CANINE AS SPONSOR

Admission to Society in New York
Declared to Be Easier Now.

Woman With Social Aspirations May Obtain Entree by Possessing Dog —Routes Are Open to the Climbers.

New York.—Time was when breaking into New York society was a simple matter. You merely waited, Eventually, in the course of several generations, you stood a chance of being invited to the very best houses.

It was three generations before the Astors amounted to anything as so

cial beings in this community, writed a New York correspondent. The Vanderbiles made the extraordinary leads in better time—in two generations—thanks to the mental resources and determination of a doughty social warrior whom the family acquired by marriage, and later lost by divorce.

People "get in" New York society now in a few years; sometimes in a single season.

Now a multiplicity of avenues of approach have been discovered. Here, are ten: Dogs, women's clubs, publicity, charity, summer resorts, graft, the opers, first nights, travel (foreign), woman suffrage.

The avenue of dogs alone indicates the advance we have made. Some cyndics may call it retrogression. How cruel when one can thus lessen the years necessary for a social entree!

Children used to be the avenue of

approach, which has been usurped by the later pets.

One of the first moves of the soscially ambitious woman in New York

these days is the requirement of a dog.

If the proper beginning is made, if
the right sort of dog is secured, the
mext step is to enter him at the first
exclusive dog show. This may be
done the very first year. And there
the woman has her first social opportunity.

There are dog luncheons, dog dinmers, dog receptions to which her canine will be invited, and no canine can go alone. The mistress must be included. Some day she may eventmally be invited on her own account.

Another avenue for the social climber is the summer resort and foreign travel. In itself New York is a glacial city, socially. Its surfaces are so rounded that it must be a hardy climber who can secure a hold. Thus many have resolved to bring into the strategy of their campaign a flank aspault on the citadel of caste.

They remove their artillery to a distance. They pay outrageous prices to the hotels in the fashionable resorts in summer and to the stopping splaces on the grand tour to Europe in the hope of thus scraping a valuable acquaintance.

Most of them fail. The average tenure of residence in New York of the wealthy women who come from elsewhere is seven years—the life of the chorus girl, of the yellow reporter and of the bounder tenant at Newbort.

at Newport.

First they wear out the novelty of the theaters and the opera. Then, having been ignored, or, if too persistent, snubbed repeatedly, they move on to the American resorts in summer, to the European in winter, in the hope that they will find the social crust there less glacial.

Through this avenue a few—a very flew—find the coveted entrance and many fail. The pensions of Naples, Florence, Rome, Vienna, Paris and Munich are filled with the wives and daughters of wealthy American men who have settled in New York from ishawhere.

LOSES HIS CAR AND LIBERTY

St. Paul Man in Auto Wreck Jailed for Reckless Driving by Judge.

Minneapolis. — J. B. Lawrence, wealthy business man of St. Paul and a member of an automobile firm there, not only is out \$1,000 for damages to his automobile, but also must spend 20 days in the Hennepin county work-house for reckless driving, according to the ruling of Judge C. L. Smith of the municipal court. Lawrence, who was found in the wreckage of his automobile, was given three days to arrange his business for the enforced wacation.

Judge Smith, in pronouncing sentence, declared that after investigation he was convinced the only reason Lawrence did not kill some onewas because there was no pedestrians near him to be killed.

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The arrest of Lawrence is in line with the campaign being waged by police and court against speeding:

THROWS OUT RED HOT STOVE

Philadelphia Resident Also Whips
His Wife and Spanks Two
Sisters.

Philadelphia.-John Lepis, of 804

Buttonwood street, doesn't like to

have his wife ask him for money on

pay day. Just because Mrs. Lepis asked him for money he gave her abeating, then spanked his two sisters who went to the assistance of Mrs. Lepis, after which he proceeded to throw a red hot stove into the street. He was finishing his house wrecking job by breaking the last whole-window in the house when Policemen Nonamaker and Lukweine took him to the police station where he was locked up after the police had sepa-

rated him from his pay envelope and

given it to Mrs. Lepis.

CREW COMMITS HARA-KIRI

Six Japanese Sailors on British Bark Helpmate End Lives When Mikado Dies.

