

LIVES IN MEMORY

New Yorker Recalls Delightful Evening With Twain.

Satisfied That He Saw Great Humorist at His Best When He Sat by the Fireside and Smoked With Him.

It is only about forty years since I spent a most delightful evening with Mr. and Mrs. Clemens at their newly-built home in Hartford, yet the Sun and New York Herald refers to the house as "one of the oldest residences in New England from the point of construction," says the writer of a letter to that newspaper.

Undoubtedly your reporter wrote that it was "one of the oddest," and he was right. The types were guilty of a characteristic prank.

We sat in front of a goodly old-fashioned fireplace and smoked such tobacco as Mark liked—that is, he and I did—in the long-stemmed clay pipes they call churchwardens, while Mrs. Clemens looked on with smiling tolerance, contributing the gracious charm of her presence to the entertainment he was giving to a casual guest who had scant claim to the hospitality he was enjoying. I had called as a stranger on professional business and had been received socially.

Clemens was at his best—and let me say that best was never bettered by anyone else. His monologue of narrative and epigrams was drawn out through a long evening, as I laughed and Mrs. Clemens smiled, and Mark busied himself cleaning, burning out and filling pipe after pipe—there were a dozen of them standing in the corners of the fireplace—and handing them to me or lighting one for himself as fast or even faster than they were needed. There were two of them all night.

I wish I could remember what he said, but I can recall only one remark, and that was too trivial to repeat, though I laughed at it as heartily as I did at all the other nonsense. It was not what he said so much as the way he said it.

P. T. Barnum, the great showman, told me that he, too, kept on laughing all the time Mark Twain talked to him. "But my wife doesn't," he said. "Mrs. Barnum has not a very keen sense of humor and she is a little afraid of laughing at the wrong time, so she sometimes seems unappreciative when Mark is really funny even for him."

"She has found out for herself, though, a pretty good rule to go by," he continued. "You see, she and I frequently visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clemens, and I noticed after a while that she was always watching Mrs. Clemens, so I asked her why she did it, and she told me that it was because Mrs. Clemens did not always laugh as other people did when Mark spoke. 'But when she laughs,' said Mrs. Bar-

num, 'I know it must be really funny, so I laugh, too!'

"I call that pretty shrewd," continued the old showman with one of his own hearty ha-has, "and I took to doing the same thing myself. It worked well, I must say, for I noticed after a while that Mrs. Clemens never laughed excepting at the very best of Mark's jokes. I suppose she must have got tired laughing all the time before that."

I knew the great man for a long time after that wonderful evening, but I never felt that I knew him any better.

Colossal German Theater.

One of the world's most colossal theaters, and by far the most bizarre, is the great auditorium recently opened in Berlin. The dreary exterior of the building is monstrous, but gives little promise of the surprise within. The curving walls of the foyer, says an illustrated article in Popular Mechanics Magazine for May, merge into a domed roof, supported by carved mahogany columns. The upper portion of each column is formed by many disks that radiate orange and blue light from concealed bulbs. The auditorium itself suggests the Greek open-air amphitheater. The 3,000 seats are ranged in horseshoe plan around an arena, or more properly, an orchestra.

Chess Expert Doomed.

Senor Capablanca has set up as remarkable a record as ever was made in any sport in his chess exhibitions in Great Britain and Ireland. His total score in 1,352 games is 1,253 wins, 71 draws, and 28 losses. His opponents have included all the best English players. He takes them on thirty or more at a time. To each move on the board the Cuban master devotes an average of nine seconds, his victims six minutes. Recalling the tragic history of the great chess experts, of Morphy and others, one asks fearfully, when will Capablanca go insane?—New York Globe.

Made Vacation Profitable.

A unique vacation was that of Dr. William Goodwin, superintendent of the general hospital at Staten Island, who camped for one month in the maple orchard of Frank Taylor of Harwinton, Conn. He combined business with pleasure, worked nights as well as days and made seventy-six gallons of maple syrup.

