MR. SMITH'S WILL.

Mr. Augustus Maw was such a smart young gentleman that his friends expected great things of him. There are some persons who possess the knack of inspiring confidence without doing anything to warrant it. Augustus had failed to distinguish himself during his scholastic career, yet those who knew him believed in him almost as much as he believed in himself. He was a "Mr. Tape explained to me the circumbrisk, bustling little youth, with a high falsetto voice and a consequential manner. He had worn an eye glass and high shirt collars from an early age, and at 17 he would have argued theology with an archbishop or discussed politics with a prime minister. When the time arrived for choosing a profession Augustus unbesitatingly decided in favor of the bar. He had no predilection for the law, but the career of a barrister had the great attraction of leading to the woolsack. Augustus aimed high, but his ambition was not out of proportion to his opinion of his

Augus us had inherited from his parents a small fortune, which he would be entitled to receive upon attaining 25. There was no difficulty, therefore, about raising the premium which was necessary to enable him to have the run of the chambers of some successful counsel. Accordingly the aspiring youth was confided to the care of Mr. Retainer, the celebrated equity draughtsman and conveyancer, whose pupils, though de-pressing in a social sense, always learned to draw particularly neat pleadings and to much exaggerated the amount of his small turn out legal instruments calculated to fortune assisted to facilitate his courtship. mystify the most intelligent layman.

After a brief experience Augustus began to have a dim idea that the goal of his ambition was rather more difficult to reach than he had anticipated. He realized that plodding, hard work, perseverance and ceaseless study were essential ingredients to the success of his scheme. Now, Augustus was one of those enterprising youths—there are many of them about—who are in too great a hurry to make a fortune to be able to give time to honest drudgery. He did not exactly abandon the hope of reaching the woolsack, but he resolved not to fritter away his abilities in striving too much for it. He would keep it in view as something worth contending for, but he felt that, meanwhile, it would be as well not to lose any opportunity for advancement in other di-

Augustus had been very much struck by ceived by Miss Arabella. wealth and distinction were revealed to him. He was naturally of an inquisitive disposition, and he reveled in the surreptitious knowledge he acquired in this manner. Mr. Retainer had a large connection among solicitors of old standing, with rich and lizing to Augustus to be behind the scenes, as it were, and to observe the secret disposition of so many thousands of pounds, without profiting thereby. He did not see his way, however, to turn his experiences to account, but the idea took possession of him that in this direction he might one day make a discovery which he could utilize to his advantage.

Meanwhile, he grew utterly sick and tired of the law long before the wished-for opportunity arrived. But at length his drooping spirits were revived by what seemed to be a genuine prospect of acquiring a fortune. One day there was handed into the pupils' room a paper of written instructions for the will of a Mr. John Smith, of Hilldrop Crescent, Camden Town, who was represented by a well known firm of solicitors Mr. Smith appeared to be a gentleman of considerable wealth, for he owned whole terraces of houses in London, broad acres in the country, and stock exchange investments galore. Augustus' attention was attracted by two circumstances, one of which was that this Mr. John Smith was a neighbor of his uncle's, with whom he resided, and the But it was evident that this reticence was other that the testator had an only daughter, to whom he had bequeathed nearly the occasion. Old Mr. Smith was habitually whole of his wealth. From the fact that taciturn and secretive, and in this respect Mr. John Smith resided in the unassuming his conduct was quite in keeping with locality of Camden Town, it seemed probable | miserly propensities. Augustus consoled that he was a person of quiet tastes and himself with the reflection that none could habits, to whom it would be easy to obtain know better than himself the true state of an introduction. This done, thought Augustus, nothing would be simpler than to ingivings by attributing Mr. Brittlebone's gently. Finally, finding the effect artistic-gratiate himself with the old gentleman, to innuendoes to envy and ignorance mingled ally good, he dropped his hands to his side win the affections of his daughter, and to with jealousy gain both her hand and her fortune.

