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00000000000000 YYYIIE white-haired lawyer who tol young Chandles of ble luberit ance, had learned by long prac tice to concoal surprise. But on this occasion he had need of all his acquir ed skill. His note to the young mer had been moncommittal, asking the Richard Chandles Improve the fire opportunity to call at his office to receive a communication that concerned him deeply. And at nine o'clock the following morning Highard was p

hand, a clear out youth, plainly our ous regarding his summous. In Mr. Griffith's private office, hi outloalty was soon satisfied. Two years before Richard had devoted ble vacation to a fishing trip, the base of operations being a small island some miles out in the Atlantic. It was as unattractive olrele of sand, embellish ed by two buildings, a fisherman's cot tage and a large, loosely built struc ture for the accommodation of fishing parties. Besides the group of young men to which Richard belonged, there were several mattached enthusiasts o number of years older, among them portly grizzled man not far from sixty Evans, by name. Richard found him peculiarly unattractive, and chance ere their acquaintance would never have got beyond the stage of exchanging a greeting, had Mr. Evens no taken ill the first night, and waked the

company by his groans. Richard was one of the people to whom anybody's business is likely to weem his own particular business, There was no reason why he, more than any of the others, should constitute himself nurse to a stranger, but nevertheless it was Richard who rose, dressed blesself, and spent the rost the night making Mr. Evens comfortable. By morning he was plainly better but childlahly pervish, and horrided at the suggestion that he could be left to the ministrations of the Caberman's wife. And Richard, after being

to keeping Mr. Evans company. After two years his memory of the eyes were flashing. affair was rather vague. He rememthat the day had been impossibly long and that when the flahing party re-

had been left to him. It was a surprising change in the prospects of a young man on a salary

The lawyer warmed to something beer." ike outhwisen se be emphasized his well astablished, its output popular made berapprehensive. with a large class, Richard could be

weren't drinking your beer they would now of which he had become owner drink another's perhaps not so pure and | was successfully and persistently unwholesome, said Mr. Griffith with an imaking men, and the shabby woman alr of having finished with the sub- in the rusty shawl was typical of

looked at him portonsly and tried "Of course, Mr. Chandler, If your seruples keep you from enjoying an Brewery would have been a nine days' the property could be rold. I don't not diverted the public attention at enough for anything.

you are at present receiving. But it is a possible solution of your difficul-

tion," said Hichard Chandler. moke more like shirking," whereupon the lawyer stared aghast.

"You don't mean you would sacri See the property," he said. "Throw money into the sea?" he was honestly shocked, and Richard felt a little umbarrased over inspiring such sently

"I haven't had time to think the thing over." he said, applogetically. "It took me by surprise, as I said, It's too important for any susp shot deckslon, of wourser." But Richard was not long in finding out that the judgment of his little

world agreed with that of Mr. Griffith There were no reserves in the congratulations offered bim. His mother, of course, was an exception. In arguing with her, he almost forgot that he had expressed to the lawyer almost the -J. (i. Holland. very views he was now attacking. "If I don't want to carry on the business I can sell it. I can't put a stop to the manufacture of heer 

low's got to be practical to get along In this world. He can't sacrifice all to And then, unexpectedly, when the proseure began to seem irresistible. Mrs. Chandles found an ally, She po idea when she admitted her to the house that her assistance was prove valuable. She was a shabby ittle woman with a rusty, black shawl ver her callos dress, apparently with

> bility of her appearance, for the night was too warm to need it. She looked at Richard's mother with half frightened, half appealing gaze. "Is this where Mr. Chandles lives, the one who owns the Sivington Brow-

the idea that it added to the respecta-

"Yes, this is where he lives," said Mrv. Uhandlee, and sighed .... Richard coming into the front root found his caller awaiting him stand ing, "Sit down," he taid, pulling chair toward her. "My mother said you wanted to see me."

