REPORT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Easton National Bank of Maryland, at Easton, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$584,714 31
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,		474 88
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		3,000 00
Banking House, furniture and fixtures		12,000 00
Other real estate and mortgages owned		4,979 75
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		26,436 24
Due from State Banks and Bankers.		234 42
Due from approved reserve agents.		47,181 34
Checks and other cash items		44 40
Notes of other National Banks		950 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		432 75
Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$42,103 95	
Legal-tender notes	3,350 00—	45,453 95
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)		2,250 00
Due from U. S. Treas'r, other than 5% redemption fund		3,4?2 50
Total		$781,624 54

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$200,000 00
Surplus fund	150,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	18,564 17
National Bank notes outstanding	44,000 00
Due to other National Banks	14,539 23
Due to State Banks and bankers	2,216 38
Dividends unpaid	5 00
Individual deposits subject to check	351,504 36
Demand Certificates of Deposit	683 60
Certified checks	117 80
Total	$781,624 54

State of Maryland, County of Talbot, SS.:

I, R. Thomas, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. THOMAS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1898.

R. RASTALL WALKER. Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

WM. H. ADKINS,
CHAS. C. NICKERSON,
JAMES SETH, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Easton, Md., at Easton, in the State of Maryland, at the close of business, Sept. 20, 1898.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$124,703 92
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		219 94
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		18,750 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		1,300 00
Stocks, securities, etc		1,000 00
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures		5,363 84
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		354 39
Due from approved reserve agents		16,157 30
Checks and other cash items		806 01
Notes of other National Banks		600 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		130 33
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$ 7,843 60	
Legal-tender notes	1 300 00—	9,147 60
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5% of circulation)		93 50
Total		$178,6 2 83

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	14,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,298 74
National Bank notes outstanding	15,390 00
Due to other National Banks	446 22
Due to State Banks and bankers	67 79
Dividends Unpaid	108 00
Individual deposits subject to check	93,712 08
Total	$178,622 83

STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF TALBOT, SS:

I, F.C.Goldsborough, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. C. GOLDSBOROUGH, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of September, 1898.

R. RASTALL WALKER, Notary Public

Correct—Attest:

W. P. CHAFFINCH,
JNO. MASON,
NATHANIEL TUTHILL, Directors.

Value of Toes In Walking.

The idea that the lesser toes are necessary in walking is generally entertained, and it has been a surprise to European physicians to learn that amputation of all the lesser toes of both feet has been followed by complete recovery and the restoration to usefulness of both the feet operated upon. The feet healed slowly after the operation, but very steadily and without unpleasant complications. The operation was performed, and in a little more than a year and a half the patient danced all night and experienced no inconvenience whatever on account of having only one toe on each foot. She rides a wheel, plays tennis and enjoys every sport that girls of her age are fond of. The cause of the trouble was originally chilblains, which was neglected until it produced contraction of the muscles with the most intense pain, which was at times so severe that she could not enjoy the necessary amount of sleep. Surgeons are of the opinion that a great deal of needless suffering is endured which might be relieved by extremely simple operations on the feet.—New York Ledger.

Dodging a Shot.

When Dewey was first lieutenant of one of the gunboats which Farragut used as a dispatch boat the admiral used often to come aboard and steam up near the levee to reconnoiter. The southerners had a way of rushing a field-piece to the top of the high bank, firing point blank at the gunboat and then backing down again. Upon one such occasion Farragut saw Dewey dodge a shot.

"Why don't you stand firm, lieutenant?" said he. "Don't you know you can't jump quick enough?"

A day or so after the admiral dodged a shot. The lieutenant smiled and held his tongue, but the admiral had a guilty conscience. He cleared his throat once or twice, shifted his attitude and finally declared:

"Why, sir, you can't help it, sir. It's human nature, and there's an end to it."

A General Proposition.

Wickwire (looking at board with "Pity the Blind" on it)—You are no more blind than I am.

Dismal Dawson—Well, what's it to you?

Wickwire—What business have you wearing that card?

Dismal Dawson—Jist as much right as anybody. I don't say I'm blind. This here is jist a abstract proposition. See?—London Tit-Bits.

In a Wet Season.

"I see," the editor said, "that you have rhymed 'again' with 'rain.'"

"Yessir," the office poet assented.

"Well, it doesn't go. It may be all right in the weather report, but you are hired as a poet."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE ROADSIDE ÆOLIAN.

When winds stream over the rugged knoll
The highway lies along,
The wires stringing from pole to pole
Give tongue to a voice of song.

A-glint with beams of the morning sun
They carry a blitheful air,
Humming a burden that seems to run,
"Good news is the word we bear."
This joyous one,
"Good news we bear."

