WHAT CAUGHT THE BURGLAR. Or, HOWARD DUCEY'S TRICK.

BY EUGENE WOOD

Mr. -O yes, Mr. Boughton," said Mrs. dow frame of Howard's room. He must have Ducey to the stranger. "I know nothing about the business, and Mr. Ducey was called away unexpectedly to Randall, and won't be back until tomorrow. I had much

rather you waited and saw him." "That is impossible, madam," said Mr Boughton. "If you paid me the \$2,783 I couldn't give you a receipt in full of the account." "That makes no difference," he replied.

"It would clear off the debt against me. In spite of all I could do I got here too late for banking hours, and it is of vital importance that I leave for Chicago tonight. I should esteem it a great favor if you took the money.'

"Very well, then," said Mrs. Ducey, and made out a receipt. While she was counting groaned and fell on the floor. out the crisp bills Nanno, the maid, answered the door bell, and in spite of her perplexity in the handling of unfamiliar prostrate burglar's head. money matters, Mrs. Ducey perceived that it

iness crept over her as she realized that she strap. held a sum of money large enough to induce did not tend to quiet her at all to remember how rural the street seemed with the buds just starting and the tips of the trees taking on a gauzy veil of faint yellow green. She wished then that there was a safe in the house, but in default of that she hid the money in the old place, in the far lower left hand corner of the upper drawer of the dressing case under Mr. Ducey's shirts and felt easier for awhile.

"O, Mrs. Ducey," said Nanno, "the nerve of thim peddlers. Sure I tought he'd never go 'way at all, and you countin' that money, I wonder did he see it. And did you take notice to how he hoong round in the street. O, Mrs. Ducey, I wisht we had a man in th' house this night. We're that far from the neighbors we might wake up in the marnin' dead in our beds and nobody know it but oursilves."

"Mamma, is tea ready? I'm most starved." shouted Howard as he came bursting into the room like a young whirlwind. "Why, we've got a man here, Nanno," said

Mrs. Ducey. "If you please, ma'am," giggled Nanno, "I'd like him a little bigger all round, barrin' th' appetite."

"What's the matter with your knees, Howard? I declare it's one woman's work to look after your stockings. What makes you rattle so?"

"I've been playing marbles." "For keeps?"

"M-hum," responded Howard sheepishly "Do you know what marbles you won?" "'Course I do. That's from Charley Meyers, and these two are from Harry Elliott, and this 'aggy' I got from Willie Dodson-and, O, say, mamma, burglars got into Willie Dodson's house last night and stole their silver and Mrs. Dodson's watch and Willie's \$20 gold piece that his grandpa gave him, and just listen: They went through Willie Dodson's room and it waked him up, and he said: 'Is that you, papa?' and the robber said: 'Yes. Hush up and go to sleep,' but Willie knew by his voice that it wasn't, but he was too scared to say

anything and just let the burglar go on." marbles he had won.

"I would holler, wouldn't you, mamma, and wake papa, and then he would get up and shoot the burglars, wouldn't he,

"And what would the burglars do? rather they should take everything in the house than hurt papa or you." "That's 'cause you're a woman and

"Aren't you afraid of burglars, too? Sup-



NANNO GREW QUITE IMPATIENT WITH

came tonight when papa is "I don't know," mused Howard. "You

have my things without a fuss."

"In the meantime, suppose you try what hot water and soap will do toward getting

Do what she could, Mrs. Ducey was not entirely able to suppress a feeling of uneasiness as the evening wore on. There was the unacustomed responsibility of the money which Mr. Broughton had paid. Then the peddler had hung about with such persistency. Howard's story about the burglary at the Dodson's was not quieting by any means, but above all and through all was the feeling that if there were only a man in house-but there were only those two love-lorn women and a little boy. She kept Howard up for the sake of his company till doors at rough play bedtime finds him an are company, you know." victim of the drowsy god, and there came a time when Howard's gaspings and gurglings as he fell asleep in the arm chair

mere loneliness.
He stumbled off upstairs to bed. His mother heard him footing about on the smooth hardwood floor of his chamber, and then all of a sudden arose a sharp rattle. "What's that, Howard?" she asked.