"Are you the one who owns the brewery?" she exclaimed. you're only a boy!" Her work-roughened hands clusped nervously. glad you're a boy," she said. "Maybe you'll be readier to listen." "I'm ready to listen to whatever you have to tell me." Hichard said

kindly, "even if I can't do what you wish. Now, what is it?" As he down facing ber. be found bimeel wishing that he could grant her whatever favor she desired, she looked so worn and harrassed and pitiable. The woman fingered the fringe of her shawl. "I've come to ask-you to take Tom back," she went on, don't care what job you give him,

that he gets work of some kind." "And who la Tom F" "My man. When he went to wor n the browery he was as steady as anybody. We were buying a little home and had four handred dollars pald on it. But you know how it I with brewery men. As long as they can drink all they want for nothing they're not going to let it alone."

"Your husband was discharged, uppose. Now, that wouldn't have happened if he had done his work properly. Richard flattered blunself that he assured that he was a fool, by every spoke with a business-like air, befitting member of his party, gave up his day an employer of labor. He was surpris-

' ed to discover that the woman's faded "Suppose he didn't," she said with bered that he found Mr. Evans incred- defiance, "a pose he sin't good for thly egotistic and self-centred, and much any more. Whose fault is it? "You mean," Richard hesitated. "He was straight when he went in turned at sun-down, he was in a mood | to the brewery," the woman persisted to fall upon their necks collectively. | "and strong. . He did his day's work

That night Mr. Evans had obligingly and at night he worked in our bit of a elept and left, the next day, to every- garden and he'd laugh at the idea of one's rollef. Richard had heard from being tired. He's fat enough now but him once or twice since, rather stiff it ain't healthy fat. He's short of formal notes, betraying no sense of breath and tires easily, and the doctor workhelming gratitude. Hichard says his heart action slo't right. It had not even heard that he was dead was working in the browery spoiled until the lawyer summoned him to him. He's no good anywhere else, broke. "It was that of shabby Jim ury have a habit of "slumples," so to you have little excuse for dragging hear the contents of the will. And to | and I think you ought to give him a his amazement he learned that the job." She paused for a minute and Sivington Brewery, which constituted added with an evident effort, "If there blm. the larger share of Mr. Evans' cetate, | wasn't any other reason, you should

give blos work on Charlie's account." "Who is Obarlio?" of fifteen dollars a week, with no one boy. 'His pa got him work at the keep quiet. You know what I was the sections of the vertebrae upon to look to but himself. The lawyer brewery and Charite drank with the until the Lord got a hand on me a each other is productive of various made his congratulations impressive. rest. A brewery sin't a dangerous year ago. I sin't bragging of what ills,-Selected. Richard received them with a lack of place to work if the men weren't stu- I've been since. It'e been a close fight responsiveness which puzzled the old- pld with heer. My Charlie was as sometimes, and if it hadn't been for or man. In his time he had brought quick as a flash, but he stood there the church bare, and the prayers and had nows as well as good, and he had and let himself be run down by a four the preaching and the hymns every strangely lacking in some preachers as wen man whose hopes were blasted borse truck. Just dated he was. He Sabbath I couldn't have done so well well as in some editors. In the coldest by his message, receive his tidings with didn't live but three hours. When as I have. I don't dare to do without winter of recent times, in a town in just such a pale, set face as that worn men get burted at the brewery it's thone. Mr. Hichfield says we're \$75 the Canadian West, and in a church by this incomprehensible young man, always because they are fuddled with short, It'll be a sight better for me to building that was an oold as an los

ought to give Tom a Job." "That's the point," he said. "I don't " Mrs." Chundler, in the next room, be paid. It's not ball nor quarter know as I want an Income from such | wondered as the plaintive volcedroned | what the Lord handons for me." a business. This thing has taken me on, what the shabby woman could Mr. Richfield arose to bis feet. by surprise, but I am a temperance want of Richard. She little guessed will secume \$30 of the amount," he Mr. Griffith was the tactful-to smile. - ment which weighed more than the treated a serious matter too lightly. He explained smoothly that Hichard inoat impassioned temperance plea to hidden away from our own eyes under could not be held responsible for the schich be had ever listened. The wo- the disguise of routine a sacred trust character of the legacy. "And if men man was in the right of it. The busi- committed to us by God for the souls

Richard ant gloomy. The lawyer over. And as he looked at her, Rich. ard Oliandise know he had made up The shutting down of the allvington

fifteen dollars a week and was called a fool so often that he might almost have believed it, did he not have the appeal of Charlie's mother to strengthan the conviction: Itven his nee mother heeltated between congratula tions and condolence. "You have made a great sacrifice, by buy," said to him one night, "but I can't believe that you will over regret it."