Rehavana, Java.—The British bark Helpmate, Captain Steers, arrived here from the north Borneo coast manned by an island crew of natives picked up by the skipper after his former wrew, six Japanese, had committed hars-kiri upon the deck of the vessel after learning of the death and burial of the mikado.

Captain Steers says that he was proceeding from Pelori island to Zamara on the Borneo coast to complete his cargo of copra when he was halfed by the British barkentine Clyde Town, from the master of which he received a number of items of news, among them being the information of the Japanese emperor's death and

burial

Without realising what it might mean. Captain Steers gave the tidings to the men, and immediately they were as stricken, raving about the ahip and engaging in loud lamentations. When he remonstrated with them for allowing the bark to drift aimiessly they threatened his life and he said no more to them until he saw them gathered on the deck, each with a knife in his hand and stomach bared. The captain thereupon realised what was about to happen and came forth from his cabin with a repeating rifle, but the men paid no heed to him and

upon a signal each killed himself.

The Helpmate, the captain alone alive on board, drifted helplessly, but finally made Hadgona bay without serious injury; and here Captain Steers succeeded, after some days, in prevailing upon enough natives to man his ship and sail it to this port.

BABY IS HELD BY SNAKE

Reptile, Attacked in Time, Seems to Grow Angrier as Little Victim Struggles for Freedom.

San Gregoria, Cal.—Trapped in the coils of a huge gopher snake, which stole upon her as she lay asleep in a hay field in Wild Goose canyon, five-year-old Charlotte Newman, daughter of a farmer who resides near Davenport, was held captive by the reptile for a half an hour, while frantic children who had discovered her plight summoned help from a distant farm-

The little girl, who is visiting relatives in the canyon, fell asleep while at play with her juvenile companions in the new mown hay. She was not missed until her cries of terror were heard by the boys and girls. When they ran to her the snake had wrapped itself about her ankles and she was powerless to escape.

Frightened at the snake, which semed to be enraged at the struggles of the child, the children hastened to the farmhouse, half a mile distant, to obtain help from their elders. When men armed with pitchforks came to the assistance of the girl the snake still held her fast. The reptile was soon killed, and when measured was more than six feet in length.

CLEARS CHESTNUT MYSTERY

Worm Girdles Tree and Stops Flow of Sap, Says Grower at Fleetwood, Pa.

Fleetwood, Pa.—William D. Becker, an extensive grower of chestnuts and peaches, of this town, says there is no such a thing as the chestnut blight, but that the chestnut trees are being killed by a small white worm, ranging in length from one-half to three-fourths of an inch and about one-eighth of an inch thick. This bores beneath the bark of the tree, leaving its excrement, which, when the limb or sapling is girdled, prevents the sap from ascending, and then the tree dies.

Becker says he has been a close observer for a number of years and finds that this destructive worm nearly always begins its work at the trunk of the tree. He also claims that the reason so many die is the killing of woodpeckers by boys, who, as soon as they get a gun, begin to exterminate the most useful bird-guardian of the forest. He claims to know dozens of trees in his neighborhood where he can show how this worm does its rayages.

WANT TO REBUILD TRAIL

Young Mormons Will Ask Utah Legislature to Appropriate Fund to improve Old Highway.

Salt Lake City, Utah.-A movement has been started here by the Mutual Improvement association, a young people's organization of the Mormon church, to induce the state legislature to appropriate sufficient money to improve the "old Mormon trail" from the point where it enters Utah to Salt lake City and make it a part of the proposed trans-continental automobile highway. The route which the young Mormon people are seeking to have made into an automobile highway was the trail over which Brigham Young led his followers when they entered the Great Salt Lake valley in 1874.

Loanea Friends \$260,000.

Kansas City, Mo.—An administrator's report of the estate of J. K. Zimmerman, a cattleman of Waco, Tex., who died in Excelsior Springs, Mo., on October 6, filed in the probate court here, values the estate at \$1,140,245. Administrators found that \$260,000 of this amount represented loans to Texas cattlemen in sums of \$5,000 to \$25,000, of which the only record kept was a penciled notation on a slip of paper. All were found to be gilt-edged.

