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Alfred Beit's Life One of Romances of Commerce.

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Those who know or think they know of the world's great people, whether they are kings or presidents, financiers or statesmen, from mere hearsay have been genuinely astonished by the obviously sincere and widespread regret with which the news of Alfred Beit's death has been received. Millionaires inevitably loom so large in the public eye and are the centre of so much that affects the interest of whole classes of the community, that gossip, sometimes ignorant, sometimes malicious, grows up about them till the true proportions and character of the individual are lost. So it was with Alfred Beit. If half that was suggested of him had been true he would have been a modified sort of a Skylark, eager to secure his pound of flesh at the expense not of an individual body only, but of the whole body politic. How very different was the real man, they knew who were brought into constant touch with him, and could realize his simplicity of nature, his sterling integrity, his anxiety to help the needy, his keenness to serve the best interests of the public, and his self-denying efforts to prevent his left hand from learning of the good his right did by stealth.

BEIT'S EARLY CAREER.

The story of his life is among the romances of commerce. Born in Hamburg, in 1853, and educated to business, he went out to Kimberley in 1875. South Africa was then in the initial stage of the great diamond discoveries. The real wealth of the country was suspected, not known. Beit got a situation as clerk in the firm of Jules Porges. A fellow clerk was Julius Wernher, who was recently made a knight. The moment was practically the turning point in the fortunes of South Africa. Kimberley began to yield up its riches, and among the men who jumped to almost unheard-of affluence was Jules Porges. Satisfied to have made his pile so easily and so unexpectedly Porges presented his business, or rather the remnant, as he called it, to his clerks. What would they do with it, neither he nor they probably had much idea, but it was the chance of which financial genius and courage so often go in sore need.

It was the beginning of the now world-famous house of Wernher, Beit & Co. Ten years after Porges retirement his two clerks were among the South African magnates. Alfred Beit by that time had got to know Cecil Rhodes, and together they carried through one of the biggest financial amalgamations known outside the realm of American trusts. The De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd., was the result of their united efforts. From Kimberley he turned to the spot on which now stands the town of Johannesburg. Alfred Beit was among the first to seize the possibilities of the Rand. He visited Johannesburg in company with Lord Randolph Churchill in 1891, and convinced himself so completely of the practicability of working low grade ores by means of deep level shafts that he staked a large part of his fortune on it. It was the idea from which the Rand Mines, Ltd., ultimately sprang.

CECIL RHODES AS AN INFLUENCE.

Alfred Beit might have been content to remain a financier if he had never come under the magnetic spell of Cecil Rhodes, the empire-maker. German-born though he was, his imagination was fired by Cecil Rhodes's dreams of carrying the British flag right away up to the Zambesi. He assisted to found the British South Africa Company. Beit's nationality would naturally have made him lean towards the Boers, but he had unpleasant experiences of the corruption and stubbornness of the Kruger regime. Consequently, when the Jameson Raid was organized, he was little loath, and in the subsequent inquiry he did not attempt to shirk any of the responsibility which was attached to him. The last four or five years he has spent wholly in England, dividing his time between the interests of his firm and the promotion of such great public enterprise as the London Charlottenburg College, the founding of a professorship of colonial history at Oxford, in furtherance of Cecil Rhodes's scholarship scheme, and in various other ways, all intended to assist education, relieve suffering, and foster the idea of British imperial unity. His public spirit is well illustrated in the terms of his will, with its handsome bequests to institutions in Germany, England and South Africa, and its provision towards the completion of Cecil Rhodes's great project of linking up Cairo and the Cape.

BEIT AND THE TRANSVAAL.

Alfred Beit has died at a time when the South African prospect is particularly gloomy, and his knowledge and advice would have been of the utmost service. It is, however, not only in the South African market that he will be missed. One who knew him says that his too early demise will bring sorrow to old hands in Kimberley, Barberton, the Rand, and Rhodesia, to homes of charity of all races and creeds, to many aged and sick, to women and little children innumerable. It will also be felt by the organizers of the Anglo-German entente, in which he practically took the initiative. If he was a British subject by choice, he kept a tender place in his heart for the land of his birth, and probably only the harmonious working of Briton and Boer in South Africa could have given him more pleasure than the evidence that Great Britain and Germany are at last beginning to understand that both have more to gain than lose by friendship.

