

THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES

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CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued

"Mr. Gleam: Mr. Gleam," he exclaimed in broken whispers. "It is

"What have you done; what has hap-

"I demanded.

He put his hand to his head uncer-

tainly and seemed as though trying to

gather his wits.

He was evidently gazed at, whatever

had occurred, and I sprang round

and helped him to a couch. He was

in a condition of great distress, press-

ing his hand over his head. It was

a rapidly growing lighter, and I saw a

purple and black streak across his

temple where a bludgeon of some sort

had struck him.

"What do you mean? Rates? Who

"It was early this morning," he fal-

"tered: "about two hours ago, I heard

noise in the other part of the house,

and down, thinking likely it was

you, and remembering that you had

been sick yesterday."

"You go on."

"The state of my trouped was no

hand to my conscience; just then he

"As I came into the hall, saw lights

in the library. As you can see, I

had no time to stop, but had been lit-

ning at the depot one day and start-

ed back with an exclamation of

angerment.

A steady studied at my chandelier;

between two windows where he will know it has been lit.

"It is instinctive, I suppose, to be

afraid of what you do not know."

"Good morning Mr. Gleam," Rath-

er damage evidence that cost me

for gentlewoman's evening clothes

and a good deal more.

"I am a good deal more.

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LEARN To Do Banking

No matter how small your business may be, have a bank account.

You are invited to open an account in our bank.

The regular monthly meeting of the star chapter occurs Friday night.

You will not be allowed to pick huckleberries on John H. Fidessack's march in Sharon.

Dr. Guy Kaiser, who purchased Dr. Kub's dental office, has located here and is ready to do business.

Teachers are informed that the ENTERPRISE press has printed some beautiful "cards of honor" in three colors for their use.

The ladies' aid society will give an ice cream social at J. W. Rauschberger's Saturday evening for the benefit of Emanuel's church. Everybody invited.

The best thing that can happen to your home is to paint it with Bradley & Vrooman Paint. It will last longer and be worth more. Order from Fred G. Houck.

To particular people we would say that the ENTERPRISE writing tables, and plain are made at this office, and those who use them say they are the best. You try one.

If you are contemplating having an auction, please remember that the ENTERPRISE can make dates for auction, print your bid on paper or card, and give notices in the paper.

The ENTERPRISE is constantly adding type borders and other material to its equipment, keeping not only the paper but the job department in bindery, as well, in first class condition, and we solicit your orders.

BORN.

SCHOENTHAL. — In Kinsman on Friday, July 12, 1907, to Mr. & Mrs. George Schontal, a son.

DIED.

ALLISON. — In this village, midnight, Monday, July 15, 1907, of diabetes, James D. Allison, aged 82 years.

DECEASED. — In Detroit, and Pitfield before coming here to live with his daughter, Mrs. M. A. Pitfield, and husband. He was a widow, a son and three daughters, John D. and W. H. Allison of Detroit.

CHARLES. — Whose address is unknown, the Medians, Hickory, Stroudsbridge, and Mrs. Jacob Beeler of this village.

The funeral was held Thursday morning and the remains were taken to Detroit for burial.

Home Market.

BEANS. — Peas beans, hand picked, \$1.25; yellow edam, \$1.35; \$1.50 per bushel.

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The President's Vacation

Roosevelt Always in Touch with Affairs of the Nation

DEVOTES PART OF EVERY DAY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

OYSTER BAY.—Although President Roosevelt is settled down at Oyster Bay for a four months' vacation he will not be able to escape from a good deal of the labors and duties of his job. The public business at Washington goes on just the same. There are officials to appoint, questions of policy to decide, commissions in the army and navy to sign, many other things that no one but the president can attend to, and which President Roosevelt would let no other man attend to even if he had the power.

While he spends the summer in his modest and comfortable country house at Sagamore Hill he is obliged to devote a few hours a day—often more than a few—to the nation's business. When the president went down to Oyster Bay recently he was accompanied by Secretary Loeb, Assistant Secretary Latta, and four clerks from the executive staff at Washington. They began work next day in the executive offices in the village of Oyster Bay, three miles from the president's

house. These offices are connected by direct wire with the executive offices adjoining the White House at Washington. The clerks at the capital are therefore in close touch with their immediate chief, Mr. Loeb, as if he were in his own office there. Mr. Loeb, in turn, is in constant touch with the president. The whole arrangement works out in the same manner as if the capital and all the departments had been moved from Washington to Oyster Bay.