VISION OF TITANIC

Great Disaster Pictured by W. T.
Stead in 1886.

Enormous Loss of Life Predicted by the Distinguished English Journalist in His Own News

paper.

London.—An investigator, searching for material for a biography of W. T. Stead, the Englishman who went down with the Titanic, has discovered a strange prediction of his own doom made by Mr. Stead in the Pall Mall

Gazette on March 22, 1886.

This article, written by Mr. Stead, was headed, "How the Mail Steamer

Went Down in Mid-Atlantic."

The article appeared a couple of days after the Oregon was lost, and purported to give a description of the scene of horror that ensued on the then biggest Atlantic liner, when at last the passengers realized the ship was doomed. In a footnote, Stead

wrote:

This is exactly what might take place and what will take place if the liners are sent to sea short of boats."

Here are some extracts from Stead's grim prediction:

"From below there came a queer sucking sound, with an occasional long gurgle, and I saw that the ship seemed to 'hang' as the seas met her.

"The boats were made fast to stand. heavy weather, and only skilled saflors could launch them.

"I calculated that, by loading all the eight boats down to the water's edge and by packing the children along the bottom boards, we might accommodate \$00 pepole. We were carrying \$16 altogether.

"A lend crack followed by a wallow-

"A loud crack, followed by a wallowing noise like a thunder, rendered all other sounds insignificant, and a captain who was going out to New York, said: "The bulkhead's gone. We must take our chance." The ship stopped nearly dead, and began to tremble curiously, but it was only the river of water pouring aft, and we soon saw the firemen driven up like rats from a burrow. 'Stand by the

boats."

"The order was given, and the boatswain's call rose in a long, tremulous screech. One of the starboard boatswas successfully launched, and the officer stood, revolver in hand. "Women first here. Thompson, you will steer her. Take four men and no more." The young English lady was lowered down, although she clung to her father and begged him to let her stay. 'No, darling, goodbye. Be happy,' he said, and then stood composedly amid the hurly-burly."

By an extraordinary coincidence. Stead describes the girl as "a dark beauty, about eighteen years of age." One could almost fancy that he saw as in a glass darkly the then yet unborn Mrs. John Jacob Astor.

"At last only one light boat remained, and still there were over 700 of us jammed in the narrow space left by the awful list. The captain has dropped his hands—he could do no more. One sailor said: 'We've stood it long enough, Tom. Let's have our turn.'

"And he, with three sturdy Swedes, managed to get at the davits. They were just in time, for the steamer began to sway as they floated, and they were all but swamped by the charge and leap of a crowd who flung themselves into the water. Then I was left with a great multitude, whose agonized clamor stunned me.

"I felt a mighty convulsive movement, then the sea seemed to flash down on me in one mass, as if the wall of water fell from a high crag. Then I heard a humming noise in my ears, and with a gasp I was up amid a blackened, wriggling sheet of drowning creatures.

"A boat came past me and I struck out lustily. I raised myself to the gunwale. 'Shall I hit his fingers?' said a man. No, let him come,' and I laid, sick and dissy, on the bottom boards of a crowded boat. You know that we were picked up after a nasty time."

The great journalist's friends would

have wished that last sentence of his vivid forecast could have applied to his own case, when the mammoth White Star liner's "great multitude" were hurled to their ocean tomb.

GOODS STOLEN 18 YEARS AGO

While Loading Rock Near Cliff at Bar Harbor Workman Uncovers Loot Worth \$1,000.

Bar Harbor, Me.—A large amount of silver tableware, stolen from George W. Vanderbilt's summer residence here eighteen years ago, was found hidden in the rocks at the base of a cliff by Simon Violete, a teamster. Violete went to the cliff for a load of rock, and in handling the stone came upon the silverware. It is worth \$1,000, and is part of plunder valued at many thousands of dollars stolen from the Vanderbilt residence. A large sum of money and much valuable jewelry were never recovered.

Failed to Get a Wife.

Lima, O.—Dale Cary, forty, rurabachelor of Ada, was disappointed when he appeared at a newspaper office here and found no answers to an advertisement he inserted asking for a wife, a brunette preferred, on six months' probation. Cary admitted reading the story of Mile. Olga Petrova, who sought a husband for six months only. Cary has hopes of yet securing a bride on trial.