They swing and sway at the breeze's will,
While the heavens smile above
To hear the measure they gayly thrill,
"We're speeding a line of love,"
With scale and trill,
"A line of love."

A cloud and a shadow go sailing by.
To the breezes' falling breath
In sinking cadence the wires sigh,
"Respect for a tale of death!"
More softly still,
"A tale of death!"

Oh, the songs are many the wires sing
When the roving wind is sent
To play of gladness or suffering
On its mighty instrument.
—Layton Brewer in Criterion.

MISSING MONEY.

Erastus Twopeny was a lawyer, expert in real estate values and an apt conveyancer, and as he practiced in the days before the title guarantee hawk had swooped down upon the legal barnyard and captured the geese that laid the golden eggs he made money. As soon as he found himself in a condition to marry he took to himself a wife. She was energetic and ambitious, and while she proved herself an excellent housewife she was at the same time inflamed by a strong desire to acquire wealth on her own account.

Her husband was all that a woman could desire, and she had nothing to complain of on that score. He was even generous and showed it by giving refuge in his comfortable home to his wife's brother Charles, who had proved himself incapable of retaining any position which his friends had procured for him. He was a good looking, agreeable young fellow, but lacked those staying qualities which make one a good man of business. In society he was all right and a favorite with the families where he visited. He had no vices so far as known by his family, except smoking can be considered such, and when he was out of funds his sister always managed to supply him with money enough to enjoy that luxury.

Erastus was devoted to his profession, and often after quitting his office for the day continued to transact business during the evening at his home. The house was an old fashioned one, with a back piazza and an alley at one side, leading from the front to the yard in the rear. The front and back parlors were originally separated by folding doors, but a dainty curtain, tastefully festooned, had been substituted for the doors.

One evening in August a client called to pay Erastus $2,500 on a real estate transaction, and, as the back parlor was dark and the front parlor sufficiently lighted by the setting sun for the work, Erastus and his client seated themselves at a table therein, while Mrs. Twopeny sat near the window. Though she was chiefly occupied in watching the passersby and the children at play in the street, yet she could not help hearing what passed between the two men at the table. Presently her brother Charles came down stairs and glanced in at the door. His sister arose and spoke to him, and both at the same time looked toward the table on which could be seen a small parcel of greenbacks, with a thin slip of white paper around them.

Charles quitted the house and soon afterward Mrs. Twopeny arose and stood between the window and the lace curtain, looking out. In a few minutes the men at the table arose and Mr. Twopeny accompanied his client to the door. Immediately afterward Mrs. Twopeny heard a slight noise and turning saw the curtains between the front and back parlors moving. She thought nothing of it at the time, fancying that it was the result of a draft occasioned by her husband closing the front door.

The house was only a few steps from the cross street, and as the client came down the stoop and turned toward the corner Mrs. Twopeny followed him with her eyes. To her surprise she saw her brother just turning the corner and wondered what could have delayed him. While still at the window musing, she was startled by her husband exclaiming:

"Why, Bertha, what can have become of the money I left on the table?"

"Become of it?" she replied. "Why it must be there, of course, if you left it there."

"Well, I can't find it," her husband said. "I left it right here in front of these papers. They are all right, but the money is gone."

"Oh, that is absurd," she said. "Light the gas, and then you will find it, no doubt."

While she pulled down the blinds Erastus lighted the gas, and then both set to work to look for the missing notes. They were not on the table, nor could they be found anywhere about the room or in the hallway.

"Look in all your pockets," said the wife. "You may have inadvertently put the money into one of them."

"No, no," was the reply. "I've searched every one of them already. It's gone. No doubt about it. But where?"

"There's no one in the house but ourselves," the wife said. "I allowed the cook and Nancy to go out immediately after supper. Brother Charles went out while you were at the table with your client, and there isn't even a cat in the house to blame for it."

Then they made another search, but it was as vain as the others. And there each of them stood, looking this way and that, as one will do when one loses anything and fondly hopes to discover it in some unexpected spot.

"You're sure your client paid you?" Mrs. Twopeny said.

"Oh, yes, and I gave him a receipt," was the answer. "And Simpson is too prominent a man to"—

He paused and looked on the ground thoughtfully. "To what?" his wife asked.

"Come into the back parlor," Mr. Twopeny said.

They went, and Mr. Twopeny lighted his cigar and sat down to smoke, as his custom was when anything disturbed him. Mrs. Twopeny sat down opposite to him.

"Now then, to what?" she repeated.

"To take the money," he said in a low tone.

"Well, I don't know," the wife said. "The money was there, and it is gone. You haven't got it, and I haven't got it, and it didn't vanish without hands."

"It will never do to hint at such a thing, Bertha," he said. "It is gone and it's no use fretting over it."

"Fretting over it. But you'll have to make it good, won't you?"

