PROGRESS SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 1899

A Desperate Expedient.

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Dr. Robert Buchanan called on his old bachelor uncle one afternoon in answer to a note. He was not in a particularly pleasant frame of mind. As he rang the bell he was thinking what a very weary world this is for a young medical gentleman who has not enough of this worla's goods to feel justified in asking the loveliest girl in the world, Enid Humphrey, to become his

When ushered into the library, how ev r, he answered his uncle's greeting with as cheery a nod as he could manage, the two being really fond of each other.

Well, Robert,' said the old gertleman, getting down to business at once 'I want to talk to you about your medical practi e; how is it progressing ?"

'I am glad to be able to say that 'progressing' is the right word, Uncle Tom, but it is slow.

Of course it is slow; what else did you expect ? L'i's see, you have been back from the university three years ?'

'Yes, sir.' 'Now, I will tell you what the trouble is: you need a wife. You must marry and settle down

'I have known that for some time,' Dr. Buchanan gloom ly assented.

'Have you? That is a good sign. When a man knows what he wants he is halt-way on the road to its possession. Why don't you get a wite ?

'Money !' said Dr Buchanan, briefly. 'You mean lack of money, I suspose Now how much would you consider neces Bary P'

With \$10,000 and my practice-for that is sure to increase-I would teel safe in making the venture.'

'Yes, that ought to start you. I sup pose you haven't picked out the girl yet? Now, I am going to make you an offer. The day you tell me some nice sensible girl has promised to marry you I will give you my check for 10,000, along with my blessing. What do you say ?'

'I say it is a go,' and Robert

back to my side. Some other girl-Annie old skippers could sometimes find out the currents and their direction by throwing Bennett, for instance-must feel almost as bits of wood overboard and make their highly complimented as I do.'

'Enid ! Enid !' cried the unhappy doctor you are trying not to understand. Uncle

Bennett, I haven't laid eyes on her for two I don't pretend to say that the old condit-

'That will do, Dr. Buchanan,' said Enid, rising, you need not try to explain any further. I take back my promise; all on the theory of navigation than the old

not hold back the sob in her throat. Miserably enough, Robert picked up his hat and passed out into the hall. With his

He muttered, 'It is now or never: I'll risk it.'

When he re-entered the room Enid was standing before the mantel.

Enid,' he began, humbly, 'forgive me if I say one more word. I cannot leave you in this way. I was so astounded at what you were saying that I forgot another offer my uncle made me.

He paused, but she did not help him. Robert continued :

'He named another girl, and said that it would marry her he would give me \$50 000 ·Oh!'

'Yes, he really did.'

'And who-who was the other girl ?' Well, Eaid, I was so overjoyed at the offer about you that I rushed off here

without waiting to hear the rest of it; but as I slammed the front door. I think I heard him say 'Annie Bennett.' For a moment there was another pause,

Robert ventured to take the hand banging at her side.

'Don't you think, Enid,' he said, press ing it between hs own, 'don't you think that makes the difference ?' And Enid said. very low. 'Yes-I sup-

pose it does-R-Robert. Uncle Tom promptly filled out his check for \$25,000.

'Thank you, sir,' said Robert, as he folded and carefully placed it in his pocket-book, 'and Uncle Tom, if any one ever mentions this matter to you, be sure you do not forget that third offer you made me.'-Buffalo News.

calculations like lightning. 'Yes, it's a fact that the sailing of ships Tom made the offers at the same time; the has got to be an exact science now. other one first, but both in the same con- There is no need now of quickness in versation-both this atternoon. Can't grasping the meaning of every cross curyou see? And you know why I tried to rent that it used to require in the old stop coming here. I could not ask you to days. The old s lt who had his wits marry me, and without that could I honor- | sharpened by having to depend a good able tell you of my love? As for Annie | deal on his own quick senses is dying out.

> ions were as good as the new. The ces captain of the present day has to be better educated and pass a severer examination have as good practical seamen as in the old days. Of course, no one must ki k at the much of improvement, but I must say that navigating a ship isn't at all an

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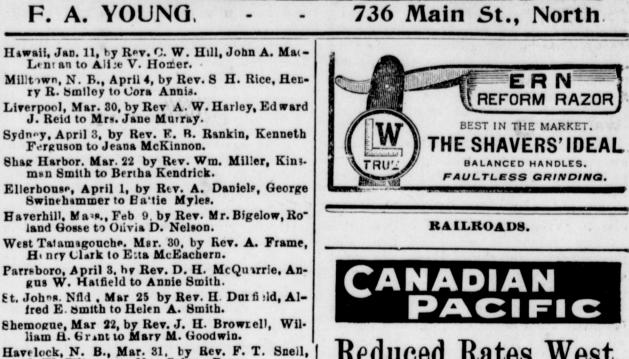
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is over between us forever !' and she could | skippers, but we will never, to my mind, hand on the street door he paused. interesting thing now.

his uncle's hand.

