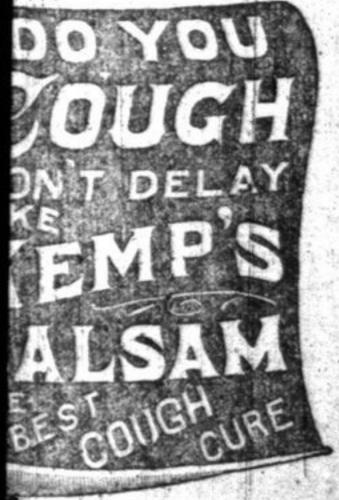


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#### I CAN.

I like the thought encrystalled in "I can: Among the sons of men, a king is he Who, though uncrowned, yet knows himself to be

Unbeaten still; a trooper in the van.

I like the face whose eye is on the goal; Self-po'sed the tides of worldly favor vair Roll up their forces with a giant strain, Against the ramparts of a resistless soul.

I like the will that dares to do and die: Die, if it must be, sooner far than yield One vantage spot in life's great battle-

Where one must fight, or as a coward fly. Tell me the watchword of the passing

If it be not these stirring words: "I can Both do and dare through all of life's

Wherever duty calls, I grasp the hour." -Mary Woodward Weatherbee, in Woman's Journal.

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### IN THE VERANDAH.

BY CLARENCE ROOK.

EORGE, is that you?"

balcony of our room on the first floor. I maid to talk to me by way of conversa- at the same time." craned my neck, and answered from tion, while you and Mr. Howard are the hotel veranda, where I was engaged playing billiards or drinking whisky find them both very pleasant as they in cutting the tip off my after-dinner and soda in the smoking-room?"

"Yes, here I am. Won't you come and sit with me? It's jolly."

Celia disappeared into the room. "What?" said Martin, stopping in the room?" gravel path below, where he was smoking in solitude. "Do you want me?" "I don't want you particularly," I

"Oh, I thought you said you did," said Martin.

"Did you speak, George?" said Celia, emerging again upon the balcony.

"No-yes," I said. It is so difficult to tell the whole truth in a single word. "I thought you said y. didn't want me," said Celia.

"Of course I want you," I said, "Come along; it's delightfully quiet and pleas-

"Why the blazes can't you say what you mean, if you mean anything at all?" said Martin, from below.

I hate explanations; and as it was obviously impossible to continue the conversation under existing conditions, I determined to wait until the conditions altered themselves. The more especially, as I found my lounge chair exceedingly comfortable after a day in the bicycle saddle; my cigar did not belie its brand, and a waiter appeared on the steps with coffee for three. Doctors will occasionally tell you-not, of course, your own doctor-that if you leave your symptoms alone, lie on your back, and don't worry, they will always fight to a finish, one way or the other. So situations will always explain themselvesif you wait long enough and don't fidget

The moon brushed aside a cloud and set to work to illuminate the sea in real earnest; behind me was the subdued chatter of the hotel guests who were filtering out of the dining-room; from the distance came the cheerful click of billiard balls; and from below sounded the soft ripple of waves upon shingle. It was delightful.

"What are you driviling about?" said Martin, as he came up the steps of the

veranda. "George, do you want me or don't you?" asked Celia, appearing through the hall doorway. "I can't make out what you mean.

"Here is the coffee," I said "I am very glad you have both come. I found myself involved in a dialogue with two people-

"O George! And you such a pedant!" said Celia. "Shouldn't it be atriologue, or something?"

"No, it shouldn't," I said. "I find myself involved in a dialogue with two people who are out of hearing of one another, and the scheme doesn't work. You can't carry on a rational conversation that way. As soon as you get into hadn't thought of it in that light betouch with one, you find out that the fore, but how that you point it out, other- By Jove! that seems to illus-

trate something or other. I wonder-" "It only illustrates your incapacity to grapple in a practical manner with the simplest difficulty," said Martin. chance of enjoying it with men. You "Now, if you had said, loudly and distinctly: 'I am sitting in the veranda answering two people, my wife and Martin Howard; let them both come

hither'-why, then-"Then," said I, glancing at the men Queen. who were loafing in the doorway, "they would have sent for the manager, and I should have been put under proper con- it didn't appear to be uncommonly live-

