

Albert Stafford, attorney and counselor at law, made a resolution on the first day of the year that he would save enough money in the next 11 months to buy his wife some handsome diamonds for Christmas. Stafford felt very mean about the trivial present that he had made to her on this holiday but a week before; hence the good resolution.

There was no reason why he should not keep it. He had a good income from his profession and about as much more from his share of an estate in trust. In fact, he would have been thought rich if he had lived anywhere a secret from his wife. If he told her else but in New York.

Stafford had had considerable experience with himself in this matter of saving money, and it all pointed one way. He couldn't do it.

"I'm a child in such matters," he said to himself. "And since I know that, why shouldn't I treat myself like a child?"

So he bought half a dozen little iron banks and strewed the path of his dally life with them. Sometimes he deposited as much as \$10 in one of them; at other times a half dollar or even a dime, just to encourage himself. They were doing quite well until on an evil day he got hard up and robbed the richest of them.

Any policeman will tell you that a fellow who robs a bank can never reform. Stafford proved it. He wrecked every one of these little institutions many times. When he made an annual statement for them in the midalle of December, he found that the available cash was less than \$50, and some of that was in damaged coin.

He had the \$50 from the banks in his pocket in a little canvas bag when he left the house one morning. It was an exceptionally fine day, and he decided to walk down town. He selected some of the less familiar streets, and in

no recollection of having seen it. Reentering the shop, he asked Lowenstein if he had a gold star set with diamonds in stock, and the pawnbroker replied that he had not seen such a thing in some time.

By hard thinking upon the problem for the remainder of the day Stafford reached the conclusion that it was essentially insoluble. However, the jewel certainly did not belong to him. It should be returned to its owner. So Stafford put some advertisements in the next morning's papers. He did not give his name or true address in them, for he had decided to keep the affair about it, he would have to show the star, and it was so beautiful that it would make whatever present he

might buy look like a pewter spoon. In the most secret drawer of a desk in his private den at home he bestowed the treasure while awaiting a claimant. None appeared in four days, and then a most unfortunate thing happened. Mrs. Stafford, rummaging in that desk for the very first time in her life-as she solemnly declared-found the star and of course supposed that it was her Christmas present.

She was so supremely delighted that she couldn't keep the discovery to herself. She told her husband when he came home for dinner that day that he was the dearest and best of mortal creatures, and it did not take him long to find out why she thought so.

Some men in such a position would have told the truth, but it must be remembered that Stafford is a lawyer. He let her think what pleased her best about the star.

"If the thing isn't claimed before Christmas," said he to himself, "I'll give it to her. If it is, I'll raise the money somehow and buy another just like it.'

counter just in time to receive the jew-

success, and it was by accident that

Mr. Deering had seen and recognized

Stafford that morning just as he was

Of course the lawyer demanded more

proofs, and Deering professed himself

quite ready to furnish them. He would

produce his friend and the broker from

Deering's manner convinced Stafford

of the truth of his story. The real own-

er of the diamonds had appeared. Then

Inspiration came to Stafford in his

despair. He took the star to a mann-

whom the star had been purchased.

entering the building in which his of-

el that was meant for another.

fices were situated.

out?

That day a very quiet and gentlemanly individual whom Stafford instantly

made to Deering's friend, Mr. Stackpole, a wealthy Philadelphian. On Christmas day Stafford gave the bogus star to his wife. He felt meaner there was no help for it. The best he have resulted. could do for his conscience was to

swear solemnly that he must speedily replace the paste jewels by real ones. On the evening of Jan. 8 the star was stolen. It was taken from what Mrs. Stafford believed to be a secure hiding place in her dressing table. The theft occurred in the evening while the couple were at the theater. A servant had been in the apartments all the evening, but had heard no unusual sound. Nothing of any cousequence except the star had been taken. If Stafford . had believed that the star was gone forever, he might al- sale by S. BIGGS. most have found it in his heart to rejoice, but he thought it likely that the

police would find it without much trouives sent to the house said that the at his home near Tarboro Friday. by S. Biges. ble. One of the central office detectrobbery "looked like the work of a friend of his," and he thought he'd have him in a day or two. Another, however, was sure it was the servant. Stafford believed that if the police found the star they would discover its fraudulent character. The only way to prevent such a catastrophe was to find it first himself.

