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WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER 27th, 1901

The number of Senators and Representatives in Washington is increasing daily. They all call at the White House and with most of them Mr. Roosevelt discusses some phase of his forthcoming message. By a comparison of notes it is, therefore, becoming reasonably easy to predict the President's position on many of the more important subjects. He said that he is in favor of reciprocity, but does not consider that it would be proper for him to express a desire to see any particular reciprocal treaty ratified or negotiated. He has stated that he will urge that immediate provision be made for a Pacific cable to the Philippines and touching at Hawaii and Guam, but as to the method, whether it be constructed by the Government or a private concern authorized to do it, he will make no recommendation. He has expressed a wish to see an Isthmian Canal constructed as soon as possible and hopes to see Congress take all the necessary steps without delay.

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Mr. Roosevelt realizes that the responsibilities of his high office are heavy and knows their extent. He believes his own share to be quite sufficient and he has no intention of assuming a portion of those which properly pertain to Congress, or of offering advice which might be rejected. His intention is to clearly and as briefly as possible, outline the national situation, designation any evils which he believes should be corrected and leaving it to Congress to take such action as it considers the situation warrants. In the performance of his own duties, while he has received with consideration the advice of everyone whom he believed had the best interests of the administration at heart, he has acted and will continue to act with the greatest independence, and in his relations with Congress he will respect its independence to the same extent that he expects Congress to respect his. The spheres of the Executive and Legislative branches of the government are separate and distinct, as said recently and that will be the keynote of his administration.

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The President appears to have relinquished none of his admiration for Civil Service reform. He has called for resignation from two prominent office holders because of their violation of Civil Service Rules. He has stated positively and frequently that he will appoint no men to office whom he does not consider in every way fitted for the position. He has appointed well-known and earnest recent army volunteers to the Civil Service Commission, and during the past week, he has announced that in the Army and Navy and in "our dependencies" merit alone will secure promotion. A propos of the Army nominations, he has caused to be given out at the War Department an official declaration which states that officers who send their friends to the President to present their claims for promotion will not improve their chances, but that "on the contrary, the effect will probably be directly opposite to that which the officer hopes for" and that "it is only fair to the army that not only Army officers, but all other classes of public office holders should rely upon their own merits and not upon the further use of political influence." It is now recognized that it is the intent of the President to apply the requirements of the Civil Service Commission to all that class of employees in Washington known as "laborers" of whom there are approximately one thousand, drawing an average salary of \$300.00 per year. Most of them are doing clerical work and "laborers" in name only, having used this title to get into the service through others than the civil service department.

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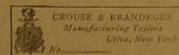
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You will be forced to admit that our double-breasted sack suits are just a little smarter, just a little newer, and just a little better as to crooks and turns of good tailoring than even before; this is the handsomest one you ever saw, and this label in every one.



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PINE CITY, MINN.

The quality of the American manufacturers, as evidenced by the

amount of raw material imported during the past nine months, is a source of gratification and cause of surprise. The total importation of articles in a crude condition, which enter into the various processes of the domestic industry, during the nine months ending with September, 1901, amounted to \$22,400,754. This is an increase of nearly \$3,000,000 over the same period in 1900, and the figures show steady increase since that date. When it is considered that the prices of these materials have been considerably reduced since 1899, the figures show an even greater increase of quantity, and they indicate a most satisfactory growth of American manufacturing interests, a growth manifested gratifying in view of conditions prevailing with foreign manufacturers.

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Secretary Long has received the report of the General Naval Board of which Admiral Dewey is President. The board states that every consideration of naval strategy makes it advisable for the United States to own the Danish West Indies. It recommends the fortification of the ports of St. Thomas and St. John and that both be thoroughly equipped as naval bases, and suggests that if the equipment of both ports be deemed impracticable, at least one be so equipped as soon as the purchase of the islands can be effected.

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Mayor-elect Low of New York was among the callers at the White House last week and had a long conference with the President. Mr. Low says that he particularly desires Mr. Roosevelt's advice on New York municipal questions and that he hopes to be the first recipient of his views. Mr. Low has already given notice that he will find the large amount of patronage at his disposal on the same lines that the President has laid down for the conduct of Federal appointments.

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General Chanler commanding the division of the Philippines, reports that he has ordered that the "native scouts," as they are now called, be reorganized into companies of 100 men, that a standard of physical excellence be required, and that these companies be gradually armed with Springfield rifles and a limited amount of black-powder ammunition.

