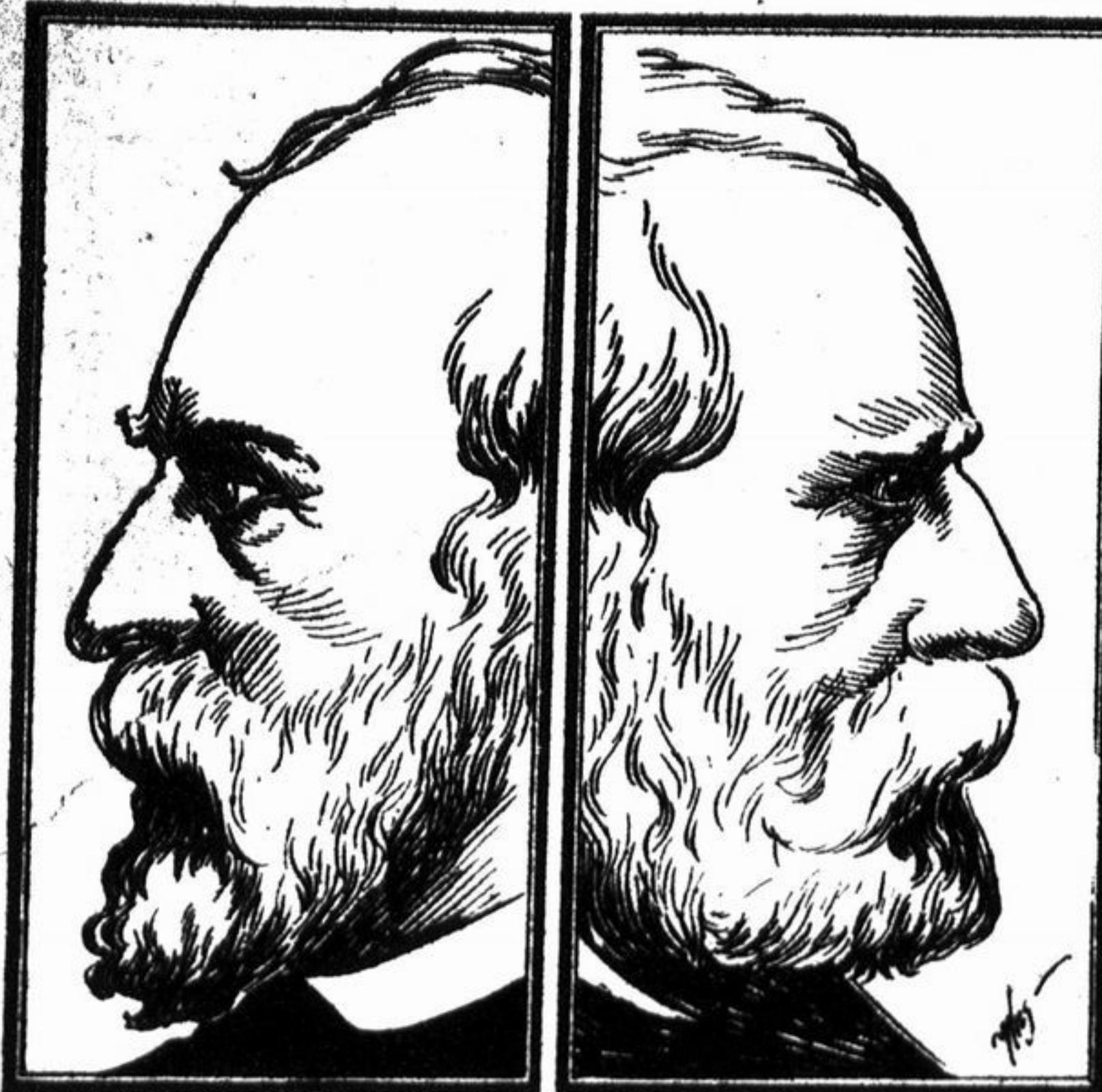


NEW YORK MILLIONAIRE INVOLVED IN UGLY SCANDAL



JOHN R. PLATT

ANDREW H. GREEN

The suit of John R. Platt of New York to recover \$685,385, which he says has been extorted from him by Hannah Elias, a negro, has revealed the identity of the "wealthy, gray-bearded old man" whom the negro

Williams was seeking when, mad with jealousy, he shot and killed Andrew H. Green, "the father" of New York, in the street near the Green home in New York some few months ago.