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Holding Harvest Hands in Kansas.

Queer stories come from Kansas of the struggle to secure help in the late harvest, and of the efforts made to keep the same when obtained. In some cases men paid the fines of those held in prison for non-payment of fine, the conditions being that the released should assist in saving the wheat crop; in others tramps were forcibly taken from freight trains to assist in garnering the golden sheaves; and in still others automobile rides and fried chicken every Sunday were offered as inducements.

Young students from the East, who hired out as harvest hands during the college holidays, where important factors in saving the situation. Some of these hired not only for the harvest, but remained for the threshing season, and one of the most interesting stories of the rush time in Kansas has to do with one bunch of these. They had helped cut the wheat and had taken places as workers on a threshing crew, but they had been working only a few days at the latter task when a ball game between two of the State league teams was announced for the country seat ten miles away.

"We want a day off," was their statement to the farmer.

"What is the matter?"

"We want to see the ball game, sir, and are going to do it."

The farmer argued and pleaded, but to no purpose. Finally he made this proposition: "Now, boys, I can't spare you to go in town that day, for every minute of good weather means money for me. But I'll do this: I'll arrange to have the game bulletined by innings and all the points reported, so that you can work and watch the game, too."

They agreed to this, and the farmer put his telephone line into special service. He rigged up a large blackboard in the field near the machine, and on it had a score outline arranged. Then he hired a young newspaper man of the town to telephone the game as it progressed, and this was chalked up by one of the college boys detailed for the purpose. The progress of the White Sox and the Tigers was watched as forkful after forkful of wheat went into the roaring mouth of the separator, and not a minute was lost—not a point of the game. The farmer is going to make it a feature of his harvest time.

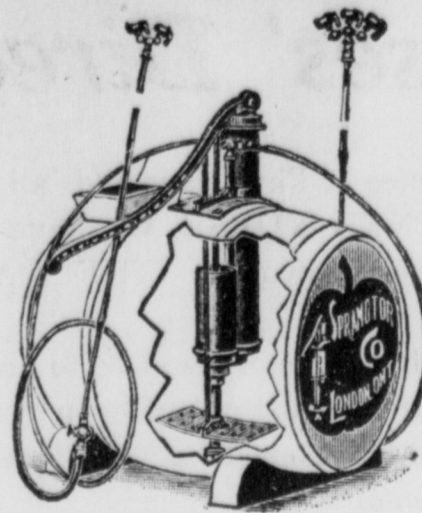
In The Wrong Pockets.

Mark Twain had finished his speech at a recent dinner party, and, on his seating himself, a lawyer rose, shoved his hands deep into his trouser pockets, as was his habit, and laughingly inquired of those present at the society dinner:

"Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a professional humorist should be funny?"

When the laughter that greeted this sally had subsided Mark Twain drawled out:—

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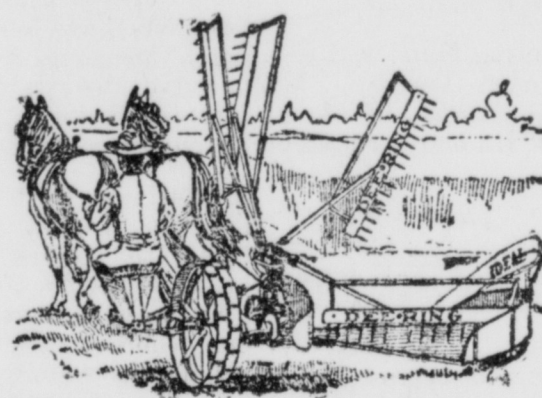
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Fraudulent Claims.

A letter written last week by the president of one of the leading Fire Insurance companies contains the statement that in not a single one of over 1,000 San Francisco losses claims thus far filed with the company is there any mention of damage by earthquake. In other words each one is straight fire loss and of course total.

This corroborates the statement of Chairman Atwood, of the general loss committee at San Francisco to the effect that several citizens were in a fair way to land in jail before settlements are completed.

