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The French President's Guards.

Paris has always paid \$12,500 a year to the detectives who guard the President of France, but has just refused to do so longer, and the national government has assumed the task. Twelve detectives are hired for the purpose.

Sir Henry's Henry.

H. B. Irving, the elder of Sir Henry Irving's two sons, was 31 on August 5. As an author he is winning recognition by his books. Mr. Irving belongs to the greatly increasing band of university men who have become actors, for he was educated at Oxford. It is now ten years since he made his first appearance on the stage, which he left for a time in order to finish his reading for the bar.

Attempted Jackson's Life.

An attempted assassination of the President of the United States little remembered now was that of Andrew Jackson, on January 30, 1835, by Richard Lawrence, as the former was leaving the rotunda of the capitol after attending the funeral of a congressman. Lawrence snapped two pistols at the president, but the percussion caps exploded in each case without igniting the powder. Lawrence was found to be insane.

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Corbett's Paris Saloon.

James J. Corbett, erstwhile pugilist, has decided that Americans who visit Paris in future will not suffer. So Corbett has arranged to open an American saloon there which will be the wonder of the Parisians.

Nisson Almost a Memory.

To the present generation of music lovers the name of Christine Nilsson is in the nature of a tradition. Mme. Nilsson today is better known as the Countess de Miranda. Her birthday occurred on August 3, when she was 58. Her first appearance was made in London in 1867, and she has sung only in some half dozen operas—"The Magic Flute," "Martha," "Don Juan," "Faust" and "Robert the Devil."

Schmidt, Champion Rifle Shot.

Private Schmidt, of Company D, Fourteenth United States Infantry, now camped at the rifle range near Mount Clemens, Mich., made a score at shooting at 600 yards that broke the record of the whole army. The target was a dummy man. Nineteen out of twenty of his shots took effect, any of which would have caused instant death in a living man, while the twentieth shot would have inflicted a serious or fatal wound. Schmidt's achievement is said to be not only unparalleled in United States arm rifle shooting records, but also without precedent.

A Big Tree for St. Louis.

An effort is to be made to remove a large red oak tree from the widest section of Arkansas to Forest park, St. Louis, for the Louisiana Purchase exposition. The tree is 160 feet high and 12 feet in diameter at the base. A double tramway will be built from the tree to the river, where it will be floated and towed to St. Louis. The tree will be dug up by the roots instead of being cut down, and none of the branches will be trimmed.

Niagara Sensations of the Past

Niagara Falls and the Whirlpool rapids are just now furnishing more sensations than at any one time in their history. The prospect of having unprecedented crowds to witness a feat, together with the desirability of doing something which will fit into the same niche in history with the Pan-American exposition, has set ambition ablaze in the breast of every person who thinks he is able to perform any record breaking freakish action at America's great wonder.

There is one man, however, who is ready to undertake a remarkable feat on the turbulent bosom of the Whirlpool rapids mainly in the interest of science—a feat so daring that he has not been able to get any expert scientist who would risk his life in order to assist in the enterprise. So, Mr. P. M. Nissen, the originator of the idea, will go it alone. His intention is, on the first favorable day, to navigate the whirlpool rapids of Niagara river with a steamboat of his own construction, and at the same time he will endeavor to take soundings of the whirlpool and rapids, a thing many times attempted, but never successfully accomplished.

Nissen Stands Alone.

Nissen became famous last summer by shooting the whirlpool and rapids in an open boat, the only person who ever survived such a feat. For various reasons Mr. Nissen chose to perform this feat under the nom de plume of "Mr. Bowser," but some of his friends in Chicago, where he lives, gave him away, and he has preferred since to be known under his real name. Mr. Nissen is a Dane by birth, a bookkeeper



CYCLIST FARREL CROSSING THE NIAGARA RIVER.

by occupation, a college graduate and entitled to write B. S. after his name. For some time he and a boat builder have been at work rebuilding the boat he used last year, which he called the "Fool Killer." It is Mr. Nissen's intention to launch from the Canadian side, steam across and start on his trip from the American side. When he reaches the rapids he will turn the Fool Killer's head up stream and make a sounding through the pipe. Then he will let her drift down, stern first, start up again, make a sounding at a point abreast of the previous one, sound and repeat the performance until he has sounded clear across the river. Then he will drift farther down and make another line of soundings, and so on until he has sounded the rapids all over. Photographers he has previously placed at regular distances along the shore will take snapshots as the whistle blows, and this will show the location of the



MISS BECKWITH.

boat, this to be determined exactly by surveying instruments afterward. Mr. Nissen will make these surveys personally. The results he will keep to himself unless the governments on either side are willing to purchase them.

