

## Don't Kick in the Door.

By Winifred Black.

**T**HE newspapers are having a fine time reprinting stories about a certain much-talked-of capitalist and the way he "gets mad" when things don't go right.

One day one of the stories said he was so cross when Central didn't answer the instant he rang up that he grabbed the telephone box, tore it from the wall, threw it through the window of his office and then ran downstairs and kicked it off the sidewalk.

Another time, so runs the entrancing tale, he didn't like the way things were running in his office, and he went down early to see about it.

He found a door locked that he thought ought not to be locked, and he kicked it in, terrifying the young women stenographers and the office boys almost to death by the vigor and the fury of his kicks.

Sweet thing this man must be to have in the family. I'd hate to be the stenographer of some of the little pinheads who will read that story and make up their minds to be like the great financier. If they can't make as much money as he does, they'll at least show twice as bad temper.

Every little goose of a wild-eyed clerk who thinks he ought to be a great speculator will go home, and kick the door of his flat in just to show the neighbors that he's somebody, after all.

I know a girl who's trying to be an actress. She has been discharged from the chorus five different times. She was telling me about it the other day, and as she related her experiences I could see that she really wasn't rude and ill tempered and hysterical by nature at all.

She was simply acting that way because she thought it was a mark of genius to be a crank.

Now, if she really had been a genius she could have made the stage managers agree with her, but as she wasn't, she spent most of her time looking for work.

Eccentricities are a good deal easier to imitate than genius, my young friends. Be sure that you've found the genius and are able to make other people see it before you begin to cultivate the eccentricities.

As for the financier and his door-kicking habit, he has succeeded in spite of that, remember, my poor little envious imitator, and not because of it.

If you could look right into the middle of his heart and read his real experiences and what they have cost him there, you would doubtless find that the temper which made him kick the door in has lost him at least a cool million or two in the course of his life.

And he'd be the first man to confess it, too.—New York American.

## Causes of Anglo-American Friendship

By James Bryce, British Ambassador to Washington.

**I**T is not race only that links you and us together; it is the language that grew up, the literature that was produced, the free institutions that were framed, in the days when your ancestors and ours lived together in the ancient island home. Nor is this all.

There are in the masses of our people many whose knowledge of literature and institutions is slender, but to whom America is the land to which their brothers and their children have gone, the land which stands to their minds as being pre-eminently the land of human equality, the land of a free career, the land which gives the ordinary man his best chance, the land which promises a future in which the masses shall—such is their belief—fare better than they have ever done before.

Strong as this sentiment is—and this is the point I want to make clear—there is nothing exclusive in it, nothing to which any other nation can object. We do not want you because you are our friends to be any bit the less the friends of any other nation. We do not ask you to forget, nor do we forget, what we both owe to Italy, the home of poetry, painting and music; to France, whose intellect has so often irradiated all Europe; to Germany, so rich in the treasures of thought and learning. International amity is not like conjugal affection, which if it is to produce happiness must needs imply the special devotion of each to the other. It is like the friendship of men among themselves, which can take in many at the same time. And, indeed, the more international friendship rises to a sense of human brotherhood, the more it feels how much better peace is than strife and love is than hatred, the wider will it extend the range of its beneficent influence.

## Where the Trouble Lies.

By W. P. Warren.

**H**ARD problems often have an easy solution—when you know just where the trouble lies.

I remember one cold winter morning, some years ago, I was passing a grocery store and saw a number of people waiting to get in. The man was there to open the door, but the key would not work. With the help of a policeman and one or two other men he was trying to force the lock. I joined the crowd for a few moments. One man asked to see the key. He reasoned that if the key had always worked it should work now unless there was something wrong with it. Looking down the little hole in the end he found a small pebble, which kept the key from going all the way in. Picking out the pebble he put the key in the lock, and opened the door readily.

I have often thought of this experience when confronted by perplexing problems. And many a time I have found that what at first seemed a difficult problem was instantly solved—when I found the pebble in the key.

Somewhere, in every problem, there is a place where the trouble lies. We do not make any progress until we find that spot and remove the obstruction. All other effort is wasted. We gain nothing by trying to force the lock. The thing to do is to find the pebble in the key.

## Great Risks of Investors Merit Great Rewards

By Edward M. Shepard, Eminent Lawyer and Publicist.

