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NOT A NICE STORY

A Bit of the History of George Rich ard Houghton of the Board of Trade.

A Divorce That Will Set Milwaukee and Oconomowoc

a-Talking.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—While George Richard Houghton, member of the Chicago club, the Union League club, and a dozen other organizations and once a spectacular trad-er on the board of trade, was preparing his petition in Atlanta, Ga., for a divorce, so that he might marry the daughter of one of the officials of the Georgia Central railway. Mrs. Houghton stepped upon the scene to-day and secured a divorce herself. It was granted by Judge Kav anaugh and with it went an order for alimony amounting to \$21,500.

What Mr. Houghton will say may be

magined better than expressed. But what conomowoc and Milwaukee will say will not be less interesting. It was in the latter town that Grace Kirby and George Houghton were married, and it was at Wisconsin resort that they enter tained their friends for several summers In their summer cottage on the lake the Houghtons entertained the men who are now leaders of the big board of trade movements. There were dances and sup-pers and drives through the woods, to say nothing of the attending parties and, as Mrs. Houghton said, when the season was over a man had to be hired to clear the wine bottles from the grounds.

Mrs. Houghton is the daughter of Colonel Kirby, whose hotel has stood in Milwaukee for over forty years. Her husband was the son of George Houghton, bank president and real estate dealer, who died five months ago, leaving a fortune esti-mated at \$800,000.

Colonel Kirby was wealthy, too, but he lost the greater part of his fortune. Still, he left no inconsiderable sum, and when he died, his bequest of the bulk of it o his son, Oak Kirby, had attached to it the proviso, according to Mrs. Hough-ton, that the young man leave his wife. The bequests to the others amounted to

ractically nothing.
In the divorce ends a romance which, to every one who knew the characters, promised as happy an ending as any told in prose or poetry. Miss Kirby was the prettiest girl in Milwaukee; Houghton was the son of the richest man there. She was pretty, he was clever, and both had money. From this Milwaukee deduced only one thing—that they must be an ideal

Success on the Milwaukee board of trade cago and turned his attention to the giants and battled with them. For a time he will be some lively times about the Spanwon. His first coup came in 1885, when he ish court, and incidents will recall the \$125,000 in one day. In March, two years later, it is said that he made twice that sum, but while it is not denied that ne quit winner by a margin that could be counted only by thousands, the exact amount of his profits never was known ex-

Yet whether Houghton himself knew his profits is a question. He was spending money right and left and if there had been nore points to the compass than there re, doubtless he would have scattered ome of his coin in one of those direc-ions. He purchased a home at Oconomowoc, then a new resort for Chicagoans, and invited all his friends and many oth-

It wasn't long after the Houghtons bean to entertain in this manner before it cago newspapers. Tales nearly as strange pear, and about the same time that this undesirable notoriety came, Houghton got on the wrong side of the market on the board of trade. It took a long time to down him, because his father with his millions was back of him, but finally the crash came, and, unable to met his obligations he was forced to suspend business. In the meantime, four sons had come to the Houghtons. One of them now is pay-ing teller of the Milwaukee National bank. Another is connected with a wire company there. One is in the university of Wis-consin at Madison and another graduated

at the head of his class last June. It was in 1890 that the Houghtons separated. This was shortly after his failure, and since then husband and wife have lived apart. Not quite two years ago he went to Atlanta, Ga., and there, it seems, he met Miss Rachel Montgomery, daughter of one of the officials of the Georgia Cen

her husband was about to apply for a decree of divorce. She hurried to her lawyers, Foley & Wellman, and they drew up her bill, which was presented to Judge Kavanaugh on Saturday. The charge was desertion, and alimony to the amount of \$21,500 was granted. Five days ago Mrs. Houghton found that \$21,500 was granted.

KAISER AT POSEN

He Makes an Excellent Impression by Conciliatory Sentiments.

New York Sun Special Service
Posen, Sept. 3.—Emperor William arrived last evening. The weather was fine. The city was decorated in honor of the occasion. The only foreign military representatives present were Russian officers The streets were densely lined with troops. The civilian rejoicings were confined to the German population. The leading Poles neither decorated their houses nor appeared at the reception to his majesty.

The burgomaster, who is a German, made the speech of welcome. He said he rejoiced that German thought, morality and order had replaced the deepest Polish

degradation. The emperor surprised many by replying in serious conciliatory tones. He thanked the burgomaster for his sentiments, but said that he had signed to-day a decree ordering the removal of the fortifications around Posen, an act which would enable the city to enlarge its boundaries. He urged that wider provision be made for dwellings for the His majesty's speech created an excel-lent impression. The emperor and empress drove at a slow pace through the city.

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The heights at Harpers Ferry guarded the Shenandoah valley. It was a most important stronghold to be desired when some great campaign was planned by either army.

From Harpers Ferry the Shenandoah

either army.
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MAY BE ALFONSO THE BAD

The King of Spain Sadly Disappoints His Pious and Serious Mother.