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The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has rendered a decision to the effect that beer, whiskey and other articles of domestic manufacture, subject to internal revenue tax, when consumed in the United States are subject to the same tax when shipped to the Philippines. Heretofore, manufacturers of goods subject to internal revenue tax have been exempt from excise duty on goods shipped to the Philippines as they are on goods shipped to foreign countries.

Lace Shelf Paper at the Big Sister Parties having photo taken by me. Take Notice. I will make duplicates of any photo taken by me and bear my stamp, that have disappeared or on which spots have appeared free of charge. I guarantee all my work. W. E. Pease, Artist.

Smoke Sapphires by cigar.

The Minnesota Oil company of Texas has appointed the undersigned their agent, with authority to sell shares of stock. Any oil shipped to Texas in a good case, oiling anything in which there is no chance for adulteration, shall be sold at once, as after 90 days the stock will go up to one dollar per share. It is now selling at 50 cents per share. Call for circulars and full particulars at Pine City office.

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A WEEK'S RECORD

All the News of the Past Seven Days Condensed.

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

News of the Industrial Field, Personal and Political Items, Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

DOMESTIC.

In a week on the Santa Fe mail, Cal, at least \$6,000 letters were burned.

Four men were killed and seven injured in a head-on collision at Hughes Siding, Ala.

Alabama's new constitution will become effective Thanksgiving day, November 28.

Fourteen fire business blocks at Franklin, Ind.

Nicholas Muller, of the Seventh New York district, has resigned as member of congress because of ill health.

Burglars secured \$1,000 at the post office in Duncansville, Pa.

An unknown man at Pittsburgh, Pa., jumped into a furnace with molten metal.

The rule of the railroads in charging excess fare on fast trains between New York and New Jersey is likely to be abolished.

Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota, has written to the governors of other northwestern states, asking their assistance in his fight against the Hill railway combination.

Gov. Horace of Porto Rico, who is in the United States on a vacation, says that the people are rejoicing over their prosperity and are not only acquiescing in American rule, but they are becoming enthusiastically American.

Students of Wabash college, at Crawfordsville, Ind., revolted because of the refusal of the faculty to accept their demands and locked the president in his room.

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Whisky distillers will urge congress to reduce the tax from \$1.50 to 70 cents per gallon, representing to them a saving of \$600,000.

The exchanges at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the seven days ended on the 22d, against 225 the week previous and 215 the corresponding period of last year.

The new prohibiting ticket scalping was declared unconstitutional by the New York court of appeals.

One man was fatally hurt and two girls injured by the fall of an elevator in St. Joseph, Mo.

William D. Brookman, a Chicago parrot who thought he had fatally wounded his wife with a bullet fired at a burglar in a dream, committed suicide.

A report on railway labor in the United States shows that in 1900 the country employ nearly 1,000,000 people.

The contest over the offices of attorney general in Kentucky has ended in the casting of Clifton J. Pratt (rep.).

Other northwestern states will join Minnesota in the fight against the consolidation of railroads in that section.

Admiral Seley declared the offer of a Kaosse (Cuba) paper to raise a fund to pay for his court of inquiry to be "unfortunate."

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Manufacturers of coal oil, at Washington, declared for reorganization. It does not hurt home industries and stand by the principle of protection.

George Trapp, a union picket at Allis-Chalmers plant in Chicago, was shot and killed while attacking a non-union employee.

Southern Allison in outlining the work of the committee on trade and tariff revision unlikely; believed a department of commerce and a Nicaraguan canal planned; expects reciprocity with Cuba will be arranged and repeal of war taxes likely.

A group with a flow of \$500,000 feet a week at Tipton, Ind., foreign corporations in Chicago are liable to fines aggregating \$500,000 for failure to file state reports.

Dish review calls attention to the mighty strides of trade within the year.

Eight officials went to the Baby mine at Bluefield, W. Va., to inspect it, and it is feared they were overcome by fire damp.

Commissioner of Indian affairs Jones, in his annual report, suggests discontinuance of rations and money to the red men, giving them instead education and throwing them upon their own resources.

Francisco Gambo, president of the Cuban commission sent to the United States by the merchants and the business to secure better trade relations, was a guest of Cuban properly held in favor among Americans.

