Why He Knew It Was Good. One of the principal men in the bureau of engraving and printing had a somewhat peculiar experience in New York recently.

He had occasion to visit the metropolis on business, and after a stay of several days at one of the chief hotels, he called for his bill. When it was given him he tendered in payment a brand new \$20 silver certificate. The clerk looked at it for a moment, and then passed it back.

What's the matter," asked the official.

"I can't take that," replied the clerk. "I don't think it's good,"
"Not good," exclaimed the official. "Not good! Why, man, I know it's good. I made it myself."

said the clerk, "that's just what I thought "-Washington Post.

Her Philosophy.

Of course deceit is an abomination, and yet it has its uses. It's very like poison-something to be shunned in everyday life, but extremely valuable at certain crises. They are mainly social crises. When good temper can be preserved and barsh feeling escaped by a little deceit then it should be used or, at least, so says the social philos-

The greatest joy one can give one's enemies is to let them see that their arrows have struck home. Unless one wishes to engage in the work of affording pleasure to one's foes it is therewise to show no anger at their blows and to be entirely unaware of their attitude.

Put no trust in unexpressed affection. There is only one thing which will prevent a man from giving voice to his devotion as soon as he is sure of it and as long as it lasts. That is a total dumb-

Broke the Tobacco Trust-

St. Leuis, Mo., (Special)-Col. Wm. A. Kirchhoff, general western manager the American Tobacco Co., has startled his numerous friends by stopping the use of tobacco. For years he had smoked twenty strong cigars daily, and a less quantity would leave him nervous and Hl. The habit was undermining his health, and he tried to quit, but could not, until he took No-To-Bac, the medical miracle that has cured go many thousands of tobacco-users, Col. Kirchhoff's craving for tobacco has entirely gone, and he feels better than ever before. He is a great No-To-Bac enthusiast now. Over 300,000 bad tobacco-users have been cured by No-To-Bac, and the loss to tobacco manufacturers is easily over \$10,000,000 a

He Worked Barnato.

The English papers have been telling a story about an alleged country person who recently got the best of Barney Barnato. He wrote to the king of the Kaffirs asking for relief from embarrassment on account of an overindulgence in Kaffirs. "My aim," he wrote, has always been investment-not speculation. When your bank came, I regarded its shares as an investment and purchased 400 of them at £4, sinking my little all in them and a good deal more. They have now fallen to £2, and I am undone. I cannot face my parish as a bankrunt, and what am I to do? I throw myself upon your mercy.' Mr. Barnato was deeply moved by the appeal and replied that he would buy back the shares at £4. On receipt of this reply the guileless parson wired to for them."

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The first issue of the Atlantic Monthly for 1896 opens with an unpublished note book of Nathaniel Hawthorne now printed for the first time. There are also the opening chapters of a new three part story by F. J. Stimson (J. S. of Dale) entitled "Pirate Gold." Two political articles will be sure to attract attention, "The Emancipation of the Postoflice," by John R. Proctor, chairman of the United States. civil service commission, and "Congress out of Date," the latter being an able statement of the evils due to the present system of convening congress a year after its election. J. M. Ludlow contributes an able paper on "The Christian Socialist Movement of the Middle of the Century."

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The Century for January, following following upon two special numbersthe Twenty-fifth Anniversary and the Christmas numbers-is not lacking I drew my disabled machine to the either in individuality or distinction. The capable and picturesque artistic work of Mr. Castaigne would of itself hands trying to think what that man give distinction to any number of a magzine. This month his pencil is applied to the illustration of the first of several separate papers on Rome by Mr. F. Marion Crawford, who first gives us "A Kaleidoscope of Rome," setting forth contrasts of the Eternal City, with, so to speak, a reconstruction of the city as it was in the time of the Emperors, and coming down to the Rome of the present day, which he describes with very distinct detail. Mr. Castaigne shows his versatility in the reconstruction of the Colosseum and the Forum in the days of the Christian martyrs, together with numerous scenes and character-sketches of to-

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A BREAK IN THE TIRE.

By Luke Sharp, HERE is just a lit-

tle bit of the devil | decline and a still higher hill, and thus in every bicycle, I I was lured on and on, leaving my bisuppose this comes through the flerce found, as I had suspected, that there heat and the welding of things that take place before a spair, not knowing what next to do, I machine is thoroughly constructed. me, over the crest of the low hill, a man Anyhow, there the on a bicycle. When he saw me he aptouch of Satin is, parently hesitated, and made as if he

mount the hill further on and see if I

could discover signs of the principal

thoroughfare. When I got on top of the

hill I found there was another gentle

cycle alone by the roadside until I

was no main road anywhere in the

neighborhood. Turning back in de-

was overjoyed to see coming towards

would turn back, but finally concluded

planted myself square in the middle of

"Now, you scoundrel," I said "get

extremities I would have little difficulty

"Now," I said to him, "if I did right,

I would break your ugly head. You

may be thankful at getting off so easily;

The young fellow edged away from

"You needn't be afraid," I said; "I

Opening the little tool satchel at the

back of the seat, I saw that he had not

taken away the oil can and some of the

"Where are the rest of the tools?"