"If you hadn't had the inspiration," said Martin, "to marry a wife with more than ordinary common sense, you "O, the club," said Celia, looking Chicago News.

would-" "Sugar " said Celia, who was pour-

ing out the coffee. "That's right," I said. "We won't to eat or drink; you never drop in on quarrel. This is really the best part winter afternoon for a game of whist cycling. It's so jolly when it's over, except on 'At Home' days, when there family .- Judge.

have a hundred up presently. There's Celia."

a very good table here." thought of asking me down. Excellent | not built for hotels." smoking room, too, considering the size of the place."

ing of the veranda. Below a couple of place." of girls were walking up and down. They had shawls over their heads and library.

Mrs. Matthews?" said Martin. Celia turned, and leaning with her back against the balustrade, wrinkled

"What's the meaning of that sigh,

her brows. Celia, "I think they forgot that women would sometimes stay in them."

Martin placed his head at the critical angle. vertised as specially adapted for ladies drawing-room?"

and children.' "I am not an invalid," said Celia, "and I don't want to go to bed; and if I don't go to bed now, what am I to do?"

lifts, electric lights, electric bells, bath- her to a game?" rooms, all the latest sanitary-"

suggest that I should go up and down alternately, and said nothing. in the lift by way of amusement and "Then it won't be any good altering It was the voice of Celia from the ring the electric bell for a chamber hotels," I said, "unless we alter women

"I think I see your point," said Martin. "There is clearly a deficiency said, "I suppose I had better go and somewhere. What about a ladies' smoking-room, and a ladies' billiard- do. Don't be too late, George."-Black

"Well, why not?" said Celia, after a moment's reflection. "Two women out of every three smoke, and there's nothing absolutely immoral about billiards, is there? You see, women want rational enjoyment as well as men, where-

"Naturally," said Martin. "But why a ladies' smoking-room?" said Celia. "Why not have the same smoking-room for-" Celia contemplated the point of her shoe. I caught

Martin's eye. "No, I suppose not," said Celia. "But



" 'POUF!' SAID CELIA."

"There's the drawing-room," I said.

"A noble apartment. "I've just come from there,"

Celia. "It contains three dowdy ladies and that poor girl who is so sat upon by her mother. For ten minutes no one spoke. And then I had to come away-or scream. What would you have done if I had screamed, George?"

"Now that's very curious," I said. "I should have thought you would have done much as we do in the smokingroom, told one another stories and stood

one another-coffee; and so on." "But I had never spoken to them; I

"All the more reason-" "George, you don't understand women one little bit."

"It seems clear," said Martin, "that hotels were not built for women.

Mrs. Matthews-" "I should really like," said Celia, "to

build a hotel on my own lines, and manage it so that women had an equal lard. sec, hotels are built by men for men, and the consequence is that women are expected to content themselves with a drawing-room where there is no one to speak to-and a back number of the

"I seem to remember," I said, "a place that is run by women for women, and ly or sociable."

"Where?" asked Celia. "You took me there," I replied.

thoughtful. "There is no billiard-room," I continued, "and you can't get anything decent

and you have dinner, and smoke, and are men to talk to. No; I don't think play billiards, and-Martin, we might your hotel would be very popular,

"Perhaps," said Martin, "there are "Seems a good sort of hotel all faults on both sides. If hotels are not round," said Martin. "I'm glad you built for women, perhaps women are

"What do you mean?" asked Celia. "I mean," said Martin, "that perhaps Celia rose and leaned over the rail- women in a hotel are a little-well, out "Thank you," said Celia.

"Or, rather, out of their element. You were talking in whispers. The men see, if I want a game of billiards I just had scattered from the doorway, and I go into the billiard-room and ask the could see two or three ladies of middle first, likely man I find if he will have a age sitting in the hall and reading spas- game. And then the winner stands the modically. I knew the books, I had loser a drink. It doesn't matter in the seen them on the shelves of the local least to me if he has—well, run away | 561; fifty taxes paid by railroad, \$4,554,from his wife."

"I don't see what that has to do with it," said Celia.