**I**F no man lives to himself alone, neither does nor can a railroad company. If public restraints be unfairly irksome or unduly hindering, as they sometimes are to a legitimate enterprise; if a railroad company cannot do as it will with its own, this is only part of an inexorable condition to which, in underlying reality and more or less, every business is subject. If, however, there be obligations upon railroad companies—if, for instance, it be right, as it is, that the Pennsylvania shall perform fully the duties it has recently assumed to New York—there are, on the other side, corresponding and equal obligations to the Pennsylvania and to the investors who, through the Pennsylvania, have made the improvements. Good sense will surely recognize that those who take great risks and oftentimes suffer great losses that they may perform great services to the material development of the country, must, if we are to have these services, be permitted correspondingly great profits.

## The New Character of Recent Legislation

By Governor Charles S. Deneen, of Illinois.

**T**HE necessity for co-operative effort is seen in recent legislation, which has taken on a new character. Its tendency is to become more constructive. In this spirit were framed the laws designed to promote the development of our natural resources. There are many examples of this. Through public agencies, for example, information is gathered in relation to our farming industry, in all its branches and dispensed to those who are engaged in agriculture. The one thing needed in relation to this increase of co-operation is its wise direction, and this can only be secured by the participation of those who are best informed regarding our business and commercial requirements, and by a careful consideration by them of measures proposed to meet those requirements before they are offered for legislative action. Heretofore too little attention has been given to this subject. To our Legislature bills are presented which have been hastily framed as a result of agitation by those who felt the need of remedial legislation, but were unskilled in devising remedies. Legislation, to be efficient, must be preceded not by agitation merely, but by investigation. Our lawmaking programme should be agitation, investigation, then legislation.

## 21 DIE IN SUDDEN FLOOD

### Twenty-One People Are Swept Away in Flood

### MUCH PROPERTY DESTROYED

### Thousands of Acres of Growing Crops Ruined — Cloudburst Causes Big Creek to Submerge Gradyville and Vicinity, Waters Leaping From Creek Bed and Taking New Course With Force of a Tidal Wave.

Louisville, Ky., Special. — Twenty-one persons dead, the village devastated and several thousand acres of growing crops ruined are the havoc wrought by a cloudburst that caused Big creek to submerge Gradyville, Ky., and vicinity. All the dead are residents of Gradyville and, although reports are meagre, it is believed that no further fatalities will be reported from the surrounding country.

The dead:

MRS. L. C. NELL, wife of State Senator Nell.  
FOUR CHILDREN of Senator and Mrs. L. C. Nell.  
MRS. LUMHILL.  
ONE CHILD of Mrs. Lumhill.  
MRS. CARL WILMERE.  
DAUGHTER of Mrs. Wilmere.  
GRANDDAUGHTER of Mrs. Wilmere.  
MRS. HARTFIELD MOSS.  
SIX CHILDREN of Mrs. Moss.  
MRS. J. W. KELTNER.  
ONE CHILD of Mrs. Keltner.  
MISS MARY MOSS.

The disaster was due to the erratic behavior of Big Creek which was already swollen by recent rains. When the cloudburst precipitated three inches of rain in an hour on Gradyville and vicinity the creek leaped from its bed and took a new course with the force of a tidal wave.

Inhabitants of Gradyville were nearly all in bed when the foaming waters struck the town, carrying away six residences, a mill and a large number of small houses. Nearly all the victims were drowned, but four were crushed by the collapse of dwellings.

State Senator Nell, who is a physician owes his escape from the fate that overtook his family to the fact that he was several miles away in the hills, sitting up with a patient. When the news of the disaster reached Columbia, Ky., the nearest town of any size, several hundred citizens departed for the scene with wrecking appliances, food and clothing. All the physicians available went along. They found the residents of the devastated village dazed and helpless, but by nightfall all the relief possible had been afforded. Several persons were injured, but none of these will die.

Gradyville is a village of 175 inhabitants in Adair county, six miles from Columbia and 18 miles from the nearest railroad station.

Chicago, Special. — Dispatches from various places in Southern Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky tell of severe storms of tornado severity which have caused some loss of life and the destruction of much property.

Early Saturday the town of New Minden, Ill., 25 miles southeast of St. Louis, was visited by a tornado which killed four persons and injured a score of others.

At Gradyville, a cloudburst is said to have caused the loss of from 10 to 15 lives, and washed away eight residences.