"It's just those marbles fell out of my clothes," he sleepily responded. To most of us the bed is the surest refuge in time of trouble. There one can find forgetfulness, if it is to be found in any place. To this haven of peace Mrs. Ducey crept away, though the veil of sleep which fell about her was so thin that she heard the first footfall of the burgiar on the tin roof of the verands. For he did come. It seemed to Mrs. Ducey that he must hear her heart beat, so loud was its clamor on her ribs.

she heard him open the window stealthily. She heard his clothing rub against the winbeen a clumsy, inexpert burglar, for he struck his shin against a chair and ripped out a whispered oath or two. And then the hair of her flesh stood up, for she heard Howard's clear treble demanding: "Who are you? What do you want? Get out of here!' "H'sh ! Go to sleep," whispered the bur-

glar, "It's papa." "No it's not. You're a thief. Get out." "Shut up you little devil," hoarsely muttered the man. "Shut up, or I'll choke your wind off forever."
"Police!" screamed Howard, slipping out
from under the bed clothing.

The man made a lunge at him, but slipped sideways, and before he could recover himself his head struck with a dull crash. He

In an instant Howard cleared the bed flared up the gas and sat himself upon the

money matters, Mrs. Ducey perceived that it was some peddler, and an insistent one at him! Run here, quick! Call Nanno." As he that, for Nanno grew quite impatient with spoke he slipped from his great toe the loop "No, we don't want anything today. of the strand of twine which when stretched No, no. Don't you dare put your foot in the across the room and tied to a rocking chair had made the primitive burglar alarm that As Mrs. Ducey bade Mr. Boughton fare- had wakened him. In a jiffy he had bound well she seemed to note a figure loitering the unconscious criminal's wrists together behind a clump of trees at the corner of with the string. Then he buckled the inthe spacious dooryard, and a certain uneas- truder's ankles together with his book- first that it was asking for too many men,

many a reckless man to commit murder. It his eyes snapping like coals of fire. "Nanno, of engineers in the Army of the Potomac you run over to Mr. Elliott's and telephone was 4 per cent, in Thomas' army 5 per cent

THE FIELD OF ELECTRICITY condition, and possess such a general knowledge of engineering or electrical work as those men acquire who are engaged in such tricity, and there is besides an electrically issued to the islanders an appeal to arms those men acquire who are engaged in such pursuits. The officers of the General Elec-Organization of an Army Corps of Electrical will assist the recruiting officers, who will ASSISTING THE ARMY OF in the United States."

The American army of invasion of Cuba will have the finest corps of engineers and electricians known in the history of warfare. Authority to organize and equip the corps was granted by congress, and the plans are being carried out as rapidly as practicable. Both the plans and formation of the corps originated with Captain Eugene Griffin, vice president of the General Electric company of New York. Captain Griffin is a graduate of West Point, and was a captain in the engineer corps of the army until about eight years ago, when he re-

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specimen of manhood, of attractive manner and a master of his specialty. In speaking of his project while in Wash-

signed to go with the General Electric com-

pany. He is 40 years of age, a magnificent

ington, Captain Griffin said; "When I first spoke to the president about it he was enthusiastic and told me to go right ahead, even going so far as to say that if the required legislation could not be secured in any other way, he himself would recommend to congress that it be passed. Secretary Alger was inclined to think at but when I showed him by the reports that "I've got him mamma," he cried to her at the conclusion of the war the proportion



to the police to send an ambulance." That and in Sherman's army 71/2 per cent, he Howard raced ahead on this topic, know- was the man in him. "And say, mamma, agreed with me that 3,300 men of this class ing that it would divert his mother's mind won't I crow over Willie D ds n in th morn would be none too many. The majority of ing to the marble that was Willie Dodson's as be engineers, for the regular engineering it still spun on the oaken floor, retaining the impetus it got in sliding from under the burglar's foot, "I'm not going to give him that back, for that was what caught the

CATS MAKE HIS LIVING.

A California Recluse Who Keeps Them for Rent to Business Men. There is an odd little man named Echnier, who lives in an odd little house in the heart of the busiest portion of San Francisco, who earns his bread oddly enough. His business is the raising of cats, which he puts into warehouses, stores and other places infested with rats and mice, and his income is derived from payment for the services of his

"Raising, cats is my business," he said to a reporter for the Call. "We get along all right, don't we, kitty?" Kitty settled down on his knee and purred her answer.