Harvard defeated Yale in a football game at Cambridge, Mass., by a score of 22 to 0.

Gov. Van Sant will call an extra session of the Wisconsin legislature to take up the fight of the Great Northern railway alliance.

Judge M. A. Rogers, of Denver, committed suicide by blowing himself to pieces with dynamite.

An unknown negro who shot Mrs. Perry Craft was lynched by a mob.

The Long Island and New Jersey shores were visited by a severe gale which did thousands of dollars damage to docks and shore property.

Two companies of state troops captured a camp of striking miners at New Haven, Ky., and arrested 21 men.

Ex-Senator Frank B. Gilmer, of Ohio, has sold the Record-Herald, of Cinc., for \$100,000 for libel.

Mrs. McKinley is to be given free use of the United States mails.

The bodies of the eight officials of the Pennsylvania state legislature, W. Va., who were killed by fire, have been recovered by arched searchers.

The Holland submarine boat Fulton remained twelve hours under water at Greenport, N. Y. Officers and crew were unharmed.

An expert diver located the wreck of the Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro, which foundered off the California coast.

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The administrative council of The Hague arbitration tribunal rejected a Boer appeal for intervention.

Domestic war in Athens against the proposal to transfer the Grecians into modern Greece, seven persons were killed and many wounded.

Medieval speculators who sought American gold are blocked by a decree by King Edward VII, which subjects shall witness the coronation.

Colombian rebels captured Colon, making an unexpected attack after a night march. American marines were landed to keep them from the town.

The report that Queen Draga, the wife of King Alexander of Serbia, has been assassinated on the streets of Semlin is denied.

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A new mode of producing steel, which it is predicted will revolutionize the industry, has been successfully tested in Germany.

Secretary Hay, addressing the New York chamber of commerce, says the United States stands upon the Monroe doctrine and the golden rule.

The fab commission, from Washington to Honolulu, has already discovered about 30 new varieties, many of which are good for food.

Colonialists, elected justices of the peace at Port-of-Spain, Park, N. J., is said to be the youngest person who ever held that office in New Jersey. He is only 23 years old.

Dr. von Hollenbeck, German ambassador to France, from Europe, entered the general store of Brown & Clegg Sunday night at Crescent City, Okla., blew open the safe and secured cash and papers estimated to be worth \$500.

President Taft ordered the arrest of the Venezuelan minister of marine on charges of his part in the plot.

Colonel Richardson left Sofia for Constantinople to confer with the secretary of the United States legation concerning the ransom of Miss Anna Sten.

Count Leopold, veteran German diplomat, who recently resigned as ambassador to Great Britain, died in London.

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Col. Arthur Lynch, former heir to the empire, elected to parliament by Germany, declares he will try to take his seat.

The Cuban political campaign is now at white heat.

The Boers attacked a British convoy in Colony and nearly captured 100 prisoners.

Gen. Wood has bought the San Juan battlefield for \$15,000, which the United States government will transform into a park.

The steamer Alerta, with 209 passengers, including some discharged American soldiers, is believed to have been lost on its way from Subic bay to Manila.

Cuban authorities gave formal notice that they would bombard the city of Colon, now held by the insurgents.

Conservative British politicians are anxiously watching the growth of pro-British sentiment in Germany.

Many churches in Spain have been destroyed during the last few days by incendiary fires.

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School Notes.

Those who attended the entertainment of the Webster Literary Society were Messrs. Rath and Roberts, Madame Bickeringidge, Dosey and Greeley, and Miss Cox. Remarks were made by Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Greeley.

Mr. Chamberlain is teaching Seal or arithmetic to the eighth grade and High School for morning exercises on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

The Seventh grade history class has been doing some hard work in the study of the early settlements.

Misses Waller and Rowe will spend their Thanksgiving vacation in Minneapolis; Miss Hennegan in St. Paul; Misses Anderson and Badger are undecided and Mr. Chamberlain and Mrs. Marsh will remain here.

Five volumes of "Gibbon's Roman Empire" were received to-day to be added to the History reference library.

The school was closed yesterday and to-day.

Wedding Bells.

On Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride just east of F. J. Rybak's general store occurred one of the pleasantest events that have taken place in Pine City for some time, when Miss Georgia Buttrick, our popular milliner and dressmaker, was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to William Preston, both of this place. None but the immediate members of the family were present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. Taylor. Miss Buttrick has been a resident of this place for quite a number of years, having built up a good trade in the millinery and dressmaking business, and is well liked by all who know her. Mr. Preston came here from the south a little over a year ago, being a brother of Mrs. Chas. Laing. He is a quiet gentleman and has made warm friends since coming here with him and his bride a pleasant journey o'er life's troubled sea.

Those in attendance at the ceremony were Will Buttrick and wife, of Wyoming, a brother of Mr. Preston's, of Duluth, Chas. Laing and wife, Mrs. Alfred Rice, Mrs. Buttrick, mother of the bride and Rev. H. Taylor and wife, of this place. After the ceremony the happy couple took the night train for Duluth, on a short wedding trip. Here's congratulations Will.

Children's Reception.

Santa Claus will hold a reception at the Drug Store from 3 to 6 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7th, 1901. We would like to have every child and around Pine City come in and shake hands with a real live Santa Claus and perhaps get a piece of candy or a little present just to show them that he is here this year. And we have a Santa Claus Post Office open during this reception and want every child to bring a letter telling what they want for Christmas and drop it in this Santa Claus Post Office when they come to the reception. Remember the date and come to Breckinridge's Pharmacy, Main St., Pine City, Minn.

Catholics of Pine City

Will Celebrate.

The greatest local feast Dec. 8th at St. Mary church at 10:30, one of the latest and most beautiful masses will be rendered, accompanied by an orchestra and a number of special famous singers, visiting Pine City especially for the occasion. All the pomp and grandeur that the Catholics here have at their disposal will be put on that day. The after will be decorated with beautiful potted plants and palms and everybody is cordially invited to participate in the feast. The proceeds will be for St. Mary's church.

Rev. Mr. Hicks is Not Dead.

Notwithstanding a widely current rumor that the Rev. Mr. Hicks was dead, he never was in better health, and never had a harder and more successful year's work than that just closing. He has just completed his large and splendid Almanac for 1902 and, with his staff

of able helpers, has brought his journal, Word and Works, justly forward into international reputation. For a quarter of a century Mr. Hicks has grown in reputation and usefulness as the people's astronomer, and forecaster of storms and the character of coming seasons. Never was weather forecasts so sought after as now, his timely warning of a serious drought this year having saved the people from loss and suffering. Millions of bushels of wheat were harvested through his advice to plant crops that would mature early. The American people will certainly stand by Prof. Hicks, when it costs them so little and the benefits are so great. His fine Almanac of 200 pages is only 25 cents, and his splendid family journal is only one dollar a year including the Almanac.

Send to Word and Works and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Shooting Affray.

What might have proved a tragedy was averted by the presence of mind of J. W. Hunt. During a game of cards last evening Robert Hoffmann pulled a gun and took deliberate aim at Chas. Gehl, but Mr. Hunt seeing the action threw up his right hand and knocked the gun up, he tried to pull the trigger and the bullet struck John Hunt in the left arm, inflicting a flesh wound. Dr. Wiseman was called and dressed the wounded arm. More particulars next week.

Resolutions of Condolence.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom has cut down in the morning of his life and the strength of his manhood, our esteemed brother, J. C. Miller, thus taking from our number an active member, a kind husband and a loving father, be it

Resolved, that Pine City Lodge Degree of Honor, A. O. U. W. No. 126, extend to those who were dear to him our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of deep affliction, that God give to the sorrowing ones strength, and that He may sustain them in this their great trial is our earnest prayer.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the lodge a copy published in the A. O. U. W. Guide and a copy sent to the family of our deceased brother, and that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days.

LAURA SLOAN,
DELLA SMITH,
CLARA L. ALBRECHT,
Committee on Resolutions.

It is a fact worthy of note and one which loyal Republican papers are not slow to note, that almost without a single exception the Republican criticism that is unfriendly to the administration comes from those who are dissatisfied with appointments. There has not been an appointment that can be called out and pronounced bad from any other standpoint than that of the administration, and no accusations of collusion between the dairy and food department and the packing trusts or the baking powder trusts, such as were common under the last administration.

It is possible that the governor might have chosen men for some of the places whose appointment would have been more popular than those which were more important, but the people are as much interested in this matter as the office seekers, and they don't care very much whether Smith or Jones, or John Doe, or Richard Roe get the offices, so that the duties of the offices are largely discharged affairs to be taken care of. After all, there will be no popular opposition because this, that or the other man did not get the office he wanted. The offices have been filled, and the duties of the offices have been satisfactorily performed, and that is where public interest in this matter lies.