Splitting the difference between the two theories of the police, Stafford suspected the janitor of the building. principally because he did not look honest. With a lawyer's assurance be went straight to this man and accused him point blank. The janitor denied it, but he was so badly frightened that he packed a few of his goods and fled that night. The police got wind of his

flight and arrested him next day with the star in his possession. Stafford was summoned by telephone to police headquarters to reclaim the property. In the room of the chief of detectives he found the janitor a prisoner. Mr. Deering and Mr. Stackpole were also present, and on a table lay two diamond stars and Stafford's bag

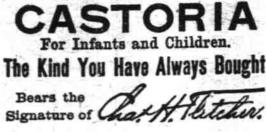
of money. "You know these two gentlemen, believe," said the chief of detectives, addressing Stafford. "They're professional thieves and confidence men. ago coming out of Lowenstein's pawnshop. My men thought to find stolen property on them, but there was nothing except that bag, and we couldn't

tell at first whether that belonged to them or not. "Today I've learned the whole story.

A sick of dynamite was found fastened to the iron on the railroad track near Concord Saturday morn. ing. Had it been strucken by

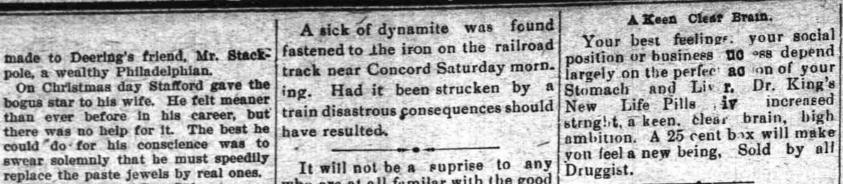
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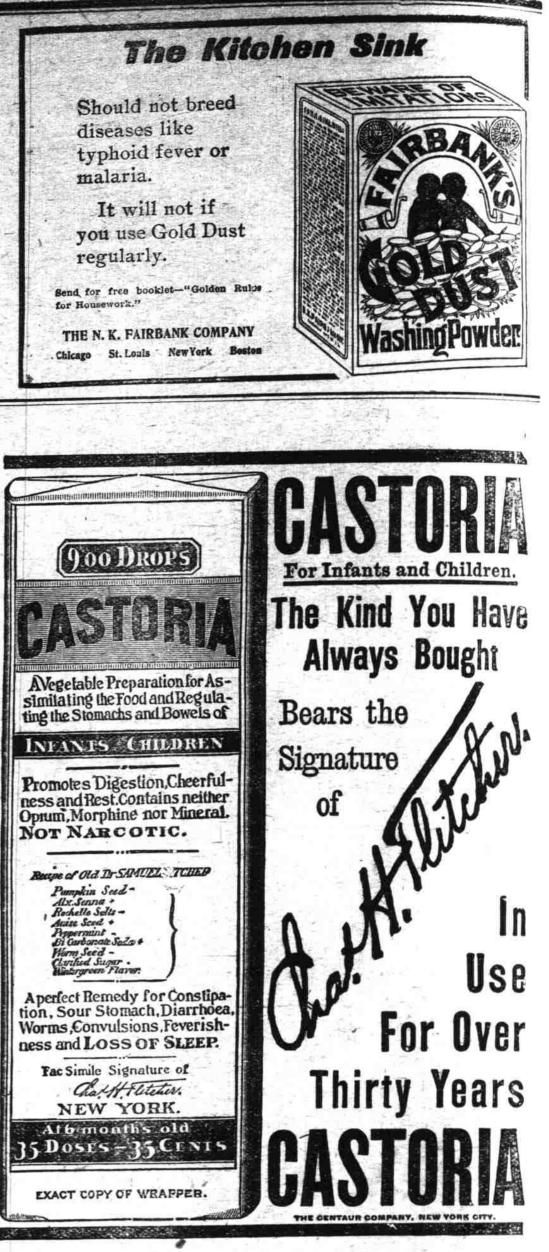
Capt. C. G. Dennison is well nown all over Africa as commander of the forces that captured the famous rebel, Galishe. Under date of Nov. 4, 1897. from Vryburg, Becheanaland, he writes: "Before starting on the last campaign I bous ht a quantity of Chamberlain's Cholic Cholera and Diarreoea Remedy, which I used myself when trouble with howel complaint, and glven to my men, and in every case Legislature from Edgecombe, died it proved most beneficial." For sale

