

PAYING THE PENALTY



He placed the object in his pocket and soon after joined Robert. "Did you recognize either of the parties to that quarrel, Mr. Thorn?" asked the banker's son.

CHAPTER XVII. (Continued.)

"I judge you were becoming impatient," the detective said to the man who had been waiting for him. "I was detained longer than I expected."

"Well, something that may prove of aid," said Sellers. "At least it will enable me to compare the features of Earl with those of others without trusting to memory. I have secured one of the young man's photographs."

"Well, some little trifles," said the detective, who was adjusting John Thorn's beard. "In a week's time, I will return them if they prove of no service. There, I am John Thorn again. Let us go."

"So it is. Well, I shall leave your city tonight. I may possibly be absent for a week. Before going, I would like to walk through your park."

"You mean it, but I know that I am staying fast. I will have it, or it shall be the worse for you."

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"I think I have somewhere seen one of them before," was the reply. "Will you go through the conservatory?" Robert asked.

"I think not. It is getting late. Let us return." "We can take another route from the park," he said.

"I think not; at least I am unable to recall one." "The two men left the park deeply engaged in conversation."

"I can see no reason for your making the request, but I will comply for one week at least."

"I understand." "Now one more favor I wish you to grant me. Do you go armed? Do you carry a revolver?"

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AMERICANS TOUR MUCH.

Many millions of dollars spent in foreign lands. We pay an enormous tribute to hotels and steamships—the big item of expense—over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars this season.

Much has been said and written about the great number of Americans who go abroad every year, but few persons not connected with ocean transportation realize what an immense business has been built up in travel abroad.

These figures, it must be remembered, relate only to Atlantic travel. There are increasingly large numbers of persons who start on their wanderings from Pacific ports.

Nearly two-thirds of these travelers want to leave this country in May, June or July, and to return in August, September and October.

It is during the six months of summer travel that the companies operating the great ocean lines make profits, enabling them to keep their magnificent steamers in operation the year around.

There are thirty steamship lines carrying passengers from New York, some twenty from other Atlantic ports and a dozen from different points on the Pacific Coast.

The little Americans who lament so vast an expenditure of money for foreign travel would be surprised to learn how large a proportion of it remains in this country.

All the remaining flags have a blue field and white stars, the order being: For admirals, four stars; for vice admirals, three stars; for rear admirals, two stars; for commodores, one star in center of blue pennant.

There are seven sizes of flags used in the navy, running down from thirty-six feet to three feet in length.

A vessel in commission always carries the national colors from the stern till sundown every night. The flag of the commanding officer remains at the masthead day and night.

GOOD ROADS NOTES.

A vacationer's thought. The country's pleasure, sure enough, but not near what it could be. If roads now ragged and rough were only what they should be.

What Poor Roads Cost Our Farmers. If ever there were two classes of people that had a good cause in common they are the bicyclists and the farmers.

In order to compare the roads of the United States with those of Europe the bureau through its consuls made careful inquiry on the subject of cost of hauling in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, and Switzerland.

In 1885, according to the reports, a little more than 20,000 American visitors visited Paris, while the number of English visitors was 35,000.

Putting together the total distance covered by this American army of foreign occupation, and it cannot be less than 500,000,000 miles, or enough for a round trip excursion to the center of our solar system, with side trips to Mars, Jupiter and all the intervening planets.

The cost of first cabin passage by all the great liners is \$100 during the summer season. Second cabin passage costs from \$40 to \$80.

The cost of the stay in Europe, or wherever the tourists may elect to roam, varies of course according to his means, tastes and methods.

It is not in the regulations, you know," said an army surgeon, "that a man with one eye is eligible for enlistment. But there was a man, blind in one eye, who passed the necessary examination and served in the Porto Rican campaign.

It is to be said that a telegraph operator at Springfield, Mass., was kept at his post of duty for many hours receiving special news.

Underground London contains 34,000 miles of telegraph wires, 300 miles of sewers, 4500 miles of water-mains, and 3200 miles of gas-pipes.

THE WILDER FILIPINOS.

Civilization assuredly works wonders in a community, but it often renders the community less interesting, or at least less picturesque, than before.

Their small village houses of bamboo were perched high in the air. When the inhabitants wanted to write a letter, they took fresh joints of bamboo for note-paper, and scratched their letters in vertical columns like the Chinese.

It is to be inferred that a man thought twice before accusing his neighbors of a grave offense, for the method of judging was something of an ordeal as well to accuser as to accused.

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Force yourself to take an interest in your work and the effort will soon become a pleasure instead of a hardship.

He is the best accountant who can cast up correctly the sum of his own errors.

There is no situation in life so bad that it cannot be mended. In love of home the love of country has its rise.

WHEELMEN SCARED BY TEXTS.

One of the bicycle papers calls attention to the fact that a little legislation would not be amiss to check the unfeeling way in which certain ultraradicalists are doing their best to shake the nerves of timid cyclists.

Correspondent riding from Yarmouth to Lowestoft was traveling a goodly pace down a steep grade when, upon rounding a turn of the road, a big signboard painted black and white attracted his attention, and he almost fell off his wheel as he read, "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after death the judgment."

At the foot of the hill, where the cyclist, as might be supposed, lost the control of his machine, the following comforting sentence glared at him from another board: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"—London Correspondence in New York Herald.

AN UNSTEADFAST UMBRELLA.

A new unsteady umbrella has been patented in Paris. When you place your rump in the stand, you answer the handle and drop that in your pocket, so doing you look the ribs together so that the umbrella cannot be opened until the handle is screwed into its place.

SOME TRUTH IN THE DEFINITION.

An applicant for a teacher's certificate in Reynolds County defied a brace as something to throw at a dog.—Kansas City Star.

THE ANTI-RUN AGITATION.

Evil roads corrupt good morals. The best road leads to the best market.

People generally are beginning to realize that road building is a public matter, and that the best interests of American agriculture and the American people as a whole demand the construction of good roads, and that money wisely expended for this purpose is sure to return.