MANY TERRAPIN ARE HATCHED

Georgia Man Finds Way to Keep Species From Becoming

Philadelphia.—At the Hotel Hanover is A. M. Barbee of Savannah, Ga., who is hatching diamond back terrapin these days, and proving that the tasty reptile can be conserved and a supply arranged for generations to come. This will be good news to the bon vivant, for it has been proclaimed that the finest flavored member of the

terrapin family will soon be extinct.

Barbee, who has been in the business of catching and selling terrapin for twenty-three years, began to study the matter of establishing hatcheries. He has succeeded. The female terrapin has a habit of depositing about ten eggs a month. She spreads them out on the sand and gets away, having no further interest in her offspring. But the crows, who are as fond of terrapin as is a millionaire, swoop down upon them.

Parboe established a farm where this year he will batch 70,000 little diamond backs.

At this farm, which in on the Isle of the short who willow from Savan-

Hope, about nine miles from Savannah, the terrapin go to him when he calls. When he feeds them he floods the sand piles on which they live, and when they have fed the water is drawn off. He hopes to interest the government in his plan.

PRUSSIA TO TAX BACHELORS

All Getting \$750 a Year Up Will Br Specially Assessed for Remaining Single.

Berlin.—The Prussian diet is now giving its formal official consideration to a project for taxing bachelors. The original bill has been amended so as to make the tax effective only in the case of unmarried men whose income

exceeds \$750 a year.

Such men will be called upon in case the bill passes to pay a tax of from ten to twenty per cent higher than married men with corresponding incomes.

The bachelor tax will take the form of an income sur-tax. The idea of the legislators who are backing the bill is that men who have have to support wives or children ought not, in justice, be compelled to pay as much toward the support of the state as men who are leading the care-free, irresponsible lives of bachelors.

The project is fathered by the conservatives of the diet and has every prospect of becoming a law.

U. S. HORSE DECLARED FIRST

Fico, Ridden by Lieutenant Adair.

Leads Big Field in Broad

Water Jump.

New York.—The United States won the international broad water jump at the horse show and Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt won the Nata challenge cup contest for the third year in succession with his Sir James, thereby taxing possession of the trophy, valued at \$850. The latter event was confined to amateurs driving their own horses attached to rigs, William P. Kearney, driving his splendid black stallion, Triumph, was given second prize, the

reserve ribbon.

Fico, ridden by Lieut. H. R. Adair of the Tenth United States cavalry, outclassed thirty-five other horses, including several foreign entries, in the first-named event by jumping eighteen feet. Second prize went to Spes, ridden by Lieut. C. H. Labouchere of the Royal Holland Huzars, and the third to Deceive, exhibited by the United States Mounted Service school.

ONE BRACELET TO AN ARM

High School Girls at Camden, N. J.,
Are Restricted as to Adornment.

Camden, N. J.—Giri students at the Camden high school are now prohibited from adorning themselves with more than one bracelet on each arm. This is in accordance with an edict issued by the principal, Miss Clara Burrough, and violation of the rule will result in the offending miss being sent home for the day.

Many of the girls have been wearing three or four bracelets on each arm, and the merry jingling therefrom has upset discipline and interfered with the studies to such extent that the principal limited the arm bands to two.

two.

The new rule is the last on the list, of "social conditions and manners to be upheld by the girls."

SUES DOCTOR FOR \$15,000

Seattle Jeweler Brings Action Against
Physician Who Told Him He
Had Cancer.

Spokane.-Because he did not die, Goldblatt, a Spokane jeweler, has brought suit against his physician, Dr. G. R. Rohr, for \$15,000. Goldblatt alleges in his complaint that Doctor Rohr told him he had cancer of the stomach. Believing that recovery was impossible and wishing to leave his property in cash, Goldblatt says he sold his fewelry business at a sacrifice he estimates at \$15,000, and waited for death to claim him. Becoming impations at his continued presence among the living, he consulted eastern spe cialists and was told that he was necfectly well.