To tell the truth, this was not the first time that Augustus had cherished designs of marrying heiresses whose prospects he had learned in a similar manner. Unfortunately, in previous cases the ladies had been of exalted rank and station, which rendered fore, to avoid unpleasantness, he deemed it them unapproachable. Disparity of station prudent to hold his tongue. But after them unapproachable. Disparity of station had not prevented him, however, from making discreet advances. Like all mottledfaced, snub-nosed little men. Augustus considered himself above everything a lady killer. When he discovered that the Lady Augelina Fitzpowderpuff was the residuary legatee under the will of her decrepit old uncle, Lord Towzlepate, he had taken immense pains to have her ladyship pointed out to him, and had ogled her in the park fiantly. for a whole season. Various instances of this kind might be recorded of his enter-Augustus had borne his ill-luck with equanimity, convinced that it was lack of oppor-tunities alone which had prevented him

from making conquests.

In the case of Miss Smith, however, no told of an insurmountable kind seemed to exist. Augustus, with his native sanguineness, therefore regarded her fortune as practically within his grasp. That very evening, in fact, on his return to his uncle's house in Camden Town, he commenced to make discreet inquiries about the Smith family. Not a word did he breathe of Mr. Smith's fortune, and he was the more cautious because it seemed that the extent of it was not generally known. But he learned sufficient to feel convinced that the old gentleman was a wealthy miser. He was described as a taciturn and rather eccentric person, who had resided many years in Hilldrop Crescent with his daugh-ter and a maiden sister. He was supposed to be comfortably off, for he paid his way and lived at his ease, but he was certainly not suspected of being a millionaire.

Augustus wisely determined to look well

before he leaped in this instance, and he therefore set to work to ascertain whether Mr. Retainer knew anything about Mr. Smith and his affairs. Accordingly, he laboriously prepared the draft of Mr. Smith's will himself, and ventured to take it into Mr. Retainer's sanctum. The learned conveyancer, struck, perhaps, by the unwonted zeal of his least promising pupil, good-naturedly put aside the papers he was engaged upon, and invited Augustus to stand by while he revised the important document. This method of instruction was particularly galling to Augustus, for Mr. Retainer was accustomed to make mincemeat of his pupils' youthful efforts, and was cruelly frank in his criticisms. On this occasion, however, Augustus bore the ordeal with edifying meekness, being entirely preoccupied with the momentous inquiries he desired to make. When Mr. Retainer, after a good deal of contemptuous "pishing" and "pshawing," accompanied by vicious scratchings of his broad-nibbed pen, threw the document aside, Augustus said, rather

"Do you think the will is all right, sir?" "All right? No; of course not, It requires to be entirely redrawn. You might have saved your time and trouble, sir, as where.
well as mine!" returned Mr. Retainer, quite savagely.

"I mean, do you think it is a hoax?" continued Augustus, feeling very small indeed. "You know best, sir?" exclaimed Mr. Retainer, glaring at him.

"I was referring to the instructions," Augustus hastened to explain, pointing to the

"There is nothing the matter with the in-

"I dare say not, as far as the solicitors are concerned-" Augustus blurted out. "One of the oldest and most respectable firms in London." interrupted Mr. Retainer indignantly. "What on earth are you driv-

tator has all the property to leave that he speaks of?" said Augustus in desperation. "I have heard of cases of a man making a

ment," cried Mr. Retainer, quite scandalized.

"Nothing, except that the testator lives in out Augustus. Camden Town-Hilldrop Crescent. I know He could have bitten his tongue off the Hilldrop Crescent slightly," added Augustus hastily. "They are comparatively small houses, and the neighborhood is not fashion
Hy could have bitten his tongue off the saw he had betrayed himself. Mr. Retainer, in a voice of thunder, ordered him out of the room, and Aufirmary for Lame and Infirm, 16 Union Park St., Boston, Massing and St., Bos hastily. "They are comparatively small himself. Mr. Retainer, in a voice of thun-houses, and the neighborhood is not fashion- der, ordered him out of the room, and Au-

Mr. Retainer looked rather amused. He leaned back in his chair a moment and regarded Augustus through his spectacles as though impressed by his shrewdness. Au-gustus did not bear the scrutiny very well, for reasons that may be imagined.
"When you are older, Mr. Maw, you will

appearances," he said, with a smile. "Then you think, sir-" "Do not alarm yourself," interrupted Mr. Retainer, turning impatiently to his work.

learn that it is not always safe to judge by

stances of the case. It is all right." Mr. Retainer dismissed Augustus with a nod as he finished speaking, and the enter-prising student left the room with his doubts completely set at rest. It seemed that Mr. Retainer had private reasons for knowing that the will was trustworthy, and he was not a man given to jesting, nor to speaking without proper means of knowledge. Augustus, therefore, resolved upon the spot to obtain an introduction to Mr. John Smith without a moment's delay.