This will be a G. A. B. camp fire at the Pioneer house hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 4th. An oyster supper will be served in the Pioneer house dining room and there will be a program of song and dancing. All G. A. B. who are sensible enough will dance and those who cannot dance will be expected to sing a song and tell a story. The expense of the entire entertainment will be only cents a ticket. Good music will be provided, especially good really music. Come out all hands and see how the Grand Army boys do it.

Order for Hearing and Notice of Application for Appointment of Administrator.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
County of Pine, }
In Probate Court,

Special Term, November 8, 1901,

Ex parte, APPOINTMENT OF THE ESTATE OF

Mike Zander, deceased.

On receiving and filing the petition of the State of Minnesota, representing among others that the State of Minnesota, on the 25 day of May, A. D. 1901, at the County of Pine, in the State of Minnesota, and that the petitioner is the surviving wife of said deceased and praying that William Zander be appointed administrator of the estate.

That notice thereof be given to the heirs of the deceased, and to all persons interested in the estate, in each week for three successive weeks prior day to the hearing of the application for appointment of the estate.

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THE STORY TELLER

The Scar on His Conscience & &

By ELIZABETH CHERRY WALTERS.

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NO ONE would have thought, to the president of the Orlando bank on a late summer morning, that his conscience had ever troubled him in his life. He was as fair and splendid as any well-educated woman. He was noted for prompt decisions and an amazing foresight. Commercially he was a success; socially, he was a power. For three years he had been a widower and next season would be reckoned upon by the mothers of debutantes as worthy of the most brilliant convivialities.

People said that his double life story was sad. He had made an unfortunate first marriage, of which no one knew the details. His second wife, once a brilliant eastern society girl, had been insane for several years before her death, and of the three children that had been born to them, two died in infancy and the crippled son shortly after his mother. The colonel had come out of his troubles, calm and uncomplaining. No one knew of any stain on his conscience. Business men are not supposed to have such appearances. Often it was called indigence, but Col. Everard Newcome did not mistake it. He faced it and kept silent.

This morning several friends had been in, talking of their summer outings and business at one and the same time. One went east because his wife must have sea-bathing, and one went north because his old father had had fever in August. Country houses were open to all, and there was much flitting. Invitations here and there were plentiful. He could have gone to a dozen house parties, camping out, to the Canadian lakes and the Adirondack camps. But the scar on the colonel's conscience was more in evidence than usual. It was almost an open wound of late, for he could not forget the past.

While he idly figured on a scrap of paper, alone in his office, the screen door of the bank was pushed open and a young girl walked in. She had the air of a schoolgirl, but she was in place before, but of lacking no courage. Her dress was plain enough, a spotless white muslin, such as a young girl would wear in a small town on a festive occasion. A mass of tight curls were tied back in a white knot under a broad black bonnet. The fair, half-dimpled face was both childlike and noble, and the cashier, whose window she looked into with large, calm eyes, was startled at its instantly-to-be, recognized expression.

"I wish to see the president of the bank," said the girl.

"Col. Newcome, miss? O yes—here," Aleck said, as if the colonel was to be found at home.

The mutatio was used to this. He departed to see if the "colonel" wanted to be bothered.

"Who did you say it was?" repeated the colonel, abruptly.

"A young girl, sir," began Aleck, but he got no further. A calm young voice came over his shoulder.

"I didn't give him my name, papá. I just came in."

The mutatio stepped obsequiously aside. The colonel stared into a face that was the complement of his own, quite as pale and clear as his. He came around the corner of the desk. He actually stammered: "You—you here?"

She smiled inscrutably, fearlessly. It was his own smile.

"How did you come? I thought you were at school."

"I have finished that school. I came to talk to you about what is to come next. I never knew just who you were until the other day."

"Who told you that?"

"A lawyer from here who came to see his niece graduate. He knew me from my re-simulation to me."

"And he told you—what?"

"That you were alone—that you were rich—that I ought to let you see me and to talk to you about the future."

"His name was Oberding."

The colonel at once recognized the blow at himself and understood its reason and possibilities.

"Come here and sit down," he said, not unkindly, "and we will talk it over. Oberding is an enemy of mine."