"They are all there that ever was

It wasn't worth while discussing the

matter with him, so I mounted the ma-

chine and ascended the hill be had

come down and ran along where the

disaster had happened. Here, to my

amazement, I found my own machine

still lying where I had placed it un-

der the hedge. Without dismounting

I whirled around and made after the

young feilow whom I had robbed. I

suppose I did look like a disreputable

character with my face and clothes

smeared with oil through my hours of

effort at trying to take my machine to

pieces. The moment the young fellow

saw me coming behind him he began to

run as fast as he could, and finally see-

ing that I was bound to overtake him

he tried to get through the hedge,

"I have no money," he shouted, "at

least only a shilling or two in my

"Look here," I said, "I am not such

thief. I thought you were on my ma-

chine. Didn't you see it as you came

"No," he answered with relief, com-

ey abjectly for my conduct. Your

machine is exactly like mine and 1

thought it was mine. I never expected

any sane bicyclist would come along

"Didn't you come along the lane?"

"I have punctured my tire, and I

don't know how to repair it. I have

been working at it for hours, and if

heaven's sake forgive me for the rob-

to make my tire air tight once more."

to where the disabled machine lay.

was a lesson in Christian charity which

I don't know when the second puncture of that tire will take place, but I

hope when it does, I will have so good

and mild a friend within call as the

young fellow whom I robbed of his bi-

A Good Reason.

A Sunday-school teacher, wishing to

impress upon his pupil that shame

comes of sin, put the question: "My

dear boy, why were Adam and Eve

not ashamed to be so scantily clad in

the garden?" The boy replied prompt-

ly: "Because there wasn't anybody to

POPULAR SCIENCE.

The most wonderful vegetable in the

The smallest bird is a species of

humming bird common in Mexico and

Central America. It is not quite so

Red hair is, says a scientific authori-

ty, of that color because it has in its

composition a larger proportion of sul-

In beginning to teach deaf mutes the

art of speech, they are first placed be-

fore a mirror and taught to form with

The greatest bay on the face of the

earth is that of Bengal. Measured in

a straight line from the two enclosing

peninsulas, its extent is about 420,000

square miles, or nearly double that of

Newton's theory of gravitation was

much closer to the modern than that of

some of his commentators. He denied

that one body can act on another at a

distance through a vacuum, and called

Lake George is 326 feet above the sea

that theory an absurd error.

complete faith in the map I should have with the upper end of which it is paral-

trundled my bleycle to the main road, lel through most of its course, and but

world is the truffle; it has neither roots,

stem, leaves, flowers nor seeds.

large as the bluebottle fly.

their lips the vowel sound.

phur than black hair.

I hope will not be lost on me.

The young fellow was very nice about

"Yes, but I said sane bleyclist."

asked the young fellow.

atong lying up against the hedge?"

where he stuck.

pocket."

this lane."

"Oh."

cycle.

look at 'em, sir."

there," he answered with hesitation,

me and looked as if he would like to

say no more about the matter."

his lips trembled.

take to his heels.

won't hurt you."

and I know no way of eliminating it. When we read the parable of the devil to come on. As he approached I saw entering into the swine and the swine with amazement the reason of his hesiat once rushing to their destruction in tation. He was on my machine. I the sea, we recognize a certain likeness to the actions of a bicycle when it gets the lane, and although he attempted to a man at its mercy. A bike will behave | dodge me, I grasped the handle bars. beautifully on level ground, but get it on the top of a long and unknown hill off." and then trouble begins. I don't know with hogs or not, but the moment I am on a bicycle going down a hill I in taking care of him. He got off withthink of the swine that rushed down to out a word, but his face was pale and the sea.

It would be just as easy for a tire to become punctured when you are near home as when you are far away, but I never knew that to happen. The first however, I am obliged to you for mendtime a man gets his pneumatic tire ing the tire, and because of that I will punctured is a very serious occasion with him. I suppose that most persons, when taking on a bicycle, have been shown by some kind friend just how easy it is to slip the pneumatic tire over the wheel rim and mend a puncture in the inner tube. In my back yard a friend took off the tire, extracted the thin inner tube (the whole operation looked like a clinical demonstration in other implements. anatomy), fixed a mythical puncture, slipped on the outer covering again, pumped it up, and there it was. My friend claimed that he could mend a puncture and have everything in going order again in three minutes by the watch, and I have no doubt he spoke the truth, but I am free to confess that I can't do it, and on the first occasion I had to meet with a real puncture I am sure I could not have fixed the machine inside of six weeks.