Very good, but that is not all. Of course my boy, I do not want to interfere in your affsirs, but-you know Eaid Humphrey of course ?'

'Yes.'

'Well, her mother and I were great frieads; it amounted to a deal more on my part, and that is your old uncle's romance. Now, my boy, I could not get the mother, I should be very glad-and Robert, not meanit fi to use any undue influence, you understand, I would make that check, say, \$25 000

Robert seized his uncle's hand and worked it up and down 500 to the minute. his tace beaming with delight and gratitude.

'Uncle Tom,' he gasped, 'you are brick of purest ray serene. You sit right and fill out that check, and I will be back for it in twenty minutes,' and he was gone.

'Lord bless my soul !' said the astonish ed old gentleman. 'I was evidently mistaken about his not having yet picked out a girl.'

Twenty minutes after leaving his uncle's house he was sitting by her side, an engaged man and one of the happiest in the universe. He told her the exact day and minute when he first knew he loved her, she reciprocated, all was bliss.

Finally Robert declared that he must go. 'You see,' he said. 'I have a very impor. ant engagement with Uncle Tom. In fact, my dear,' with a grin, 'it is a matter of 'bread and butter for two.'

'I don't understand."

'Of course not ; women never do understand that part of it. But I am going to clinch that very necessary adjunct to matrimonial happiless this very atternoon. .What on earth are you talking about

R-Robert ?'

'It is very simple. About an hour ago Uncle Tom made me an offer ; promised to give me a check for \$25 000 the instant that I could tell him that you had promised to be my wite '

'On, indeed !'

'Yes, real clever in the old boy. wasn't it ?' said Robert, with a dim perception that sometody had blundered.

.Very clever, indeed. And very clever in you to take such quick advantage of so generous an offer.

'Why, great goodness----'

'But you are not so shrewd,' she hurried on, 'in telling me so soon of the great inducement that brought you here this afternoon.

'Enid, dear ------

Miss Humphrey, if you please, Dr. Buckham.'

Don't be sarcastic and angry You know that I love you; that for two years I have not had a thought but for you and of you. This offer of my uncle's was made in the kindest spirit. He knew that my practic was not sufficient to justify me in speaking to any girl in marriage, and like the dear old fellow that he is, he came to my rescue. He had previous offered me \$10 000 to course, he could not do this if his vessel Moncton, April 1, to the wife of Clifford Gross, a

THE OLD DAYS OF SAILING.

With the Passing of the Romance of the Sea Old-Fashioned Methods Have Gone.

According to some of the old sailors, who believe that the romance has died out of the seafsring trade since steamships cime into general use, the modern sea captain is not to be compared with the skippers of days gone by when it comes to practical expertness in seamanship. The captains of the steamships, they say, have everything so well mapped out for them that they are not likely to make mistakes if they have a fair knowledge of seamanship, but they would be lost under circumstances where the old skippers would come out strong. These circumstances, they a mit, are not likely to occur again, since the world is better known now than in the days they refer to. A boathouse proprietor, who is now nearly 80 years old aud who was mate in a transatlantic bark and was before the mast for forty years

previously in different parts of the world, said in talking of his early days at sea : 'Since the patient log has come into use no skill, for instance, is required in finding the speed of a vessel. It is regulated by clock work, and the number of knots the vessal sails per hour is recorded on the dial without any hand touching it. But in the old days before the pstent log cane

into use the heaving of the log required skill and watchfulness. A duffer couldn't heave the log properly so as to stop it at the exact time. Those were the days when a skipper had all his senses trained so keenly that nothing could miss him. I have known skippers who could guess to a quarter of a knot the speed of a vessel when a log line happened to break with the force of the throw, before a new line was rigged

'I sailed for some years with an old cap. tain of a brig, who when the vessel was not making more than five or six knots an hour, could tell, by spitting out the quid of tobacco he was chewing and watching it fall, how many knots she was making by noting how far off the quid struck the water. He always guessed it to perhaps a quarter or an eighth of an knot, and if he was in a hurry and had a quid in his mouth which was pretty well used up, he would tell the crew not to heave the log. Of



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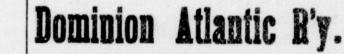
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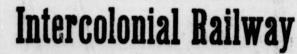
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