Wages Jump From \$2.68 to \$100. Bt. Clairsville, Ohio.—John Rothgeb was making \$2.68 as a miner until gas was discovered on his seventeenacre farm. Now his income is \$100 a day.

WHALES ARE AWED

Captain of Blubber Bark Describes Eruption of Volcano.

Portuguese Saliors Pray to the Saints and Every Form of Life in Sea or Air Vanishes—Hurricane

San Francisco.—The whaling bark Gayhead, Captain Wing, which left here seven months ago on a blubber expedition in the frozen north, returned with 350 barrels of sperm oil, the product of eight whales, and an account of the volcanic eruption at Katmai in June. The Gayhead was 200 miles from the volcano and 150 miles off shore at the time of the eruption. Whales were plentiful, sea birds were visible in all directions and fish, large and small, could be seen in the clear, green water.

A whale had been cut out of the school that was spouting not far from the bark, had been killed and made fast alongside the vessel. Fires had been started under the blubber kettles and the work of cutting up the whale was in full blast when a muffled explosion that seemed to shake the universe was heard. It was followed by six more explicitly.

A few minutes later there appeared on the horizon a small, black cloud that assumed leviathan proportions as it rushed toward the Gayhead. There was wind with it, and it struck the vessel with the violence of a hurricane equall. As it hit the bark the air was filled with fine white dust, that soon

covered the decks.

The blackness was on both sides of the vessel. "Black as the darkest night," is the way Captain Wing describes it. Between the two strata of black was a column of fiery yellow, bright as gold. Captain Wing, who has passed many years in the arctic and who recognized the explosions as of volcanic origin, says that the combination of black and yellow was the strangest sight he had ever seen.

The Portuguese whalemen quit work, dropped to their knees and invoked the aid of every saint on the calendar. They were satisfied that the day of judgment had arrived. The shower of ashes and the accompanying

darkness lasted for forty-eight hours.

"As the squall approached," said Captain Wing, "I noticed the whales skedaddle. They hooked on at full speed. When the air cleared, two days later, there was not a whale in sight, nor a fish nor a fowl, nor a sign of any kind of life. It was not until the Gayhead had cruised many miles and had winged its way far out of the track of the volcanic dust that as much as a bird was seen. That cussed squall queered our cruise all right."

It was more than a month later that the people on the Gayhead learned that Katmai had been in eruption.

FATHER YIELDS LIFE FOR SON

As Tree Falls He Hurls the Boy to Safety and is Caught Himself and Crushed.

Aberdeen, Wash.—While Frank De-Hart of Oakville, Ky., was pinioned to the ground by a tree, his seven-yearold son worked frantically to pry the immense trunk off his father's body, and, failing, ran four miles to his home to summon help. Men rushed to the spot to find DeHart lifeless.

According to the boy he and his father had stopped to rest on the bank of the river, when suddenly a large tree near which they were sitting toppled without warning.

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DeHart grabbed the boy and threw him out of harm's way. His act of heroism cost him his life, and the trunk caught him across the chest.

The boy grabbed a stick and tried to use it as a lever, but could not move the log. All the time he had to watch his father's face contorting from suffering. Realizing that he could not do anything, the boy them ran for help.

JURORS ARE GIVEN KISSES

Wife of Defendant in Tacoma Case Embraces Women Who Returned Verdict.

Tacoma, Wash.—Hugs and kisses for three woman jurors and handshaking for the men made up the final picture in the trial of J. Matthew Murray, an attorney charged with defrauding an ignorant client. The attorney's young wife gave the kisses, and they followed a verdict of not guilty, capping the climax of a day in court made sensational by the defendant's personal appeal to the jury in which he broke down and wept, the women on the jury doing likewise. A second charge, the result of the bar inquiry, is on the docket against Murray.

MAYOR PLANS AMUSEMENT

Philadelphia Executive Would Make Roof of the City Hall Into a Summer Garden.

Philadelphia.—If the plans of Mayor Biankenburg are carried out, the roof of the Philadelphia city hall will be utilized next summer as a garden for the free use of the public. A glass awning is planned for stormy weather. There will be musical concerts evenings by the Philadelphia orchestra and the Municipal band. The entire cost of the project is to be defrayed out of the annual appropriation to the mayor's office.