Now that the private affairs of John R. Platt, the aged New York millionaire, have been made public through Mrs. Hannah Elias, who, he alleges, has secured \$687,908 from him by blackmail, Mr. Platt has determined to fight to the end in an endeavor to recover a portion of the money.

I ought to, she sent some one to see my brother, Isaac S. Platt, who is president of the Buckeye Mower and Reaper company. This emissary of the Elias woman told my brother I had not been paying up fast enough nor in sufficiently large amounts, and if I didn't do better she would find means to let my married daughters know all about my relations with her.



HANNAH ELIAS

What impelled him at this late day to bring suit and uncover the scandal. "It was useless to keep up the pace any longer," he replied. "The woman's demands began to grow more and more exorbitant. She kept on threatening to expose me to my family. Up to within a few weeks ago she had never actually gone to any member of my family, but then, because I did not respond with as much as she thought

"I therefore talked the whole thing over with my brother and my son-in-law. We came to the conclusion that the woman was determined to ruin not only my reputation in the end but in the meantime to squeeze all the money possible out of me. We therefore concluded that as long as exposure was inevitable it might as well come before she had reduced me to poverty."

"The loss of \$700,000 in eight years must have made inroads into your capital?"

"Yes, it dug a big hole in my pit. I've been a fool. But it is never too late to mend. I am in hopes that as soon as the publicity wears off I'll be forgotten and allowed to end my days in peace."

The aged millionaire is reported to be on the verge of mental collapse as a result of the exposure.

It is asserted that should the millionaire be unable to testify against the woman it would be impossible for his family to recover any of the money which it is charged she obtained. It is also said that in the event of Mr. Platt's death the contemplated criminal prosecution of the negro would have to be dropped, as it would be impossible to obtain the evidence on which the plaintiff's lawyers rely to obtain a conviction.

Mrs. Elias promises to put up a hard fight, and threatens when the case comes to trial to tell stories that will involve several prominent persons not heretofore identified with the case.

HUDSON RIVER MONASTERY BUILT BY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



At West Park, a hamlet on the Hudson river, ten miles above Poughkeepsie, prelates of the Episcopal church took part in the dedication of the monastery of the Order of the Holy Cross.

Built on the west bank of the river, almost at the water's edge, the new monastery is situated in grounds which are almost seventy acres in

extent. Fruit trees and grape vines have been planted and cattle and horses installed.

Henry Vaughan, an ecclesiastical architect of Boston, designed the building. A cloister 100 feet long runs almost the entire length of the east front of the building, and each of the fathers has a room or cell for his own use.

Heard Sounds of Perry's Cannon. Cannon were small, measured by modern standard, in 1812, but the Ohio world was quiet, and the pioneers had been scarce. There is much evidence that the guns of Perry's squadron were heard by settlers living at least thirty-five miles east of Cleveland, or nearly one hundred miles in an air line from the scene of the famous battle, which gave the control of the western shore of Lake Erie to the United States.

Justice Brewer Preaches Sermon. Justice David J. Brewer preached in the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, New York city, Sunday evening. "A lawyer in the pulpit," he said in beginning his discourse, "may seem as out of place as a minister on the bench, but if occasionally we were to hear more gospel on the bench and more law from the pulpit it might be better for us all." Then he went on to talk about the Bible, comparing it to the advantage with the laws and the writings of Confucius.

Home Carpet Cleaning.

Old and soiled carpets or rugs may be cleaned and brightened without the trouble or expense of sending them out. Take a bar of laundry soap and shave it into a quantity of water sufficient to melt it, say, a pint or perhaps a little more. Put this on the stove and let it remain until it boils or until the soap is melted. Then remove and when cool add half a bottle of household ammonia.

This should make a soap about the consistency of jelly. To apply to the carpet use a stiff clean scrubbing brush, dampened just a trifle, and scrub carpet vigorously. Then wipe the soap off with a damp cloth, and see that the carpet is not walked over until dry. Care should be taken not to use a drop more water than is absolutely necessary.

The effect of this treatment is really surprising, the carpets looking as well and sometimes better than when done at the cleaner's. Bagdad curtains and Oriental rugs may be cleaned in the same manner, care being taken not to leave the soap on long enough to make the colors run.

Thought She Couldn't Live.

Moravia, N. Y., June 6.—Mr. Benjamin Wilson, a highly respected resident of this place, came very nearly losing his wife and now that she is cured and restored to good health his gratitude knows no bounds. He says:

"My wife has suffered everything with Sugar Diabetes. She has been sick four years. She doctored with two good doctors but kept growing worse. The doctors said she could not live. She failed from 200 pounds down to 130 pounds. This was her weight when she began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills, and now she weighs 190, is well and feeling stronger every day.