At York, Ill., Saturday 25 or 30 houses were destroyed and a number of people are said to have been killed. Because of the loss of telegraph wires, exact details are not available.

The storm is said to have been especially severe in southern Indiana and at Farmersburg and Sullivan much damage was done by wind and rain.

Quincy, Ill., was also visited at night by the same storm that caused the destruction at work. A number of houses were blown down, but no lives were lost.

59 Per Cent in Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., Special. — Commissioner of Agriculture Blakeslee gave out a bulletin showing crop conditions on June 3, and estimating the average condition of the cotton on that date at 59 per cent, against the government estimate of 65 per cent. The difference is attributed to the considerable bad weather between May 31 and June 3, the dates on which the data was compiled. Blakeslee estimates the cotton acreage at 83 per cent, and the corn acreage at 99 per cent, or about normal. The average condition of the corn crop is placed at 69 per cent.

Krupp Company Sues Gen. Crozier.

Washington, Special. — Suit was begun here in the supreme court of the District of Columbia in the name of the Krupp Manufacturing Company of Essen, Germany, against General William Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordinance of the war department, charging an infringement of the company's patent on recoil gun brakes and asking for an accounting.

## FEMININE NEWS NOTES.

Miss Helen Gould is in Venice. A woman sixty-five years old has just entered Vassar College as a freshman.

Sarah Orne Jewett recently received a legacy of \$20,000 from Mrs. Susan B. Cabot.

Women are endowed with full voting privileges in the States of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Utah.

The pope has sanctioned the long debated proposal to establish a Roman Catholic college for women at Oxford.

There is a special examination in Austrian cities for female barbers, who are yearly growing more numerous.

The Teddy Bear has given place to the living pet. Monstrosities in the way of dogs and monkeys have now come into favor.

Mrs. George Gould, it was reported, will be a witness for Mrs. Howard Gould when the suit for a limited divorce comes to trial.

Mrs. T. De Witt Talmage, widow of the noted Brooklyn minister, is said to be one of the favorites in literary circles in Washington, D. C.

The French Government has entrusted to Mme. Laurence Fiedler, of Paris, a mission to make an investigation into the social and industrial conditions of women and children in America.

Though she is not yet a social "bud," Miss Helen Taft has been nicknamed "the tulip girl" by her close friends in Washington, D. C. The title had its origin in her fondness for a certain style of dressing.

Miss Robb, who recently died in Edinburgh at the age of ninety-four, had been a naval pensioner for ninety-three years. She was the posthumous child of Captain Robb, of the royal navy, and was put on the State pension roll at birth.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE.

District Attorney Jerome is an inveterate cigarette smoker.

Karl Blind, the German patriot, died in London from heart disease. He was born in 1826.

Lord Selborne is the first British Cabinet minister who has accepted an appointment in the colonies.

Joaquin Miller, the poet of the Sierras, will try to get himself elected to the United States Senate by the Oregon Legislature.

Governor Cummins, of Iowa, has announced that he will be a candidate for United States Senator at the next year's primary election.

Augustus St. Gaudens has been commissioned by the Treasury Department to execute a new design for the \$20 gold piece.

Secretary Taft has traveled over 100,000 miles on Government business since he became the first Governor of the Philippines.

Lord Rosebery, formerly British Prime Minister, is an authority on gardening, though most people know him only as a statesman and author.

William Alden Smith, who succeeds the late Senator Alger as Michigan's representative in the upper house, got his start in life as a newsboy.

Maxwell Evarts, son of former Senator William M. Evarts, is a big lawyer who lives in Vermont, practices law in New York and raises old English sheep dogs for fun.

A letter of the late M. Pobiedonostoff, Procurator-General of the Holy Synod, tells how, but for him, the present Czar's father would have granted a constitution to Russia.

Justice Gaynor agreed with Justice Brewer that the country was entering on its period of greatest glory, saying that there always came a man and a time to correct all public abuses.

We believe there is little difference of opinion, especially among laymen, that expert evidence in criminal cases, and particularly when mental incapacity is the defence, is being rapidly discredited, laments the New York Post. The alienist is coming to be regarded with as much suspicion as the average handwriting expert, and his contribution to the efficient apportionment of justice has been made more than doubtful by a system of which he is personally not the least conspicuous victim.

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