

NAPOLEON, As Seen by His Associates

MARRIAGE, QUARRELS AND DIVORCE

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XXIII. NAPOLEON first learned of the widow Josephine de Beauharnais when she called to thank him in person for restoring to her son Eugene the sword of his father, who had perished by the guillotine. She was attractive, and he took the opportunity to secure a closer intimacy. His advances were welcome, as may be judged by the following note penned by Josephine to General Bonaparte shortly after the first meeting:

You no longer come to see a friend who loves you. You have another magnetism. You are wrong, for she is deeply attached to you. Come tomorrow to luncheon with me. I want to see you and to talk to you about your interests.

Good night, my friend. I embrace you. WIDOW BEAUHARNAIS.

Napoleon responded to the invitation to take luncheon with Josephine, and, says Marshal Lamoignon in his memoirs, "he fell in love with her in the fullest sense of the word. He was twenty-six, she more than thirty-two. Although she had lost all her freshness, she discovered how to please him."

Napoleon's passion for the Creole widow, whose life had been filled with adventure, called forth less comment at the time of it than afterward, when the inconstancy of the match became apparent. His family disapproved. All Paris was in a ferment over the ever changing scenes, and Napoleon's conquest of the sections, marriage and de-



NAPOLEON AND THE KING OF ROMÉ, NAPOLEON II. (After a painting by Steuben.)

parture to command the French army in Italy all took place within the space of six months.

After a honeymoon of two days Napoleon set out for Italy and wrote almost daily letters filled with love and longing that his wife join him in Italy. Josephine sent no response to her husband's passionate letters and invited various excuses for not joining him. To a friend who asked about his sudden marriage and her young husband she said carelessly, "I believe Bonaparte to be a very brave man."

Napoleon said at St. Helena that he had possibly loved Josephine "a little." He thought the marriage would give him good standing in French society because she belonged to a good house, to the old regime and the king. In short, the marriage would make a Frenchman of him, a born Corsican.

Finally, after many excuses on her part and much pleading in Napoleon's letters, Josephine went to Milan, and her husband hastened there, only to find her absent at Genoa. He chided her gently, but in terms which showed a keen disappointment.

It soon came to the ears of Napoleon that Josephine had turned her interest upon a young officer in the suit of General Ledere, one Hippolyte Charles, "a man of the kind who is most dangerous to a woman who is loved or does love her husband." In due time Charles was "banished from the army of Italy by order of the commander in chief."

Josephine, on her part, had no difficulty in securing the wrath of Napoleon. Mr. Frederic Masson, who has made a profound study of Napoleon's personality, held that, "Napoleon loved Josephine, the only lady to do was to take her back without reproaches. This view is attributed to the oriental element in his nature."

But during the separation which followed the Genoa incident Napoleon's letters changed tone. He wrote news rather than love and himself found reasons why Josephine could not join him. At the end of the Italian campaign Napoleon and Josephine were reunited in Paris. During the winter of 1805 the conqueror of Italy was the greatest figure in France, and Josephine shared the honors.

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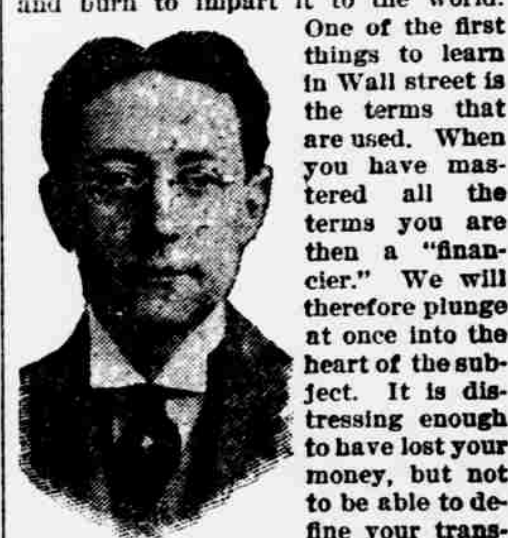
"Well, I was just wondering. I came past your house today and noticed a magnificent knocker on the door."