She answered him by replying:

"With this in mind, I can afford nothing from me of mine. He only knows that I am really your daughter. Of course I had to tell him that."

"Of course," echoed the colonel, merrily.

"But when he told me how rich you

were—and that you were alone—I thought I would come."

"What would you like to have me do for you?"

"I want to be something or somebody," she said, promptly. "I want a chance to see and learn—to be more than those about me."

He pitied his ambitions. How she stung him!

"You should have been a boy—" "Oh, no, papa."

She dashed on him a glance he did not like.

"I would never have forgiven you for all of it."

He gasped.

"Can you forgive me now?"

"I can better understand mamma now. She has always forgiven you."

The colonel put his head down in his hands.

"Eva, you are only 16, I was only 20, your mother not much older than you are. Can you understand?"

You are too young to be married, ma'am," he taunted me, insulted me at every turn after the elopement, and just humiliated me. I was poor. Now things are different, you see. Do you know that he got that divorce for her partly on the grounds of infidelity?" That madened me.

She pressed his hands and took care of you even since I had a dollar, and voluntarily."

Eva rose and placed her hands on his shoulder.

"You know grandpa and you know mamma takes up to every one she loves. And I always thought because I am like you. I always fought grandpa—but he's gone—he's dead."

The colonel drew the hand on his shoulder across his neck.

"So you understand—and do not blame me so much—not all."

She pressed his head against her shoulder, trembling.

"And you are so alone."

He was trembling also.

"I cannot ask you to leave your mother. She has never married."

"She would not—does not change?"

"What would you have me do for you?" he asked, after a silence.

"For me?—I came to you to let me go abroad—to let me get about a good deal. I have a right to know what I wanted to do myself."

"You cannot go alone."

"I can never leave mamma—and now I do not want to go very far from you, either."

He pressed her hand.

"I have been very hard upon me—I have suffered a thousand hard ups. Your mother?"

"Always delicate and gentle and unchanged. She is still beautiful and not very old yet. I am always proud of her."

The two were silent a long time. He was holding her about the waist on the arm of the great leather chair when one of the bank officials came in and stood abruptly.

"Oh!—don't you know this is my oldest child, Fra. Mr. Allen. She's been away at school and could not wait any longer to see me."

Mr. Allen smoothed his curiosity and proceeded to business.

Evre returned to the window, but a sentence caught her ear.

"Not to-morrow—I am going out of the city with my daughter here—on Thursday, perhaps."

She grasped his arm with shining eyes a moment later.

"I am sorry, but I must go."

He smiled back at her, sadly.

"Yes, I will go with you, if you think she will see me. Can we repair the past?"

Eva's heart fell away and her beautiful head was on his father's shoulder.

"I am sorry, but I must go."

"O—O—to think it! For she's here, pa, waiting—at the hotel—praying, waiting—but I was not to ask you to come to her—only for myself. Are you waiting to go? Shall I see you two happy together?"

He seemed to have forgotten her.

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THE REMINISCENT MAN.

What would we do for things to read about our public men?
How could we know their bony traits and how they acted them?
How could we know their whims and fads and what they did?
About them, were it not for what a certain person brings?
All hills have a hole that gape in wise Dame Nature's plan.
The one who's always in our view—the Reminiscent Man.

He tells us of his Presidents, and what they did and what they said,
Or what they didn't do or say, as we have often read;
He tells us of heroes bold, long ere they burst to fame,
Which plainly shows they were designed to lead the world.
He knows the pages of the past—no other person can
Dig up so many facts as does the Reminiscent Man.

Sometimes he is the man who's styled the Old Inhabitant,
And when he's been a young Cut-throat went out and laid a hit at him;
And then again, he is the man who boasted With Malice Blown; and now he tells about it with much pride;
Or he's the man who used to seat when Lawyer Chuggy was young;
All this the Reminiscent Man has over on.

Perhaps he used to fish along with Mr. Officered-in-a-train,
And when that man's a candidate he tells us how the wife reported up and fills him full of tales;
The man who stopped; but after all, the R. M. never failed;
Somebody ought to write a book about the bunch of people who make up the Reminiscent Man.

—Josh White, in Baltimore American.

* THE DEFENSE *

By W. B. BARRETT.

