

# THE WEEKLY ARENA

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## CREDIT FOR FARMERS.

In his message to Congress the President called attention to the need of better rural credit facilities. It is a long standing need. Happily, now, there is a clearly expressed public demand that need be filled. Moreover, it is not the demand of the farmers only. Bankers, business men, publicists, and politicians have all urged the establishment of better credit facilities for agriculture. There is a practical unanimity in the demand. Every one is not agreed on the form the facilities should take, but there is good reason to hope with the President that "common council will produce the results we must all desire."

The press has discussed the question. Many private persons and private agencies have been studying the problem here and abroad during the last five or six years. Wisconsin sent one of its officers to Europe to study farm credit and co-operation, and last summer a Congressional committee, accompanied by a delegation from more than thirty states, went to Europe to investigate the subject again.

We are, therefore, well prepared to bring the matter before Congress. The problem is two-fold: The business of agriculture, like other businesses, needs two kinds of credit: one to furnish the fixed capital that stays in the business, the other to furnish the working capital from time to time which it can carry on.

The farmer gets his fixed capital now by mortgaging his land and buildings. Usually he has to find some one in his own neighborhood to take his mortgage, and after he has found a purchaser the period of the mortgage is likely to be comparatively short. Besides the local purchasers, in the last few years, companies that sell farm mortgages to the national market of investors have built up a helpful business. But in the main the American farmer has to get his fixed capital in his own locality. It is a great handicap. It is as if every division of a railroad had to be financed locally.

It is particularly necessary to remove this handicap now. Farming is changing. It is becoming more and more a business. Our farmers are facing an era of extraordinary

expenditure, if they are to keep abreast of the times. There is a need of more and better live stock. There is a need of more machinery. The fertility of the soil must be increased. American agriculture needs a tremendous amount of money, and needs it for a long time. The present mortgage system will not supply it. We need a system of land mortgage bonds. In Europe they are sold in large volume. The proceeds of the sale of these bonds would supply the money that American agriculture needs. To provide the machinery for selling them to the public and for lending the money to the farmers is the task before Congress, and before the state legislatures as well. In some places in Europe, part of the machinery for doing this is the farmers' co-operative credit associations which guarantee the mortgage payments of their members; elsewhere, joint stock banks buy the mortgages and guarantee them. Up to the present time the American farmer has obtained his working capital from the local bank or from the local store. Such credit is uncertain and high-priced. Neither the country banks nor the country stores have had the proper facilities for carrying the farmers over the long periods between harvests. The stores have to charge a higher interest than they pay themselves, and the country banks, being themselves unable to borrow on the farmers' notes, cannot accept any of them. Under the provisions of the Owen-Glass bill, farmers' notes become acceptable as a basis for currency. The country national bank may lend the farmer money and by endorsing his note borrow the money from the regional reserve bank. This puts the farmer on a par with other businesses in dealing with national banks.

This should help the situation, but there is a duty before the farmers themselves. There is need for rural organizations which will produce capital from the farmers' own ranks and encourage outside capital to enter the agricultural business. On this great problem, which touches rural credit and almost every other phase of rural life, the Department of Agriculture, in co-operation with many other forces all over the country, is bending its energies. There has not been a year in our history when such intelligent effort has been directed toward making our fundamental business profitable and efficient.

—World's Work.

## Local Events

Gabe Kroeth of the sheriff's office at Mandan, transacted business in this vicinity, Wednesday afternoon.

The farmers Union held their regular semi-monthly meeting in the hall in this place to day.

Contentious Notice—The Arena Contest will close at a o'clock p. m. on the 14th day of February, 1914. The last notice in which the standing of the contestants is published in this issue of the Arena and all who have in their possession ballots in the contest are requested to vote them on or before the above mentioned closing hour and deposit them in a sealed ballot box prepared for the purpose.

Remember the day and the hour and ask your friends when renewing their subscriptions to the Arena to save the ballots for you. A larger number of votes will be given with a two years' subscription than for one year, get that kind whenever possible. Only 3 more weeks to work. Hustle up and get the votes and win the prize.

Farmers & Stock-Raisers Take Notice! The time of the year is approaching when diseases of all kinds among live stock is most prevalent. Prepare for these emergencies by feeding your stock Wilbur's Stock Tonic, a guaranteed preventive against all diseases. It also carries a complete line of the celebrated Wilbur Stock Remedies such as: Fever Cure, Cough, Cold and Distemper Cure; Brawl and Ring-bone Cure; Hoof Jacking; Gall Cure; Call Me!; Hog and Piggy Tonic; Colic Cure; Loose Killer and many other remedies. A written guarantee of money refunded if not satisfactory, with each purchase. The cheap test and oldest stock tonic on the market. Call on or mail your orders to: A. Holtrif, Sims, N. D. Advt.