This did not prove more difficult than he had anticipated; in fact, the details of his abilities. He was allured by the prospect of becoming lord chancellor and keeper of the queen's conscience.

Augus us had inherited from his parents a gustus' fascinating manner, his fashionable attire, and his performances upon the German flute combined to render him irresist-

> The Smith's turned out to be a respectable family, without the least pretention to gentility. It was evident that Augustus was the nearest approach to a gentleman they had ever been acquainted with, and their gratification at his polite attentions was undisguised. No doubt, the fact that he very Old Mr. Smith, from the outset, seemed content with the prospect of securing him for a son-in-law; and when Augustus, after a comparatively short acquaintance, avowed his passion for Miss Arabella Smith, her father gave his consent to the engagement

> Augustus was naturally elated by the success, though the naive vulgarity of Miss Arabella rather distressed him. But she seemed a good honest sort of girl-not beautiful, certainly, yet fairly presentable. Compared with the solid fact that she was an heiress, her trifling defects weighed very lightly with Augustus. The crumpled rose leaf which disturbed his happiness was due to the ominous behavior of a rival, Mr. Theodore Brittlebone, whose attentions, until Augustus had appeared upon the scene, seemed to have been favorably re-

Mr. Theodore Brittlebone was a guant private affairs of a good many people of and gloomy youth, whose avocation was something in the hardware line. Bitter enmity not unnaturally arose between him and Augustus, which resulted in Mr. Brittlebone being requested by old Mr. Smith to discontinue his visits when Miss Arabella's engagement was announced. Mr. Brittle aristocratic clients, and, according to custom, his pupils were permitted to try their prentice hands in preparing the rough waylaid Augustus in the streets, accosting drafts of wills, marriage settlements and deeds of various kinds. It was quite tanta- him with mock politeness, and accusing him with trifling with Miss Arabella's affections. Occasionally his conduct became violent, and he once actually challenged

> cution began to prey upon the nerves of Augustus, who, in addition to being a little man, was not addicted to pugilism. He was painfully conscious that he was no match for the bellicose Mr. Brittlebone, and he was seriously apprehensive for his personal safety. But what worried him even more was that his rival cast doubts upon the existence of old Mr. Smith's reputed wealth. Apparently Mr. Brittlebone, rendered keen-eyed by jealousy, divined the real cause of Augustus' devotion. At all events, he never wearied of insinuating that he was acquainted with Mr. John Smith's real circumstances, in a tone and manner which were painfully suggestive. Augustus fore-bore to discuss the subject with him, although these dark hints made him very uneasy. He was quite unable to fathom his future father-in-law, who declined to be in veigled into conversation about his affairs. constitutional, and was not assumed for the

Although Augustus duly announced his engagement to his friends, he did not for some time mention it to his fellow-students tively guessed that Mr. Retainer would suspect how the event came about, and thereawhile the news leaked out, as all news will; and when Augustus was, one morning, requested to go into Mr. Retainer's room, he had a presentiment of what was in store. "Good morning, Mr. Maw," said Mr. Refore m tainer, very stiffly. "I have sent for you Herald.

know better than himself the true state of

the case, and endeavored to stifle his mis-

to ask if it be true, as I hear, that you are engaged to be married?" "Yes, sir; it is true," said Augustus de-"Of course, I have nothing whatever to do with your private affairs," resumed Mr. prising nature, but it would be depressing to chronicle a series of dismal failures. may be, in a measure, innocently responsible for what has taken place."

"I don't understand," said Augustus, red-"The young lady is a Miss Smith, I am ne daughter of Mr. John Smith, o Hilldrop Crescent, Camden Town," said Mr.

