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THE GRAND SCHEMER.

AN INTERVIEW IN WHICH HE TALKED TO GOOD EFFECT.

He joyfully subscribes to a Home and Philanthropically Founded a Utopia—Then, Thanks to His Trusting Caller, He Indulges in a Substantial Lunch.

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Major Crofoot, grand promoter and general originator, was just making ready to go out after a luxurious 15 cent lunch when there came a timid knock on the door. It couldn't be the agent of the building after the four months' back rent, for he would have boldly knocked the door open; his landlady, to whom he owed \$48, didn't know where his office was; the tailor had grown discouraged, the coal man always sent his bill in the forenoon, and should it be a bill from the cobbler he would dispute its correctness. In answer to the major's "Come in!" a young woman entered.

"I—I have called," she began, "in the interest of a new industrial home soon to be established. I am soliciting personal subscriptions."

"My dear woman, sit down—sit right down," cheerily replied the major. "We may call this a coincidence—a curious coincidence. Not half an hour ago I began drawing up plans for just such an institution. It is to be called the Crofoot Self Supporting Home."

"Then you would not want to subscribe to another, of course?"

"Perhaps so. You may give me what particulars you can."

"It is to be a home where children without parents and friendless old folks can be provided for. In return



"PLAIN AS DAY, MY DEAR YOUNG WOMAN," for their board and clothes they will do what work brushes and brooms."

"Exactly; I see. A noble idea, my dear woman, a noble idea and a grand charity, and you deserve credit for interesting yourself. We cannot have too many of these institutions, and I personally feel that I cannot do too much for them. You may put me down for \$10."

"That is very nice of you," she said as she wrote his name in her book. "I have taken 200 subscriptions, and yours is the most liberal of all."

"I never do things by halves, miss. When I enter upon a charity, I do it with my whole soul. You may make my subscription \$15."

"How good of you!"

"And now about my own home, the one I have planned. You will probably be interested in it. I shall erect a building to accommodate at least 250 inmates. It will not be an industrial home in the usual use of the term. Perhaps I shall change the name to 'The Crofoot Utopian Power company.' The first idea is the care and comfort of the unfortunate; the next to make them feel that they are not dependent upon charity."

"That is good of you," observed the caller.

"How best to do this was long a puzzle to me, but I have solved it at last. When Major Crofoot starts in on an idea, he never lets it get away from him unsolved. There will be no manufacturing in my home. The inmates shall simply eat, sleep and walk about. Your countenance expresses surprise, but let me add that each and every one shall earn his keep."

"I—I can't see how."

"The simplest thing in the world. In the basement will be a 5,000 horsepower engine. Pipes will lead to it from every room. That engine will be run by what may be called lost power. For instance, you sneeze or cough. There is power there, but it is wasted. You fall off a chair; you sing or whistle; you yawn. It takes power to do it, but the power is wasted. By a system of pipes all this lost power will be conducted to the engine to run it. No coal, no gas, no wood. Engine runs right along day and night and has power enough to supply all factories within half a mile of it. What the factories pay will keep the home going. Do you understand?"

"What an idea!" gasped the woman.

"Not a bad one," smiled the major as he walked around, "and I am sole originator. All others will be imitations. All I shall ask of the inmates is to take comfort. As they rock to and fro in 250 rocking chairs the engine is worked up to its full capacity; as they move across the floor, eat, sleep, quarrel or make up they furnish me power. Out of 250 people 188 will snore in their sleep. These snores will give me a pressure of 50 pounds on the engine."

"Wonderful! Wonderful!" she whispered.

"It's just making use of natural philosophy. It is not a stock company, and there will be no dividends, but I want outsiders interested. I want 100 people to take shares of \$17 each in order that they may help me run the home and receive a share of the public praise. The superintendent alone will receive a salary. May I offer you the position?"

"I don't believe I could take it. You see, I am only a volunteer canvasser."

"Exactly, but I am satisfied you

would make a good superintendent and see that none of the power was wasted. I can say that the salary will be at least \$5,000 per year."

"It is awfully kind of you, but I fear I must decline."

"Then I will not press you. I will, however, put you down for a \$17 share, and whenever you are near the home you are entitled to drop in and stir up the inmates. The harder you stir them the more power we get. Have you \$2 handy, miss? If so, I will use it for revenue stamps."

"I don't understand," she replied as she rose up with a puzzled look.

"Plain as day, my dear young woman. I subscribed \$15 to the home you are canvassing for. I put you down for \$17 for a share in the Crofoot Utopia Power company. The difference between \$15 and \$17 is \$2. You had best pay now and have it over with."

"But I don't see," she protested as her eyes grew big.

"Then we will go over it again. If you add 2 to 15 it makes 17, doesn't it? And you owe me just the difference. This being my busy day—"

She looked at him in a vacant way for a minute and then laid \$2 on the desk and walked out without a word. Ten minutes later she was back with the real estate man on the first floor, and the real estate man pounded on the door and called out:

"Open, you sleek, slick man, and hand over that \$2?"

"Yes, you talked me out of \$2," added the woman.

No reply.

"Open, or I'll kick the door in!"

"Yes, we'll kick the door in!"

The silence of death.

"Major Crofoot, you are a scoundrel!"

"Yes, a deep dyed scoundrel!"

But the major heard not the words. He had seized the money, locked up his office and gone down by the back stairs after his luncheon. He no longer figured on a 15 cent "grab," but his thoughts bounded forward to a 50 cent sit down with plenty of elbow room.

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Rivalry Among Congressmen For a Good Position in The Record.

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Lincoln Couldn't Do It.

"When I was in Springfield, Abraham Lincoln and General Baker, who was killed at Leesburg, Va., during the civil war, made the race for the Whig nomination for congress," said Dr. D. B. Hill. "Both were Whigs, and both were keen for the nomination. Both had a strong personal following, and if both ran the Democrat would win in the district. So a primary election was necessary to settle the contest. Baker won. Both men were at Springfield when the news came. Lincoln was depressed. The crowd to cheer him up called on him for a speech. Getting up, he said: 'Gentlemen, I'd like to comply with your request, but I can't make a speech now. I expected to receive the nomination, but I failed. If I had won, I know Baker would have got up here and so charmed you with his eloquence as to make you believe you had done him a favor by nominating me. But I can't do it.'—Argonaut.

They Used Clean Ones.

The head master of a boarding school in Sheffield is very particular about the behavior of his scholars during meal-times. A short time ago the master observed one of the boys cleaning his knife on the tablecloth and immediately pounced on him.

"Is that what you generally do at home, sir?" he asked sternly.

"Oh, no," replied the boy quietly. "We generally use clean knives at home."—London Fun.

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