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MY FINANCIAL CAREER.

The One Experience of a Man Who Wanted to Open an Account. (Stephen Leacock, in Life.)

When I go into a bank I get rattled. The clerks rattle me; the sight of the money rattles me; everything rattles me.

The moment I cross the threshold of a bank, I am a hesitating jay. If I attempt to transact business there, I become an irresponsible idiot.

I knew this beforehand, but my salary had been raised to \$50.00 a month, and I felt that the bank was the only place for it.

So I shambled in and looked timidly round at the clerks. I had an idea that person about to open an account must needs consult the manager.

I went up to a wicket marked "Accountant." The accountant was a tall, cool devil. The very sight of him rattled me. My voice was sepulchral:

"Can I see the manager?" I said, and added solemnly, "alone." I don't know why I said "alone."

"Certainly," said the accountant, and fetched him.

The manager was a grave, calm man. I held my \$56 00 clutched in a crumpled ball

"Are you the manager?" I said. God knows I didn't doubt it.

"Yes, he said. "Can I see you?" I asked, "Alone?" 1 didn't want to say "alone" again, but without the thing seemed self-evident.

The manager looked at me in some alarm. He felt that I had an awful secret to reveal.

"Come in here," he said, and led the way to a private room. He turned the key in the lock.

"We are safe from interruption here," he said; "sit down."

We both sat down and looked at one another. I found no voice to speak. "You are one of Pinkerton's men, I pre-

sume?" he said. He had gathered from my mysterious man-

ner that I was a detective. I knew what he was thinking of and, it made me worse.

"No, not one from Pinkerton's," I said, seemingly to imply that I came from a rival

"To tell the truth," I went on, as if I had been prompted to lie about it, "I am not a account. I intend to keep all my money in

The manager looked relieved, but still serious. He concluded now that I was a son of Baron Rothschild or a young Gould.

"A large account, I suppose?" he said. "Fairly large," I whispered; "I propose to deposit \$56.00 now, and \$50.00 a month

regularly." The manager got up and opened the door.

He called to the accountant: "Mr. Montgomery," he said, unkindly aloud, "this gentleman is opening an ac-

morning." I rose.

A big iron door stood open at the side of

"Good morning," I said, and stepped into the safe.

and showed me the other way.

I went up to the accountant's wicket and poked the ball of money at him with a quick | though they are of quite different social strata. convulsive movement, as if I were doing a conjuring trick.

My face was ghastly pale.

of the words seemed to mean, "Let us do this painful thing while the fit is on us."

clerk. He made me write the sum on a slip in this "mixed" company .- Harper's "Baand sign my name in a book. I no longer | zar." knew what I was doing. The bank swam before my eyes.

"Is it deposited?" I asked in a hollow, vibrating voice.

"It is," said the accountant.

"Then I want to draw a cheque."

My idea was to draw out \$6.00 of it for present use. Someone gave me a chequebook through a wicket, and someone also began telling me how to write it out. The people in the bank had the impression that I was an invalid millionaire. I wrote something on the cheque and thrust it in at the clerk. He looked at it.

"What, are you drawing it all out again?" he asked, in surprise. Then I realized that I had written 56 instead of 6. I was too far gone to reason now. I had a feeling that it was impossible to explain the thing. All the clerks had stopped writing to look at me.

Reckless with misery, I made a plunge.

"Yes, the whole thing." "You withdraw your money from the bank."

"Every cent of it."

"Are you not going to deposit any more?" said the clerk, astonished. "Never."

think something had insulted me while I was writing the cheque, and that I had changed my mind. I made a wretched attempt to look like a man with a fearfully quick temper. The clerk prepared to pay the money.

An idiotic hope struck me that they might

"How will you have it?" he said.

"What?"

"How will you have it?"

"Oh," I caught his meaning, and answered, without even trying to think, "in fifties."

He gave me a \$50.00 bill. "And the six," he said dryly.

"In sixes." I sail. He gave it to me, and I rushed out.

As the big doors swung behind me, I caught the echo of a roar of laughter that went up to the ceiling of the bank. Since then I bank no more. I keep my money in cash in my trousers pocket, and my savings in silver dollars in a sock.

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#### The Democracy of Children.

One amusing trait in children is their uncouscious democracy. They are nearly always democratic when permitted any latitude, The desire for playmates levels sence of caste, "Come out," said the manager, coldly, it any exists. On a street through which I often pass there is a coterie of children who blend with the most thorough harmony, al-One of the boys is a "smart" young gentleman in knickerbockers, always well groomed; another is a little Italian; a third, the thin, "Here," I said. "Deposit it." The tone restless, wide awake son of a housekeeper. One of the little girls is an negress, with her wolly hair standing out from her head in He took the money and gave it to another | thin, curved-up tails. She is quite a belle

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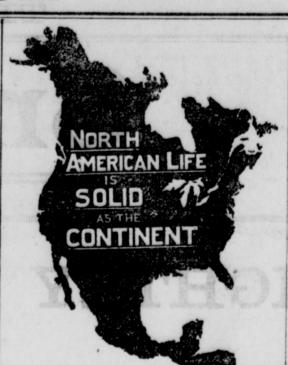
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(Kansas City Journal.) A western Kansas story shows how to be personal without mentioning names.

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