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have previously been in the employ of certain clients, either new or old, without such fact being known to the manager or other person who makes the assignment of accountants to engagements.

One way to find out whether or not such is the case is to wait until the accountant has reached the scene of the engagement and see if he appears to be acquainted with the client or the employees.

Another way is to ask him before he is assigned to the engagement.

It should be clear to every one in the organization, for reasons too numerous and too apparent to mention, that the assignment of staff accountants to engagements covering work for their former employers is inexpedient. The accountant might naturally be expected to mention the former relation. The duty of finding it out devolves upon those exercising managerial functions. It should not be left to the accountant. The information should be obtained before the assignment is made.

By Way of Diversion

AT a recent convention of Dodge Brothers Dealers, held at Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, a play by Montague Glass, originator of the Potash and Perlmutter characters, entitled, "Present Company Excepted," was presented on January 10, 1922, for the entertainment of those in attendance at the convention.

The principal characters, Abe Potash, a Dodge Brothers Dealer, and Morris Perlmutter, another Dodge Brothers Dealer and Abe's partner, were taken by Mr. Barney Bernard and Mr. Julius Tannen, actors well known to patrons of the theater and vaudeville stage.

The play was given for the first and only time, as above noted, and while some of us from the Executive Offices had the pleasure of attending, we believe, since refer-

ence was made to the firm, that others will be entertained by the following excerpts taken from the lines of the play:

MORRIS. "Mr. Blowden," I'll say to him, "of course you're new on the job," I'll say, "so let me give you a few pointers," I'll say. "You are the district representative, but we are the dealers," I'll say, "and if you look after *your* business, we'll attend to ours."

ABE. Good. Let him know where he stands right from the start.

MORRIS. After that, I'll hand him a few digs about uniform accounting system. "A uniform accounting system is all right for *some* people," I'll tell him, "*but* Mr. Blowden," I'll tell him, "my partner and me was keeping books before Haskins and Sells could pay their laundry bills."

ABE. Right!

MORRIS. And as for roadside bulletins.

ABE. Wait! Let *me* tell him about the roadside bulletins. Just let that new district representative open his mouth to me once about roadside bulletins, and I will say to him, "Blowden," I will say, "I wouldn't even call him Mister neither. "We ain't Haskins and Sells," I will say, "and maybe we don't know nothing about figuring costs, and maybe we do; but if them roadside bulletins cost you people six dollars and fifty cents, I'll eat them."

We note with pleasure that Mr. J. D. Brawner, manager of the Philadelphia office, has recently obtained the C. P. A certificate of the States of Maryland and North Carolina respectively.

Our office at Detroit has removed, under date of February 1, 1922, to the First National Bank Building, Cadillac Square and Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

We know that our regret in the matter will be shared by many in the organization upon the advice that Mr. C. M. Clark has severed his connection with our Professional Training Department and has gone to Syracuse, New York, where he will engage in the practice of accounting.