

Iowa State Bystander.

BY BYSTANDER FOR CO. IOWA CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The house adopted a special order for the consideration of the general debate on the currency bill.

Washington, Dec. 11.—An appeal by Mr. Mason of Illinois for an expression of sympathy for the President in his war with Great Britain was the feature of the senate proceedings today.

The feature of the opening day of the debate on the currency bill in the house was the speech of Mr. Doolittle.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Whether Admiral Dewey, acting for the United States government, formally or informally, recognized the Philippine republic in the letter which he addressed to the Philippine congress.

There is such great pressure for time on the part of members on both sides who desire to participate in the debate in the house.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Today's session of the senate committee on the currency bill was a routine business session.

Washington, Dec. 11.—On a motion of Senator Chandler, a resolution was adopted asking the President to call the attention of the public to the fact that the bill for the reorganization of the executive branch of the government.

The debate on the currency bill in the house today was a very protracted one.

Washington, Dec. 12.—President Steyn sent the following details of the fight at Stormberg Junction: "The British with six cannons attacked the Boers and stormed the entrenched positions on the kopjes."

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—The Plain Dealer says: "A party of twenty-five young Irish-Americans has left this city to join the Boers in their fight against Great Britain."

Washington, Dec. 14.—Common words and phrases may be adopted as legal and distinctive trade marks.

THE NEWS IN IOWA

OVER \$500,000

Asked by the Trustees of the State Agricultural College.

D. A. MOINES, Dec. 9.—The following sums are asked by the trustees of the state agricultural college for its needs during the next five years:

It is asked that a tax of 1-10 of a mill be levied for the next five years to meet the above requirements.

State Horticultural Society Asks Congress For Free Fruit From It.

Des Moines, Dec. 15.—At the state horticultural society convention the San Jose scale came up for consideration.

USED KNIFE ON HIS TEACHER.

School Principal at Lehigh Stabbed by an Unruly Pupil.

FORT DODGE, December 13.—Principal O'Malley of the public schools at Lehigh, twelve miles south of Fort Dodge, was seriously stabbed by James Elsbury, an incorrigible pupil.

A MURDER IN LEE COUNTY.

Charles Mayhew, Kills His Stepson, Joe Fields.

BURLINGTON, Dec. 13.—Charles Mayhew, his stepson, Joe Fields, and his nephew, Lou Fields were returning from Fort Madison to Burlington, all more or less drunk.

JUDGE WINSLOW DEAD.

He Was One of Iowa's Most Prominent Jurists.

NEWTON, Dec. 13.—Hon. H. S. Winslow died at his home in Newton after an illness of several months.

Smallpox at Coalfield.

OSKAHOOSA, Dec. 15.—The little mining town of Coalfield, twelve miles south of Oskaloosa, in the corner of Monroe county, is afflicted with smallpox.

Lead Ore Under Zinc Ore.

DUBUQUE, Dec. 14.—Robert Rush, a colored porter on the Illinois Central road, shot himself in a sleeping car lying at the company's depot.

Shot by an Editor.

BELDEN, Neb., Dec. 12.—J. M. Blakiron, a wealthy stockman, was killed by C. F. Harris, a newspaper man.

BREVITIES.

The family of Joseph Kolz, of Burlington, was poisoned by eating stale cheese.

IS INAUGURATED.

W. S. Taylor is Now Governor of the State of Kentucky.

NEWS IN GENERAL

GENERAL PILAR KILLED.

MANILA, Dec. 15.—Major March with 300 men, arrived at Cervantes, in the heart of the Tiliad mountains, on the evening of Dec. 3, about twenty hours behind Aguinaldo, who had believed he had found an inaccessible refuge.

BRITISH SORTIE.

Troops Sent Out From Ladysmith Capture and Destroy Boer Gun.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The war office publishes the following dispatch from General Buller:

SENATE ORGANIZATION.

Republicans Adopt Changes Made by Committee on Rules.

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W. S. Taylor is Now Governor of the State of Kentucky.

TEN THOUSAND GUNS SURRENDERED.

Major of Tunis Reveals Hiding Place of Cuban Arms.

ALLEN IS CHOSEN.

HANDITS HARD TO CAPTURE.

Difficult Feature of the Philippine Situation.

MANILA, Dec. 13.—Colonel Smith, with a detachment of the Seventeenth infantry, surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui a party of guerrillas who had made their headquarters there.

A FIERCE ENGAGEMENT.