## NOTICE OF SALE.

#### By virtue of the power and authority given to the undersigned in a certain deed of Mortgage executed by Zachary F. Long and his wife. Betty L, Long dated the 22nd day of September, 1880 and registered in the office of Register of Deeds. for Richmend Co. in the Book W. W. pages 494, 5, 6, 7, I will sell at public auction at the Court House doorin Rockngham in said county on Monday the first day of Jan. 1900, to the highest bidder at public sale for cash the following lands, conveyed in described in said mortgage, situated in the town of Rockingham and being the same conveyed by J. S. Spencer and wife to C. A. McAulay by deed dated 3rd day of May 1875 and composed of two portions, one conveyed by A. M. McAulay and wife to Zachary I Long 24th of June 1882 and registered in three years experience with E ectropoise the office of Register of deeds of aforesaid county in Book I. I., pages 295 and 6. The other portion conveyed by A. L. Mc-Donald to Jachary E. Long 2nd day of December. 1886 by deed registered in of-

fice of Register of Deeds of aforesaid counreference is hereby made to the foregoing deeds. Said lands are where said Zachary F. Long resides and embraces all he owns fronting on road between John W. Cole and Mrs. Ann G Leak land.

### Bears the Bignature Always Bought This Nov. 28 1899. JNO. D. SHAW. Mortgage.



remembered having seen in Lowenone of them his eye was attracted by the window of a pawnshop, kept by a stein's shop called at the lawyer's ofperson named Lowenstein. There was | fice and claimed the star. He describa sign in the window whereon were ed it perfectly, and he told a convincthe words, "Bargains in Diamonds." ingly straight story of the loss of it.



Nothing could better have suited Stalford's need. It had not occurred to him to buy except in the orthodox marts of trade, but it would do no harm to see what Mr. Lowenstein had to offer.

In the shop he was permitted to ex- el while at Lowenstein's and on finishamine a number of fairly good stones ing had put it, as he supposed, into the that were offered at really attractive side pocket of his friend's coat. prices, but he saw nothing that especially appealed to him. There were too many men lined up before the Thort counter, and the air in the place was very bad, so Stafford did not remain long.

He strolled away in rather a dissatfafied mood. His conscience was troubling him for having robbed those little banks. If he had only let them would have had money alone, he enough.

This consideration led him to put his hand into the side pocket of his sack cont, where the money from the banks ought to have been, but was not!

"He knew this fact even before his hand got into his pocket, for he missed the weight of the money. He stopped short, struck with that dull mystification which is the first sensation on such occasions.

Aimlessly he thrust a hand into the pocket on the other side. Of course the money wasn't there, but something else was, a queer thing with mang angles. He pulled it out, and it proved to be a star of gold set with glittering diamonds

Stafford took off his hat and fanned himself with it, though it was the middle of December.