Over Falls on Bike.

A man poisoning himself on a bicycle with grooved wheels and scorching on a cable over the whirling gorge and through the mist that rises from the angry river far below is the sight that may be witnessed at Niagara mostly any day. The man that says he has every preparation made to make the trip is George H. Farrell of Chicago, who has proved himself an expert 'lancy trick rider, and believes his nerve will take him scathless even over the Niagara river. If successful it will be the first trip of its kind. A man named Jenkins rode over the river some years ago on a three-wheeled machine, but Farrell's venture is quite another matter. Farrell made arrangements with the veteran manager of such enterprise, William Leary of Buffalo, to take the affair in hand. He cannot say precisely the day on which he will make the attempt.

Carlisle Graham, who recently went through the whirlpool rapids in a barrel, is arranging for a trip in company with Maud Willard of Canton. O. Miss Willard will go through the rapids in Graham's barrel. If she is swept out of

the whirlpool Graham will leap into the river, protected by a life preserver, and swim with the barrel to Lewiston. If Miss Graham is rescued in the pool Graham will make the trip from the whirlpool outlet to Lewiston alone, the distance being four miles through frightfully rough waters. If Miss Willard goes to Lewiston she will be the first woman to go clear through the waters of the gorge.

To Swim the Rapids.

One of the most dangerous and thrilling feats ever attempted by a human being is scheduled to occur on Sept. 25 next, when Cora Beckwith, a slim English girl, who is now doing swimming feats at the Pan-American exposition, will, according to her own announcement, throw herself into Niagara river at the head of the whirlpool rapids, in the firm belief that she will emerge at the other end alive and well. If she succeeds, she will have accomplished what was never done before. Swimming experts declare she cannot make the trial and live. Capt. Matthew Webb, the greatest swimmer in the world, was the only man who ever

tried to swim the rapids, and he was drowned. Miss Beckwith frankly admits that she does not intend to risk her life for glory, but for the money which will subsequently accrue to her, through the reputation which she shall have achieved.

To all the expostulations of friends, and the warnings of experts, Miss Beckwith has only one reply: "I can only die once, and if I must die it will be quickly over." It Didn't Help Him. "Yes," he said, "I've quit, and I want to say that I think these stories of the way men get ahead in the world are all fairy tales. I've tried the methods and know. Only a few days ago I read about Tom L. Johnson making his first big hit with the manager of a street railroad by picking up the scrap iron he found lying around. 'You're the kind of a careful man I want,' said the manager, and he promoted him right away. That was enough for me, so I began picking up things whenever the boss was near. 'What are you doing?' he demanded yesterday. 'There's no use letting these things go to waste, sir,' I answered, for that's what Tom Johnson said. 'Of course not,' he said, 'and we hire men for a dollar a day to do just that class of work. But we can't afford to have clerks wasting their time over it. Hump yourself back into the office, now, or I'll have you on the pay roll as a day laborer.' So I quit. Somehow things don't seem to happen in real life the way they do in print."

Not long ago a certain village club arranged a grand cricket match, admission 1 penny, for the benefit of John, the old man who looked after the ground. There were no tickets printed, and John stood at the gate of the cricket field and collected the pennies himself. It was a very hot day, there was a public-house just across the road, and John's thirst—always troublesome—was simply unquenchable. Some time after the luncheon interval a gentleman who takes a keen interest in the club approached the gate and addressed the old guardsman: "Well, John, you appear to be doing well. There's quite a big gate, I see." "Weel," replied John, deliberately, "it ain't a bad 'un, I must say. 'Oswum-mer, I managed to sup (drink) the gate money so far, an' I could do wi' a trainload o' folks yet!"—London Spare Moments.

Greatest Loss of Life at Sea. The shipwreck in which the greatest number of lives was lost was that of the Royal George (108 guns), off Portsmouth, on the 29th of August, 1782, when nearly 1,000 lives were lost. In the case of the wreck of the Queen Charlotte, a first-rate ship of the line, which was destroyed by fire on the 17th of March, 1800, off the harbor of Lehigh, 703 lives out of a total of 850 were lost. The St. George (98 guns), Defence (74 guns) and the Hero were on the 24th day of December, 1811, stranded on the coast of Jutland, and about 2,000 lives were lost, only eighteen of the seamen being saved. In the case of the wreck of the Prin-

cess Alice, which was run into by the Bywell Castle in the Thames, near Woolwich, and sunk on the 3d of September, 1878, between 600 and 700 lives were lost. On the wreck of the White Star company's steamer Atlantic, which struck on the Meagher rock, about 560 lives were lost, while 442, including the captain, were saved.—Tit-Bits.