One difference is that the president never visits the executive offices in Oyster Bay. Whatever business requires to be brought to his attention is taken up by Secretary Loeb to Sagamore Hill. Mr. Loeb goes to the president in the forenoon, about 11 o'clock, after he has gone through the mail and sorted out from it the letters and official papers which need to pass under the executive eye or hand. Some days Mr. Loeb gets back to the village in time to put in an hour's work before luncheon. More often his luncheon has to wait an hour for him.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES THE PRIDE OF VILLAGERS

THE executive offices at "the summer capital," as Oyster Bay folk take pride in calling their village, never fail to impress visitors by their unpretentiousness. They consist of seven office rooms and a storeroom, into which a loft above a corner grocery has been divided. Mr. Moore, the enterprising purveyor of pure food to the villagers and surrounding gentry, is a famous man every summer. The whole country hears each summer in the press dispatches of the "executive offices over Moore's grocery." Mr. Moore's pride would be greater if the president should come down some day and transact some important piece of business there.

Secretary Loeb has a large, sunny room in the front overlooking the busi-

ness center of the village. His door is always open; any one can walk in upon him, get a pleasant greeting and see as much of the government wheels going round as he could in Mr. Loeb's Washington office. All he will see is Mr. Loeb busy at a big flat-topped desk, with another desk close by covered with the newspapers which the secretary to the president reads diligently. He will see the rest of the staff in the five other rooms. One room is occupied by one of two telegraph operators who are on duty by turns from nine a.m. to 11 p.m. They are kept busy most of the time. Much of the matter is summaries of correspondence, to which Secretary Loeb directs routine formal answers to be returned.

A LITTLE part of Mr. Loeb's business in summer is deciding "who's who" in the matter of requests for personal interviews with the president. Few persons are allowed to go up to Sagamore Hill and ring the door bell. Of course, cabinet officers, senators and a few representatives would be permitted, if they chose to arrive in Oyster Bay unannounced, to drive up to the presidential door and send their cards to Mr. Roosevelt. But these privileged men are the very ones who would never think of doing so. All visiting statesmen write or telegraph beforehand, asking whether it will be convenient for the president to see them on a given day. The query and the answer pass through Loeb's hands. He writes these gentlemen that "the

CABINET OFFICERS OFTEN VISIT SAGAMORE HILL

THE cabinet is rarely called together in the president's vacation, and then only to consider matters regarded as of the highest importance. Nevertheless, in the course of a summer most of the members of the cabinet pay a visit, either of business or friendship to Sagamore Hill. They often dine and sleep there. Some of the president's closest friends in the Senate, members of the "tennis" cabinet, or literary cronies, are overnight guests. But most of Mr. Roosevelt's visitors who call by appointment are asked to arrive in the forenoon and to stay for luncheon.

It is the impression at Oyster Bay that there will be many such visits by the closest political friends of the administration from next week on. The master of Sagamore Hill is watching with the closest scrutiny the development of the campaign for the nomination of his successor, and it is likely that he will have frequent consultations with the leading statesmen who are devoted to him and his policies. Any incident tending to show a resurgence of the "reactionary conspiracy" would almost inevitably be followed by a procession of party chieftains eager to proffer advice and swear allegiance anew, both to Mr. Roosevelt and to the public through the press.

There is no barrier up to prevent persons who can give a reasonable account of themselves and betray no signs of the crank, from driving up to Sagamore Hill, on the understanding that they are not to halt their horses, but drive around the house and out again. If any person should gain entrance by giving this assurance to the secret service men at the post and then try to break faith and seek entrance to the house, he would be stopped by other secret service men on guard near the porch.

These men, chosen for discretion as well as for valor, would politely inquire of the visitors whether they had an appointment with the president. If

TAUGHT FOR HALF A CENTURY

Long Record of Usefulness for Massachusetts School Teacher.

A headmaster for half a century in the Cambridge schools is the remarkable record of Ruel H. Fletcher, of the Thordike school, East Cambridge. He has recently graduated his fiftieth class from that school.