CLERKS FLED INTO VAULT

Breaking Trolley Sounded Like Earthquake in Atlantic City and Workers Are Panic Striken.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Half a dosen clerks were standing near the big vault in the Cheisea National bank in this city, discussing the earthquake. Their backs were turned toward the street. Buddenly there came a blinding flash, as though from a huge ball of fire, followed by a rumbling noise. The clerks, terror-stricken, and without waiting to investigate, took it for granted that another earthquake had visited the city, and they considered the safest place was the big vault. Into this they jumped, and, pulling

the door shut, awaited developments.

They waited for a long while, but seemingly nothing happened. Then they tried to open the vault door, but could not. It was some time later when the cashier, missing the clerks and noticing that the vault door was closed, opened it, and found the young fellows nearly smothered.

A big campaign banner, water soaked from the rain, had fallen across the trolley feed wire, breaking the wire and causing the flash and explosion which the clerks noticed. The breaking of the feed wire tied up trolley traffic on the lines for nearly two

BABY IS BLOWN OFF SHIP

Gocart Floats on Ocean but Child Falls Out and is Drowned Before Aid Reaches Her.

Melbourne.—A dispatch to a local paper from Hobart says that a baby daughter of Mrs. Hennie Larnock was carried overboard from the deck of the steamer Adelaide and lost. The mother was wheeling the child in its carringe along the deck when some women passengers addressing her caused her to leave the handle for a moment, and during her brief absence a gust of wind filled the top of the cart and the light vehicle was whipped over the rail.

rail.

For some hundred of feet it was carried like an airship and then it somersaulted into the sea. A boat's crew was immediately lowered and the carriage was easily picked up, but the little one could not be found and after several hours spent in the vicinity the crazed mother, who had to be locked in her cabin, was compelled to proceed without her baby.

It is said that had the little one been strapped into her cart she would very likely have been saved, for the wooden carriage would have kept her affoat until the ship's boa' would have reached her.

ROW OVER PASTOR'S VOTE

Popularity Contest Brings Charge of Padded Returns at Wood-

Woodbury, N. J.—Among the congregation of the three colored churches in this city there has been for some time a good deal of controversy as 'b' which had the most popular pastor. Finally it was decided to put the matter to a test vote, each voter contributing five cents for the work of the three churches. The contest closed the other night, and as the exciting count concluded trouble was precipitzted which may go somewhat

further.

According to the count Rev. Mr. Groves had 1,140 votes; Rev. Mr. Harris, 640, and Rev. Mr. Hersey, 227. Pastor Harris at once accused Pastor Groves, the high man, of padding the returns by buying \$25 worth of votes with his own money at the last minute. Pastor Groves sniffed and said he had the votes all the time and withheld them to the last merely to see how far his opponents would go. Pastor Harris now claims that he has 1,400 votes, and a recount hay be asked.

SOUBRETTE IS A TEACHER

Budapest Council Decides Stage Life Need Not Bar a Girl From School Work.

Budapest.—That a soubrette is not necessarily an improper person toteach school has just been decided by the school authorities of Budapest. Francin Sari Perozel, a beautiful young teacher in the Budapest Girl's school, spent her hours when not in school fitting herself for the stage. She recently was given an engagement in a Budapest theater as soubrette. She asked the school authorities' permission to continue teaching her class in the daytime until she gave her new career a trial for one year. Strong opposition was raised. A conference between the school authorities and the city fathers finally decided that a soubrette, when as capable as Fraulein Perozel, was not improper as a teach-

MAN STEALS POLICE STOVE

Kansas City (Kan.) Trusty Sells a Station Heater for 59 Cents—is Fined.

Kansas City, Mo.—John Jones, a. negro trusty at No. 2 police station in Kansas City, Kan., was fined \$200 in police court for stealing the station stove, wheeling it to a junk shop in the station wheelbarrow and selling it for 59 cents. In addition to the fine John was sentenced to wheel the stove back to the station and set it in place-again.

"I see that you cannot be trusted." said the judge in imposing sentence, and he cautioned the workhouse guards to see that John did not soil his ball and chain.

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