

MALDEN MERIT

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VALUABLE MAN TO EMPLOYERS

Philadelphia Worker Clinched His Job
by Inventing a Most Ingenious
Excuse.

Several mornings ago a young West Philadelphia man entered the office in which he was employed as a clerk with lagging steps and a look on his face that convinced his austere employer that the young man was burning the candle at both ends. Later in the morning he summoned the dissipated looking young fellow into his private office and, because he had known his father, proceeded to administer a lecture on the foolishness of hearkening to the lure of the flesh.

"But, sir, I never drink, nor smoke, neither do I gamble or indulge in any other sort of dissipation," declared the young man wearily.

"It is useless to try and deceive me," said the employer severely. "I can see that you had no sleep last night, you look as though you had been drawn through a knothole."

The reply nearly knocked the employer from his chair. "Did you ever sleep in your cellar? Well, I did last night. I attended a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. and, arriving home late, found my wife in bed. As customary, I went downstairs and fixed the fire, closing the cellar door behind me to avoid drafts. When I came upstairs again I grasped the knob and when it stuck I gave it a heavy jerk. It came off in my hand. I tried every way I could to open that door. I pushed it, I rattled it, but without result. I was in the ridiculous position of being locked in my own cellar. Desperately I pounded on the door, but my wife is a sound sleeper and she had her bedroom door closed and locked. After an hour spent in making the most unearthly noises I gave it up. I tried to find a warm place to sleep, but sleep was out of the question, and I spent the night walking the cellar floor. My wife released me half an hour before I came into the office, and I guess that accounts for my condition and appearance."

The employer swung around in his chair. "Young man, that may not be true, but a man who can get away with a story like that is too valuable a man to lose. Take the day off; your salary is increased \$5 a week."

HUNDREDS FLOAT ABOUT FLOOD ZONE

RESCUE PARTIES IN MOTOR BOATS AND LAUNCHES AID MISSISSIPPI REFUGEES.

FIFTY TOWNS UNDER WATER

Reports as to Loss of Life Differ—
Supplies Delivered to Refugees
Marooned on Plantations in
Louisiana.

New Orleans, La.—Hundreds of persons still are marooned on floating housetops and rafts in the flooded sections of northwestern Mississippi, according to official reports received here.

Rescue parties in motor boats and launches will search the inundated country for refugees. There has been intense suffering among the flood's prisoners.

It is estimated there are 50 towns and villages in the flood district. Some places are under from two to fifteen feet of water, with little prospect of an early recession of the water.

Beulah Break Serious.
Reports as to the loss of life differ widely. Conditions in the country overflowed by the Beulah (Miss.) break are extremely serious. High places in Bolivar county never before inundated are covered with three to four feet of water. All women and children in that district have been taken to Greenville and Vicksburg. Much relief work must be done in that section. More than a dozen towns have been inundated from the Beulah break.

Supplies are being distributed to hundreds of victims marooned on plantations and in settlements in the neighborhood of Tallulah, La.

There is practically no change in the levee situation south of Vicksburg. Reports to the government engineers in charge of the Fourth district continue to be favorable.

Seventy Thousand Flood Refugees.
Washington.—The need for relief work by the army in the Mississippi

TITANIC SURVIVORS ON DECK OF CARPATHIA



THIS photo shows a group of the rescued passengers of the Titanic.

MRS. ASTOR TELLS STORY OF APE FROM SINKING TITANIC

New York.—Mrs. Astor's story of the Titanic and the rescue.

She did not but bit by bit, since leaving the ship, she told the story.

To her mother, Mrs. W. H. F. Katherine Fox Dr. R. B. K. she has told the story of the Titanic and the rescue.



Carpathia's passengers, shows a group of the rescued passengers of the

ALLS STORY OF APE FROM SINKING TITANIC

see Capt. Smith and find out just what happened.

Colonel Assisted Wife to Dress.
Then they rowed farther away and saw her go down.

Mrs. Astor watched her husband so long as she could in the darkness and then lost sight of him, but long after she could see him no more she could distinguish persons running up and down the deck. She could follow the terrier's movements easily and watched her as she raced about, evidently having lost her master.

Kitty went down with the Titanic. For seven hours Mrs. Astor and the other passengers in this lifeboat stood

A Common Fate.
Uncle—What became of your unbreakable toy?
Tommy—It wasn't strong enough to keep pa from busting it.

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HERE'S A TYPICAL CASE—
J. L. Richardson, Red Key, Ind., says: "My back ached as if it would break. I could not move without in-

DOAN'S BACKACHE KIDNEY PILLS

44 Bu. to the Acre

lined 10 marks. "Ten marks" were rained upon the prophet by his admirers from all parts of the country.—From the London Globe.

Bamboo Logs for Buoys.
The lighthouse inspector for California is planning an innovation for buoys on the rough bars of the coast. He is preparing to use immense bamboo logs instead of pine piles as buoys on the Eureka bar and will install them at other places where he has found difficulty in maintaining pine buoys. He says that bamboo, being much lighter than pine, can be anchored with rope and will not require so much attention. He has ordered 25 bamboo logs 10 feet long and about 20 inches in circumference for this purpose.

Met Seeking Each Other's Grave.
Each believing that the other was dead Mrs. Lulu Day of Oakland, Cal., and Claude Fitzgerald, an auditor for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad, met suddenly at the Union depot yesterday morning. The two are brother and sister, but had been separated for more than 20 years. Mrs. Day came to this city to seek the location of her brother's grave here. Fitzgerald was on his way to Emporia, Kan., where he had supposed the body of his sister was buried. The brother and sister were orphaned when they were small children. They were adopted in separate families and afterward lost trace of each other.—Kansas City Journal.