For fifty-eight years he has taught school, beginning in 1849. He came to Massachusetts in 1852, taught school two years in Abington, two years in Quincy and then began his long service in Cambridge. That service was started in the Otis school, for which a new building was erected a few years after and the name changed to the Thordike school, so that his service has been practically in the one school.

When the city of Cambridge erected two new school buildings four years ago, unknown to him, the pupils of his school submitted a petition that one of the new schools be named in honor of the headmaster to whom they were so devoted. The decision of the committee to comply with their request was prompt and unanimous.

The Fletcher school graduates its first class on Tuesday, and Mr. Fletcher

EVIL IN THE TELEPHONE

Does Harm in Keeping Women Too Much in the House.

A physician remarked lately that the telephone was the means of more sickness especially headaches, than almost anything else. He explained that women who could do all of their ordering over the telephone seldom left the house to buy anything, and if they would only get out and take a walk early in the morning they would return to the house with brighter spirits and more animation for work. Undoubtedly it is an inspiration to get out and see that one is not alone in the day's work. A woman here cleaning her windows, another is sweeping her rooms; a bevy hurry by with packages under their arms after a visit to the stores and groceries. To see people busy and full of life and animation is an inspiration to any one, and this seems to be exactly what the physician meant by his remark.

The most dejected, despondent and headachy women in the world are

those who live back of locked doors and keep up the eternal grind of kitchen work from one day to another.

Sevigne in Versailles.

The chateau at Versailles can now boast of possessing a portrait of the celebrated Mme. de Sevigne, who was one of the brightest stars of the court of Louis XIV., and who, strange to say, was not represented

LINGERS IN MEMORY

MARK TWAIN RECALLS "STUNTS" OF BICYCLE DAYS.

His Efforts to Tame the Wild and Unruly "Ordinary" Deserved Compliment Paid Him by His Teacher.

Susy's next date is Nov. 29, 1885, the eve of my fiftieth birthday. It seems a good while ago. I must have been rather young for my age then, for I was trying to tame an old-fashioned bicycle nine feet high. It is to me almost unbelievable, at my present stage of life, that there have really been people willing to trust themselves upon a dizzy and unstable altitude like that, and that I was one of them. Twichell and I took lessons every day. He succeeded, and became master of the art of riding that wild vehicle, but I had no gift in that direction and was never able to stay on mine long enough to get any satisfactory view of the planet. Every time I tried to steal a look at a pretty girl, or any other kind of scenery, that single moment of inattention gave the bicycle the chance it had been waiting for, and I went over the front of it and struck the ground on my head or my back before I had time to realize that something was happening. I didn't always go over the front way; I had other ways, and practiced them all; but no matter which way was chosen for me there was always one innumerable result: the bicycle skinned my leg and leaped up into the air and came down on top of me.

Sometimes its wires were so sprung by this violent performance that it had the collapsed look of an umbrella that had had a misunderstanding with a cyclone. After each day's practice I arrived home with my skin hanging in ribbons from my knees down, plastered the ribbons on where they belonged, and bound them with handkerchiefs steeped in liniment and was ready for more adventures next day. It was always a surprise to me that I had so much skin, and that it held out so well. There was always plenty, and I soon came to understand that the supply was going to remain sufficient for all my needs. It turned out that I had nine skins, in layers, one on top of the other, like the leaves of a book, and some of the doctors said it was quite remarkable.

I was full of enthusiasm over this insane amusement. My teacher was a young German from the bicycle factory, a gentle, kindly, patient creature with a pathetically grave face. He never smiled, he never made a remark, he always gathered me tenderly up when I plunged off, and helped me on again without a word. When he had been teaching me twice a day for three weeks I introduced a new gymnastic—one that he had never seen before—and so at last a compliment was wrung from him, a thing which I had been risking my life for days to achieve. He gathered me up and said mournfully: "Mr. Clemens, you can fall off a bicycle in more different ways than any person I ever saw before."—Mark Twain, in North American Review.

Praise for Native Scouts.

In the Manila Times appears this extract from a letter written by Lt. J. M. Merrill, telling of engagements between Moros and native constabulary. "We had an hour's fight, from one a.m. to two a.m., March 1, and a running fight from five a.m. to nine a.m., March 2, burned 21 houses

killed 41 Moros and wounded two others who managed to escape; I cannot say too much about the steadiness of the constabulary soldiers under very trying conditions, fighting in the dark, and worse yet, blinded

by the smoke of their old Springfields against an enemy using the smokeless Mausers and Krags. It was simply grand the way the little men behaved; they went along as skirmishers with as correct a distance between men as if they were at drill on their home parade ground. I have heard yarns about their flightiness under fire, but I will never believe it any more.

