Past and Present.

Are "the rich growing richer and the poor poorer?" Mr. Mulhall, a well-known English statistician, refutes this much-abused adage. Comparing 1840 with 1877 the probable returns of the United Kingdom showed that, dividing all classes into rich, middle class and working class, in 1840, in England, of the first three were 2.40 per cent., of the second 21.20, of the last 76.40. In 1877 it was represented by 3.70, 29.40 and 66.90 per cent. In 1840 England had an aggregate wealth of \$8 per cent. of her share of the means of the whole United Kingdom, but in 1877 Scotland and Ireland showed increased means, and that of England fell some 3 per cent.

If in 1840 the amount of property on which probate or succession duties were paid represented a total value of means equivalent to \$54,610,000, this was about \$2 id. average per inhabitant. In 1877 it was \$131,450,000, or 43 1/2c per person. In 1840 the total value of the first three was \$277 to every inhabitant. "Forty years ago," writes Mr. Mulhall, "Scotland swarmed with beggars to such a degree that the Sheriff's declared the state of the country most alarming, and the farmers were so poor that they bled their cattle and cooked their blood as food." What has been the condition of Ireland? Her wealth, too, has increased. In 1840 it was \$20,000,000 or \$112,000,000 more than Scotland. Today it is \$438,000,000, or \$83 per head. With increased means, as the Duke of Argyll has conclusively shown, comes a greater amount of the individual for food. If statistics are to be relied upon in 1840 each person in the United Kingdom consumed 22 ounces of tea, 15 pounds of sugar, 209 pounds of wheat, and 100 pounds of meat. In 1880 the quantities used were, tea, 73 ounces; sugar, 54 pounds; wheat, 358 pounds; meat 118 pounds. Wherever the middle class is the most comfortable the country is the most prosperous. This is seen as numerous in France, Germany, and lowest in Russia. In fact, Russia is a country of princes and peasants, and the first—some 24,746—have an average income of \$19,000; the merchants, some 123,200, \$1,500, while the 16,254,100 peasants have an income of \$185 each. Some idea of the increase, however, of cost of living may be had from the following statement:

Whereas from 1830 to 1840 an English family of five could live comfortably on \$92 1/4, from 1870 to 1880 it would have cost \$106 1/4. When our own census is presented in all its various aspects a very curious analysis can be made on this interesting subject. It does not seem, then, that in any country "the rich are getting richer and the poor poorer."

Discrimination.

We begin to think that the Midland North Carolina Railroad has not a whit more soul than have other railroad corporations, the efforts of Senator Vance notwithstanding. The Kingston Journal of last week says:

"We hear of another case of injustice by the Midland Company to a citizen of Kingston. A bill of goods was shipped from New York and billed as through freight to Kingston. Yet the Midland charges local freight from Newberne to Kingston. The midland managers seem to be very slow and cautious about correcting errors. We think it should be about time Col. Yates was writing another letter on protesting."

The Newberne News commenting on this item, says:

"We cannot believe that the Midland Company, after all that has been said in its defence and favor, and the attitude of Senator Vance, charged with the fight with the Richmond and Danville monopoly, can be deliberately guilty of perpetrating worse abuses and outrages upon the business interests of this portion of the State than were ever charged to the management of that giant corporation of Virginia which now controls two thirds of the railroad transportation of North Carolina."

Somewhat Independent.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.—In accepting the nomination for Congress yesterday, Senator Acklen said the United States was a nation, not a league. He favored the absolute supremacy of the national government, endorsed the protective platform of the Republican party, advocated national education and internal improvements, and indicated that in the future he would give his support to whatever party best serves the material interests of the State.

The Opening of the Mardi Gras—Acklen Renominated.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 21.—The Rex receptions yesterday was quite a nice affair. The United States steamer Keaysage lying off the foot of Julia street was handsomely decorated, and on the arrival of the King fired a national salute and the guards of honor included a detachment of the United States marines and sailors. The royal colors were displayed on the shipping and throughout the city, and a great crowd assembled on the streets along which the procession moved.

Hon. Jos. H. Acklen was nominated for Congress from the 3rd district yesterday, by the Democratic convention ever assembled there.

Confidence Asserted.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 21.—At the meeting of the sinking fund commissioners yesterday, all present, a resolution was adopted asserting entire confidence in the management of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company, and that at the present time they have not the slightest idea of placing any of the city's stock upon the market at any figure near the present depressed price.

Death of a New York Banker.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—Geo. G. Sampson, late director of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company and one of the directors of the Bank of the Republic, died yesterday. He came from Richmond, Va., to this city at an early age.

Everything has a cure: tickling in the throat, hacking of nose, violent coughing, etc., are the effects of a severe cold. Dr. Bull's cough syrup cures the cold at once, and removes its serious effects.

Indicted for an Atrocious Murder.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 22.—The grand jury of Southampton county yesterday indicted Emmitt Claude, colored, for the murder of John Murrell and Thomas Glover, in December last. He is to be tried in the county circuit court in May next. This was the most brutal murder ever committed in this State, and entirely unprovoked. After committing the murder Claude set fire to the store of J. H. & J. B. Prince in which Murrell and Glover were employed as clerks, and which was entirely consumed.

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ALSO, 5 CASES CONGRESS WATER, 10 CASES ROCK BRIDGE ALUM, 10 CASES BUFFALO LITHIA. And a full supply of IMPORTED APOLLINARI Hunyadi Janos Waters.

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DISSOLUTION. THE Beer Bottling business heretofore conducted in Charlotte by Cochran & Munzer has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. W. B. COCHRAN, F. C. MUNZLER. February 9, 1882.

NOTICE. HAVING bought out the interest of Mr. W. R. Cochran in the Beer Bottling business, I will hereafter conduct the business, as agent for the Berger & Regel Company, in Charlotte, and while returning thanks for past patronage, respectfully solicit favors in the future. Respectfully, feb 10 F. C. MUNZLER.

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Respectfully soliciting a share of your patronage, we are respectfully, feb 19 A. J. BEALL & CO.