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BITS ABOUT BAD BOYS.

Pricky little Johnnie Pratt Used to torture brother's cat, Used to make that fellow cross Feeding it Tabasco sauce...

THE SPENDERS A Tale of the Third Generation

By HARRY LEON WILSON Copyright, by Lothrop Publishing Company. CHAPTER IX.—CONTINUED. Oldaker, wincing and turning to Miss Binns for sympathy, heard her say: "Yes, do, Mr. Higbee! I do love those ragtime songs—and then they play 'Till Me, Pretty Maiden,' and the 'Internationale'..."

"Good boy! Good for you," cheered the self-made Barbarians, and drank success to the absent disseminator of hardware. With much loud talk of this unedifying character the dinner progressed to an end; through sells d'agueau, floated in '84 champagne, terrapin conroyed by special Madeira of 1850, and carved and dined with Romanes Conti, 1865, to a triumphant finale of Turkish coffee and 1811 brandy.

Something of this air, too, may be noticed in the surviving tenants of these austere relics. Yet it would hardly be observed in this house on this night, for it was only the guests bring the aroma of a later property, but the hearts of our host and hostess beat high with a new hope. For the fair and sometimes un-pleasant and droll, the house of Milbrey, after many ominous mutterings, delays, and frank rebellions, has declared at last her readiness to be a great and distinguished family prestige, distinction and charms of person upon one equipped for their suitable maintenance.

Always her imaginative father is ravishing in fancy the mouldiest vicars of continental Europe. Already the fond mother had idealized a house in "Millionaire's Row" east of the Park, upon there shall be twenty servants instead of three, and there shall cease that gnawing worry lest the treacherous north setting current sweep them west of the Park into one of the many apartments of the houses, where the halls are done in marble that seems to have been sliced from a huge Rougemont cheese, and where one must, perhaps, with the inevitable, the favor of a reverent and materialistic janitor.

Illinois State News Recent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities and Towns.

Brakeman Hurt in Explosion. Newmam.—T. J. Newman, brakeman on the C. & H. D. railroad, was badly hurt by the explosion of a large oil tank car which was being used for transportation of water to another point. The car had contained gasoline, and Newman attempted to remove the cap from the tank while holding a torch in his hand. Considerable gas had accumulated in the tank, and an explosion followed, tearing the car into small pieces and throwing the brakeman off its right of way and seriously injuring him.