

VAIN REGRETS.

To weep over the past is quite foolish, set to, what you can do for the future. Be like a man in the future. As amendment for what you have lost.

THE LONE CORVETTE.

"Poor Ted, poor Ted! I'd give my commission to get Ted back!" said Capt. Richard Debeny, of the British navy, commander of the man-of-war Corcorant, who was entertaining some friends in the harbor of San Francisco.

rather than for deadly action. He had got this ex-British man-of-war two years before, purchased in Brazil by two adventurous spirits in San Francisco.

"You have ruined us both," said Richard Debeny. "Neither, Dick! I'll save your bacon. He made a sign, the gangway was closed, and the Hornet began to race through the water before Capt. Debeny heeded his purposes.

"What do you mean to do?" he asked sternly, as he saw his own gull falling astern. "To make it hard for you to blow me to pieces. You've got to do it, of course, if you can, but I must get a start."

"How far do you intend taking me?" "As far as Farlon's, perhaps." Richard Debeny's face had a sick look. "Take me to your cabin," he whispered. "What was said behind the closed door no man in this world knows, and it is as well not to listen too closely to those who part knowing that they will never see again."

"A CASTLE IN THE AIR." But another, old man! Now, Nell, you needn't pretend that you like the prospect one bit better than I do, only honest enough to say what I think, and one old man is hard enough to get along with, I'm sure.

"Living here practically on Uncle John's charity, don't you think we had better leave him entirely out of the question?" "Even when he goes about spying and criticising everything we do? And worries old Susan's life almost out, looking into the soup pot and adding more water for fear it won't go round?"

"It's no laughing matter," her sister declared. "Besides, if Uncle John isn't glad to see his own brother, I don't see why we should pretend to be." "But I'm not going to pretend at all!" "Gertrude! Helen!—one of you come down!" cried a gruff voice from below.

And Nellie, obeying the summons, went to the door. In the dim sitting-room with its new carpet and evidently unwelcome guest. Left alone, Gertrude still pondered over the unexpected letter which that morning had announced to Uncle John the almost immediate arrival of the brother whom he had not seen for a quarter of a century, and the orders which old Susan had thereupon received to practice various extra economies which might tend to shorten the stay of the unwelcome visitor.

THE MAYOR OF DETROIT.

THE PERSONALITY KNOWN TO FAME AS HAZEN S. PINGREE.

A Hard Fighter for Clean Municipal Government and the Downfall of Monopolies.—Incidents in His Career. That Show the Man as He Is.

At a recent Saturday night mass meeting held in Detroit, Hazen S. Pingree, the Mayor, was described, shouted at and insulted by men, whose names are in the forefront of Detroit's social, political, financial and business life.

"You're a good fighter," they told him, and he has proved that they spoke the literal truth, for he is a canny and hard fighter than those same men desire. At any rate, to return to the time of his nomination the convention was held, and Hazen S. Pingree went in to win, and, although unaccustomed either to public speaking or political methods, he made a tremendous fight and was backed by very cream of respectability and the ring haters of the city. His victory was a triumph.

While that election did not turn the head of the new-elected Mayor, it did to a large extent arouse his long dormant combativeness, and he launched out bravely for reform. His idea of reform early antagonized some of the very men who had induced him to accept the nomination which had made him Mayor. When he entered office he found jobs of every variety and kind. The sewers were in a wretched condition, the streets badly paved and the paving in Artificial Teeth set in Gold, Rubber & Celluloid Special Attention Given to the Protection and Regulation of the Natural Teeth.

Early in the new Mayor's official life he had the honor of a battle to the street railway company. The company, against him, for the reform wave which swept him into office had not carried on the street railway company. The company, against him, for the reform wave which swept him into office had not carried on the street railway company.

"This was not the worst; it soon came out that Uncle Silas had been trying to raise large sums of money in his brother's name, upon bogus South American securities; and it was his failure in this and fear of the consequences, which had led to his sudden and secret flight. A package of the worthless securities had been left "for my charming but avaricious niece, as a suitable reward for her disinterested devotion."

"Nellie was honestly sorry for her sister, though she wondered how it had been possible for Gertrude to indulge in such absurdly romantic hopes; and she heartily sympathized with Uncle John's discomfiture and indignation at the discovery of his brother's utter unworthiness. But old Susan chuckled over the state of things for days. "Just like Mr. Silas!" she said, "an' serves Mr. John right for trustin' him, when he knew—well as I do—that Mr. Silas was born a scamp, an' wasn't likely to go ag'in his nater. But for Miss Gertrude to be so taken in by his lies; she ain't much like her sister; seems as if Miss Nellie's got all the family common sense. Well, I often said, 'lovely expert nothin'—for they ain't so likely to get disapp'inted!'"—Demorest's Magazine.

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