British Mistake Enemy's Strength and Sustain Heavy Losses.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The war office has received the following from Gen. Methuen dated December 13:

BRITISH LOSSES.

Very Much Greater Than at First Reported.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The official report gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing of all arms in the engagement of Sunday and Monday north of Modder river as 817.

WHAT THE DEFEAT MEANS.

Undecided Cape Colony Farmers Will go to the Boers.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—It is hardly too much to regard General Gatacre's repulse near Stormberg as the most serious defeat British arms have yet sustained in the whole campaign.

WOOD IS GOVERNOR.

BAD BRITISH DEFEAT.

Over Six Hundred Men Numbered Among the Missing.

British Missing..... 600 British Killed..... 2 British Wounded..... 80

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The war office publishes a dispatch from General Forester-Walker at Cape Town, saying that General Gatacre reports as follows:

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The British forces in South Africa have met with a signal defeat. This sensational news was officially announced from the war office, General Gatacre admitting that he had met with a serious reverse in an attack Sunday morning on Stormberg, in northern Cape Colony.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—According to the reports brought into the British camp at Putter's Kraal by spies, the Stormberg column of Boers numbered 2,500 men, and the position and circumstances appeared to favor a surprise and a night attack.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

THE GREATEST VIRTUE IN INDUSTRY.

LUCK IS BLEAMED WITH A LOT OF MISFORTUNES.

TRUCK TANKS FOR FREIGHT ENGINES.

VERY MUCH GREATER THAN AT FIRST REPORTED.

WAS A DESPERATE FIGHT.

WOOD IS GOVERNOR.

You're Gambling!

It's too risky, this gambling with your cough. You take the chance of its wearing off. Don't! The first thing you know it will be down deep in your lungs and the game's lost.

You can now get Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in a 25 cent size, just right for an ordinary cold.

ONE IS APT TO STRIKE A HAPPY VEIN IN THE VICINITY OF THE FUNNY BONE.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY, TAKE LAXATIVE PINKETTS.

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LUCK IS BLEAMED WITH A LOT OF MISFORTUNES WHICH IT IS IGNORANT.

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DO YOU COUGH? DON'T DELAY TAKE KEMP'S BALMSAM.

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DR. ARNOLD'S COUGH CURE.

PENSIONS DOUBLE OR QUINCE.

# That Mysterious Major...



BY KYREL A. SOUTHAM

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)  
"Oh, dear, yes!" assented Falkland readily. "It was the talk of London. Well, what have you discovered?"  
"Why, that a man who answers to the description of a suspicious-looking person who disappeared from England in rather peculiar circumstances at the time of all those forgeries is supposed to have left New York on the steamer City of Chicago on the 12th of this month; and, should this really be so, he ought to have arrived in Liverpool at the beginning of the week. Just as you were speaking of this Brown of London it struck me—"

"That he might be the forger himself? Ah, perhaps he is," exclaimed Evelyn, with a gleam of amusement in her eyes. "Let us all keep a careful watch upon him, and do our best to gain the reward which somebody has offered for him."  
"Very well, Miss Eve; you may depend upon me to help you in your investigations. My services are at your disposal whenever you may require them," was Falkland's reply; but, though the words were uttered lightly, there was a sort of resolution lying beneath his apparent carelessness. "Only do not forget to take care of your own cheque-books, or in the meanwhile you may find he has been dipping pretty heavily into your exchequer as well. But goodbye for the present. I shall be coming again to see for which night you will like tickets for the theater, and then I will telephone down."

As the door closed behind the tall, rather gaunt, but at the same time prepossessing form of Gilbert Falkland, Lady Howard sank back in her chair with a sigh of supreme satisfaction.  
"Dear me, what should we do without that man? He is really too good

would never have troubled to think anything more about it if Mr. Falkland had not declared that this man must have known something of her name and had taken the earliest opportunity of trying to make her acquaintance.

But now, since he had told her what really villainous characters were constantly to be found at such quiet seaside hotels as the "Royal George," she began to realize that, if this Mr. Brown were one of the number, he would be capable of anything, and, seeing her coming, had probably hidden her letter in order to obtain the necessary excuse for addressing her.

"Well, at any rate, he shall not speak to me again!" mentally resolved Miss Luttrell, as she stirred her coffee and buttered a piece of toast. "Mr. Brown of London is mistaken if he imagines that Aunt Lydia and I are two helpless individuals whom he can take in and impose upon as he likes. He had better try—that is all!"