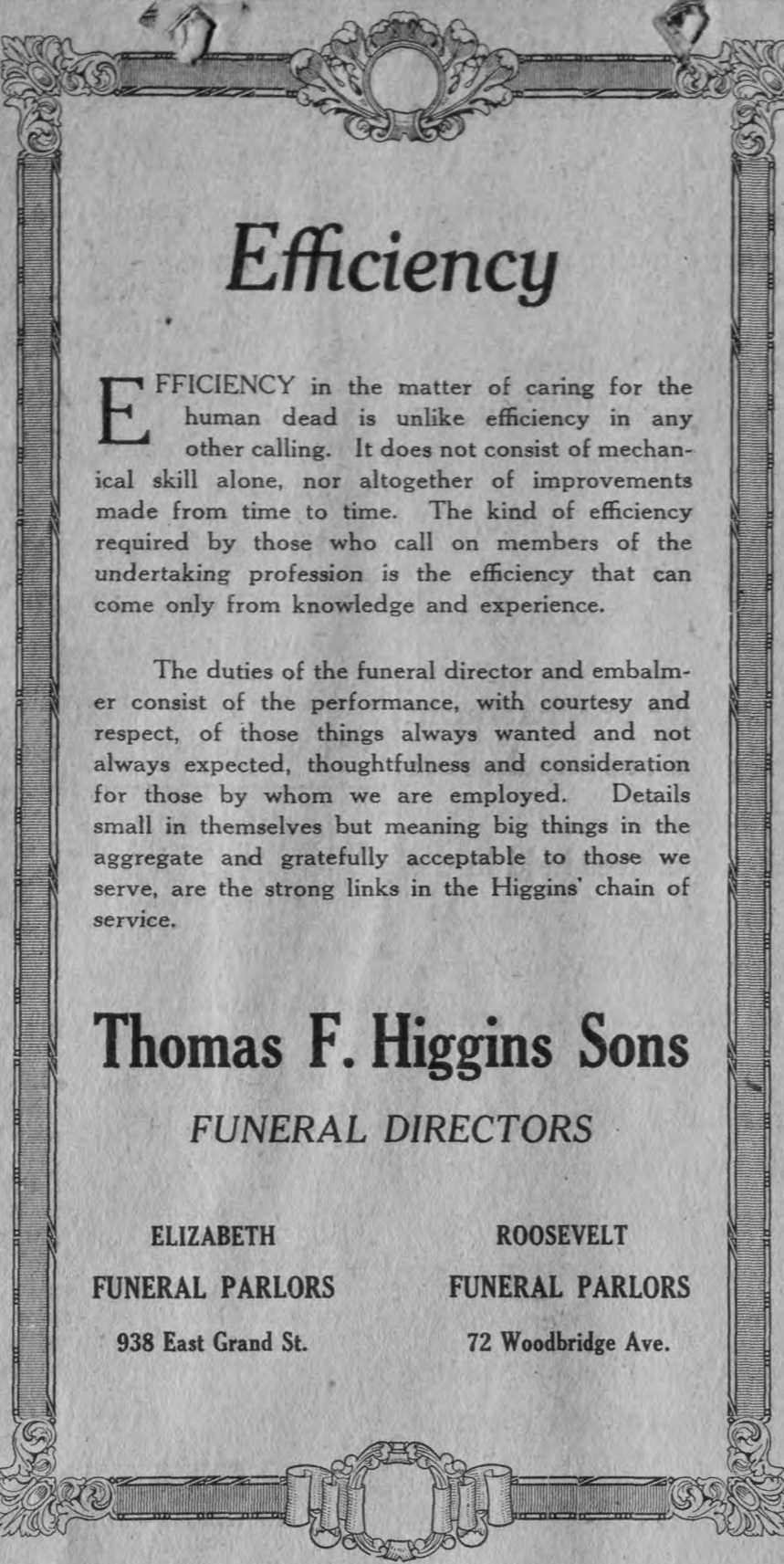
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VOYAGE FAMOUS IN HISTORY

Wooden Paddle Wheel Steamer, the Golden Age, Paved the Way for the Mighty Megantic.

Departure from Sydney recently of the White Star liner Megantic for Liverpool by way of New Zealand, the Panama canal, the West Indies and




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known to exist, but the cost of building a roadway to them would be so great as to be prohibitive. Attention to this phase of the subject has been recently attracted by a report made by Doctor Lyon, supervisor of the mining stations for the United States Bureau of mines. By this means a regular communication could be maintained with sections which are not to be reached by any ordinary means. It is also suggested that the same means might be of great value for getting rescue apparatus to the scene of mining disasters.

Seen in Piccadilly.

A rough little pony in a coster's cart stood near a mansion in Piccadilly on a chilly morning. A pile of logs for firewood was being unloaded and the pony was enjoying the warmth of a somewhat unusual loin-cloth flung over his back. It consisted of a handsome edging of fur attached to a musquash coat, which was seen to belong to a woman who was shifting the wood. So the little rough pony was sharing what was known a year ago as "munition overalls"—because these handsome fur coats were the sign and signature of the girl munition workers, whose sudden enormously increased incomes enabled them to realize the ambitions of their life—a fur coat as good as you please. And very handsome they were, and very well they became the owners—and very contented the pony looked.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, will meet at Fire house No. 2 on July 6, 1920, at 8.15 P. M. to receive and consider objection to the passage of an ordinance providing for the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$22,000 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$22,000 FIRE APPARATUS BONDS OF THE BOROUGH OF ROOSEVELT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Borough of Roosevelt, as follows:

Section 1. That for the purpose of paying the cost of procuring a fire engine and a fire service truck, in and for the Fire Department in and for the Borough of Roosevelt it is necessary to raise the sum of twenty-two Thousand Dollars.

