

YOUNG WIDOW WILL FIGHT FOR MILLIONS OF HER FATHER-IN-LAW

Disposition of Estate of Samuel S. Brown, Pittsburg Magnate, Reveals Scandal.

LEFT MUCH MONEY TO HIS LATEST PET

Girl at the Last Supper of Dead Son in the Old Man's Affections—Will Was Made as He Lay on His Death Bed.

"After an old man's dying the old man's will."

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Mollified and potted by her father-in-law for 15 years, taught to consider herself his heiress, and introduced everywhere as the daughter of the late Samuel S. Brown, Smoky City magnate and multi-millionaire, can hardly be expected to be surprised.

And a contest in the courts which will enrich lawyers and furnish sensations to satisfy the most scandal-hungry days is promised.

For Mrs. Brown and all the relatives of the dead millionaire asserted his latest will, executed on his death bed, was made under undue influence and is unjust and unfair.

Worth Over \$200,000,000. Samuel S. Brown died at 12 o'clock on December 1st. He left an estate estimated at \$200,000,000. His net worth was conservatively estimated at \$200,000,000. He also left a will, which is the bone of contention.

Mrs. Brown, young widow of the dead magnate's only son, had been told that she was to be his heiress. A copy of the will of the estate was to have been hers. Yet when the will was read, she found herself cut out with a petty batch of bequest bonds and three to go should she re-marry.

But Miss Lewis, bitter enemy of the daughter-in-law, has been benefited to the extent of a quarter of a million and more. She had already supplanted the beautiful Kentucky belle as the heiress of the old man's estate. That was the last straw; then came the open breach.

It is a strange story—how these two young women came into the life of the millionaire. There was a son and a daughter. The old man died

and was still fond of his son's widow. She spent a part of the season with Mr. Brown last year and at the Christmas holidays were approaching she received a hurried call to come to the old man's bedside.

He was dying. The young widow caught the first train. But as she sped through the darkness another will was being made in Pittsburg in the old Brown mansion. With a few strokes of the pen all she had believed was to be hers was blotted out. But no one told her this when she reached Pittsburg the next morning.

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It is an old man's old heart will break, said the old man, bowed under this added weight of woe. There was no one to turn to save his daughter-in-law now. He called her to him one day soon after the funeral, and said:

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BURNING MINES OF UTAH.

Veins of Coal That Have Been Discovered Since They Were Discovered by White Men.

Through a long line of cliffs from Colorado to central Utah, and then southwest toward Arizona, extensive veins of coal are found, and recent geological investigations into the coal formation of the far west has developed what may be termed burning mountain or coal beds, a few of the surface indications of constant combustion for ages past.

These coal fields of Utah are somewhat like and even like the known fields there have been comparatively little explored; therefore very little is known of their productive area.

The ages that have come to the surface in these cliffs nearly 1,000 feet above the bordering desert, and in the mountain cliffs until smothered by the accumulations of ashes and covering of superincumbent rocks. In this the heat of this burning coal has been so intense as to melt the

From surface appearances the fires have gone on since the first point in the canyon of Prince river where the soil is being mined, the rocks are found to be uncomfortably hot and the mines are compelled to retire for fear the fire would again break out.

Other coal fields lie in the desert west of two places near tributaries of the Fremont river the coals are burning, and have been covered by the surface of the earth. The origin of these fires has been the subject of much speculation.

Three explanations are commonly heard among the Mormons who inhabit this peculiar country where the mountains burn.

The explanation is that lightning has been the cause of the fires of these coal beds at various times since these mountains were lifted up.

Another explanation is that the mountains came in contact with the lava flows of the forest fires which the lava flows in this desolate region are too sparse for forest days to occur.

Still another and more common explanation is that the Indians built their campfires in the crevices of the ledges of the mountains against the coal, and it was thus ignited. They point to the fact that there are ruins of the burning of the mountains and that in their day the coals began to burn.

THUNDERBOLT SHEATH.

'Lightning Hole' Made by Descent of Shaft Into Earth.

The following is one of the interesting and valuable bits of information so far that were to be found in the Scientific American.

"Did you ever see the diameter of a lightning flash measured? It is called a 'lightning hole' or 'lightning shaft' and the material it is made of is called lightning. It is made of lightning and will tell you how it was manufactured, though it took only the fraction of a second to form a shaft of lightning.

"Pulverites have been followed into the ground and down to nearly 200 feet. They vary in interior diameter from the size of a quill to three inches or more, according to the force of the lightning. They are found in all directions in solid rocks, though very naturally of a slight depth and frequently extending merely a few inches coating on the surface. Such fulgurites occur in astonishing abundance on the summit of Little Ararat, in Armenia.

ACTING OF THE AMATEUR.

Illustrative Instance of the Work of Ambitious But Incompetent Beginners.

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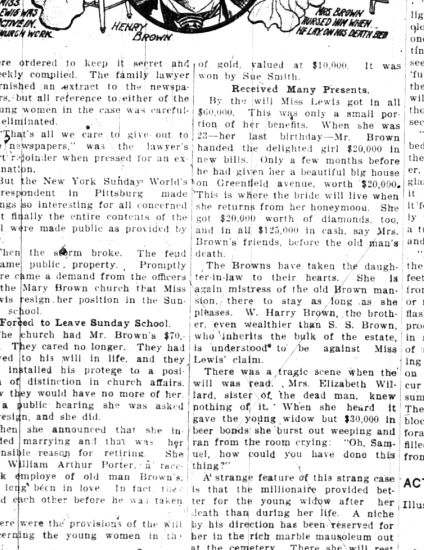
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So deeply is the human impulse toward activity and growth rooted in our natures, that we would find a condition in which it do "the sincerest help." Why, if Heaven were as it is pictured, a haven of perpetual rest, and we all went there, we would organize a strike in two weeks and have the conditions changed.

Making Life Worth While

By PROF. ALBION SMALL.

We know to-day that there is no such thing as irretrievable ruin; by the knowledge and power we have we can rebuild what is destroyed. Had a flood like that which swept away Galveston devastated Rome at the time of Marius or Sulla there would have been no Augustinian age; had Athens been razed by earthquake and fire (such as struck San Francisco) at the time of the battle of Salamis there would have been no age of Pericles.

WIDELY KNOWN AS ANATOMIST

Dr. Edward Anthony Spitzka has recently been elected professor of general anatomy at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Dr. Spitzka, who is in New York, has recently gained an enviable reputation as an anatomist. It is probable that he will now devote his entire time to his favorite branch of scientific study, and teaching.

Dr. Spitzka is a remarkably young man to occupy the important position which he has been appointed. He was born on June 17, 1876, in New York city, and was educated in the public schools and the college.

Dr. Spitzka is the author of more than 20 articles dealing chiefly with the anatomy of the brain, in connection with the pathology of the brain.

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Malized. When they grew up nothing was too good for them. Inception of Romance. Fifteen years ago William Brown, the millionaire's only son, was sent to Kentucky to superintend the building of a railroad in which his father was interested. There he met a blue eyed belle—Grace Metcalf. The boy's head was turned. It was plainly love at first sight. There was a girl in his many charms to the old man in Pittsburg this day.

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