## CHAPTER IV.

Evelyn, however, had reckoned without her host. Later in the morning she was hurrying upstairs with a message to her aunt's maid, when, as she was somewhat breathlessly mounting the last flight, a tall figure, which she recognized at a glance as Major Brown's, suddenly appeared at the top of the staircase, which he was just about to descend.

Summoning all her dignity to her aid and with her head set proudly back, Miss Luttrell had prepared to pass on quickly without deigning him more than a coldly regal bow, when to her amazement, as his eyes met hers, he immediately paused before her.

"I beg your pardon, Miss Luttrell, but I believe I have found some lost property of yours. Did you not drop

by keeping aloof from her in this way he was making the slightest progress towards the stage of friendship at which he was resolved sooner or later to arrive. What should he do with himself? Go for a stroll in the town? Yes; anything would be better than dawdling away his time as he had been doing all the morning. He was on the point of withdrawing when footsteps beneath the window and voices in slight but decided altercation arrested his attention.

"No; it is of no use—you are not to come! I want to have a quiet afternoon under the trees, so that I can read my book without any chance of an interruption. I have just reached a most exciting point, and I am dying to see how it all ends."

"But how can my presence affect your peace and comfort if I promise not to speak? Surely, if I bring plenty of literature of my own in which I am equally interested, you cannot object—"

"Yes; but I do. I know so well what would happen. Just at the most pathetic part, when the hero and heroine were plunged in the depths of despair, you would look calmly up from one of Reuter's most masterly telegrams, to discover me with tears streaming down my cheeks. No, Mr. Falkland—go into Saltcliffe, as you had arranged, buy a new flower for your coat and—"

But at that point the voices and footsteps passed out of hearing. The Major shrugged his shoulders and knocked the ashes somewhat impatiently off his cigar as he suddenly found himself lost in a vague mental speculation as to how far those enterprises would fall or succeed. All the same, there was a slight frown upon his forehead as he turned away from the window; and, apparently forgetting his resolution to take a walk round the town, he threw himself into a low chair, to puff away at his cigar with renewed energy.

The hour of three had struck in loud measured tones before he roused himself again; and then, as though by instinct, he returned to his post at the window just in time to catch a glimpse of Miss Luttrell and a large white parasol disappearing across the lawn in the direction of an inviting clump of trees.

So the fellow had fallen, after all! Involuntarily a smile rose to the Major's face, a particularly unsympathetic smile.

"Poor beggar!" he ejaculated. (To be continued.)

## Chagrin.

Men who expect to fail, instead of expecting to succeed, are very seldom the victims of chagrin. It is the men of great capacities who are the worst victims of chagrin, it is, indeed, one of the most serious set-offs against the advantage of early distinction. It is, perhaps, a greater misfortune to have learned to expect that obstacle after obstacle will go down before you than to have learned to expect that you will break your shins over them, and have reason to rejoice when you do not break them fatally or too often.

The root of almost all chagrin is vexation with yourself—often a vexation quite as ill-founded as is the vexation of a man who has never been out in a whirlwind, when he finds that he cannot make way against it, though he had always previously made way against the wind. There is nothing of which the strong have less experience than of the forces which may be brought against them in this world; and nothing is more natural nor more unreasonable than to resent your own weakness when you ought only to be acknowledging the magnitude of your difficulties. The true remedy for chagrin is to realize how full the universe is of forces against which you have never yet measured yourself, and of the complexity of the causes by which they are constituted. It is quite as unjust to yourself to be able to surmount a cataract, as it is perfectly just to anticipate making way against an ordinary current or a strong tide.

Great success under difficulties of one kind prepares a man to overestimate unduly his power against difficulties of a very different kind, and to waste himself in chagrin if he does not turn them to wax in his hands.—London Spectator.

## Ancient Wedding House.

In olden times certain towns and villages in England used to possess a wedding house, where poor couples, after they had been wedded at church, could entertain their friends at small cost, the only outlay being the purchase of such provisions for their guests as they brought with them, the house for the day being given free of payment. At Braughing (or Brashington), in Hertfordshire, there was a wedding house of this kind, which had a large kitchen with a cauldron, large spits and dripping pan; a large room for merriment, and a lodging-room, with good linen. At Great Yeldham, in Essex, there was another such house, which was used by the poorer folk for a church. As the practice became obsolete the wedding house was turned into a school. In 1456 Roger Thornton granted to the mayor and community of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, the use of the hall and kitchen belonging to Thornton's hospital, for the use of young couples, when they were married to make their wedding dinner in, and receive the offerings and gifts of their friends.