Retainer meaningly.
"That is correct," admitted Augustus. "Whose will was prepared in my chambers a few months back," said Mr. Retainer with

unpleasant emphasis. "It was an accidental circumstance," murmured Augustus, avoiding Mr. Re tainer's gaze. "Of course. If I thought for one moment

that any one of my chambers could be capable of such a gross breach of faith, as well as of professional etiquette, as to take advantage of professional secrets, I would request him to put on his hat and leave this

The effect of this speech upon Augustus was that he felt inclined to sneak out of the room then and there. It was evident that Mr. Retainer's words were equivalent to a formal notice to him to leave. Augustus stood his ground, however, from sheer des-

"I quite agree with you, sir," he said "I am glad of that," said Mr. Retainer. with a grave bow; "your affection for the misunderstanding, you had better read this."

young lady," he added, "being purely disinterested, it is hardly, perhaps, necessary that I should say any more. Still, to avoid He handed Augustus a letter which he had been holding open between his fingers. Augustus took the document without a word, and read as follows: "272 LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS. "DEAR RETAINER: It was a coincidance.

and nothing more. I put in the name of Smith myself, and my confidential clerk added an address—the first that occurred to him. I know nothing of the Mr. John Smith you refer to, neither does he. It was an accident. However, no harm is done.

"Yours very truly, H. R. TAPE."
"No harm is done, as Mr. Tape says," said Mr. Retainer, as Augustus, looking stupidly perplexed, handed back the letter to him. "I don't quite understand," murmured Augustus, though he perceived well enough that there had been a fatal mistake some-

"It is very simple," explained Mr. Retainer. "A client of Messrs. Tape & Parchment's-a gentleman well known in society, but rather eccentric-gave instructions for his will, but expressly asked that it might be drawn under a fictitious name, so that clerks and other persons through whose hands the draft might pass should not be able to identify him with the testator. It structions!" exclaimed Mr. Retainer, staring added Mr. Retainer, looking severely at Augustus, "that I thought at the time it was almost insulting. However, the result is that none but the confidential clerk

who engrossed the will for signature is in "I understood you to say that you knew all about the testator," cried Augustus, "Well, I mean, do you think that the tes- beside himself with vexation and disap-

"So I did. The secret was confided to me," said Mr. Retainer. "Had you men-"Not through a firm like Tape & Parch- the address given, I should have been on "What can have put such a notion into your the address."

my guard. But you merely said you knew the address."

"I did not know him at the time," blurted

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gustus, overcome with humiliation and confusion, needed no second bidding. The prevailing sentiment which agitated the bosom of Augustus, when he came to consider the situation, was a deep sense of having been cruelly wronged and deceived. The insinuations of Mr. Brittlebone con cerning Mr. Smith's circumstances had, as we have seen, for a long time caused him uneasiness, and now that it had transpired that the old gentleman was not the owner of the property mentioned in that fatal will, Augustus had no difficulty in convincing nimself that his rival's version was correct. Most unreasonably he suspected poor Arabella and her relatives of having attempted to inveigle him into matrimony by false pretences, and in his virtuous indignation he did not pause to consider the injustice of the charge. Acting upon the impulse of the moment, he immediately wrote and broke off the engagement, using expressions of reproach and harshness which poor Ara

bella had done nothing to deserve. After this it was particularly galling to Augustus to be condoled with for having missed the hand of an heiress. It turned out, however, when too late to repair the hasty step he had taken, that old Mr. Smith. though not fabulously wealthy, was certainly rich enough to make a most desirable ered from the unpleasant shock of this vexatious intelligence, he received a visit from Mr. Brittlebone, which resulted in his being swathed in vinegar and brown paper for several weeks. As a reward, apparently, for his brutality, Mr. Brittlebone had the undeserved happiness of leading Miss Arabella to the altar, but this was not until the persecuted Augustus, in the unenviable ca-pacity of defendant in an action for breach of promise, had been mulcted in heavy damages, which enabled the young couple to start handsomely in business in the hardware line .- Truth.

An Artist on the Sidewalk. I saw recently a scene that might well inspire an actor to a master stroke of delinea-tion by imitation. It was in the broad part of Fourteenth street, near Fifth avenue: time, 10:30 p. m.; actor, a rather tall, spare young man. He had spread two newspapers on the sidewalk right where the glare from an electric light was the strongest, and on them had laid in as attractive a way as possible five contrivances known, I think, as catch-alls. They were very cheaply made of a material that resembled oil-cloth. As I approached he was stooping over and adjusting his wares. Then he rose, looking neither right nor left, but steadily at his display, and thoughtfully withdrew a few feet into the shade to study the effect. He stood erect, his chin slightly depressed, right arm akimbo and the left hand gently rubbing the side of his face, the picture of perfect self forgetfulness. I could not help