## WANT ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE—A fineely bred Jersey Bull from N. D. Advt.

FOR SALE—Choice sample Marquis Hens, each over 50 lbs. per lb. price small quantity, each included, \$1.20. 100 lbs. or more, each extra, \$1.25. (No. 2). Corral, Park River, N. D. Advt.

Mountain Horse Single Comb White Leghorn Cockerels, pure stock. Registered Shropshire Hens, bred to as imported by Mrs. Edwina Johnson, St. John, N. D.

FOR SALE—Tweed Green \$3.00 each. R. C. Frederick Davis, Haynes, N. D.

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Rose Comb and Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerels, fine stock at \$1.25. George H. Winger, Grand Bend, N. D.

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For Sale—A few choice high grade Holstein heifers—due to freshen this winter; also bull calves. C. L. Howe, Valva, North Dakota.

I raised the Angus Bull that was the Grand Champion at the First World Fair. He has others for sale at Cathey, Wells County, N. D.

Next-It and Barrel Sockable. There will be a "next-It and barrel sockable" to be given at the home of Albert Mitsch, Saturday evening, January 24th, at eight o'clock. After the dinner and tea and disposed of the rest of the evening will be given over to dancing. No charge will be made for the dance. Every one is welcome. Adv.

Next-It and Barrel Sockable. I will pay cash for all kinds of poultry, hogs and raw fur, every Saturday at the C. H. Chase Lumber Company's office. C. H. Chase, Almont, N. D. Advt. 5.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Jan. 2, 1914. Notice is hereby given that Gottfried Betzbeck, of Almont, North Dakota, who, on April 14, 1909, made homestead entry No. 012031, for SW 1/4, section 22, township 136 N., range 87, W. of the 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, U. S. Commissioner, at Almont, North Dakota on Feb. 20, 1914. Claimant names as witnesses: Gottfried Kleiter, of Almont, N. D. Otto Ladelson, of William Bradford, of Gustaf Johnson, of R. N. Stevens, Register.

First publication January 10, 1914. [Legal advertising.] 51

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Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Jan. 2, 1914. Notice is hereby given that Joseph Drazdil, of St. Joseph, North Dakota, who, on October 6th, 1909, made homestead entry No. 013306, for W 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 and NW 1/4, section 25, township 137 N., range 88, W. of the 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, U. S. Commissioner, at Almont, North Dakota on Feb. 20, 1914. Claimant names as witnesses: Matt Wohlman, of Almont, N. D. Matt Glatfelter, of John Bahm, of Jacob Emter, of R. N. Stevens, Register.

First publication January 10, 1914. [Legal advertising.] 51

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

ISOLATED TRACT. PUBLIC LAND SALE. Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Jan. 8, 1914. Notice is hereby given that as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Act of Congress approved March 28, 1913, (37 Stat., 77), pursuant to the application of Hironimus Hoerner of Almont, N. D., Serial No. 017089, we will offer by public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$3.00 per acre at 10 o'clock a. m. on the 10th day of March, 1914, at this office, the following tract of land: Lot 4, section 30, township 137 N., R. 85 W., 5th principal meridian. This land will be sold in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the Act of June 22, 1910 (36 Stat. 583). Any person claiming adversely the above-described land is advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

R. N. Stevens, Register. [Legal advertising.] 51.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Dec. 18, 1913. Notice is hereby given that Elmer P. DeLange, formerly Elmer P. Allen, of Carson, North Dakota, who, on July 8th, 1910, made homestead entry, Serial No. 014723, for S 1/4 SW 1/4 and S 1/4 SE 1/4, section 12, township 136 N., range 87 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before P. G. Beutcher, United States Commissioner, at Carson, North Dakota, on the 4th day of February, 1914. Claimant names as witnesses: John Kennedy, of Almont, North Dakota; Harry Jacobson, of Almont, North Dakota; Ole Jacobson, of Almont, North Dakota; Benny Ralsand, of Almont, North Dakota. R. N. Stevens, Register.