Why," he said, "a few days ago one of the leading men of the city, both as regards financial and social standing, came into the loss room to file a claim on his residence. When asked about the damage caused by earthquake he said that because of the location and superior construction of his house it did not suffer in the least from the 'quake.' "And yet," said Mr. Atwood, "I had in a drawer of my desk at the time an excellent photograph of the property taken after the earthquake and before the fire had reached it, showing the building in a very bad condition, in fact, practically in ruins. If a prominent man will attempt to do a thing of this sort what can be expected of the rank and file?"

"San Francisco property owners must not forget, that there are in the possession of the insurance companies, several hundred good photographs, showing the condition of buildings just before they were reached by the flames. In making outrageously false claims they are taking great chances of getting themselves into serious trouble. The loss settlement matter is not entirely a onesided affair, and while disposed to be liberal, the companies cannot quietly submit to being deliberately swindled.

A Pen Picture of Napoleon.

This is a pen picture of Napoleon as he appeared in 1803 to the Marquis of Lorne of that day: "His hair is straight of a dark brown color and scarcely reaching the cape of his coat, his forehead straight, but the brow projecting more than is common. His nose is large and prominent, and forms a gentle curve from the forehead to the point. The upper lip is short, and its edge rather turned up. The under lip does not project nearly as far as the upper. The chin, rather long, projects considerably at the end. His eyes are light grey. He has not much eyebrow. His complexion is uncommonly sallow. His limbs are small, but neatly made. His stature does not exceed 5 feet 6 inches. His countenance, varies astonishingly in its expression, and when he laughs or smiles is very agreeable and engaging. His teeth are fine, but he does not show them much."

Lucky Dog.

A Dutchman, addressing his dog, said "You was only a dog, but I wish I was you, when you go mit your bed in you shust turn around drie dimes and lay down; ven I go mit the bed in I haf to lock up de blace, and wind up the clock and put the cat out, and ondress myself, and my frou wakes up and scolds, den the baby wakes up and cries and I haf to walk him mit the house around, den maybe, ven I gets myself to bed, it is time to get up again. Ven you get up you shust stretch yourself, dig your neck a leedle and you vas up. I haf to light the fire, put on de kiddie, scrap some mit my vife already and git myself breakfast. You play around all day and have plenty of drabble. Ven you die you vas dead; ven I die I half to go to—somewhere—yet."

In The Supreme Court In Equity.

Between Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff, and Robert B. Atkinson Defendant.

Take notice that, under and by virtue of a Decree of Foreclosure and Sale in above cause, made by Mr. Justice Barker, Judge in Equity, on the tenth day of July A. D. 1906, there will be sold at Public Auction, with the approbation of the undersigned Referee in Equity, in front of the office of the Registrar of Deeds and Wills in and for the County of Carleton, in the Town of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton, on Thursday the eleventh day of October A. D. 1906, at the hour of two of the clock in the afternoon, the following described lands and premises, namely:—"All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Parish of Kent in the County of Carleton and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Commencing at a marked cedar stake on the bounds of the road leading from Allen McLean's to Joseph Curtis's place or dwelling and adjoining lands occupied by Charles Dyer; thence running southerly within six inches of Charles Dyer's barn to a marked birch tree, or stump standing on the side hill, six feet from the foot of said side hill, thence running along side hill easterly six feet from the foot or bottom of said side hill, until it strikes the above mentioned road; thence westerly along said road to the place of beginning, and being the same land and premises conveyed by Rainsford Giberson and wife to the late Dr. J. G. Atkinson by Deed dated the twenty sixth day of April A. D. 1901, and being the same land conveyed to the said Robert B. Atkinson by Cassie C. Rogers and Sankey K. Rogers, her husband by deed bearing date the ninth day of May A. D. 1904, and recorded in the Records of the said County of Carleton in Book J. Number Four, on page 449 and 450, together with all the buildings, and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging. At which sale all parties have leave to bid.

Dated this second day of August A. D. 1906.
THANE M. JONES,
Referee in Equity.
H. H. PICKETT
Plaintiff's Solicitor.
Aug. 8-Oct. 10.