"Somebody," said he, "has sold me about \$2,000 worth of diamonds for

They were in there with you. The one who calls himself Deering had in his possession a diamond star stolen from Mrs. Higginson Walworth, a well known society woman, a few weeks ago. He saw a couple of my men coming in and suspected that they were after him. If caught with the star in his possession, he was lost. So he

slipped it into the first convenient place, your pocket. "Meanwhile the other thief had lift-

ed your little bag of money. Seeing my men, the two thieves hurried out, but were arrested on the sidewalk. We held them for several days, but finally had to let them go for lack of evidence. You know what followed. Ah, here is Mrs. Walworth to claim her property!" A very elegant personage entered the room as these words were spoken. She expressed the greatest joy at the re-

covery of her pretty trinkets, with which she soon departed. Stafford took the other one and carried it home to his wife, who wept over it. Two days later she shook her husband's already overstrained nerves

with the statement that she had left the star in a jeweler's establishment to have one of the settings tightened. "I asked him-just for fun, you know -how much it was worth," said she,

"and after examining the stones carefully he told me about \$2,600. Did you pay all that for it, you dear old thing?" "Not quite," replied Stafford, blush-

ng. Here was a terrible situation. Evidently Mrs. Higginson Walworth had He and a friend had been picking up taken the wrong star from police heada few bargains in diamonds and had quarters. Remembering that she had secured the star just before visiting had her choice, Stafford was almost Lowenstein's place. Stafford's callertempted to say nothing, but his honwhose card bore the name of John M. esty triumphed, and he wrote a frank Deering-had been examining the jewletter to her at her country place at Lenox.

The reply, by telegraph, was astound-Half an hour later he was horrified "Must be some mistake. Have had to learn that his friend did not have diamonds examined by expert, and

the star. The two compared their recthey are genuine." ollections and finally identified Stafford Then there were two stars of real by mutual memory of his appearance diamonds! Utterly impossible! In a. as the man who must have stepped bemaze of mystification Stafford went to tween them as they stood before the see the jeweler who was repairing the star for Mrs. Stafford. When the lawyer had explained his errand, the man They had searched for him without of jewels winked.

"She told me it was a Christmas present from her husband," said he. "Do I look like one who would get his fellow man into trouble? No. sir; I'm married myself."

"Look here!" cried Stafford. "This star is making life too thrilling for me. I do nothing but fly from one person to another, confessing my shame. It's got to stop. Will you replace that paste with genuine diamonds and take my note for 90 days?"

"I will," replied the jeweler promptwhat was to be done to prevent the disruption of a happy home? How, oh, And thus it happened that Mrs. Stafhow, was the matter of that supposed ford's Christmas star was made as Christmas present to be straightened good as its twin in this queer con-

### Interminable Struggle.

facturing jeweler and secured his "Do you know." said a girl I know promise to duplicate it in three days across a supper table to me night bewith real gold and the finest quality fore last. "I shall not be at all sur-

stellation.

# Chart H. Flitcher.

### Notice Commissioner's Sale. Rockingham, N. C.,

Dec. 13t.h, 1899. Under and by virtue of the power conferred on me by a judgement of the Superior Court in action therein pending in the countr of Richmond wherein Wil-liam A. mcDonald is plaintiff and mary

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Ar. Atlanta

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Ar Greenwood

Freeman and Victor Freen an are defendants, I will expose for sale by public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door in the town of Rockingham, N. C., on Monday the 15th Lv. Washington

day of January, 1900, the same being the Lv. Richmond A.C.L 9 00pm first day of the January term of Superior Lv. Portsmouths.A.L\*8 45pm Court for Richmond county, the following tract of land to wit:

Beginning at a stake on Green street, thence South about 200 feet to A. J. McDonald's line, thence East 50 feet. thence North about 200 feet to a stake, thence to the beginning. Being the same lot on which the said Mary Free

man and her husband, Victor Freeman, formerly resided. Cameron Morrison, Commissioner.