When I first took to riding the bicycle I was in constant fear of puncturing. I dodged every piece of stone on the road, and would not run over a piece of glass if I could help it. I seemed to be constantly watching the path ahead of me for anything that would puncture the tire, but by and by, as nothing happened, I grew more easy in my mind, and at last completely forgot that such a thing as punctures added to the many troubles of bievelers.

In touring around I have a fancy for leaving the main traveled roads and journeying along unfrequented lanes more out of the way of traffic, relying on good luck and a reasonably accurate map to bring me to civilization again. It was on one of these occasions, when I was at least 20 miles from home, as the crow flies, and right in the depths of the country that I came just around his brokers to "buy 400 shares of Bar- a corner upon a bit of new road bristling nato stock at £2 and send them around | with flint stones into which I drove full to Barnato Bros., who will give you £4 | speed before I noticed what was ahead of me. The tire collapsed, and the wheel came down with that sickening thud, thud, on the road which, once ex-



I TRIED TO SLIP THE OUTER COV-ER OFF."

perienced, is never forgotten. I suppose that five or six times a year somebody comes along that lune, and among those five or six persons there is perhaps one who never saw or heard of a blcycle. grassy side of the lane under the hedge, and sat down with my head in my had done first when he took off the tire. It was months before, and though I had seemed to understand the operation at the time, my ideas now were in the mest hazy condition possible. As far as I could recollect he unscrewed something first and then things seemed to come apart; so I attacked the valve into which you pump the air, and finally got it into a position where I knew I could never get it back again. I tried to slip the outer cover off, but found, to my amazement, that a couple of wires were concealed somewhere in the edge of the outer tire that I had entirely forgotten. After an hour's hard work I had gotten the machine in such a state that I very much doubted if it could ever be put together again. I now consulted my map to find, if possible, in what part of creation I really was. I hadn't much confidence in the map, anyhow; it had led me astray more than once, and had landed me in the most unexpected places, but now, if it told the truth, there was a main road a mile or two further shead, and along that main road undoubtedly a bicycler would ultimately come, and the chances were that he would understand something about pneumatic tires. If I had had and 225 feet above Lake Champlain,

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Blamarck's Lower Lip.

It is said that Prince Bismarck is par ticularly well pleased with the truthful way in which Pfreizschner, the sculptor, has treated his lower lip in the relief medallion for his monument being erected on the Rudelsburg. "The artists." he says, "have always made my busts without giving me justice as far He was a much smaller man than I as my lower lip is concerned, and that whether it is because of a fellow feeling am, and I knew that if matters came to is wrong. It is there, and it is there very much but not too much, for that would indicate willfulness. That was never one of my qualities, and I have always been amenable to argument if better opinions than mine were given. But a well formed lower lip indicates perseverence." Upon the completion of the artist's work the prince took the modeling spitula into his own hand and engraved personally his well known "V. B.," giving the medallion a signature which no other Bismarck portrait has ever received.

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great service in suidning Hoarseness and Loughs. Sod only in Lexes. Avoid imitations.

The Literature of Crime. Buffalo Express: Those persons who like to fancy that published accounts of crime tend to incite people to commit similar crimes can amuse themselves by discussing the possible responsibility of Mary E. Wilkins for a recent murder in Albany, Ore. Miss Wilkins' detective story, published in the Express, you know anything about tires, for told of a woman who dressed in man's clothes to commit a murder. Very soon after its publication this Oregon bery, and come back and show me how woman actually donned male garb and committed a murder. To be sure, she may never have heard of Mary E. it, indeed, and he returned with me Wilkins or her story. Then, again, it is usually the true stories of crime as With that expertness which receives published in the newspapers which my most profound admiration, but meet objection from these critics. which seems impossible for me to They may be as ready to argue that literature ought to be suppressed as emulate, he whipped off the tire. that news should be. But perhaps mended the tube, and put everything they can induce an argument to show in shape again. The whole episode that no person should be allowed to learn to read.

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Tame Parrot of Poets.

Sir Lewis Morris, the recently knighted tame parrot of well known poets, comes to the front with commendable regularity on every public occasion which offers reasonable excuse for an ode or an elegy. It is said that he tried to induce various American newspapers to cable across the Atlantic his recent effusion on the subject of the Armenian atrocities, but even a new knighthood proved too weak a weapon to accomplish this high-handed assault on fame. "Lord Sallisbury will deliver Armenia from Turkish oppression," sighs one weary reviewer, "but who will deliver the public from Sir Lewis Morris?"-Chicago Times-Herald.

Ghosts are Pale and Shadowy,

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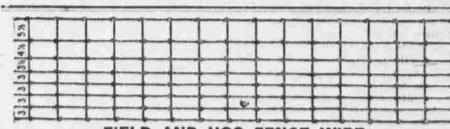
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