First publication Dec. 27, 1913. [Legal advertising.] 51

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. Jan. 16, 1914. Notice is hereby given that Torres Boye, of Jolissa, N. D., who, on July 3d, 1907, made homestead entry No. 38687, No. 010508, for S 1/4 NW 1/4 and S 1/4 SE 1/4, section 6, township 137 N., range 84, west of the 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Bismarck, N. D., on March 11, 1914. Claimant names as witnesses: Fred Rits, of Judson, N. D. Hans Boye, of Louis Nelsong, of R. N. Stevens, Register.

First publication January 17, 1914. [Legal advertising.] 51.

## NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of Interior, U. S. Land Office at Bismarck, N. D. December 3, 1913. Notice is hereby given that Edward Tilton, of Almont, N. D., who, on April 11, 1907, made homestead entry No. 37294, for Northeast Quarter, section 28, township 136 N., range 88 W., 5th principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before G. H. Anderson, U. S. Commissioner, at Almont, N. D., on the 24th day of January, 1914. Claimant names as witnesses: George Probst, of R. N. Stevens, Register.

First publication Dec. 27, 1913. [Legal advertising.] 51.

## Dr. O. T. Benson

Physician & Surgeon  
Office hours 10:15 and 3:15.  
Glen Ullin, N. Dak.

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## NOTICE!

I will sell any place in Morton County, if you have a Farm Sale let me have it and get you the highest price. If you want to sell your land, list it with me and get quick returns. If you want a cow or horse, let me know for I have them on hand all the time. Address—B. H. Erb, Almont, N. D. For Dates see the Arena.—Adv.

## 100 Rhode Island Red chickens

for sale.—Address Capt. C. P. Hall, Almont, N. D., adv4p-1

## FOR SALE—35 Bronze Turkeys.

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## LAND FOR SALE, CHEAP—Fine

quarter section of land few miles from Almont. Good barn, good house, two good wells. Land part under cultivation. Nearly all can be farmed. Splendid piece of property and away down in price. All complete to work—barns, machinery, etc at a very low price. Address ABC, Box 167, Almont, N. D. Advt.

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## LAND LIND LAND

Several choice pieces of land in the vicinity of Judson, N. D., for sale or trade for northern Wisconsin Delta farms. What have you to trade? Address X, care of Arena office, Almont, North Dakota. Adv.

## The land pulpit was occupied

last Sunday by Professor Thomas of Jamestown College.

## Report of the Condition of the Farmers State Bank

ASSETS	
Cash and checks	\$4,251.19
Loans and discounts	2,845.00
Real estate	1,200.00
Stocks, bonds, and other securities	1,200.00
Other real estate	8,500.00
Due from other banks	1,000.00
Checks and other cash items	1,000.00
Total	\$20,996.19
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid up	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	2,000.00
Reserve fund	2,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	8,000.00
Time certificates of deposit	1,000.00
Checks and other cash items	1,000.00
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WILSON ON TRUSTS

The President Outlines Legislative Policy of the Administration.

WILL NOT HAMPER BUSINESS

Programme of Executive Founded on Common Conviction That 'Private Monopoly is Indefensible and Intolerable.'

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Woodrow Wilson read his special message dealing with the trust question before the members of congress today.

The Message in Full. Gentlemen: In the report 'On the State of the Union' which I had the privilege of reading you on the second of December, last, I stated that the trust question is at a later date the subject of additional legislation regarding the very difficult and intricate matter of trusts and monopolies.

Mutual Understanding Urged. Legislation has its atmosphere, like everything else, and the atmosphere of legislation is of great importance.

Country Ready for Legislation. The country is ready to accept and accept with cheer, as well as approval, a law which will under the Interstate Commerce Commission.

What we are proposing to do, therefore, is to hamper or interfere with business.

Business of the country as a whole, also, has long awaited and has suffered and more explicit legislation.

Country Would Approve. The opinion of the country would instantly approve of such a commission.

Anti-Trusts Club Formed. Patrons. N. J.—Any person who takes the time to read my special message...

to do can be done in a new spirit, in a spirit of freedom without restriction of any untoward kind.

Private Monopoly is Indefensible. We are all agreed that 'private monopoly is indefensible and intolerable' and our programme is founded on that conviction.

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It is believed that this kind of plant is essentially of Asiatic origin. It could have been brought into Europe by neolithic invaders.

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Price of Realty in Rome. In the big cities of the Old World the highest value seems to belong to a property in Rome.

It is the principal centers of offices and shops values do not amount much above \$100 a square foot.

Too Risky. It is not safe to bartender do it he don't give you a drink you'll drop dead.

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Evidence That Men of the Stone Age Enjoyed Dairy Fare, Such as We Do Today.