Aristocratic Potatoes.
Potatoes are pretty high, but nothing like in Auchtermuchty, where some fine ones sold for \$5 apiece. But the flesh of these fine ones when cooked is almost as white as Hungarian flour. And then these potatoes are not to be eaten, but are saved for seed, single ones being picked out from hundreds of thousands.—New York Press.

Of Course.
"Why do you scorn that young man?"
"Because he talks only of love in a cottage."
"Well, what's the matter with that? He has the right idea. What you save on the house you can put into the automobile."

Defined.
Knicker—What is a hand laundry?
Bocker—One that cuffs the collar and collars the cuffs.—Harver's Bazaar.

a telegram from the sheriff of Bureau county, and it was believed that the men will be overtaken soon.

15,000 Return to Work.
Lowell, Mass.—Fifteen thousand operatives returned to work in the mills of this city after a four weeks' strike that entailed a loss of \$400,000 in wages and \$300,000 to the mill owners, under an agreement giving them a raise of 10 per cent and numbers of minor betterments in conditions under which they will work.

Report 64 Bodies Recovered.
St. Johns, N. F.—Sixty-four bodies have been recovered by the steamer Mackay-Bennett, which had been searching the vicinity of the Titanic's disaster, according to a report that reached this city.

Two Dead in Iowa Wreck.
Iowa Falls, Ia.—Two men were killed and another seriously injured when the second section of an Illinois Central stock train ran into the rear end of the first section here.

Yale Man Chinese Minister.
Shanghai.—Chung Mun Yew, the old Yale coxswain, has been appointed minister of the Chinese Republic at Washington.

Send Steamer for Thirty Americans.
Nogales, Ariz.—To rescue thirty Americans, cooped up and in danger at Nogales, Sinaloa, Nelson Rhodes, Jr., and others will charter a steamer. They will pick up other foreigners desiring to leave.

Shoots Woman and Is Slain.
Tulsa, Okla.—Otis Gregory, a Bartlesville business man, shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Irene Wilcox, owner of the St. Elmo hotel, and was killed by Policeman Wilkinson, who had been summoned to eject Gregory.

Storm Hits Southern States.
Nashville, Tenn.—A terrific storm raged during the night and continued over Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Telegraph and telephone communication in many sections were wrecked.

Katy Train Derailed.
Portland, Mo.—One woman and two men were injured seriously and several others cut and bruised when six coaches on the Sedalia limited of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas left the track and turned over near here.

to question in brief.

Astor St.
It is well known that Mrs. Astor and her husband had been married for many years.

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nk from the cold and he noticed

on are not dressed warmly. That suit you have is too light," and then he noticed she had put on one of the light costumes in her wardrobe.

or then ordered Rollins, the valet, to turn to his suite and get one of Astor's heaviest dresses.

Rollins returned with the garment there in the cold of the deck Mrs. Astor changed her gown, putting on heavier dress. The nurse and the maid and Col. Astor all assisted her in her operation.

Astor Did Not Get Into Boat.
The life preserver was again adjusted and also a fur coat was made up several different kinds of fur and over all. By that time most of the men had been lowered with their luggage, and Mrs. Astor was told to get into one. She did so. She was the last or next to the last that left the Titanic. She is this opinion because other boats were bobbing far out in the dim starlight and she saw no others nearer to the foundering ship.

Col. Astor got into or made any attempt to enter the lifeboat in which was. He was the calmest man on the Titanic's deck, so far as she could see.

He said:
"The sea is calm and you will be all right. You are in good hands and I trust you in the morning."

George D. Widener and Mrs. B. Thayer were also passengers on the boat in which Mrs. Astor escaped with other women whom Mrs. Astor knew. The boat was in charge of a petty officer and there was one other man. Mrs. Astor understood that he was a man from the steamer and posed as one of the Titanic's crew.

that they could see the lights of a steamship approaching, but these disappeared.

As it grew lighter she saw that they were surrounded by icebergs. They towered above the frail boat, and Mrs. Astor and others feared that they might topple over and send all to the bottom.

Soon after daylight the rescuing Carpathia appeared, and they knew that they were to be saved. They rowed alongside the Cunard vessel and were taken on board.

Mrs. Marshall of California, on the Carpathia, gave up a stateroom that she had for her maid and made Mrs. Astor comfortable there. Other women gave her underclothing and did the same for Mrs. Widener and the other rescued women. Mrs. Astor had her meals in the steerage dining room of the Carpathia, but she did not complain and gratefully acknowledged any small service done her.

Happily, she found in the pocket of the coat that Col. Astor had sent Rollins after about \$200 in small bills. This money she distributed among those on board the Carpathia and the unfortunate from the Titanic with whom she came in contact on the run to New York.

Mrs. Astor, when she landed Thursday night, came ashore without a single penny in her personal possession. Agents of the Senate Titanic investigating committee are searching newspaper files for the details of the tragedy with which certain survivors may be familiar. Senator Smith, chairman of the committee, declared that the hearings would be continued "indefinitely." Although he refused to confirm it, the belief here was that already several of his agents are preparing to interview the Titanic's survivors throughout the country, with the idea of summoning all those to Washington who may be able to give additional details on the rounding of the leviathan.

He Ordered the Titanic to Speed

ate committee Friday morning I supposed the purpose of the inquiry was to ascertain the cause of the sinking of the Titanic, with a view to determining whether additional legislation was required to prevent the recurrence of so horrible a disaster.

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