Chicago, Sept. 3.-William E. Curtis, in in Atlantic City special to the Rec Herald, says:

Having been crowned and relieved from the authority of his plous and serious mother, young King Alfonso of Spain is showing symptoms of self-will and way tics of his father and of his grandmother who is known in the annals of the present dynasty as Isabella the Bad.

Few men of his age exhausted the vices that kings are allowed to practice more thoroughly than the late sovereign of Spain; few women have more sins and crimes to atone for than his mother. Both had what are called "redeeming traits," but, unfortunately, that is only a figure of speech; for no amount of generosity and good nature can atone for evil. Passion is no doubt hereditary, and from three, even four generations, the boy king has inherited tendencies that his mother's great virtues, plety and purity cannot eradicate.

No woman, not even Queen Victoria ever had less sympathy for what are con-sidered "fashionable vices," than Queen Christina. No woman was ever more deout and sincere in the observance of religious duties, or endeavored more ear-nestly to instill her own plety into the soul of her boy. If prayers avail anything, Alfonso XIII. should be the best man and the best king in Europe, for his good mother and the clergyman with whom she is surrounded have made him the subject of continued and most earnest supplication to the throne of grace since the hour of his birth. So carefully was he protected from evil influences that he was not even allowed to see a bull fight, the national sport of Spain, until the week of his coronation, and would not even have seen one then if his mother's wishes could have prevailed. She is very unpopular with the Spanish people because of her religious tendencies. They declare that she cares for nobody but her children and the priests, and that she goes to mass twenty times a day.

Having had a most wretched experience with her husband. Christina evidently hoped and intended that her son should not develop his father's habits and vices, but the strictness of his bringing up and her motherly solicitude do not seem to have changed his nature, for the waywardness and independence which he has ever shown as a child, and for which he was never punished, are already developing in a very troublesome and at times sensational manner. The king is only a little more than 18 years old, and if the disposition he now shows should become more pronounced with his years, and it is escapades and adventures of his father, who was the most reckless and democratic

The European papers, particularly the Paris papers, which have the fullest and most accurate correspondence from Spain, have recently published sensational accounts of incidents which are said to have taken place during the tour which his youthful majesty has been making through the kingdom since his coronation. The Associated Press, which is subject to a censor, has sent brief references to them. Private advices confirm them generally, and say that half the court is laughing and the other half isweeping about the reports, while his loyal loving mother is almost frantic with anxiety and grief because of the little she has heard.

PORTUGUESE SCANDAL

The Crown Jewels Said to Have Been Pledged to Raise Money.

New York Sun Special Service London, Sept. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Express from Lisbon says that a rumor has been current for a time has developed into a grave scandal. It is alleged that the government owing to its need for money has pawned the crown jewels, which are fabulous amount. They included the famous diamond encrusted sceptre of Don Juan IV., which is valued at \$5,000,000. The precious gems embedded in the royal crown are said to have been taken out and paste substituted, the real gems having been sold or pledged to the bank of Portugal. It is reported that the bank is pressing the government for repayment of the money lent.

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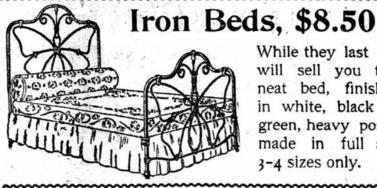
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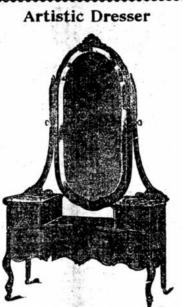
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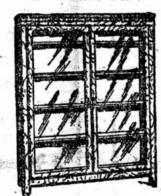


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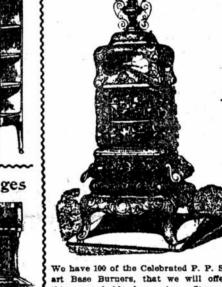
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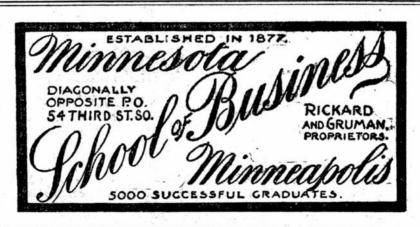


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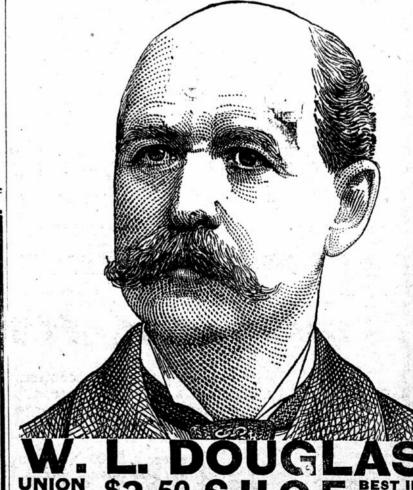
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