"It's the very kernel of the whole matter." I said. "The essential condition of hotel life is that people should take "When they invented hotels," said each other at their face value. Now, women are always fidgeting lest the other women should be forgeries. Look here, Celia; supposing there were ladies' billiard-room here, do you think "But this hotel," I objected, "is ad- it would be more cheerful than the

"Of course it would," said Celia: "there would be something to do."

"But would anyone do it?" I asked. "Would you, Celia, walk up to the first "The hotel," I continued, "contains casual stranger you found and invite Celia looked thoughtfully at the book

"Pouf!" said Celia. "I suppose you in her hand, opening it and shutting it

"For my own part," said Martin, "I

Celia gave a little laugh. "Well," she read in bed. It seems the only thing to and White.

#### FAITHFUL INFIDELITY. An Adventure in Which Two Persons Are Surprised.

not wait up."

parted. Bertha hastens to her boudoir. as unsafe. The present site will be re-With nervous fingers she adjusts blond tained, but the new buildings will be wig, Parisian hat and veil.

"Tres chic, n'est ce pas?" Altogether the purest French accent which might deceive even her husband. With a burst of laughter she descends the stairs and a moment later the street door closes with a bang behind her.

Her first rendezvous! What mingled sentiments of fear and guilty delight fill the adorable little woman's being when she sees appear at the place of appointment in the railway Blum, E. F. Coulter, H. B. Smith, W. W. station Willard, the mysterious correspondent for whom she has addressed letters to the Evening Flirt.

Tall, with imperial and mustachered, it must be confessed, but so distinguished-handsome and masculine, he appeals to her as the ideal lover. The peculiar accent of his voice moves tatoes, 14 barrels of apples, 16 cases of her pleasantly.

"At last," says Willard, smiling; "at last you have consented to pity my humble desperation. I thank you." A trip to the theater is suggested.

Bertha demurs. May her husband not be there, despite the "dying friend?" She trembles at the thought! "No, no," she murmurs. But when one is 20, and when a hand-

some fellow speaks enticingly in one's ear, human weakness asserts itself. They are soon seated comfortably in

"Ah, how you are amiable kindje veux dire," whispers Bertha; "for all zis happiness I am much obliged to

The broken English charms, yet puzzles, Willard. Where has he heard that voice before? Bertha finds a like indefinable famil

iar ring in her companion's voice. However, both take from the adventure untold amusement.

"Imagine, zen," said Bertha, "my husband, who may uprise at any moment,

Willard laughs heartily. "My wife will not," he exclaims. didn't even know their names," said | left her safe at home, telling her that

I had to sit up with a dying friend." A flash of comprehension passes over Bertha's features. She divines a remarkable truth./ With sudden resolution she seizes Willard's imperial. Horrors! It gives way and discloses

smooth chin. "My husband!" she cries. In her excitement she forgets to as sume the French accent.

"My wife!" ejaculates the false Wil-For a moment they are nonplused, then, ungovernable, sonorous, resounds their hearty laughter. Thinking to

ity.-Philadelphia Bulletin. Ended in Marriage. Mr. Peck-What is that book you are

mutually deceive each other, they have,

indeed, shown only the strictest fidel-

feading, my dear? Mrs. Peck-It's a novel entitled "A Fatal Flirtation.' "Something like ours, I presume."- at his home near New Holland.

Only on Special Occasions. Mrs. O'Donovan-Oi didp't see ye a Pat's fun'ral, Mrs. O'Dowd.

Mrs. O'Dowd-No, mum! Oi niver inof the day. That's what I like about -in fact, no one ever seems to go there joy fun'rals onless they're in me own

### ILLINOIS STATE NEWS.

. Illinois Railroads. The advance sheets of the twentyseventh annual report of the railroad

and warehouse commissioners of Illinois give the following statistics: Number of passengers carried during the year ending June 30, 1897, earning revenue. 76,318,031; number of tons of freight carried, 64,395,465; gross earnings from the operation for one of mile road, \$6,656; expenses per mile, \$4,394; leaving net per mile, \$2,362. The total railway capital was \$2,-725,415,138; amount per mile, \$67,389; number of miles mail line and branches in steel, 10,095.09; iron, 32,277; tons of new rail laid, 664,518.08. Accidents-Number of employes and passengers killed, 577: injured, 2.081. Salaries-Employes, \$39,658

Mother's Prophecy Fulfilled.