Why Purple Became the Imperial Color Purple became the imperial color because of its enormous cost and rarity. The only purple known to the ancients was the Tyrian purple, which was obtained in minute quantities only from a Mediterranean species of shell fish, called the murex. In the time of Cleopatra, wool, dyed with this color, was so excessively dear that a single pound weight cost a thousand denarii, or about thirty-five pounds sterling. A single murex only yielded a little drop of the secretion, consequently very large numbers had to be taken in order to obtain enough to dye even a very small amount of wool. Among more than one of the nations of antiquity it was death for any person but the sovereign or supreme judges to wear garments dyed with Tyrian purple. The accession of Julius Caesar a law was passed forbidding any private person to wear it.

Beyond Doubt.  
"Who was the scientist that made the discovery that baldness is a sign of intellect?"  
"I don't know his name. All I know is that he was bald."

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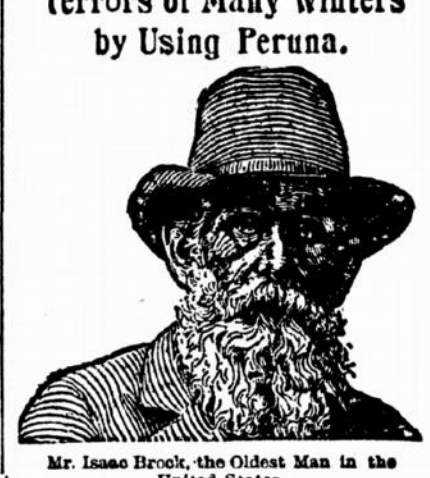
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in troubling himself so much about us and our concerns."

Lady Howard spoke feelingly. "Nobody could have ever taken the reins of government more unwillingly into her own hands than her ladyship had done upon the death of her husband three years before, when she had been left a rich but somewhat helpless widow, with a large estate and three growing children. In the years of her married life everything had devolved upon Sir Wilfred; and, though, as time wore on, she became more accustomed to her sense of perfect independence, and had actually consented to an additional care in the shape of the guardianship of her niece, her brother's child, she was still only too thankful if any one would relieve her a little of the weight of the responsibilities which hung so heavily upon her shoulders.

Consequently Gilbert Falkland, whom they had chanced to meet upon the continent for the first time in a month before, but who had introduced himself as one of the late Sir Wilfred's oldest friends, had found his attentions thoroughly acceptable to the widow; and, as it happened that he had been going by the same route as Lady Howard and her niece, he had constituted himself courier and guide, and had taken upon his own shoulders all the troubles and worries inseparable from continental traveling.

At some in England once more, fortune had thrown Mr. Falkland across their path again, and Lady Howard was only too pleased if he would still do anything for her, even if it were merely to arrange a drive or decide which of the pieces at the theaters was really worth seeing.

But Evelyn scarcely heard the sigh of contentment which had followed Mr. Falkland's departure. Her thoughts were running in quite another direction; for, in spite of the nonchalance with which she had laughed away Gilbert Falkland's observations upon the encounter with the man in the hall, his words had carried more weight than he had had the satisfaction of imagining.

At the time it had never struck her peculiar that a man who was an absolute stranger to her should have been able to single out from the number of letters which she had first seen when she knew her address, and had then, though, socially as the idea of her mind, as it had been stood in the smoking room with a most dejected expression upon his face. It seemed such a hopeless case to imagine that

a handkerchief in the dining room last evening?"

It was a trifling question, certainly, still it sent the color flaming into the girl's cheeks.

"A handkerchief?" she repeated. "No; I am sure I did not"—with a decided shake of her head.

"Are you quite sure, though, because I feel certain it is yours—at least it has your initials on it?" he returned, producing the article in question and holding up the corner where the crest of the Luttrells was embroidered over the initials "E. C. L." "This is it. Is it not yours?"

Evelyn looked at it astonished. It was impossible to deny the ownership. "Oh, yes—it is mine!"

The admission was made with such reluctance that Major Brown was conscious of a feeling that in delivering up the handkerchief to its rightful owner he was rather under an obligation to her for deigning to accept it than that she owed anything to him.

He was therefore quite astonished at the polite but distant "thank you" which rewarded his efforts, and stood for some minutes lost in contemplation of the slight graceful figure as it retreated down a long corridor.

"It is no go, I am afraid, this time," he muttered half aloud. "Sambo's mistress has scented mischief already."

Yes, undoubtedly his scheme had failed. She had not been so blind as to believe that in both cases his effort to speak to her was merely chance; and the major realized with a sense of the keenest disappointment that, as matters stood, it was practically useless hoping to make the slightest progress toward a more intimate acquaintance.