"I see enough of them to like them," he went on, "for I feed between 150 and 200 every morning. This," pointing to a large basket, "I take full of meat, and that can in the corner is filled with milk. I go first to the warehouses on the docks and then come further uptown to the business houses "I do not often sell a cat. I raise them. train them for a while and then place them in some warehouse or store where the services of a cat are necessary. Then for so much a month I take care of them. Would you like to see where they play? If you come this way I will show you.

He opened a door and took me into a queer little court. Three sides of the enclosure are banked by buildings as old as the house where the cats live. The fourth side is a big brick structure, modern style. wouldn't let me have his revolver, of An attempt at a garden had been made, but course. But I tell you what; they shouldn't even the lonely green geranium looks sorry and forlorn.

And the cats! If there were many in the houses there are many more out here. those knuckles of yours a little more like Asleep in a box of excelsior is a beauty. He civilized people's. By that time tea will be is marked exactly like a tiger. As you pass through narrow, yellow eyes glance at you. If you bend to stroke him there is a sudden whirl and the next you see of the tiger he is on the roof of a shed gazing at you in rather

an unpleasant manner "Doesn't like to be disturbed," says Mr. Echnier. Down a pair of rickety stairs into the poor little garden and you hear a great scampering of little feet and now the rooms are full of disturbed kittens. They have just been fed and like to sleep a bit. After a while we go back into the house

and Mr. Echnier tells me how he lost his wife a few years ago and since then he has lived all alone in the second floor of the even he was satisfied that he had stayed up shanty. "My only son is employed in the just as late as "grown folks." When a boy Smithsonian institution in Washington," he of education and experts in their profession, spends the major part of his day out of says. "It's a bit louely here, but my cats it is by no means necessary that all the

Why Elephants Fear Mice. It seems incredible that so small and harmless an animal as a mouse is able to frighten an elephant almost out of his senses. One little mouse in the hay on which they were feeding will stampede an entire herd. In their native land there are little enimals, known as chacanas, which feed on a small, sour berry of which elephants are very fond. They live in settlements, concething after the manner of prairie dogs, under the berry bushes. When feeding the elephants trample the little towns and the chacanas, in their fright, run up the tubes of the elephants' trunks. Their long, sharp claws catch in the flesh and they cannot be ejected. The more violently the monster blows through its coiled trunk the more firmly the hooked claws of the little animal become imbedded in the flesh. Infammation and death are the result. In captivity the elephants think they are in danger of the deadly chacanas when It seems incredible that so small and

work which will be necessary, such as the rebuilding of the railroad in Cuba to afford transportation to our troops, and for our supplies, the building of bridges and the usual work which must be done in a siege,

if we are obliged to besiege Havana. "In addition to these, however, we will have a number of expert electricians and photographers. Electricity and photography are destined to play a part in this warfare in advance of that to which they have ever been put in any war in the past. I will speak only of the practical uses to which we now know they can be put. There is a belief existing that the present war will develop electricity for use in warfare as a means of destruction to the enemy, and that is not unlikely. But, apart from this, there are ways in which electricity can be used which it would be deplorable for our army not to be able to take advantage of in the Cuban campaign.

who participated in the late war, and re said: for the bill most heartily."

"There are many other practical uses to which electricity can be put. We can put up powerful searchlights by which we can direct operations against the enemy at night. Think of the use a great number of such lights might prove to our army in the siege of Havana. Then, too, we can use electri-cal pumps instead of the old style, and I think we can put electric motors in the field have a number of topographical engineers. In this connection I may mention that the who is at present attached to the staff of the governor of Maryland, and who is much been endeavoring to push along, has invented a process for taking a horizontal a photograph which will give them just such a view of the land which they exthe photograph was taken.

