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BOUGHT BIG SAFES.

The Way Jay Gould Brought an Express Company to Terms.

Recalling early days in the express business, an officer of one of the largest companies told this story of Jay Gould:

"Gould and Fisk then had hold of the Erie," he said, "and the United States Express company had all the express business on the road. The contract was about to expire, and Gould wanted an arrangement more profitable to the Erie.

"'The Erie's doing all the work and you're making all the money,' Gould said to the express people. You ought to do some of the work and give the railroad a chance at the money.'

"The express company officials demurred. Their profit, they insisted, was no more than they were entitled to, and they refused to shade the contract a penny. Gould insisted on a decrease, but they remained obdurate and eventually let the Erie president understand—what he very well knew—that no other company would compete against the United States for the Erie business. All the companies at that time were in an agreement to maintain rates.

"'All right,' said Gould at the conclusion of the interview, 'you've no objection, I guess, to my going into the express business for myself. It looks better than railroading.'

"The express people replied that Gould could organize all the companies he wanted to. They thought it was all bluff, but things that came to their attention soon weakened their faith in this idea. Gould was going around among his associates talking up an express company scheme, officials of other roads were told that a new company would be in the field to bid for their business, and the papers began to talk about the new Gould express company.

"The express officials, however, saw none of Gould's money going into the enterprise and stood pat. Presently it was reported that he had bought twenty-four big express safes. Was this talk or was it business? the express men asked themselves. They set to work investigating, and they discovered that the report was true. Gould had actually bought and paid for the safes—safes cost money in those days, too—and he was negotiating for all the other equipment required.

"Now, thoroughly convinced of Gould's sincerity, the express company came to terms. Gould got the best contract from a railroad standpoint that had been known up to that time. The clause in the contract that the United States Express company considered most valuable to itself was one stipulating the abandonment of Gould's express plans.

"It was all a bluff on Gould's part except buying the safes. For that matter the purchase was, of course, part of the bluff, but Gould had actually bought and paid for them unconditionally. Nevertheless he lost nothing on the deal, for as soon as friendly relations were established with the express officials he persuaded them they could use the safes in their business and sold them at a little better than cost."—Washington Post.

Precedence In New York Society.

A philanthropic society of New York recently arranged a benefit performance in one of the theaters. A large number of prominent women were to act as patronesses. When the time came to have the announcement cards engraved the president of the society was in a quandary. In what order should he arrange the names? He had never given the matter of social precedence a thought. He referred his troubles to one of the women, and she said decisively:

"They must be arranged alphabetically or you will be in hot water at once."

"But some of these ladies are wives of scientific men who are world renowned and some are simply rich. Some are wives of army and navy officers."

"It makes no difference. In New York society the order of precedence is alphabetical, and there is no other rule."—New York Sun.

Generous to the Church.

Lady Dorothy Nevill in her reminiscences tells this story of George Payne, who dropped his worldly means in the quicksands of the turf, but was always unruffled and pleasant in conversation: "'Are you not coming to church, Mr. Payne?' was on one occasion the stern interrogation of his hostess, a very great lady, who descended upon him in all the severity of her Sabbath panoply. 'No, duchess, I am not,' he replied, making swiftly for the door; but, pausing as by a polite afterthought previous to his exit, he exclaimed, with magnificent emphasis, 'not that I see any harm in it.'"

Early Beds.

The beds of the ancients were piles of skins. The first beds resembling those used in modern times were made of rushes and later of straw. The use of feathers in making beds has been attributed to the Romans, and Elagabalus (Heliogabalus) is said to have used an air cushion for a pillow in 218. Air beds were frequently used during the sixteenth century. Feather beds were largely used during the reign of Henry VIII. of England.

Pleasant.

"Oh, George, I'm so glad you've come!" exclaimed the girl. "Father is so excited and disturbed. Do go in and calm him."

"Very well," replied George, "what's the matter with him?"

"Why—er—I just told him you wanted to marry me."

To willful men the injuries that they themselves procure must be their schooling.—Shakespeare.

HAPPY WOMEN.

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COROT'S RUSTIC HABITS.

How the Artist Came to Live the Life of a Peasant.

Corot's father was a little, dry, thin old man, whose correct appearance, precise gestures and short speech were in singular contrast to the geniality and jovial ways of Camille. He was the typical business man. He wished his son to go into business and apprenticed him to a wholesale cloth merchant. Camille, who dreamed only of painting, conceived a violent aversion to commerce and seized every opportunity to escape from the shop and go up to his room to copy drawings. His employer was very dissatisfied with him and complained to his father, who reprimanded him severely. At last one day the young man did not go to business and told his father that he must follow his vocation, even if it brought him misery. Seeing that nothing could alter this decision, "Very well," the father answered. "I will give you 1,200 francs annually—not a centime more—and you will make the best you can of it."

Camille leaped for joy. He immediately made preparations for departure, left home and installed himself in the little hamlet of Morvan, at a farrier's whose numerous family was crowded into the only room, which was the forge. Corot there contracted the habits of the peasantry, which he retained ever after. He had no needs, lived only for his art and found complete happiness in it.

For a long time Corot remained at the farrier's, satisfied with the coarse food, happy in his liberty and feeling rich with his modest allowance. Endowed with robust health and being jovial by nature, he always sang while he worked, and his gayety never deserted him.

At his father's death Corot found himself possessed of a revenue of 40,000 francs, but this opulence did not change his rustic habits. He continued his simple and laborious life. Always up before dawn, he put on the peasant's clothes that he wore all his life, ate his soup, lit his pipe and with his box in his hand and his easel on his shoulder started for his work, his sonorous voice ringing out joyously.—G. Chardin in Putnam's Monthly.

London's First Balloon Ascent.

When Lunardi made the first balloon ascent from London in 1784 he had for fellow passengers a cat, a dog and a pigeon. Such was the excitement caused by this ascent that a jury, deliberating on the fate of a criminal, returned a hasty verdict of acquittal in order not to miss the spectacle, while King George III. broke up a meeting of his council to watch the progress of the balloon. It was in the following year, 1785, that an adventurous Dublin undergraduate, Mr. Maguire, made a balloon ascent and was actually knighted by the lord lieutenant for his courage.

Don't Be a Sensitive Plant.

The sensitive plant is found in the church. The pastor has a difficult time keeping him in humor to do church work. The sensitive plant is found in political circles. The candidates must handle him with gloves. The sensitive plant is found in all avenues of human activity. Most generally he is a nuisance. Don't be one.—Columbia Herald.

An Awful Realization.

First Tramp (shuddering with terror and clasping his companion's arm)—Say, Ike, look at wot that there sign says, I wisht ye would! Second Tramp—Wot sign, Aleck? First Tramp—W'y, that there sign on de big brick buildin' It says "Iron wolks," Ike, an' we've got iron in our blood! I wonder is it wolkin' now.—Chicago News.

A Craven's Haven.

Mrs. Hicks (relating burglar scare)—Yes, I heard a noise and got up, and there under the bed I saw a man's legs. Mrs. Wicks—Mercy! The burglar's? "No; my husband's. He had heard the noise too."—Boston Transcript.

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