

THE FAR TRAVELER BOBS UP.

He Stops for a Few Minutes, Relates His Experiences, Lights a Cigarette and is Off Again.

The Far Traveler quickly alighted from the slowly moving train and joined a group of idle men in front of the station. "I've had all sorts of experience," quoth he, as he shook hands all round. "Been in Mexico, Panama, and engaged in several revolutions in Hayti. My doings on this trip would make a volume."

After he had given the crowd time to catch their breaths, he burst forth with, "You didn't know I was a lady-killer, did you? Well, I am. I was out in Yellowstone Park just five months ago and as I was passing along I heard shrieks of distress. I turned quickly from the beaten path. To the left sat a young woman. She was holding her foot in her hand and softly moaning. I quickly approached and learned that she had stepped into a hot spring and had burned her foot so badly that she could not walk. I gathered her up and carried her to the hotel and there left her. But," and The Far Traveler surveyed his friends quizzically, "paradoxical as it may seem to you who have long known me, I could not forget that face. I will not bore you with a description of my feelings. She was a vision and I was caught."

"I had to leave the hotel—it costs to live out there—and did not see the young lady for a long time—to be accurate, three weeks. I saw her then at church. I glanced up at the choir and my eye was at once caught by the image of that girl. She was playing the big pipe organ and raised her head and glanced into the beautiful mirror placed before her. I recognized her and thought that she was aware of my presence too. She gave no outward sign of it, however, save lowering her eyes to the keys."

"I determined to renew our acquaintance after service and with that end in view waylaid her. But, boys, she cut me dead. Rabbits' blood and feathers! but I was weak! I straightway prepared for revenge. I forgot my love. I burned to do something fierce. I could not sleep. I just thought, thought, thought! At last an inspiration struck me—I would exchange the mirror in front of the organ for one of these things that makes a person look like his first ancestor. That would fix her. I would change it for next Sunday's morning service. She would be playing and would suddenly glance up and presto! what a change would come over her. How she would feel! How I would laugh to myself! I had it all mapped out. It must work—and it did."

"I bribed the janitor and we arranged everything brilliantly. I substituted the hideous mirror for the beauty and prepared for the show. The time came and along with it the exhibition."

"Now, I had calculated on the girl's keeping silent until after church. But she didn't. She just leant over the rail and whispered something to the preacher. He never appeared as if moved. He merely scanned the congregation, and when the deacons came up with

the cash, he gave them instructions. I became uneasy. And when all six of those brethren camped right near me, I just knew there would be something worth witnessing after a while.

"The congregation was dismissed. I started to leave, but a deacon requested me to remain for the after-meeting."

"I lingered a few minutes, and thinking the audience nearly out of sight, I dashed for peaceful valleys. But it was no go. I got a good start, but was soon caught. A crowd collected and that confounded old preacher and his deacons put feathers on my legs and marched triumphantly with me through the streets—and that on Sunday."

"What did you do about it?" asked one of the listeners, as The Far Traveler lit a fresh cigarette.

"I was so humiliated to think that Christian people could act so that I left town at once and went to Mexico and Panama. So long!"

Not waiting for a reply, he caught the southbound train and was off.

And a certain elderly man in the crowd of idlers about the station repeated for the hundredth time his prophecy made twenty years back that The Far Traveler would be hanged some day. "I tell you, fellers," said he with an ominous look, "it ain't as far off as it was, either."

Professor Williams on Life Work Choosing.

In yielding to the demands made upon its space by the Thanksgiving championship contest THE TAR HEEL failed inadvertently to mention the strong and thoughtful address of Prof. H. H. Williams in opening the series of "Life Work Lectures," inaugurated by the Y. M. C. A. early in December.

Prof. Williams took as his subject: "The Principles and Motives Which Should Govern a Young Man in the Choice of His Life Work." The principle governing choice, said he, lies within the nature of the man himself. He has but to study himself, his inclinations and qualities, in order to determine whether he is intended by nature for a doctor or lawyer or preacher.

The question of motives is different. Motive governs not the choice of one's vocation, but the eminence to which he shall rise in that vocation. It is optional entirely with the individual. He cannot decide arbitrarily whether he will be a lawyer or doctor; he can decide what sort of lawyer or doctor he will be. In going into any work, therefore, the young man should see to it that his motives are of the purest and the highest. The man who enters upon that work for which he is fitted, with whole-hearted earnestness and actuated by the highest motives need not fear for success.



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