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Looks That Way. 'If you are good we will come back to earth a nation of slaves.'

'Some people prefer to take no chances on that possibility.'

'They prefer to lead double lives now.'

Modern Orientation. Thornton-Panthe Flashley carries her handrail by her stocking.

THE MAYOR SAYS:

In His Home No Other Remedy So Effective for Colds as Peruna.

Washington, Georgia. 'I herewith relate to my commandant of Peruna. It certainly has benefited our daughter in every instance when she was suffering from cold.'

'I have frequently used Peruna in my family and have found it an excellent remedy for colds and also a tonic. I often recommend it to my friends.'

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Enough for One Man to Do. 'I've written a song.'

'Then he sang it with that. Don't exist on anything it also.'

Potamunades Dyes do not stain the kettle. Adv.

There is no effect without a cause. The girl with pretty feet never gets the bottom of her skirt muddy.

WOMAN REFUSES OPERATION

Tells How She Was Saved by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Logansport, Ind.—'My baby was over a year old and I had to give it a burden to myself. I suffered from female trouble so I could not stand on my feet and I felt like millions of needles were pricking me all over.'

'At last my doctor told me that all that would save me was an operation, but I refused.'

'I told my husband to get me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I would try it before I would submit to any operation.'

'He did so and I improved right along. I am now doing all my work and feeling fine.'

'I hope other suffering women will try your Compound. I will recommend it to all I know.'

'Mrs. DANIEL D. B. DAVIS, 110 Franklin St., Logansport, Ind.'

Since we guarantee that all conditions which we publish are genuine, it is not fair to suppose that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has the virtue to help those women who help any other woman who is suffering in the same manner.'

'If you are ill do not drag along until an operation is necessary, but at once take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.'

'Write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (consultants) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.'

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yield immediately to Sloan's Liniment. It relieves aching and swollen parts instantly. Reduces inflammation and quietens the aching pain. Don't rub it penetrates.

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Kills Pain—free quick relief from chest and throat affections. If you use Sloan's Liniment it will cure you.

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GALLSTONE

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Woodrow Wilson read his special message dealing with the trust question before the members of congress today.

The Message in Full. Gentlemen: In the report 'On the State of the Union' which I had the privilege of reading you on the second of December, last, I stated that the trust question is at a later date the subject of additional legislation regarding the very difficult and intricate matter of trusts and monopolies.

Mutual Understanding Urged. Legislation has its atmosphere, like everything else, and the atmosphere of legislation is of great importance.

Country Ready for Legislation. The country is ready to accept and accept with cheer, as well as approval, a law which will under the Interstate Commerce Commission.

What we are proposing to do, therefore, is to hamper or interfere with business.

Business of the country as a whole, also, has long awaited and has suffered and more explicit legislation.

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It is the principal centers of offices and shops values do not amount much above \$100 a square foot.

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Looks That Way. 'If you are good we will come back to earth a nation of slaves.'

'Some people prefer to take no chances on that possibility.'



# The Essayan Statue

An Audacious Heist of Nikolai, Independent Agent, as Related by His Lieutenant, Summers  
By H. M. BOBERT

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I like to remember incidents that Nikolai's series of successes and vengeance, when he allowed his sub-hunter to play like a lambent flame about his imagination, when tragedy turned comedy and success was not purchased by tears. The case of the Essayan statue well illustrates the lighter side of Nikolai's nature.

Everybody in London came to know Essayan after he forced the famous combination lock. He had made millions and from the humble post of officer of a little revolutionary Armenian club, he became one of the city's leading bankers. Simultaneously his views underwent a change, as Nikolai discovered when he called on him.

"What?" shouted Essayan. "Con- tribute fifty thousand dollars to the revolutionary party? You must be crazy."

"Six months ago," said Nikolai thoughtfully, "you were bowing for vengeance upon Russia through the columns of your newspaper, and begging subscriptions for your Armenian compatriots against the threat of your country."

Essayan stroked his paunch, checked his watch and said:

"Maybe I did, but I am a millionaire. My views have changed."

Nikolai looked round. We were seated in Essayan's private museum, in which he stored his statues. Essayan had gone in for culture. His collection must have worth millions. Treasures of the East and West adorned his galleries; there was an original Venus of Praxiteles, a Hermes by Phidias, busts of the great artists had been striven for the bank.

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"You must have spent five millions on that collection of art," he said.

