

GIVES UP BOOK WRITING.

Ira Nelson Morris Quits Field of Literature for Business.

THE FATHER'S ADVICE HE TAKES THIS STEP—"With the Trade Winds" His First and Only Volume.

Ira Nelson Morris, the young son of the millionaire Chicago packer, has abandoned the career of letters which he entered a few months ago by publishing a small volume under the title, "With the Trade Winds; a Jaunt in Venezuela and the West Indies," and has reluctantly bidden adieu to all his literary aspirations. He had heeded his father's advice, entered the firm of Nelson Morris & Co., and will henceforth apply himself to business. Both father and son so stated the other day.

"A million men can write books," declared Nelson Morris, "but few have the opportunity that my son enjoys, to become great in the business world. His book was a pleasant surprise to me. I read it with interest and regarded it as a creditable performance for a first effort. I am not a literary man myself, and do not pose as a critic."

"My son is a fine fellow and a good son, and I am very proud of him and want him to make the best of his talents. I am convinced he will make a good business man, and I would rather see him develop a capacity for affairs of practical life than be the greatest author of the century."

"So I have advised my boy to repress his taste for writing, give up all thought of a literary career, and devote his energies to the business world."

"It is true that Auerbach was his uncle, and that he inherits something of the taste for romance and adventure that one associates with the Black Forest from his grandfather, my father, who was a revolutionary refugee from south Germany. He has, however, come around to my way of thinking and is now a member of the firm. In fact, he has always been so regarded."

"As I have said, I think a man of business does more for the community in which he lives and for the world in general than a writer of books. I employ 10,000 men and regard giving men an opportunity to employment as the highest philanthropy."

"I began in the stock yards at a very moderate salary. This country and this city have been good to me and mine. I wish my sons to evince their patriotic loyalty by an active business career, in which they may help thousands to live contentedly and honestly."

WEDDING IS CALLED OFF.

Deception Practiced by a Prospective Bride Causes Serious Trouble.

The wedding of Miss Clara Christianen and Olandus Haugen, of Beloit, Wis., which had been announced for the other night, did not take place, but the wedding supper, which had been provided by Mr. Haugen, was eaten by the invited guests.

The girl, who is a professional nurse, had told Haugen she had a neat little sum in the bank, and on the strength of this the young man built a house and furnished it neatly. The other day the bills for material fell due and Haugen reminded Miss Christianen of her promise to provide the necessary money.

Then the girl confessed that she had no money in the bank. Haugen was angry at the deception practiced upon him, and the wedding was called off then and there. The people to whom invitations had been sent were not notified, however, and when evening came they assembled at the Haugen home, where they found the supper, but no wedding.

WEDDING AS ELECTION BET.

Romance in the Marriage of a District Attorney in Tennessee.

William D. Wright, United States district attorney for eastern Tennessee, has just wed Miss Spears, daughter of A. L. Spears, at Chattanooga, Tenn. The wedding has a ring of romance. During the last presidential campaign Mr. Wright and Harvey H. Hanna were rival candidates for election in the Second Tennessee district. Mr. Wright made a wager with Miss Spears that Mr. McKinley would be elected. She agreed to marry him in case McKinley won, and he (Wright) was made United States attorney. Some weeks ago Wright received the appointment from President McKinley, and has just gone and claimed his bride.

Mr. Hanna acted as best man, and Miss Katherine Neal, daughter of the late Congressman Neal, was maid of honor. The wedding took place at Jasper, in the Cumberland mountains, the home of the bride.

Thames Bridge Tolls.

Windsor bridge across the Thames has just been freed from its twopenny toll through the greed of the corporation. This had an undoubted right to collect tolls from prescription, as they had been taken since the reign of Henry VI. It asked parliament in 1734, and again in 1819, for power to charge additional tolls, and obtained it for a limited number of years. The privilege expired about ten years ago, but the corporation continued to collect money till litigious Briton refused to pay, thus bringing the matter to the attention of the courts.

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Paper Flooring.

Pneumatic shoes for cycling are being talked of for racing, the idea being that by their use vibration and consequent numbness would be much reduced.

OSTRICH RECORDS BEATEN.

Calf That Ate Cutlery, Glassware and Curling Irons.

Peter Hix, a Main street butcher, of Aurora, Ill., the other day slaughtered a calf which had easily beaten all the ostrich records in the country. The calf, formerly a pet in the family of Robert F. Menenguin, a farmer living 15 miles from Aurora, had enjoyed the liberty of the grounds about the farmhouse, and seems to have eaten everything it wanted. In its stomach, when Butcher Hix killed it, were found a silver spoon, a table fork, a small salt cellar and an ordinary curling iron, such as schoolgirls often use and sometimes mislay. How long these trifling helps to appetite had lain in the stomach of the calf no one could tell; but in the case of the curling iron Farmer Menenguin's people think the feast must have occurred several months ago.

The calf was in perfect health, and had enjoyed an unimpaired digestion, as to ordinary foods, up to the morning of forming Butcher Hix's acquaintance. And yet the coatings of the stomach had conformed to the outlines of the articles mentioned, showing their long residence there. The butcher is an honest man, and as he had not knowingly purchased the tableware and toilet articles he wrapped them up in paper and is holding them until the farmer drives into town. As to the rest of the story, he has called in a number of reputable men to support him in the assertion that a calf can eat cutlery and glassware without injury to its constitution.

WOMAN ACCUSED OF BIGAMY.

Mrs. Frustuck, of San Francisco, arrested on *Sensational Charges*.

The arrest at San Francisco the other day of William Wristland and his wife for bigamy revealed a strange story. The arrest was made at the instance of Henry M. Frustuck, the woman's first husband, who claims that she led a dual life and actually had two husbands in the same city at two different times.