"Of course. It was to pay off a mortgage, and I must do it tomorrow. Fortunately I have the money and a little more."

Mr. Twopeny paid off the mortgage the next day, and business went on as usual. Years passed and Mrs. Twopeny's family increased so that her three boys and three girls occupied much of her time. Two of the boys were at college, and the expenses of the family were large. The girls were at first rate schools, and one of them was preparing for Vassar. Still by close attention to business Mr. Twopeny was able to earn enough to get along.

Later on, however, the title guarantee companies came into existence, and in a very short time Mr. Twopeny's practice began to fall off. It dwindled away until it scarcely paid office expenses. On the top of this, a corporation in which Mr. Twopeny had invested a very large sum failed, and he lost it all. This was a terrible blow, and it soon became evident that he would have to reduce the family expenses. At this juncture he was taken ill, and the doctor pronounced him the victim of consumption.

The feelings of the unfortunate husband and father may be imagined, but not described. In fact, an eminent physician whom his wife called in gave it as his opinion that it was his pecuniary troubles that were wearing him away and not a chronic malady.

Mrs. Twopeny now comes forward as the prominent character in this drama. She took her husband away to a pleasant spot by the seaside and did all she could to keep up his spirits. He visibly improved in health, and then Bertha entered upon the task which awaited her and which she had long expected to undertake.

"My dear husband," she said as they sat looking over the placid ocean, "you must promise me not to be angry or to blame me in any way."

"Why, my dear, how could I?" he answered. "Even if I had the disposition I haven't the strength."

"Now," she said, "I am going to tell you the strangest story you ever heard. You remember the $2,500 which you missed nearly 20 years ago?"

"Of course I do. What about it?"

"I am going to tell you. You went to the door, you remember, to see your client, Mr. Simpson, off?"

"Yes, I remember it well, and when I returned to the parlor the money was gone."

"Just so. While you were at the door I was standing looking out of the window. I heard the curtain between the front and back parlors rustle. I turned and saw no one. After the money was missing I lay awake all that night thinking. I remember that while you were with Mr. Simpson at the table my brother Charles came down stairs and stood at the parlor door, looking in, and that I spoke with him. I saw the money on the table with a white slip around it. He saw the money also. He left the house. As Mr. Simpson went down the stoop and turned toward the next street I followed him with my eyes and saw my brother just turning the corner, though he had left the house some time before. I didn't think much of it then, but I did after I went to bed that night. I suspected that he had taken the money; that, seeing it on the table, he had returned to the rear of the house by the alley and watched in the back parlor for an opportunity to steal it.

"I rose early the next morning and went to his room. I accused him of the crime and made him believe I had recognized him as he entered the room from the back parlor. On my promise not to disclose the fact to you he admitted his guilt and restored the money. You know that soon afterward he went west. I insisted on that as part of the bargain. Then the question arose in my mind as to how I should return the money. After much deliberation I determined to keep it and to satisfy my longing for wealth by speculating with it. I began by small ventures in stocks. I was successful every time, and by degrees the money accumulated until"—

"Oh, until you made a big speculation and failed!" her husband exclaimed.

"No, my dear, though I did make some pretty big ventures for a woman, yet I never failed, and at this moment I am worth over $200,000."

"What! You, Bertha?"

"Yes—I, your wife. It was your money I used, and all that I have made is yours also. Will you forgive me?"

"Forgive you!"—A. Beckwith in Brooklyn Citizen.

A Smooth One.

"That old Smoother is a fraud," she declared, slapping the coffeepot down so hard that the tablecloth suffered.

"What's he been doing?"

"Our society," said she, "is trying to help a poor family that is in dire distress, and I was among those chosen to solicit subscriptions to help them. I called on Smoother, and he was so sympathetic that we both got to crying. He talked beautifully, and I never recalled till I got home that he hadn't given me a cent. The old skinflint!"—Detroit Free Press.

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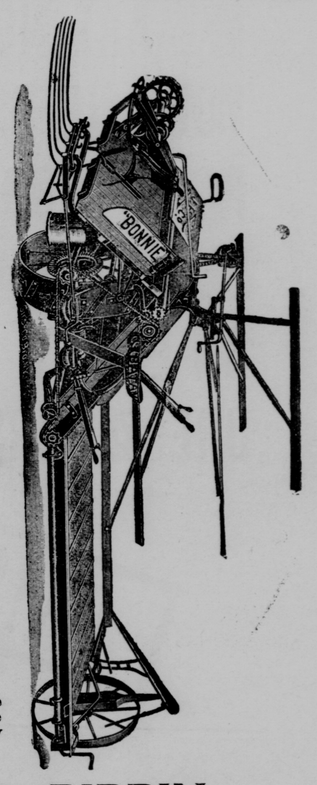
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