"Twelve million," said Essayan gravely. "They are all broken things that they tell me that they have had to be just as they are. Every statue has some part missing. I don't understand it myself—but they cost twelve millions."

Nikolai got him on to talk of his hobby. It was evident that the Armenian took only a shadowy interest in the art side of his collection. He did not, in fact, remember whether it was an Apollo that had the missing arm or his Jupiter whose leg was gone.

"The Herkules," said Nikolai, "is your favorite?"

"Herkules? No, my favorite is the Venus of Praxiteles. It's something like a sample of the Italian marbles that's going to cost me half a million."

Now, Mr. Essayan, said Nikolai, if you can spare ten millions for your confounded art hobby you can give me fifty thousand for the Armenian cause. Handily.

"Yet I'll wager you that before the year is out I'll find you've spent five or six million on the gallery for three times the amount I've asked you."

"No, you won't," answered the banker, proudly, because from within the bank of that money my nucleus goes to be bold and barrel and guard, and nobody's going to enter here."

Nikolai could not resist the temptation when we were outside.

"The selfish bog!" he muttered. "He spends twelve millions on that stuff when fifty thousand would rebuild those villages that the Russians burned last year, leaving hundreds of the countrymen homeless. Well, Summers, we'll win three times that amount and reach the second of a reason."

"Nikolai," I said, "I confess that breaking into a banker's house in London does not appeal to me. It isn't feasible. This is America and what can be done in Europe won't go here."

"It'll do the breaking in," said Nikolai. "Or rather, we'll be carried into the gallery by state and requested to spend the night there alone by Mr. Essayan. All you will be required to do will be to carry the statue to a blanket when I throw it."

I knew that some audacious scheme had already been hatched by my companion, but Nikolai refused to enter himself of it. The year had several months to run and for two months we did nothing, each of us occupying ourselves in the neighborhood of the banker's house. Once we encountered Essayan as he was leaving his house.

"When are you going to sell me my own statue?" he asked me.

"Lucky!" he said. "You shall have it by the end of the year. I'll be sure to terminate in a padlock."

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This plan I carried into effect. The baker was in the country. I had learned, and the house deserted. I had the easiest matter to accomplish my scheme. Soon after midnight I drove up toward Essayan's house. I duly stopped the machine, uttered an exclamation of anger, descended, and hurried into the grand entrance. As I had anticipated, the watchman passed on his rounds.

"Broken down?" he inquired sympathetically.

"Not doing this for fun," I answered, with feigned indignation. He watched me for a minute and then resumed his patrol of the house. The moment that he disappeared, I sprang from under the machine, seized the blanket I had brought, and what I felt to be the appointed signal. Then, looking up, I saw Nikolai's head appear from an upper window.

Nikolai motioned with his hand; I spread the blanket and braced myself to receive the weight of the statue. To my astonishment, however, I received not what I had expected, but an oblate sphere, that bursted heavily through the air and descended into the receptacle. I glanced at it hastily. It was the fore part of a female head—of course in marble.

I laid it down steadily and advanced up stairs. Once near an object descended. This time it was a leg—a marble leg, worthy of an Apollo. I caught it and hastened beneath the automobile again, concealing my treasure, just in time to hear the watchman's tramp as he came round the

corner. I pretended to be very busy with the machine. He halted for a moment, glanced at me, and when he resumed his beat.

But why was Nikolai cutting up the statue pieces? The next object that came down to me was a single hand. I looked up; I thought I saw Nikolai smiling. The situation was an absurd one.

"Don't cut it up so fine," I whispered. "I do not know whether he heard. A single finger next descended, but as I had time to utter a gasp, the weight of a torso and the hind part of a head, which seemed to me to be the complementary piece of the first one that had descended. Again I sought the safety of the bottom of the automobile. The watchman passed by once more, and I thought best to crawl out.

"It's the carburetor," I explained, with a very dim understanding of the meaning of the term. "And if I think you're going to stop me, I'll have a very nice repair shop in the neighborhood."

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book we should be compelled to bail. Multitudes took up the chase. We turned on about the Common, shot across the grass, and sped about the deserted glades beneath the old trees; and all the while the policeman followed us, sliding now behind, now at our side. "We could go shake him off," suddenly a desperate expedient occurred to me. I turned, and sprang among the fragments of the disintegrated statue, I found the leg. I strove with the ankle and, taking aim, flung it with all my might at our pursuer. It struck him squarely between the chin. He swayed and toppled from his legs, and went crashing with it upon the ground. Nikolai pulled me up to a standstill, sprang out, and pecked up our useful woman. He brought it back broken into two parts but still serviceable. The policeman remained stunned upon the ground.