"She used to have rheumatism so bad that it would raise great bumps all over her body and this is all gone too.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills are a God-send to those who suffer as my wife did. They are all that saved her. We can't praise them enough."

Were Too Enthusiastic.

At the time of Queen Wilhelmina's coronation her palace in Amsterdam, which stands at the end of the Kalverstraat in the middle of an open square, with no environment of private grounds, was surrounded by crowds of singing, shouting and dancing people as early as 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The merriment went on all night and next day was posted a piteous notice, couched in terms of appeal rather than of command, reminding the loyal Dutch that the sovereign whom they had assembled to honor was human and required sleep.

"The Queen's Quair," by Maurice Hewlett, one of the most recent publications of the Macmillan Company, is the love story of Mary Queen of Scots. Probably no other woman in the world has been so violently attacked or so staunchly defended. Certainly no one can read the history of her times without realizing that she exercised over men a sway that has hardly been rivaled by any other woman since the world began. Mr. Hewlett's story opens while Mary, a widow of nineteen, is still at the court of Catherine de Medici and continues through all the stormy era of her life in Scotland. Plot, intrigue and counterplot mingle and cross and move toward the end.

Biggest Oil Barge.

The biggest oil carrying steel barge in the world, Standard Oil No. 94, recently built at Shooter Island, arrived at New York recently on her first trip from Port Arthur, Tex., with 50,000 barrels of oil, the largest cargo that has ever come from the Lone Star state in one bottom. The barge made the trip in ten days in tow of the big ocean tug Astral.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; also cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circular, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists.

Peculiar Name for Launch.

William K. Vanderbilt has named his new racing launch "Hard-Boiled Eggs." The handsome little flyer was launched last week. On being asked to explain the extraordinary name Mr. Vanderbilt says that he chose it because the launch cannot be beaten.

Sensible Housekeepers will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

We wonder if the esteemed Chicago Chronicle isn't stretching it a little when it explains that a fine quality of rubber can be produced from Rocky Mountain sagebrush.

San Domingo has not had a revolution since the 11th of May. It must be so hot down there that the people have no inclination to get out and stir around.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

To a man in a rowboat, close to the battleship Rhode Island, she looks nearly as big as the state.

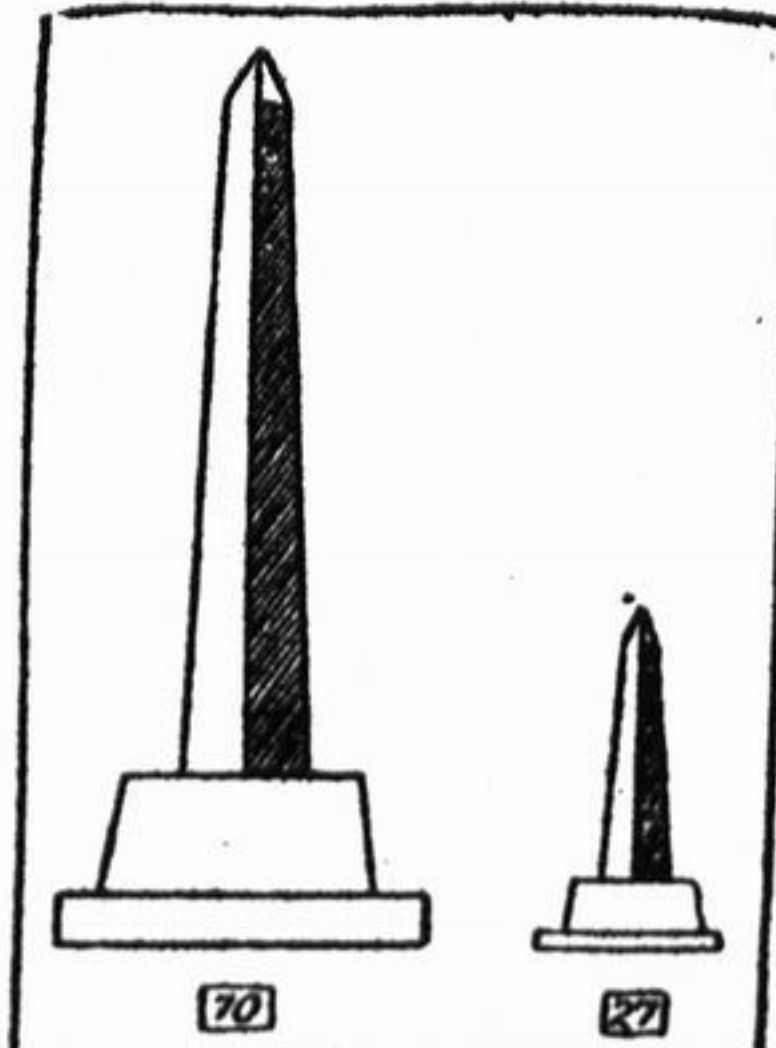
LENGTH OF MARRIED LIFE.