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IT WAS snowing when Eleanor returned from her walk. She was bitter, the wind biting. She was glad to re-enter the coziness of her silent studio, its light, its warmth; to see the cheery welcome of the flickering gas log which her bedchamber abutted upon. Her eyes, however, were not yet fully clearings; still, she knew the pages of the past—no other person can
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Still, she had asked him here, her conscience making her clean the secret of gentle hospitality—why should she so petulantly have flung her sealskin coat across an easel and sunk listlessly into a Morris chair which commanded at once the speaking study for a canvas before it and a view through the archway of the blank fire-place?

"He needn't have looked so wistful," she murmured, disconsolately. "Did I ask him to come in and get warm. I said: 'Perhaps it's too late, but you can toast yourself a minute before you start home.' He said, 'I don't want to be un-American.' Well, why does he bother me? Didn't he have the whole evening, and to supper, too? Isn't that enough?"

"And how he praised my picture! How all of them did, indeed. They were awfully good, and yet—"

She rose restlessly and walked up and down the room, Bohemian that she was, pausing at last before the easel in the semi-darkness.

"And yet," she went on, in a passionate monotone which still was little more than a whisper after all, "what good is it? What's the side of the truth? Is there no room for damn?" What do I care whether my work is good or ill? What are wreaths and coronets when one's heart is hungry for love, and love is fled away, driven by a fool's laugh? Oh!"

And now, in a storm of bitterness, she sank, shudderingly upon the rug beneath her, her hands upon her eyes, and a flow of tears wet them with their kindly soot.

She saw again, in fancy, the gay crowding of the "view." A galaxy of beauty, grown in the season's drift. How the girls with their mothers which had decked the walls. There had been a front from rich stuffs, a tinkle of well-bred merriment, a hum of conventional compliment. Across it all, blotting out the lights, the canvases, hushing the gayety, rose again his face, as still as death, with a somberness across a vista of other faces, pale, immobile, seeming to have suffered, seeming still to suffer, bearing a cross and frozen into a grim and enduring silence. She had looked long upon that face, until her own color had deserted cheek and brow, until her own dim, fast-heaving heart. Then she had beckoned the faithful Duran and precipitately left the gallery. And now?

Yes, now, what? Harold was back after those years. But what was that to her? What could he do? She had been in and out of her husband's house, and her face fair in sackcloth because one little "No" had changed her life and his, what was there now to do to set it right?

Not upon a flaunting sleeve can a woman weave her heart. She had said "No" and now, in fancy, she sees some more, but her "No" must still be vocal and sing in her ears its cruel harshness. She had cast him away, her pearl of men; it was to art she would be wed, had she said, as if disdainfully tingling human pulses could compare to art, to color, to high, carried away, and even lost. She had a surprise to be lifted up—and the little god had with the croaking of his tiny, remorseless finger cast her down and soon brawled where his arrow festered.

Three years! God! How she had driven to ease the pain which cut her skin like a scorpion's sting, the sea. And success had come, success undoubtedly; a noble success, laureled and acclaimed. The fires of genius burned within her soul and lent impulsion to her heaven-gifted brain. The earth and sky bowed to her before the horizon of her art. The salon's first prize decked her masterpiece. A host of friends and connoisseurs predicted for her a future whence fame and luxury waited at her bidding—and then came before her that stern white

face, and its eyes held her trembling hands, and the cold, unwavering stare. She drew her hands from her face and looked steadily at the dim study upon the easel above her as she crouched on the rug. In the faint light it seemed the atmosphere of a shadowy gloom. Yet as her gaze grew sharper the pencil lines started from the background and revealed themselves with clearness.

"Repentance," a title read ready on the easel. "I can't understand it," she said, shrugging her shoulders. "She was looking to the west, where a falling sun had nearly crept beyond her straining gaze. Her hair had fallen in a wind-driven glory behind her, her arms were stretched in a pathetic gesture of repulsion and invitation, and across her face fell a look of tenderness, of longing, of greeting. And yet—such is the divine touch of genius—one who with clear eyes could read, might have seen in some illusive, intangible line the birth of a golden hour that the swift-falling sun would bring once more.

There was a dignity, a poise and grace, an inexpressible pathos in this lone figure of the wood which stirred the heart and moved the very soul to cry out that the artist must paint to come to life; that the swift-falling sun would bring once more.

The scene was a dignified, a poised and graceful picture. I am a good painter, she thought, and I can paint.

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