George Henry Washington, 71 years of age; the accredited leader of colored society in St. Clair county, was married in Mascoutah to Maggie Wade, 22 years old. At a picnic 16 years ago the present bride, then a child, with her mother and father, was thrown into the water by the capsizing of a boat. Henry Washington, one of the managers of the picnic, jumped into the lake at the risk of his own life and saved the three. In her feeling of gratitude Mrs. Wade half jokingly told him that some day he should wed the daughter.

Guilty of Murder. The trial of Ben and Wilbur McCoy, brothers, for the murder of John Bullock, alias Smith, ended in Bloomington disagreed. Wilbur was a witness in this trial, and both Ben and he were indicted scon after for the murder.

Says It's Unsafe.

Gov. Tanner, after inspecting the sit in Peoria of the new asylum for the incurable insane, which was said to be unsafe because of underlying coal "A dying friend. I shall be late. Do mines, and the one building erected by the preceding administration, decided The lord and master searcely de- that it would be better to tear it down. located on another part, away from the

undermined region.

The Commercial Men. Over 200 delegates were present from different points in the state at the annual meeting in Chicago of the Illinois Commercial Men's association. Officers were chosen as follows: President, ognized the rights of the Chinese gov-George H. Holden; vice president, ernment to indemnity for the killing George W. Smith; secretary and treasurer, R. A. Cavanaugh; directors, S. S. Hinckley, John Furlong.

Feast for the Insane. The Christmas dinner given at the Eastern insane hospital in Kankakee consisted of 1,700 pounds of turkey, one ton of candy, ten barrels of sweet po oranges, five barrels of cranberries and 85 gallons each of corn and tomatoes.

Told in a Few Lines.

Fire destroyed the Coliseum building in Chicago, the loss being \$350,000 on the structure and \$125,000 on exhibits contained therein. One man was burned to death and many other per-

sons were injured. The total valuation of property in La Salle county, according to the assessors' returns, is \$15,520,196, and the total tax for the next year amounts to \$724,161.04.

At a special election in Jacksonvill to vote on the question of levying a 3 cent tax on the \$100 for purchasing and keeping a public park the measure wa defeated by a vote of 1,105 to 602.

The constitutionality of the civil serv ice law was sustained in an opinion given by the state supreme court. The grand jury voted 35 indictments against proprietors of alleged gambling

resorts in Chicago, among those indicted being three aldermen. Fire and an explosion in the build ing in Chicago occupied by the Toset Cafe & Restaurant company caused loss of \$200,000 and 23 persons were in

Jennie Elkins awoke in Decatur to find her two-months-old baby girl dead at her side. The child had smothered to death under the coverlets.

James Gray, aged 91, an early settler, died near Centerville. Fire in Chicago destroyed \$100,000 worth of property of the A. H. Andrews

Furniture company. John Nelson, a driver, was instantly Bloomington.

Charles, six-year-old son of Elias Erwin, was fatally injured with firecrackers in Louisville. During the past year 2,554,000 cattle

8,314,430 hogs, 3,580,000 sheep and 110, 000 horses were received at the union stock yards in Chicago. George Wendell, a democratic member of the house of the Thirty-ninth general

assembly and a large landowner, died Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grim celebrated their golden wedding in Kewanee. Fire in the Great Northern hotel in

gan, valued at \$15,000. The car barn of the City Railway company was burned in Rockford. Loss, \$12,000; fully insured.

#### ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

Proceedings of the Special Session

from Day to Day. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5 .- During a brief session of the senate yesterday the governor sent in the following nominations, which were confirmed: Member of the state board of health, Dr. R. F. Bennett, of Litchfield, to succeed Dr. Julius Kohl, term expired; member of the state board of pharmacy, Fred Lueder, of Peorla, to succeed Albert Zimmerman, term expired. The governor's message relative to the incurable insane asylum at Peoria was referred to the committee on appropriations.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 5 .- The house yes-

terday concurred in the senate resolution

indorsing the movement for holding corn exhibitions in the principal cities of this and foreign countries, with a view to expanding the market for corn. The Berry revenue bill, as amended along the lines suggested by the senate revenue committee, was introduced and ordered printed. It provides for a county assessor; that property, be appraised at full cash value and assessed at one-fifth; that the board of review be composed of the county treasurer, county clerk and president of the county board, the last-named taking the place of the county judge mentioned in the old bill as a member of the board of review. Mr. Saylor, of Cook, introduced two revenue bills, providing that all public franchises shall be assessed one per cent. on their cash value, and limiting to one per cent, the assessment on all property at its fair cash value, Gov. Tanner sent in a special message asking that he be given authority to move the insape asylum from its present location over the abandoned coal mine at Peoria to firmer ground.