'We can, for instance, light our hospitals in the field with electricity. When I mentioned this fact to one of the senators membered how the surgeons frequently were obliged to perform delicate operations wounded soldiers by candle light, he 'That is enough for me. I will vote

Some Uses of Electricity. to move our guns. The army will have to United States army which will invade Cuba will have the benfit of a new invention of the greatest possible value. Prof. Pierce, interested in the movement which I have photograph, so that our generals, instead of having to be content with the old-time issance sketch, will be able to have pect to occupy as they could have if they stood themselves on the hill upon which

"What I may call preliminary recruiting for the engineers and electricians' brigade is now going on in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco and other cities. While it is desirable that all the officers of the brigade should be men enlisted men should be so. The only qualifications necessary for the enlisted man are that he should be a man of between 18 and riage is not in use it is connected to the 40 years, of good character and physical wires in the house and is automatically re-

tric company in all the large cities will In the dining room the tea or coffee is kept His countrymen recognized him as a leader know just who the available men are and hot by an electric heater, and for midnight and he established his headquarters at supper there is an electric chafing dish. themselves be of the engineering corps of the army. In my opinion we will be able to get the very pick of the men of this class

Some experts of high repute in engineering and electricity are associated with Captain Griffin in his efforts to form the proposed brigade. Among them may be men-tioned Ira Shanley, partner of John D. Crimmins, one of the best known contractors in New York, who has had charge of some of the largest engineering contracts in the world; Dr. Louis Duncan, an ex-naval officer, and at present a professor in Johns Hopkins university, and a consulting electrical engineer of high repute; William Barclay Parsons of New York, the chief engineer of the Rapid Transit commission, and a brig-adier general on the staff of Major General Roe, of the New York National guard Lieutenant Colonel Flebeger, professor of civil engineering at the military academy at West Point, who has applied for duty in the field, and Sam Rodman, son of an inventor, and a highly skilled engineer.

A Reminder of the Maine. One of the especially interesting features of the electrical exhibition now in progress at Madison Square Garden in New York is the explosion three or four times a day of a submarine mine beneath a toy cruiser. The performance occurs in a large tank and is the center of greatest interest at the exhibition. The mine is placed about six inches under the water, so that the people can get a good view of the entire operation, and when it is exploded the little craft returns to the water, but one paper remarks that the splashing is regarded as quite an honor. The scientific interest in this exhibit lies in the fact that the mine is exploded by a system of wireless "telegraphy." The transmitter is placed up in the gallery, at least fifty or sixty feet away, without any connecting wire, and the receiver coherer is placed right at the side of the tank. When fthe transmitting apparatus sends its Hertzian electric waves through space and through the crowds of people intervening, the filings in the glass tube of the coherer pull together in a string, so to speak, and close the local circuit of the mine battery, whereupon the explosion occurs. Thus are the visitors daily receiving suggestions of the possibilities not only of future warfare, but military signaling and the transmission of ordinary messages. Of course, the sys-tem is far from perfected, at least, so far as its commercial value is concerned, but the exhibitions at the electrical show promise wonderful things, and those, too, for the

near future. Electrically Propelled Cruiser. Richard B. Painton, who has presented to the navy authorities a plan for electrically propelling a cruiser of average size at the rate of forty knots an hour, appears to be very confident of the working capacity of his invention. He would have a cruiser built expressly for its exploitation, and the craft should be not less than 600 feet long. Mr. Painton proposes to employ anywhere from ten to sixteen independent propellers. Short lengths of shafting, independently operated, are to be adopted, so that if any mishan should befall a part of the equipment the vessel could still be driven at a fair rate of speed. Should Mr. Painton's electrical cruiser fulfill his expectations it will falsify a great many prophecies the sources of which are entitled to respect. It is generally thought that it will be many years before if will be possible to propel a large ship across the ocean at high speed by electricity. Storage batteries might certainly be used for the purpose, but their weight is prohibitive. A vessel requiring an average of 10,000 horse-power to propel it across the Atlantic would have to carry 324,480,000 pounds of such batteries. other words, the motive power alone would weigh 162,240 tons.

Electrical Quackery.