For answer, Richard took the Bible

from her hand, turned the pages, and

eyes, his flager indicating the words she was to read. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman seeking goodly bearing who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went out and sold all that he had and bought it,"

"It takes everything that a toan has," said Richard in a low voice, "and it's worth everything."

A BRIGHT FACE AS AN ASSET

poetry, but here are two lines reading and heeding by every buy who wants a chance to rise in world. They are from Tennyson's McLain t Chap. -- I. Francis. "If I made dark my countenance

I shut my life from happier chance." Perhaps you do not believe that. Hare is what I beard a man say about an office boy I "That boy is going to get a raise,

You can't pile on the work to make him luck glum if you try to. Haven bers. That's the kind I like to bave Hero is what I beard a man may at

"Oh, hold on a minute! I can't go on just yet," to the two men who were with him. "I've got to go back up the hill and get my paper."

"Why here are boys by the dozen! Where's your ears man?" "Not my paper boy! He's a little follow. Can't talk a word of English but he's got a smile that cracks his face all over. I make apoint of buying Gibbons. of blm, and he's got so he walts for me every night at the gate of th court house. Guess I was busy talking

and didn't notice." The two friends nodded understand ingly, and be went up the bill, run ning back presently with his paper under his arm. The two friends had

waited. Do these little incidents carry any moral for you? They did for me, and it would be easy to multiply them by The cause of morals and civilization the score or the hundred. A bright oan haver furget his aloquent and inface is a real business asset -a first mortgage on promotion. - Selected.

WHAT IT MEANT TO HIM At a nod from the minister, Mr Richfield, the elder, came forward and cleared his throat. He had to present to the congregation its too familiar plight-that of a small country ofurel struggling half heartedly against the fate that has overtaken so many others. Older members and generous supporters had passed to their reward and substantial families had moved

away until now the case looked hope-Mr. Hichfield mentioned the deficit in the crisp tones of a man who knows what dollars and cents mean, and how hard they are to get. The Ladice' Aid Hociety, he added, would pledge fifty dollars; by a very liberal estimate another fifty might be picked up here treat" on their part was preferable to

of the assembly was despondent. As ly the most healthful, it seems hard to the discussion went on, some of the persuade the young and indolent to quoting because they are wealthy. women wiped their eyes. Then during | maintain it. the silence that ensued a new voice

"He's dead, Oharlie is. He was my tion of losing all a man's got he can't position, and the constant pressure of Mary and the children would rather "Tow aln't fit for much work," she put up with that than to have me tie lived. Mr. Geiffith had resched blus, and Charlie's dead and the brew- might do. Mr. Richfield, put Jim finding that there was still a small this point when the young man stop- ery killed him. Seems to me you Wagner down for \$75, and granted be lives and has his health every cent will

that hereon was listening to an argn- said, simply, "I feel that we have The despondency wasgons, Adogen

dogen women sat with uplifted hands. wronged wives and mothers the land | The church at Garnet was saved. If it be bad to lose mere only, it still worse to lose hope, which is the mint in which most gold is manufac-

men were standing in their powe. A

A jeweler should always have time adviso it mind. as it is unlikely you the expiration of the first twenty-four You hear many sharp criticishe of CLOR- good find an investment for your pint. Bourse Blothard best the working at aluste mediated by a flat blade.