# LAND SALE.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of Lortgage execut-

ed to me on the 12th day of Nov., 1896, Ar. Greenwood by Terrell Crouch and wife, Norcissus Ar. Chester Crouch, I will on Monday the 15th day Ar. Monroe of January, 1900 at 12 o'clock m., in Lv. Charlotte front of the court house door in the town Ar. Hamlet of Rockingham, offer for sale for cash to Ar. Wilmington the highest bidder, the following described tract of land, lying and being in Ar. Raleigh Mineral Springs township, Richmond Ar. Henderson

county, North Carolina: Beginning at a stake in the Green Pond road, in a line of the land conveyed by A. C. Watson to Henry Mc Kay, and runs as its line Westwardly to the corner a stake and pine

ointers, thence as the other line Southardly to a lightwood knot, black jack ointers, by the Spring branch; thence long a ma ked line to the Green Pond .oad, thence as said load to the begin-

uing. Said to contain 25 acres. Ts Dec. the 10th 1899. W. D. McAdoo,

Mortgagee.

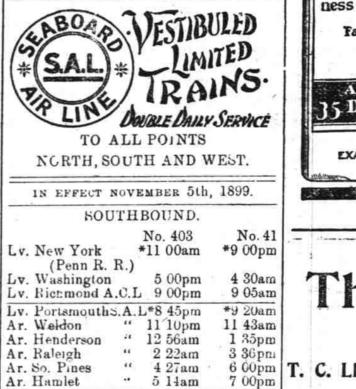
ALE OF REAL ESTATE UN-DER DEED OF TRUST.

By virtue of the power conferred on he in two Deeds of Trust executed by

Z. F. Long and wife, the first bearing Florida. ate July 30th 1891 and recorded in Book X. X. pages 505 to 509 of the Register of Deeds office of Richmond County, the second bearing date January 26th, 1895 and is likewise recorded in Book E. E. E.

page 224 and following of said Register of Deeds office, for the purpose expressd therein, I will on Monday the 1st day of January 1900, Sell to the highest bidder

for cash at the Court House door in Rockingham N. C. the several lots and parals of real estate described therein, all situated in the town of Rockingham to wit:



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\*7 20pm 11 20pm EXECUTION - SALE. NOTICE. \*6 53am MORTGAGE'S SALE OF LAND North Carolina, 3 ) In Superior Court. By virtue of the power contained in a Richmond County ) certain mortgage deed executed on the Wm. McCall Plaintiff! 21st day of August, 1894, by Z. F. Long and wife, Bettie L. Long, to Thomas B. Alex B .- Wall, alias Sandy Wall; De Covington, recorded in the office of the fendants. Register of Deeds of Richmond County in By virtue of an Execution directed to Book E E E page 277; and because of dethe undersigned from the Superior Couit i fault in the payment of the bond secured of Richmond County in the above entitled by the said mortgage deed, the undersideed, will, on Monday, the 1st day of Januaction, I will on Monday the 15th day ary, 1900, at the hour of noon, in front of of January, 1900, at the Court Heuse the court house in Rockingham, sell a in Rockingham at the adjournment of public auction to the highest bidder for Court that day sell for cash to the highest cash the following described tract or parbidder to satisfy said execution all the Reckingham, on the south-west side o rights and the titles and interests which the Public Square, and south of Wash. the said Alex B. Wall, alias Sandy wall, ington street beginning at the south west defendent, has in following lot on real ern corner of said square and runs in an estate, to wit: one lot in Reberdel, Rock- easterly direction with the southern ingham township and county and State boundary of said square, ten feet to the aforesaid, begining at stake, PeterD. Wall's corner of a lot heretofore conveyed by R. S. E. corner runs with his line N. 41 E. 5 T. Long and wife to A. M. Long, thence chs. and 50 links to a stake in Dr. W. H. in a Southern direction with a line of said Steele's line, thence with his line S. 431 E. A. M. Long's 30 feet to a corner; thence 222 to a stake, thence with line of W. H. in a westerly direction, with another one Steele and Mrs. Ida Terry S. 41 W. 490 chs. to Mrs. Ida Terry's corner, thence N. in a southerly direction with A. M. Long's

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