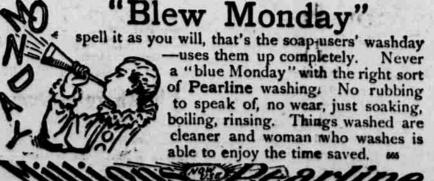
An Frelish coroner has condemned in severe terms the use of electricity in medicine by persons who are utterly unqualified to use it. As he said, in some cases, electricity is beneficial, but in others it might aggravate a disease and accelerate death. "He could not understand why people did not go to a reputable hospital for treat-ment." The case which elicited these comments was of an artist 71 years of age, who had died in a hospital presided over by a man who claimed to be a medical electrician. It seems that while this "professor" had no medical qualifications, he treated with a free hand, by electrical devices of different kinds, consumption, throat affection, blindness, short sight, internal disease, tumors, influenza and the voice of public speakers. The strong card of the "professor" seemed to be the X-rays. With these he claimed he could secure remarkable results in the cure of impaired or even lost eyesight, and he "had found the rays useful in many diseases which caused weak circulation. They re-animated capillary circulation." The cutaneous troubles arising from the indiscreet application of X-rays are now quite familiar to the public, and it certainly seems strange that there should still be people ignorant and incredulous enough to allow a quack to turn the rays upon them.

Keyhole Finder. An electrical engineer in Buffalo has recently fitted up his house with a great variety of novel electrical arrangements. If he arrives home in the night after the usual lights have been turned out he has no trouble in finding the keyhole in the front door, for as soon as he steps on the porch floor at the top of the front steps, lights on the porch and in the vestibule are automatically lighted. After he gets in and closes the door these lights are extinguished and those on the first landing of the mair stairway are lighted. If he desires to light the hall, the bath room or any of the bedchambers before going further, he opens a secret panel in the vestibule and turns the

proper switch. When a caller arrives and rings the bell members of the family who may be in any part of the house can speak to him without leaving the room where they are, and if they wish to admit him can do so by merely pushing a button.

Should burglars try to enter the house their efforts will not only ring an alarm but at the same time the electric lights on the porch and in the vestibule flare up and expose him to the gaze of the occupants of the house and the police. The temperature of each room in the house is controlled by electric devices which can be set to any degree wanted. The use of electricity has done away with a stable and in its stead has provided himself with an electric carriage, which he keeps ready for use in the basement of his house. An inclined cement pavement leads to this carriage room from the street, and when the car-

"Blew Monday"



driven knife sharpener and coffee grinder

current for this is turned on by the turning of the spigot and shut off when this is closed. One may use as much hot water room a pressure of the foot upon the treadle of a sewing machine sets an electric motor at work driving the machine, in the smoking room an electric cigar lighter is at hand and the women's rooms are provided with electric curling iron heaters The laundry has its share of electric appliances in the form of electrically heated

BRITAIN BLAZED THE WAY.

The First Fall of Manila Not as Smooth a Job as Dewey's In 1762 a British squadron composed of thirteen ships, under the command of Admiral Cornish, entered the Bay of Manila, relates the Brooklyn Eagle, and demanded the surrender of the citadel. The request was refused. Manila was bombarded.

The city was defended at first by 600 men and eighty pieces of artillery. The British forces consisted of 1,500 European troops (one regiment of infantry and two companies of artillery), 3,000 seamen, 800 Sepoy fusileers and 1,400 Sepoy prisoners, making a total of 6,830 men. Two thousand Pampangos finally came to the assistance of the Spanish soldiery, Zunica, a Spanish historian, says the British spent 20,000 cannon balls and 5,000 shells in the bombardment of the city. Finally a landing was effected by the British and the city was captured. The Spanish historian says when the British general reviewed his troops after his flag had been holsted over Fort Santiago 1,000 men were missing, including sixteen officers. Among the number were a major, fatally wounded by an arrow, and a vice admiral, drowned while coming ashore in a boat. In the capitulation, the whole of the archi

issued to the islanders an appeal to arms and proclaimed himself covernor general. His countrymen recognized him as a leader Bacolor in the province of Pampanga, not Bustos, with a large force of natives and Spaniards, encamped at Malinta, about five miles from Manila. He was attacked by as may be desired without exhausting the the British forces and defended his position supply for the next person. In the sewing successfully. Foreman says: "The British, in fact, were much molested by Bustos' Malinta troops, who forced the invaders to withdraw to Manila and reduce the exten-

sion of their outposts." There were incessant conflicts between the British and the islanders from 1762 to the 23d of July, 1763, when a British frigate brought news from Europe of an armistice. this week.

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