Tom Masson's Wit and Humor

THE WALL STREET POINT OF VIEW

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HAVING been chided in Wall Street for several weeks and being obliged now to write for a living, I am prepared to give all the result of my experience. I am one of those philanthropic souls who when they have a real good thing catch and burn to impart it to the world.



One of the first things to learn in Wall Street is the terms that are used. When you have mastered all the terms you are then a "man-chick."

We will therefore plunge at once into the heart of the subject. It is distressing enough to speculate in Wall Street, but to be able to define your transactions in fitting language is extremely humiliating.

Wall street is made up, first, of operators. An operator is a man whose business it is to make money out of other people or to lose money out of other people make. When you begin to speculate you immediately become an operator.

Operators are divided into two classes—bulls and bears. When you go into the street you are a bull. After you have been there a little while you are a bear. Then you become a looker on. A looker on is any one who has seen better days.

A margin is the money you put up when you first go into the street. Increasing your margin is what you do after you have bought any stock. "Going short" is selling out something you haven't got with the idea that if you should ever have to get it you will lose what you have got.

"A blind pool" is an organized band of robbers, who usually get together on a Sunday, having found out that you have been buying a certain stock, and agree to keep on selling it until you haven't a cent left in the world. When you are one of a blind pool, however, it is then a solid array of the ablest financiers in the country.

"Rigging" a stock up is what happens to it immediately after you have sold it out at a loss. "An insider" is something given you by an insider as a guide. It is the evidence of things unseen, and the substance of things hoped for, and it always turns out the opposite from what you expected. An insider is any one who has acquired a certain amount of ignorance about a particular stock.

"A bull market" is anything which causes a stock to rise more than the market and which to sell to you. There are a great many more terms used in Wall Street, but these are all I learned. At this point my collateral goes out. "Collateral" by the way, is what you leave behind when you leave the street.

The Answer. A man desperately in love once sought a philosopher for a cure. "I have had," said the man, "about all I can stand of this sort of living. Between terrible quarrels and midnight matings I'm about dead. I want to withdraw with honor and a whole skin."

"Your case is a pathetic one," said the philosopher. "My advice to you is to study the workings of your own mind. You will find that what you deem real is only, after all, the phenomenon of being. This creature that you love is in reality only an illusion, a subjective projection, and exists only in terms of empirical consciousness. After awhile, by reflections of this sort, you will rise above such folly."

"So the man went away and began to reflect upon the transcendental aesthetic and the properties of space and time, but he found the relief was only temporary, for when the girl came and put her arms around his neck he was as badly off as ever, so in despair he went to a wise man.

"What in love?" he said, "and don't like it. I want to be calmer and do things worth while."

"Study astronomy," said the wise man. "After you have been at it for awhile your own insignificance will fade away. You and your girl will fade away. Then when you come back to earth take care to bring only yourself!"

"So the man looked at the stars. But there was the girl behind him, with her soft hands in his hair, and at last he gave it up. He bought a few pleasure planets," he cried, "comparing with her carcases!"

And then he was obliged to acknowledge that still he was not his own master. And after the next quarrel he went to an alchemist.

"Mix me a drug," he said, "that will cure me of love."

Disbursements of the Public Road Fund

Of Vance County from September 4th. to December 11th, 1905. as Shown by Itemized Accounts on File in the Office of the Register of Deeds.

Disbursements of Road Funds for Month of September

Table listing disbursements for September, including items like W. W. Swain, two months services and stabling team, and various hardware and tool purchases.

Disbursements of Road Funds for Month of October

Table listing disbursements for October, including items like A. C. Zollicoffer, for services as attorney and making abstracts of title and sale of Vance county Road bonds.

Disbursements of Road Funds for Month of November

Table listing disbursements for November, including items like J. J. Swain, overseer's pay roll, and Good Road Machine Company, tools and freight.

Disbursements of Road Funds for Month of December

Table listing disbursements for December, including items like J. J. Swain, overseer's pay roll, and Watkins Hardware Company, piping.

Recapitulation of Road Funds.

Summary table showing totals for September, October, November, and December, and a grand total.

Itemized pay rolls showing the individuals to whom the money was paid are on file in the office of Register of Deeds of Vance county, and are open to inspection by any one interested.

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