Statistics Show Joy Should Last for Twenty-Seven Years.

Statistics gathered in various countries of the civilized world show that married life, on the average, lasts twenty-seven years, or a little over one-third of a man's life, estimating the latter at three-score-and-ten. The illustration presents the idea in graphic form, for the happiness or consolation of those interested, as the case may be.

The figures also show that, as a rule, married people live longer than the unmarried, which carries out the dictum of the scriptures that "it is not good for man to live alone."

According to the statistics June holds the palm for the union of hearts and fortunes. It appears that there is some subtle connection between the



month of roses and the poetic fancy which leads brides to choose that time of the year for the happy ceremony.

May is the most unpopular month. Candidates for marital honors seem to have taken seriously that old saying, "Marry in May and repent for aye." People who are matter-of-fact about all things else pay due regard to the popular superstition when it comes to this serious question.

Next to June comes January as the marriage month, and December is third. Then come, in order, July, November and April, while September and October show an equal number of marriages, leading August by one. February and March are dull months.

A Still in a French Church Spire.

An interesting discovery has just been made at Quezac, (Lozere,) France, by some customs officials. As the result of anonymous information they climbed into the spire of the church, and after a careful search found a still which, although dating from the seventeenth century, was yet in a perfect state of preservation and capable of being worked. Naturally, the requirements of the law with regard to apparatus of this description had not been complied with in this case, but who was the offender? The vicar in charge of the building? The sacristan who visited weekly? Interrogated, the former declared that he had only recently come into the parish and had never set foot in the spire. He was therefore totally ignorant of the existence of the incriminated vessel. The sacristan, however, could not allege so valid an excuse, and his explanation not being considered satisfactory, he will be proceeded against.

Dog Suits—London Style.



Here is a photograph of a lucky dog owned by an English peeress. Booted and clothed as shown in the picture, the animal appears in Hyde Park when his aristocratic mistress is out for a "constitutional." A maid accompanies the pair and manipulates the handkerchief whenever his dogship sneezes or sniffs.

Weatherwise Birds and Fish.

The seagull makes a splendid living, barometer. I. a covey of seagulls fly seawards early in the morning sailors and fishermen know that the day will be fine and the wind fair, but if the birds keep inland—though there be no haze hanging out towards the sea to denote unpleasant weather—interested folk know that the elements will be unfavorable. Of all weatherwise fish the dolphin is the most remarkable. During a fierce gale or a storm at sea the mariner knows that the end of it is near if he can see a dolphin, or a number of that fish, sporting on the high sea waves.

Equimaux Appetites.

The Equimaux have enormous appetites. An Arctic explorer relates that he saw a boy eat ten pounds of solid food and drink a gallon and a half of liquid with much gusto. This same explorer observed an adult eat ten pounds of meat and two candles at a meal. Sir P. Phillips tells how a lad of seventeen years ate twenty-four pounds of beef in twenty-four hours.

Child Dyed Blue.

Mrs. Hallock of Middletown, N. Y., prepared a big tub of bluing for washing. While she was hanging up clothes her little daughter fell into the tub. The mother rescued the child, but no amount of rubbing would bring back her natural color, as the indigo was thoroughly soaked in.

Laymen Outdo Clergymen.

Some clergymen in New York are metaphorically kicking themselves for letting laymen have the honor of forcing the Western Union Telegraph company to stop distributing news of horseracing. It was Captain Norton Goddard who pointed out the real source of the poolroom strength. Then the police commissioners and the district attorney jumped in, and before the pulpit recovered from its wonder the whole trick was turned.

The Chicago motorist who ran his machine into curb rather than drive it over a child has lost all prospect of being classed as an enthusiast.

Titled Girl an Accomplished Whip.

Lady Violet Elliott, daughter of the Earl of Minto, governor-general of Canada, is a dashing equestrienne and accomplished whip. At the recent horse show in Montreal she won a first prize for Allen Forbes of Boston by riding his gray pony Bendigo.

Don't you know that Defiance Starch, besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in packages and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

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