Greatest of Human Cargoes. The Kildonan castle, when first fitted out as a transport for South Africa, carried 2,700 rank and file, 110 officers in the first class, 80 in the second class and about 300 of a crew, being 3,190 in all. In addition, twelve horses were carried, and the mere fitting of the necessary accommodation occupied 3,000 men for eighteen days. The Celtic, when full in its ordinary trade, slightly exceeds this, the passenger accommodation comprising room for 374 first-class, 160 second-class and 2,352 third—a total of 2,886. In addition the deck crew numbers 64, the engine room and stokehold require 92 men, and the steward's department has 170—335 in all—making the grand total 3,221 souls.—Pearson's Weekly.

Wild Flowers in Danger. Persons interested in wild flowers are endeavoring to create—and to organize—a sentiment for the protection of our native plants, especially near large cities, says the Youth's Companion. The pond lily, trailing arbutus, native orchids, fringed gentian and many of the evergreens have been gathered in Massachusetts for sale in such quantities and so steadily sought by frequenters of suburban woods, that their extinction is threatened. The remedy suggested is that care be used to cut rather than pull the flowers, so that the roots need not be disturbed, and that those who gather rare plants for market should be discouraged by lack of patronage.

Columbus and His Salary. In the building known as the "Lonja," at Seville, Spain, are preserved the archives of the Indies—the early Spanish colonies in America—from the time of their discovery until a few years ago. It contains the account of the payment of the crews of the caravels of Columbus upon his first voyage. The minister of finance in his report shows that there were 82 men under pay. Columbus himself, with the title of admiral, received a salary of \$320 a year. The captains of the three ships received, respectively, \$16, 18 and \$19 a month. The sailors received from \$2 to \$3.40 a month, including their subsistence and two suits of clothes a year.

Our Great Language. He had a check in his hand, and he was telling a policeman about it. Said he: "I went into the bank with this and said to the teller at the window: 'Give me the oof.' 'What's oof?' says he. 'Plunks,' says I. 'And what's plunks?' says he. 'The tin,' says I. 'And the tin?' says he. 'It's sugar, of course,' says I. 'That's too sweet,' says he, and he stamped the check 'N. G.' and tells me to go elsewhere for my spondulicks."

A Prisoner's Odd Proposition. Ben De Lamos, a prisoner in the Columbus, O., penitentiary, is preparing a unique request to the authorities. He offers to give a bond in \$100,000 if permitted to attend the Grand Army of the Republic encampment at Cleveland, saying he has never missed one. De Lamos was sentenced for a technical violation of the pension laws. He is the man who slept in the speaker's chair in the Alabama house as a tramp, and within two years was elected a member.

A New Zealand Raleigh. A graceful act of reverence to the Duchess of York is reported from Ohinemutu, New Zealand. After alighting from the coach they had to traverse a rather muddy road leading to the village. This was noticed by the native clergyman, Mr. Ratama Te Awe Kotuku, who took off his korowai mat, and, Raleigh-like, threw it in the worst place on which the duchess would have to cross.

Popular Countess an American. The large part which Countess von Walderssee is occupying in public attention has brought out many kindly comments on the countess, which always include a mention of the fact that she is an American. It is recalled that she is the only woman who ever came off victorious in encounters with the late Prince Bismarck, to whose downfall she is alleged to have contributed.

Ugly women should always avoid a glare of jewels.

The Absence of It. If there is any truth in the saying that happiness is the absence of all pain, mental and physical, the enjoyment of it can only be found in heaven. But so far as the physical is concerned, it is within easy reach; at least measurably so, as far as cure will go. The sum of human misery in this line is made up of greater or less degrees of physical suffering. The minor aches and pains which afflict mankind are easy to reach and as easily cured. There are none in the whole category, which, if taken in time, cannot be cured. They must in some form afflict the nerves, the bones, the muscles and joints of the human body. They are all more or less hurtful and wasteful to the system. St. Jacob's Oil is made to cure them, to search out hidden pain spots, and to cure promptly in a true remedial and lasting way. Very, very many have not known happiness for years till they used it, and very many are putting off cure and happiness because they don't use it.

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