In the morning they were so anxious to go ahead that we went on with the scrap until eight o'clock before we stopped for breakfast.

that way!" said a sweet feminine voice directly behind him; "but thank you very much!"

Tobacco Smoke Poisonous.

It is often said that tobacco smoke is a powerful germicide. The composition of tobacco smoke is complex, the principal constituents being oils of a tarry nature. Nicotine itself is a strong germicide, but the quantity of this poison in tobacco smoke is minute.

The oil matter which accumulates in a tobacco pipe is highly poisonous, but does not contain any appreciable quantity of nicotine, the chief constituent of residue being a very poisonous oil known as pyridine. Tobacco smoke contains a decided quantity of carbon monoxide, which is a preservative and which must possess germicidal properties. Recently it has been observed that one of the principal constituents accounting for the germicidal properties of tobacco smoke is the powerful antiseptic formaldehyde.

At the Literary Club.

"How did everything come off at the literary last night?" "Well, the barbecued beef was tiptop, an' the Brunswick stew couldn't be beat, while the corn fritter had enough beans on it to make a pearl necklace look sick." "But was there no literary discussion?" "Lemme see, now—I believe the president did hit the vice president 'side the head with a copy of Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress.'—Atlanta Constitution.

Family Reunion in China.

No people on earth observe family ties so closely and hold so many family reunions as the Chinese. The Scottish clans have no closer bonds of union than the families in China.

In America it is the individual, but in China it is the family. No important step is taken without a family caucus. If one member goes wrong, the disgrace rests upon the whole family to the remotest degree of relationship. The disgrace often is felt so keenly in case of a heinous crime that the offender is taken away by permission of the courts and the death penalty inflicted by members of the family. That's the way the family purges itself.

The feature in the family life in China is the big reunion once every two years. One member of the family acts as secretary and enters in a big book the new additions to the family. In this way is kept a complete biography of every person in China.—Kansas City Star.

Going Them Several Better.

An Englishman, an Irishman and a Scotchman were one day arguing as to which of the three countries possessed the fastest trains.

"Well," said the Englishman, "I've been in one of our trains, and the telegraph poles have been like a hedge."

"I've seen the milestones appear like the tombstones," said the Scot.

"Bejabbers!" said Pat, "I was one day in a train in my country, and we passed a field of turnips and a field of carrots, also a field of cabbage and parsley, then a pond of water, and we were going that quick. I thought it was broth!"

Dying to Be Famous.

Wright—I've tried everything, and my novels don't seem to sell.

Peanuts—Excuse me, but you have not tried everything. You know it is said that Dickens' novels sell four

times better than during his life.

Love and the Man.

Men are delighted to be told that they are never absent from the thoughts of their sweethearts, but the husband finds this consciousness a trifle wearing. As bad as the clinging vine is the woman who makes her devotion too incessant. She is never tactful, never conscious that he wants to be alone occasionally, never capable of making herself and her affections a novelty to him. And this is a fatal error on the part of any woman.

Exchange.

Asking a Good Deal.

First—Tramp—it's pretty cold today; I'd hate to live at the north pole.

Second—Tramp—so would I; I wouldn't have the nerve to ask for a night's lodgings, if the nights were six months long. Smart Set.

Third—Tramp—

Too many of us are blaming fate for the fruitage of our fears.

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RELIC OF SCOTTISH QUEEN.

Englishman Owns Handbag Once Property of Unfortunate Mary.

In the possession of Dr. A. F. Germain of Brighton, England, is a beautiful embroidered little handbag. It is an interesting relic of a bygone time, and figured in a famous scene.

When the unfortunate Mary, queen of Scots, was led to execution this

ribet of violet velvet formed part of the costume she wore. It contained a rare and costly handkerchief.

As she passed to the block, Mary took the dainty handkerchief out and handed the bag to her favorite attendant, Lady Jane Douglas.

She cherished it ever after as a memento of her lamented queen. The little bag is made more interesting and valuable by the fact that Queen Mary herself embroidered and made it. The embroidery is very beautiful and rare.

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