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HER CHECK WAS A CINDER.

There Was Enough Left for Identification, and She Got Her Meney. Many curious stories have been told concerning bank checks. Some of these relate to the largest drawn and others to the smallest. One of the largest checks ever drawn in this city was at the time that the capital of the Nevada bank was increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. This check was by Flood & O'Brien for \$5,000,000. As to the extreme, checks have been drawn to the value of a single cent. Other stories relate to the circuit made by checks before they are finally taken up and destroyed. Some of these migrations have covered different states and hundreds of miles. In these journeys checks have gone over ground several times. Checks are wonderful moneysavers; that is, they save the hand ling of vast sums of money every day. They also serve to minimize the loss

other causes. But one of the greatest curiosities in the check line has just come to light in this city. A lady brought it to the Bank of California to be cashed. It was in a paper box and had to be handled very carefully, for it was in two pieces and both were burnt to a crisp. There was not a decipherable word on either piece. The lady said the bits of erisp paper represented a check for \$125, which she had received in a letter. The check, she said, was drawn by the national bank of D. O. Mills, of Sacramento. She had removed the letter from the envelope and had thrown the envelope on some live coal in the grate. Upon reading the letter she had found a reference to an inclosure of check for the sum named, and turned to the fire in the grate with sore disappointment. The fire had done its work. The crisp paper lay on the coals. She carefully removed the same, placed

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After listening to the story the officers of the bank made a careful examination of the burnt paper, and by the aid of powerful glasses, they were able to make out portions of words from the pen impressions made on the paper. There were enough of these lines left to show that "Ella" had been written, and part of the word "hundred" was also made out, with two or three letters of the name of the bank. These discoveries corresponded with the story of the lady, and the bank officers then communicated the circumstances to the national bank of D. O. Mills & Co., of Sacramento, and asked for a duplicate check in behalf of the lady. This was forwarded and the money was paid. The circumstance disproved the charge about the curiosity of women. Had there been more curiosity about the inclosure of the envelope the trouble would have been avoided. The practical application of the story is to be careful that what you throw into the fire has no further value for you. -San Francisco Bulletin.

LONGEVITY OF DEER.

A Century Is Not the Limit of Their Possible Age.

It is difficult, writes a Highland forester, to speak with centainty as to the age of deer, but we have undeniable testimony that there were in the old Glengarry forest stags upward of 80 years of age. Some maintain that decrattain the age of six and seven score years. In 1829, while Macdonnell, of Glengarry, and Lord Dunmore were hunting at Terrna-corraft a huge stag, with gigantie antlers, darted out of the wood. Glengarry shot him. Finding that it had a certain ear-mark, he asked his forester to explain whose it was. "That," replied the forester, "(is the ear-mark of Eoghain Mac-Inin-Oig." (Ewen-son-of-John-the-young.) Ewen was a noted forester who had died 150 years previously! The antlers of the stag (we are told) were preserved in the old Glengarry family ever afterward. The age of the deer is thus described

in an old Gaelie saying: "Thrice the age of a dog the age of a horse; thrice the age of a horse the age of a man; thrice the age of a man the age of a deer; thrice the age of a deer the age of the eagle; thrice the age of

the eagle the age of the oak tree." We have incontrovertible testimony that a white hind lived in the forest of Loch-Treig during the recollection of three generations. Every hunter in the district knew her well. She was white as snow, and so watchful and ingenious that no one ever got within gunshot of

It may be added that the old hunters and Sennachies in Badenoch and Lochaber still (1895) speak of this famous hind.

For 40 years a stag roamed over the Monadth-Liath, in Badenoch, and defied the best sportsmen of that district, "Many a brave man (to use the idiom of our Gaelle author) lost the sleep of the night and the skin of the feet in pursuit of him." Unfortunately, he was wounded, but not killed, by a gentleman of the name of Macdonnald. Thirty years afterward he was shot in Upper Badenoch, and the bullet fired into him by Macdonnald was then found in his shoulder! He could not have been under 140 years of age. Scottish Times. The Austrian Crown,

At intervals a rumor is frequently set

Children's Votces.

They say a lovely woman, a ship in full sail and a field of waving corn are the most beautiful sights on earth. If I were to be asked what is the most bewitching sound I should unhesitatingly vote for that proceeding from the fresh, innocent voices of a crowd of children, free, unfettered and cleansouled. I have heard the delicious strains of bands at fashionable garden parties; I have listened to the frou-frou of the dresses that cast their expensive triple-distilled scents upon the summer nir; I have been smitten with the thrill of the nightingale and the soft drone of the bees; I have been witched with the magic spell of music on moonlit waters. The chorus of childhood transcends them all. It is the highest output of humanity-a rehearsal of the great festival in the Children's home All the divines who ever dogmatized, the preachers who ever prophesied, the Calvinists who ever gloomified-all the ecclesiastics of every church beneath the glowing sun shall never persuade me that laughter dies on earth and has no entrance into Heaven .- "A Country Doctor," in London Telegraph.

comething of new record was estab lished by thieves in Adams county. Wash., recently. They stole a big barn belonging to the county auditor, pulling it down during the night, leading it on wagons and hauling it to parts unknown.

The use of the surgeon's knife is be coming so general, resulting fatally in such a large number of cases, as to occasion general alarm. The press al-most daily announces the death of some unfortunate whose system could not withstand the shock of an operation, and whose life was cruelly sacrificed to the keen blade of the surgeon.

Of course, in some instances an operation is necessary, and is the only means of saving life, but such cases are exceedingly rare. So many deaths occur under these conditions, however, that the public is beginning to realize that the doctors are too hasty in resorting to the knife, and if such a state of affairs continues, there will before long be a general uprising against such measures. It is but reasonable to believe that the majority of operations are unnecessary, but when the fatal mistake is discovered too late, only the doctors ever know of their error, and though a precious life is given up, the public is assured that death would have resulted in spite of the operation, and who is ever the wiser?

The folly of resorting to the knife in eases of cancer, is demonstrated every time it is undertaken. The disease in the blood and the cancer or sore is but the outward manifestation of a terrible condition of the entire circulation. To cut out this sore, therefore, does not in any way effect the disease, and it can easily be seen that the only correct treatment is to get at the seat of the disease, and purify the blood; the sore will then heal up naturally. S.S.S. is the most powerful blood remedy made, and is the only cure for cancer.



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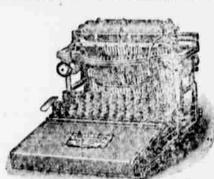
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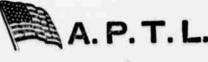
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