Section 2. That there be issued pursuant to Chapter 252 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1916, as amended by Chapter 240 of the Laws of 1917, bonds of the Borough of Roosevelt, New Jersey, to be known as Fire \$22,000, which bonds shall be dated Apparatus Bonds, in the amount of November 1, 1920 shall bear interest at the rate of five percent. per annum, payable semi-annually on the 1st day of May and the 1st day of December in each year, and shall be in the denomination of \$1,000, numbered from 1 to 22 both inclusive, and shall mature in numerical order, two bonds on November 1, 1922 and one on said day in each year thereafter until 1929 and 1930, in which years three bonds shall mature.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be in such form and payable, principal and interest, as may be provided by resolution of the Borough Council.

Section 4. The Borough Council of the Borough of Roosevelt hereby determines and declares as follows: (a) That the probable period of usefulness of the apparatus referred to in Section 1 hereof is 10 years.

(b) That the average assessed valuation of the taxable real property, including improvements, of the Borough of Roosevelt, computed upon the next preceding three valuations thereof in the manner provided in Section 12 of Chapter 252 of the Laws of 1915, as amended, is \$5,071,928.

(c) That the net debt of the Borough of Roosevelt, computed in the manner provided in said Section 12 of Chapter 252 of the Laws of 1916, not including the amount of bonds authorized by this ordinance, is nil.

(d) That the statement required by Section 12 of Chapter 252 of the Laws of 1916, as amended, has been filed as required by said Act.

Section 5. That there be levied in each year while any of said bonds

shall be outstanding in the same manner and at the same time as other taxes, a tax upon all the taxable property of said Borough sufficient to produce the amount of principal and interest to mature in the succeeding year.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication, as provided by Section 2 of Chapter 252 of the Laws of 1916, as amended, and the Borough Clerk shall have power to select the newspaper in which it shall be published and to specify the date after which the bonds shall be delivered.

Adopted on the first and second reading at regular meeting of the Borough Council held June 7th, 1920.

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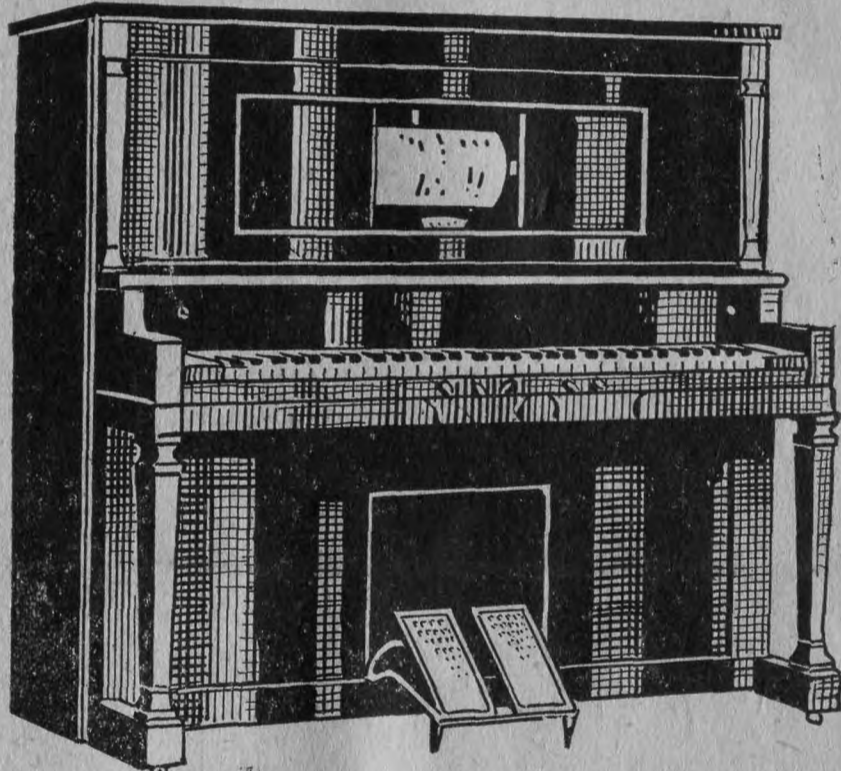
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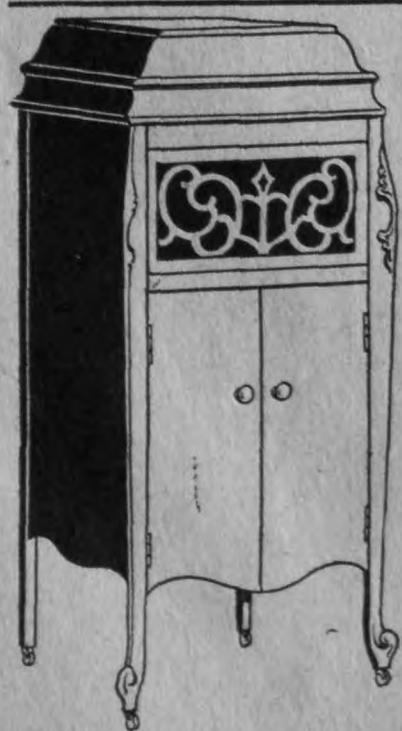
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