--- TWENTY VEARS AGO Hotes from the Free Press of Thareday, January 20th, 1996

son has filled several large orders Mr. A. T. Mann took a fine

The fee-men are busy. Mr. Ander

Rev. W. II Harvey, B. A., of Hospeler, preached able serming in the Mathedist Church on Sunday.

lu a moment held the Book before her Limebouse ve. Acton checker match on Tue-day evening gave a victory for "the flook-" by one game. The playore were: Acton-J. Matthews, J. Harvey, L. Lembert, H. H. Holmes John Lawson, J. Hincker. Limebous -H. LaPoldavin, R. Whatler, J. Parsons, W. Irwin, E. Sharp, W. Nickell I. O. O. F. officers: J. P. G.-R. N. Garvin: N. G.-H. H. Worden; V. G. - Hichard Marchell; Sec. - H. Ramshaw ; P. H.-II, P. Moore ; Treas. -1 Francis; War .- W. Williams; Con -J. McLam; O. G.-T. Marshall; I G .- N. P. MoLam ; R. S. N. G .- Jon. Do you think be "plays 'possum?" Perklout L. H. N. G.-H. Cameron

> the R. S. S .. J. A. Matthews; L. S. S .. S. W. H. Storey & Son have installed power system to run their sewing machines. The sugine and shafting were placed by Mr. Arch. McNabb Acton, and are pronounced a perfect job by the examining expert.

In the School Board it was ordered to advertise for 30 cords of grown maple and beech, I feet long, to be delivered professional humorists do not often before the end of March. Knatchbull has the oldest person

queboun, who was Di years of age ubway entrance on Boston Com-January 12th, She by will hale hearty, and, it is hoped will live to her 100th birthday. Mrs. D. Smith is visiting friends

> Turra Cotta. Miss Annie Boomer arrived hos last week from Stouffville. Mr. James Goldie, of Guelph, was gunat at Fairview Place on Friday.

> Mrs. W. D. Frick, of Oakville, the guest of her father, Mr. Robt. Meary, John and David Snyder re.

Mer R. D. Warren, of the Hereld. Georgetown, who has been ill at his father's home since the beginning of what other people would give. The the year, is slowly recovering. Rov. Phillips Brooks, of Beston, of the most widely known prators and in your case. We have decided to livings of our times died on Monday.

oreasing efforts. Birchith-In Keque-lag on Thursday, Jahuary, 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. fire. Ettobie, a see.

Modition-At Limehouse, on Hunday, 22nd Janu-ary, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Meglill, a daughter. CULLERS MCCAINESS—On Wednesday 18th Janu-ary, by Nev. J. W. Bas, Aston, John Cullen, to Mrs. Ontbarine McCaineh, both of Meques-

McCoulous-Moturouses- At the Methodist

Pareonage, Acton, on Wadnesday, 18th Janu-ary, by Rev. J. Edge, Oudlish Metallough, M. D., to Mary McOutobeon, both Bramosa. FORD—In Trafalgar, on Friday, January Hamilton Ford, aged 61 years. McMillan-In Erio, on Thursday, Januar 18th, Janet McLesn, wife of Archibald Mc Millan, aged 66 years.

BITTING UP BTRAIGHT Grown people and children alike are nolined to fell into the wary had habit of sliding down into a chair and sixting for hours with the spine bent aland there; but seventy-five dollars most in a balf circle. That this is still remained unprovided for. That injurious thousands of people who net. In his opinion a "greceful re. but that it is the cause of many serious ills those who have investigated a "flat fallure" to meet their financial the subject are well aware. The conobligations. "Sanctuary privileges" tinual strain upon one side of the spinwere not beyond the reach of those al column with the corresponding com who cared to seek them elsewhere pressions on the other gives rise to even if the doors of the old church i nervous difficulties and affections of is always referring to the levely counthe brain. Dissinces, names and try place to which one of her friends The half dozen men accustomed to blind spells are not infrequently the invited bery or the yacht owned by the "say a word" on such occasions agreed result of this practice. While the father of another, lays hereelf open to regretfully with the alder. / The mood strictly upright position is undoubted. the suspicion of anobbery.