#### LOSE CLAIM AGAINST MEXICO. Spanish Arbiter Decides Against the United States.

Washington, Jan. 5 .- The cause of in the conviction of Ben McCoy and the | arbitration in the settlement of claims acquittal of Wilbur. The jury fixed the | between nations has received a severe punishment of McCoy at 14 years in the check in the award by the arbitrator in penitentiary. Bullock was shot and the case of Oberlander and Messenger, died almost instantly on the platform of who claimed \$50,000 and \$25,000, rethe Alton station at Shirley in May, spectively, for ill-treatment by the Mex-1897. Ben McCoy was tried for the lean authorities. The arbitrator was crime about one year ago and the jury | the Argentine minister at Madrid, Senor Quesada, and his decision was in favor of the Mexican government and against the American claimants. The discouraging feature of the decision is that in making the decision the arbitrator apparently overlooked every point of law, according to the English standards, and decided the case with reference to his sympathies. It is said that a more extraordinary opinion than this from a legal point of view was never seen at the state department.

Oberlander was a deputy sheriff in California and he was kidnaped and taken across the border by Mexican officers. Mrs. Messenger, in whose house he had taken refuge, was ill-treated. When it came to rendering his decision, the arbitrator, it is said, ignored the facts and reasoned that because the United States government had not recof Chinese at Rock Springs, Wyo., while insisting upon indemnity for losses sustained by American missionaries in China, we could not expect to have an indemnity awarded our citizens in such cases as this. This peculiar lack of legal perception is said at the department to be almost without a parallel in the history of arbitration, and has undoubtedly done much to prevent the submission of other claims to arbitration unless it can first be known that the arbitrator is familiar with the principles of common law, according to the English standards.

#### WEDS AN AMERICAN WOMAN. German Count Married to Mrs. May

Stanley Lay at Washington. Washington, Jan. 5.- Count von Goetzen, military attache of the German embassy, was married at noon Tuesday to Mrs. May Stanley Lay at the residence of the bride. The ceremony which made another American countess was first performed by a justice of the peace in accordance with the official custom of Germany, and later by Rev. Dr. Menzel, of the German Lutheran church. The count had as his witness the German ambassador, Dr. Von Holleben, Baron Hermann, Mr. Von Bruenig and Mr. Von Reichenau, of the embassy staff, while the bride's witnesses were members of her family. The wedding breakfast followed, and was participated in by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British American ambassador; Viscount Santo Thyoso, the Portuguese minister; Count Gallaza, of the Spanish legation; Gen. N. and Mrs. Miles, and many other representatives of the diplomatic corps, the army, navy and society in general. Later in the day the count and his bride started for a trip across the continent.

### SLEPT AT HIS POST. Engineer on Santa Fe Road Causes

a Fatal Wreck. Kansas City, Jan. 5.-While James Scott, a Santa Fe railway engineer, slept in his engine cab, his engine, drawing a killed by falling from a trestle at long string of freight and stock cars, bore down upon another freight train, moving in on a side track on the Santa Fe railway yards in Argentine, Kan. A collision followed. Charles K. Landers, stockman, 40 years old, of Brazilton, Kan., was killed, and M. L. Miars, stockman, of Waverly, Kan.; A. C. Olin, stockman, of Brazilton, Kan .; John C. Myers, stockman, of Brazilton, Kan.; J. M. McAdow, liveryman, of Ottawa, Kan., were injured. The stockmen were in the caboose of the wrecked train. None of their injuries are serious.

To Build a Beet Sugar Factory. Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 5 .- N. H. Dyer & Co., of Cleveland, O., have closed Chicago burned the great acolian ora contract with David Eccles and Joseph Clark, of Ogden, Utah, for the construction of a beet sugar factory of a daily capacity of 700 tons at Ogden.