

A SEARCH FOR AN HEIR

WHILE THE RIGHTFUL OWNER OF \$15,000,000 SECRETED HIMSELF.

The Queer Case of David Totten, Who Voluntarily Became a Robinson Crusoe.

How a Vessel Was Fitted Out to Go After Him—All That Was Left.

When David B. Totten, of Birmingham, England, passed away in the seventy-eighth year of his age he left \$15,000,000 to his son, Dick, every pound of which was to go to his son, Dick.

Dick Totten was a queer young man. He was about twenty-four when he landed in Australia. Nature had not balanced his head just right.

When the news came to the colony that Dick Totten was wanted as the heir to \$15,000,000 there was something of a stir. When, three months later, it was advertised that a reward of \$2,500 would be paid to any one locating him there was only one man in all Australia who could come anywhere near it.

The two men very soon concluded that Totten (White) was a little off, but as he promised good wages and appeared able to manage business it was decided to let him stay.

For many days the sloop was dodging about among the islands to find one to suit Totten. He at length selected one about two miles long by one mile in breadth.

Fortunately when about one hundred miles to the south they came across a trading vessel, which sold them a compass and gave them a chart of the coast.

By the time a Melbourne solicitor had been empowered to send out a searching expedition a full two years had elapsed.

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THREE EAGLE FEATHERS

An Indian Who Found Death Without Knowing It.

We were strung out on the crest of the Little Rocky mountains, in the Missouri and Montana.

It was a summer afternoon, with the breeze stirring. The mountain cricket generally chirps by day as well as by night.

I had the same thought, and believing that we were on the point of making some discovery, I ordered a return to the beach and had the men pull off for the captain and the lawyer's clerk.

When we reached the spring again we saw a rude board shanty a few rods before us, the door of which was open and swinging in the breeze.

"The beachcombers have been here, and we shall find only the bones of the man we seek."

"We shall find it down there!" said the captain as he pointed to the rocks, and we followed him.

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FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS.

INTERESTING INFORMATION FOR THE YOUNG.

A Little Duck Story—Bruin and the Butcher—How They Took Up the Green—The Saint and the Onions—Introductions.

"She is the dearest creature in the world," a young girl was explaining to her aunt; "so good, loving and generous; but I always have cold chills when she visits me, because in company she is just a dead weight."

"Maud is actually speaking in sentences instead of monosyllables," the girl whispered to her aunt a few evenings later, "How have you bewitched her?"

"It was simple enough. I introduced Charlie Dunlap to her, telling her beforehand that he was very shy and ill at ease; but that there was one subject, amateur photography, over which he forgot his bashfulness."

"It has been a delightful party," the young guest exclaimed, as the two girls kissed Aunt Agnes good-night. "I did not know myself" as Howells says, "cast away in a corner clinging to a water-color on the wall with a show of interest that would melt a heart of stone."

"It was surely him!" papa said very sternly, as he looked at mamma. "There isn't a doubt of it," said mamma, as she looked at papa.

Another curious thing is that it is more than probable that the Irish preference for the color green for their flag and sashes arose from a mistake among those who had lost a thorough knowledge of the old Irish language.

The old story of Bruce and the spider is well known, but how little has been noted of the untiring perseverance of others of the lower animals.

With all the dignity of the duck family this little party waddled down the beach. They were in no haste, the day was before them, the sun was warm, they had been fed, and down they went in the most leisurely way.

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