There was nothing for it therefore but to let things take their own course for a day or two, in the meanwhile preserving such a strict silence, when chancing to encounter Miss Luttrell, as to disarm her of all suspicions, and then to trust to fate to throw her in some way across his path. At any rate, he was prepared to remain an occupant of No. 40, on the second floor of the "Royal George," even if he had to remain until doomsday for that auspicious moment to arrive.

Until doomsday! Yet, when only one hot sultry afternoon, one cool dewy evening, and one sunshiny morning had passed, Major Brown was thoroughly impatient.

It was the afternoon of the second day after his decision, and he was standing at the open window of the smoking room with a most dejected expression upon his face. It seemed such a hopeless case to imagine that

RACE ECHOES.

Joseph H. Douglas, the talented violinist, and grandson of the late Frederick Douglas, has started on a tour of the middle West and South.

The associated press is responsible for the announcement that Tom Johnson a colored man, returned to his home in Hannibal, Mo., with \$500,000 which he had made during his four years, stay in Klondike.

An association known as the Afro-American Cuban Emigration Society, under the management of Capt. John L. Waller, will establish headquarters in New York City about December 1st.

E. H. Taylor, a colored lawyer, of St. Louis Mo., has opened a drug store in that city. The store is in charge of W. C. F. Crews a competent druggist assisted by Mr. George Taylor.

President and Mrs. McKinley tendered a reception to the Bishops and Missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church, at the White House, Thursday, Nov., 16th. Several prominent Negro ministers were present.

Roscoe Conkling Bruce, son of the late Senator B. K. Bruce, has been elected as one of the speakers in the coming debate will occur at Cambridge Mass., Dec. 16

Mr. Jefferson, a Negro resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey, has applied to the supreme court for a writ of mandamus to compel the board of education of that city to admit his son to the Indiana Avenue Public school.

Prof. Scarborough of Wilberforce University, has been elected a member of the American Social Science Association which holds its meeting annually at Saratoga. Prof. Scarborough has the honor of being a member of nine national organizations.

William Hicouorn, a noted Abolitionist and the oldest brother of Commodore Phillips Hichborn, chief naval constructor at Washington, D. C., died while entering the navy yard gate a few weeks ago. He was known to the race as being one of the white men who was willing to give a colored man an opportunity to work at the mechanical trades and advocated the admission of the colored youth to learn them. Among those whom he has assisted and who have made their mark in life, were George Smith, of the well known firm of Smith Brothers, Jeremiah L. Bean, a well known furniture worker and a leading singer in the Saint Francis De-Sales Catholic Church at Charlestown, John D. Powell, Jr., Alexander A. Selden and others. During the war he was associated with such men as Governor John A. Andrew, William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and others of note. He secured the services of a colored man to work as caulker in the yard during the Civil war. All the white caulkers struck, but Governor Andrew stood manfully by Mr. Hichborn's action and secure caulkers from Maine who were glad to work with the colored brother.

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Toy Watch Swallowed. A toy watch, about the size of a quarter, swallowed by Alma Todd, 3 years old, of 225 North Asland avenue, was located in the pit of her stomach by means of X rays. The watch would have caused death ultimately. The little girl is in a precarious condition and a surgical operation will be necessary to remove the timepiece. The little girl swallowed the watch while playing in the parlor of her home. She held it dangling from a chain, and when it fastened became loosened and she started coughing, forcing it down her throat.—Chicago Chronicle.

Orange Free State Flag. The Orange Free State flag is a simple rectangle of vivid orange. An orange tree in full fruit is the most distinctive feature of the arms of the Orange Free State. Beneath the tree are on one side a lion and on the other a number of oxen. An ox-wagon and three suspended horns complete the whole. "Spes Bona"—good hope—is written underneath the arms of Cape Colony, the chief feature of which is a lion rampant. A figure of Hope surmounts the shield, the "supporters of which are a couple of native animals."

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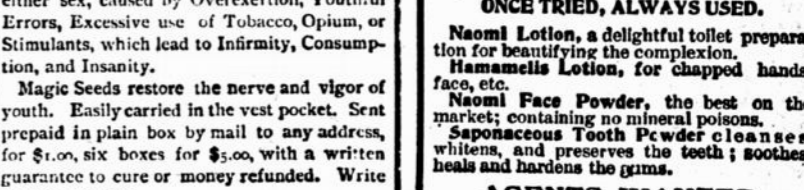


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