"Then, speeding on the machine, we reached the streets, and a few minutes after we were leaving the city by our rear as we tore out toward the country."

We were safe, but, looking at the pieces of the statue, I wondered how Nikolai proposed to sell them to Essayan.

"I'll sell them to London," he said. "I'll sell them to London to his agent here." Nikolai explained to me on the following day, as we sat to supper in our London hotel.

"That there is an art expert; you can't deceive him," I explained. "He knows all the statues which he

summers," he said, "and what struck me at once was a very methodical condition of Essayan's statue. Hardly a one had a crack, and the center of the body. And then I remembered Essayan's comment upon this fact, and how he had boasted that he did not know one from a statue that was only that he had paid out twelve million dollars for them."

"Now, my plan was simple. I did not intend to steal a statue. I planned to steal parts of several statues; to show a leg from one that had two legs, an arm from another that had two arms; a torso from a statue that was only a torso; and fingers and legs and arms and other members to make up my complete art object."

Summers, my plan exceeded all your expectations. I have robbed Essayan of an entire statue; yet a still fully tax it to be done that the best art fool will never discover that he has lost anything."

To this the passage here with us, the following day, I was called out from the town toward Russia.

"A daring robbery was attempted last night at the house of Mr. Essayan the well-known banker. I would have liked to see the statue in an automobile, and had almost succeeded in effecting an entrance when they were arrested by the slabs of the city. A severe struggle followed, but the night watchmen having foiled their attempt to kidnap him, the statue machine, and the statue, were taken to the police station. The police officer No. 2274 saw the statue upon his motor-cycle and followed the burglars as far as the Common, where he was struck by some automobile and filled unconscious. The thieves succeeded in escaping and so far have been traced, though it is thought that the identity of the statue and of the man known to Mr. Essayan—who had, in fact, been led to expect just such an attempt. It is believed that Mr. Essayan's art collection was the object of the attempt. However, a careful examination by Mr. Essayan revealed the fact that the gallery was never entered."

A month later Nikolai and I were in London, in the guise of art agents from the Levant. We interested Mr. Herkules in our statue.

"Dig up your candle, friends," said Nikolai, in broken English. "The mutilated condition is ascribed to the fact that the statue was desecrated and buried by an earthquake about the time of Augustus."

"It has been placed together creditably and here, containing it with extraordinary interest. A truly remarkable piece of work. I should say that it had been made experimentally, as you saw in the various schools of the civilized world about the time of Christ. Other statues, for instance, show the influence of the Egyptian school, but this head seems to have been modeled after the school of Phidias; here we have one leg of extraordinary beauty, and a fine example of the school of Roman work. It is a masterpiece, prepared by pupils in the best school. As a curiosity, I should like to see the artist's name as engraved on the base of the statue. How much do you want for it?"

"The hundred thousand dollars, Summers," said Nikolai.

"All if a hundred and fifty thousand, and I'll purchase it," said Herkules.

Nikolai agreed immediately.

"By the way," he continued, when Herkules had signed the necessary papers, "the Mr. Essayan who received the mysterious statue many years ago, was not the same man as the man who was killed in the street. Tell him to look inside and find whether there is not something written in English upon a piece of paper."



NOT A PENNY ANSWERED ESSAYAN.

### MATTERS TO PONDER OVER

Some Timely Thoughts That Will Be Found Worth More or Less Consideration.

I like to talk about the "good old times" once in awhile, but I believe the new times are better. Compare the comfort of life and the facilities for enjoying a large number of the present day with those of 25 years ago and you will agree with me. I think we are living in the best time and in the best country the world ever saw, but some of us have not yet found it out.

You've almost left what kind of a farmer a man is by the title of his mowing machine. The best kept machinery makes the least noise.

Too many of us believe in co-operation. It is a very good thing. You help me and I'll help myself.

The man who can afford to dress his wife and daughter comfortably and well and who does so is a very good fellow.

God save woman's body the most beautiful thing on earth and be intended that it should be properly clothed and cared for.

Many a boy's heart has been hurt and his eyes dimmed by some less than ideal woman's retention of his personal appearance and ingenuity. The young man who is a very good fellow should be able to do it.

Method of Teaching English.

There is a very good method of teaching English. It is to teach the student to read and to understand what he reads. This can be done by having the student read a book and then discuss it with the teacher. The teacher should not give the student the answers, but should help him to find them for himself.

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