After a moment he stooped ever the newspapers again, moved one or two of the "catch-alls" slightly, then withdrew to the shade and viewed them from another quarter, now and again rubbing his cheek and looked up with a slight smile, and hopefully waited for customers. He had been so preoccupied and evidently so interested in his work for the work's sake, like a true artist, that I had not been able to repress my smile, but it now occurred to me that probably that shabby array represented his entire stock in trade, upon the successful disposition of which depended perhaps his lodging and breakfast, perhaps a delayed supper as well, and a great pang went through my heart as I left him, hopeful and apparently cheerful, to find a customer if he could before morning.-"Uncle Bill" in Chicago

It was at the shop of Herr Spithoever, the erudite bibliophile, in the Eternal City. The pretty American traveler wanted a copy of Max O'Rell's book on the United States, and said so. The Herr Bibliophile glowered through his spectacles a moment and replied with noble scorn: "Gott in himmel, mees! Marcus Aurelius vos neffer in der Unided Shtates!"

HOW GREAT MEN WROTE.

Bossuet composed his grand sermons on his Aristotle awoke early and worked until he

Tasso wrote his finest pieces in the lucid in

Cæsar composed his famous commentaries. it is said, on horseback.

Bacon knelt down before composing his great work and prayed for light from heaven. Demosthenes passed three months in a cavern by the seaside in laboring to overcome

the defects of his voice. La Fontaine wrote his "Fables" chieff under the shade of a tree and sometimes by the side of Racine and Boileau. Voltaire was a most impatient writer and

usually had the first half of a work set up in type before the second half was written. Camoens composed his verses with the roar of battle in his ears, for the Portuguese poet was a soldier, and a brave one, though a poet. Rabelais composed his "Life of Gargantua" at Bulay, in the company of Roman cardinals and under the eyes of the Bishop of

Cujas, a learned man, used to study when laid all his length upon the carpet, his face toward the floor, and there he reveled amid piles of books.

Pope never could compose well without first declaiming for some time at the top of his voice and thus rousing his nervous system to its fullest activity.

Calvin studied in his bed. Every morning at 5 or 6 o'clock he had books, manuscripts and papers carried to him there, and he worked on for hours together.

Luther, when studying, always had his dog at his feet. An ivory crucifix stood on the table before him, and the walls of his study were stuck around with caricatures of the Bentley composed after playing a prelude

on the organ, or while taking his "antejentacular" or "post-prandial" walks; he found in the solitude of dense forests something more profound and suggestive than anything he could find in books.-Philadelphia Times.

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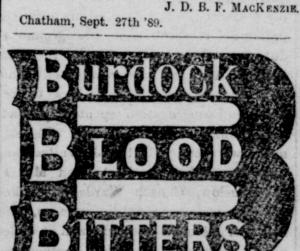
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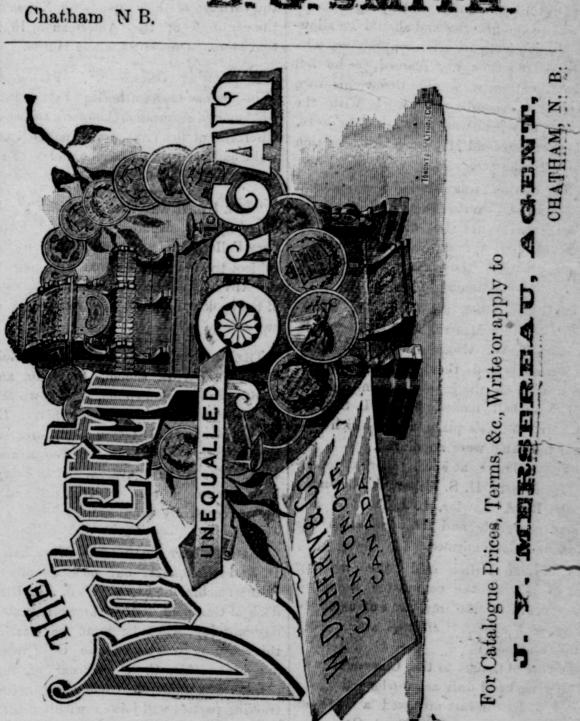
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