

A CLASS BY THEMSELVES.

Employees of the Government Who Have Grown Old in the Service.

"Whenever I read in the papers of the unknown dead of Washington, I think of the unknown dead in the executive departments," said a chief clerk.

"At first blith it may appear paradoxical that a man or a woman may be alive in the departments, reporting for duty when not sick, drawing pay and breathing and eating and at the same time be a corpse. But of the type of clerks of which I speak, they are to all intents and purposes, from an official standpoint, dead.

"These clerks are forgotten. They are buried. They are like two or three cards in a deck; when the pack is shuffled, they shuffle along with the rest. They are to be found by the dozens in the different departments, men and women alike. How they got in no one but themselves knows. Most of them are old clerks. They stay because they constitute one of the components of a system. Once in the service they have remained in the maintenance of the system. But for the beneficent protection of the civil service they would be hunted out, named and numbered and tagged like victims selected for the block and summarily decapitated.

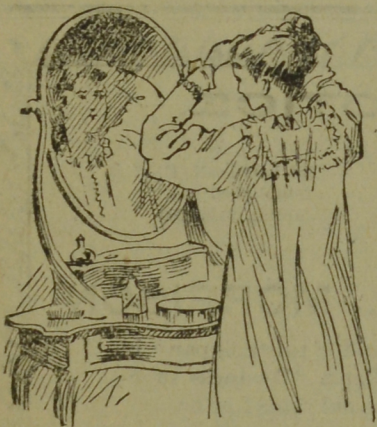
"The influences which secured their appointment have long since passed to the other side or been snuffed out of political favor or power. They were put at desks, and they remained obscure and overlooked. Even their chief may not know how they got there. He found them in his division when he took up the reins, and he retains them as fixtures, not unlike the desks and chandeliers.

"They constitute a curious set, these dead alive clerks. Some may still have what they consider 'influence' or a backing of some sort upon which to rely in case of need and trouble, but most of them have nothing tangible upon which to base this assumption. They are drifters. They float because others float with them and carry them along on the surface of the official stream.

"They work, of course. Everybody nowadays in the departments works. They may be good workers. Every clerk thinks he or she works harder than his or her fellow clerk. But their quantity and quality of work are not the reason for their official existence, as is the case in outside employments. Anybody else could do their work just as well and, in all probability, better.

"Some have been in the service for 20 and 30 years, others not so long. They constitute a class distinct to themselves. They wouldn't admit this, however, if they were conscious of it. But if an official had the power to go through his department and collect them in a group their classification would be easy. They have outlived their influence and in many cases their usefulness. But they hang on. Only death itself will remove them, for they never resign. There is no special reason why they should resign under the existing rules. The world owes them a living as well as their more favored neighbors.

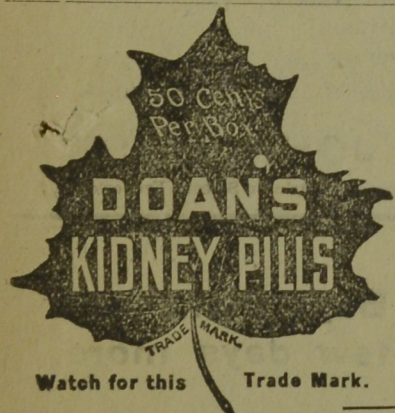
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Mildred, aged 4, came up stairs one day and said, "Mamma, cook wants to know what to have for supper." "Tell her to have scrambled eggs, chipped beef, pickles, bread and butter, preserved cherries, tea and cake," was the reply. "Oh, mamma," exclaimed Mildred, "please tell her yourself. I'm afraid I'll lose part of it on the stairs."

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POWDER AND BALL.

The new organization of the Spanish army which has been drawn up by General Linares, the commander who surrendered at Santiago, provides for a strength of 80,000 men on a peace footing, without counting the carbiniers and the civil guard.

There are now 20,000 of the British troops in India whose terms of service have expired, some nearly two years. They are demanding their discharge, but the authorities hope to induce them to continue to serve until the close of the South Africa war by paying them a special bounty.

In a new uniform to be tried this summer in several corps of the German army the metal buttons at present in use are to be replaced by bone, cloth covered ones. The tunic, trousers, helmet and cap will be of a dark gray color, and metal plates and buckles of a dull hue will be substituted for the polished affairs now used.

Why the Youngster Had to Go.

Nurse had come to bear her little charge away from the party, and the fluffy haired damsel was pleading for a respite.

"Not another second," said nurse firmly. "Come, get your coat on. There's a lamb."

But the "lamb" still demurred, and her obvious reluctance to go enlisted the sympathy of the hostess, who rashly joined issue against the nurse.

"Do let her stay half an hour longer, nurse," she begged. "You were a child yourself once, remember. If Ida's mother is angry with you, throw the blame on me."

Nurse shook her head with stubborn resolution.

"Sorry, mum, but my young man is giving a party tonight, and if I'm not there just on the minute he'll slam the door in my face. It's force of habit with him, mum. You see, he's timekeeper in a factory."

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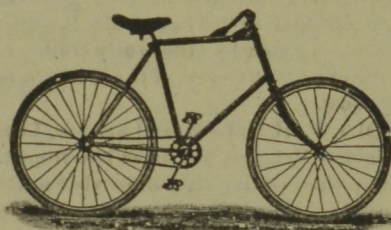
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