Frustuck married her in 1886 in Los Angeles, where she was a professional nurse.

He was a grocer, and moved to San Francisco in 1890 with his wife and little boy.

Four years afterward he learned by accident that his wife had married his own brother, Frank Frustuck.

He secured a divorce for cruelty, in order that the real facts should not come out.

The woman constantly appealed to him for aid, and also to see her little boy, as his brother had died she finally induced him to marry her last June. Frustuck had a friend named William Wristland, who owned a yacht, in which he took parties out on the bay.

He invited Mrs. Frustuck several times to go with him. Finally, in August, the yacht, Wristland and Mrs. Frustuck disappeared. The husband made a search for his wife, and finally found that she had been married to Wristland at Martinez, in August. The woman had taken his child, so he kidnapped it, and gave it to his mother. Then he had the woman and Wristland arrested.

END OF A SAD ROMANCE.

Beautiful White Wife of Negro Dies Under Peculiar Circumstances.

A sad romance ended at Galesburg, Ill., the other day. Last spring Maudie Foote, the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mrs. M. A. Foote, a wealthy widow of Stronghurst, Ill., eloped with John Crawford, a young colored hostler, in her mother's employ. They came to Galesburg to live.

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The girl's mother watched her dying hours, but refused to call an undertaker. A coffin was bought and during the night the body was taken from the house and shipped to Stronghurst and buried.

The colored husband objected to this proceeding, but was outwitted. He has followed the body to Stronghurst to make trouble.

TO AMEND COPYRIGHT LAW.

Plan to Establish Additional Depositories for Books.

H. C. Nash, librarian at Stanford university, and J. C. Bowell, librarian of the University of California, are at work on a scheme which, if carried out, will materially change the copyright laws of the country, and at the same time build up large national libraries in a number of the big cities of the United States. The plan is to require authors obtaining the protection of a copyright to supply copies of their work to several depositories located in cities in different sections of the country.

Senator Perkins will introduce the bill in the United States senate. It will direct the establishment of additional depositories in the cities of Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and New Orleans.

Wisconsin Cranberry Pickers.

On the cranberry bogs of Wisconsin descends every autumn an army of pickers, composed in the main of Poles, Indians and half-breeds—the Indians being considered the best pickers, because they never strike, and always accept the prices offered by the overseers. The general rate of wages is one dollar a day, with board. They bring their lodges and traps with them, and camp on the field. The Indians will not begin work till nine o'clock in the forenoon, and stop at four in the afternoon, no matter how pressing the conditions of work, and entirely disregard the urgency of their employers and overseers.

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To Aid the Runners.

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Their Ultimate Effect Is Good.

The friendly services of the bacteria outweigh the injuries they inflict upon us.

WAS WORK OF ROBBERS.

Theory Regarding Burning of Immigration Buildings.

Now Believed Parties Started the Fire to Rob Ticket Office of \$10,000 Worth of Tickets.

Facts have come to light that suggest the possibility that the mysterious fire which destroyed the great immigrant buildings on Ellis island a few months ago was started by thieves who had carefully planned a \$10,000 robbery, says the New York Journal and Advertiser. Ten of the trunk lines leading to the west, including the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, the Erie, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and the New York, Ontario & Western, unite in maintaining a railroad office on the island, and at all times there are quantities of tickets there. General Ticket Agent Robinson, of the Ontario & Western, said that on the night of the fire a conservative estimate would place the face value of the tickets in the Ellis island office at \$10,000 worth.

The tickets with much cash were locked in drawers in wooden cases and desks, and the entire parcel was supposed to have been totally destroyed. The different roads posted notices that if tickets of a certain form and series should be presented they should be taken up and full fare demanded.

A few days ago a ticket issued by the Ontario & Western, reading from Chicago to Kansas City, was received from a passenger and afterward found to be one of the tickets supposed to have been burned. The part of the ticket calling for passage from New York to Chicago has not yet been presented. Now the railroad officials are asking how many other tickets out of the \$10,000 worth are in existence. It is deemed not impossible that the entire number was stolen and held until conductors should forget the warning.

Former Commissioner Sennar, who was in charge of Ellis island at the time of the fire deems the hypothesis by no means improbable.

The origin of the fire was never learned, he said. "It began in a tower of the main building at some distance from the offices occupied by the railroad guards. Every one of the government guards was busy getting the immigrants safely out, and of course left the railroad office alone. It is not impossible that thieves deliberately started the fire in the expectation, justified by events, that the ticket office would be quickly deserted.

General Ticket Agent Robinson, of the Ontario & Western, said he could scarcely believe that such whole-scale robbery had taken place. "I have communicated with other roads and they have had no such tickets presented as yet. I think it is more likely that the report of sales on the day preceding the fire was not correct. Of course, though, it is somewhat odd that a ticket, if it was honestly disposed of, should not have turned up sooner. A close investigation will be made."

GO TO SEA WITH A PIRATE.

Californians Abloat in a Rakish Craft Floating the Black Flag.

A story comes from Honolulu that has caused much anxiety among the friends of the 16 young men who recently sailed from San Francisco on the schooner Sophia Sutherland in search of treasure on the Solomon islands. The trading master of the little craft, now presumably cruising in the South seas, is Capt. Sorrenson, who, according to ex-Congressman Churchill, of Apia, has a black record as a pirate and despoiler of the natives in the islands of the Central Pacific. When the Sophia Sutherland reached Apia it was subjected to a searching scrutiny, during which Sorrenson was identified as the man who had led a similar treasure seeking expedition from Melbourne on the schooner Albert, which he soon transformed into a regular pirate. In 1881 he was captured by the British man-of-war Dart and sent to prison for ten years. Since then he had not been heard from, but now he is in virtual command of a company of Californians, who put faith in his stories of the fabulous wealth of the Solomon islands.

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