Lary people and those who love lux- the most important thing about them, Wagner. He shrank a little from the speak, into their chairs and remaining them into your conversation. curious glances that were turned upon I in a semi-recumbent position with the upine as nearly telescoped as may be. "I never could speak in meeting." That portion of the human anatomy he began in a voice that quivered with generally known as the backbone was embarasement, "but when it's a ques- intended to be worn in an upright

APPROPRIATENESS pay that myself then to take the house, the preacher announced as the She checked herself. Homething in changes of drifting, back in where I byun for opening the service, "From congratulations. The browery was the sternly grave face of har listener was once. If we come to short rations Greenland's toy mountains." And when an editor had printed in full the very partiesu speech of the politician sure of a comfortable house as long as said doggedly. "The brewery spoiled staggering home twice a week, as I for whose benefit the paper existed. corner of unoccupied space just where the speech ended, he filled that space by inserting a ready set-up item And that Itom was, "It's a good plan to believe only half of west you bear and then forget half of that.".

THE CHIEF GUFFERER

on a lesson he does not know, or the the nerves disposes to sound and suiployee who shirks without forfeit. refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the ing his employer's approval, are both sollon of the blood, which being of them likely to think they have some stimulated, courses through the veins how got, the better of somebody in strangthening the healthy, animal authority, and to plume themselves functions of the system, thereby scoordingly. But the teacher is not making activity a necessary result the sufferer if and of her pupils de strengthening the frame and giving ceives her into crediting him with life to the digestive organs which more knowledge than he possesses. naturally demand increased substance The employer is not the chief loser if -tesuit, improved appetite. Northone of his subordinates gots a splary rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given only half does his work in invariably By the opinion of selentists, the wine the principal entrace. The shirk do approaches pearest perfection of sity

. A QUEER BOY He dosen't like study, It "weakens bis Hat the "right sort" of book will so SORE & BUTTRIAL Lat it be about Indians, pirates or

And be's lest for the day dane affaire ! pork to Guelph on Saturday, receiving By sunlight or gaslight his vision is

low, len't that queer! At thought of an errand "he's as tired as a bound, Very weary of life and of "trampleg around."

But If there's a band He will follow it gladly from morning till night, The showman will capture blin some day, I fear, For he is so queer.

If there's work in the garden his head aches to eplit, And his back is so lame he m bit." But mention baseball and And he'll dig for a woodchuck the

whole afternoon, He seems quite sinceret lut lan't be queer?

-Christian Advocate.

GIVING HIM HALF A HALO The Wall Street Journal is not rated as a "funny paper," but its stald and and sober editorial columns the other day were ornamented with a piece of sercesm flevored to a teste that the equal. It is told of a weary money getter, just done with the job of raisthe county, it is thought, in Mrs. Col- ing a big endowment, who fell sulcep and dreamed that he was waiting at and the gate of heaven, when there appear ed, applying for entrance, the millionaire who had given him one-fifth of his fund on condition of his raising the other four-Bithe, St. Peter, as the dreamer naw, demanded of the mil-Honaire where his halo was. - The applicant baughtly said he understood balos were provided. "Indeed not." was replied Peter. "Candidates for admission bring their halos with them." But the keeper turned to examine the man's record, and soon came back turned home last week after spending saying : "We had no difficulty in a week with friends at Hamilton and finding all about you. Everything i clearly marked wish your name, and particularly those benefactions in which your gifts were conditioned on circumstances are so striking that we have concluded to make an exception send you back. If you can earn half a halo, we will give you the other half.

#### -The Continent.

WHAT HAS HE LEFTY It is not an uncommon thing when someone has passed away, ways Dr. Jowett, to hear the question asked, "What has be left?" In the unseen world there may be another company of enquirers asking the question, "What has he brought?" The conversation on this side deels with personality; on the other side it deals with personality. Here we are too often concerned with reputation. There the entire emphasis is placed upon character. Many a man who is rich when measured by the standards of time is exceedingly poor when set in the light of ecornity. While we are wondering at his wealth the angels are amuzed at his poverty. And many a poor man who has not left enough money for his own burial enters the unseen world laden with immortal treasure upon earth. Other men are

### "rich toward God."

YOUR WEALTHY PRIENDS Do not talk too much about your wealthy acquaintances. The girl who

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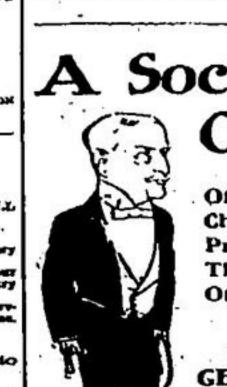
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