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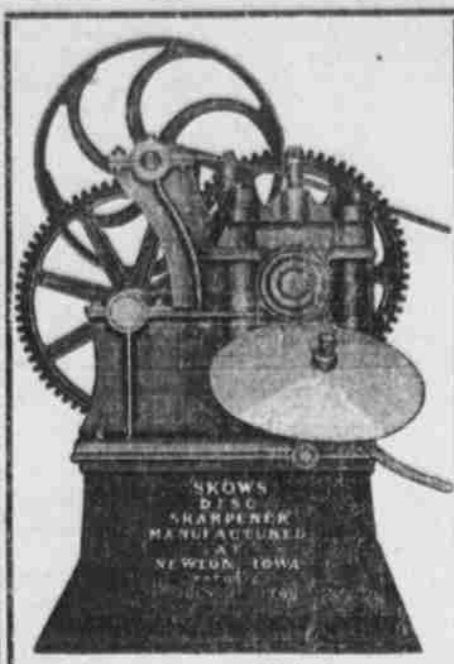
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GETTING HIS HAND IN.

Why Man Was Practicing Diving Through New York Crowd.
At the Brooklyn bridge approach the other day a man was observed making frantic rushes into the thick of the crowd. As everybody who goes to Brooklyn during rush hours does this, it is necessary to explain why this particular man was observed.
At first no one paid any attention to him excepting one old fellow with heart disease whom he jostled, and two young women with bundles who were knocked off their feet by the rashness of his charge. Everybody else was too intent on sprinting past his neighbor or adroitly disabling a rival to bother about such a commonplace occurrence.

It was the repetition of his rushes over the same ground and not the ferocity of his behavior or his disregard for the softer sex that finally made him the subject of remark. When for the third time he retreated over ground thus gained, and as often returned to the attack, a small, dyspeptic-looking bridge jumper whose corns had been rudely trodden upon ventured a remonstrance. Subtly inserting his elbow in the abdomen of the center rush, after the most approved "bridge jumping" tactics, he courteously inquired, "What seems to be cat's paw?"

A look of pained surprise overspread the features of the rusher. "You needn't be so unreasonable," he answered with offended dignity. "If you must know, I promised to do my sick wife's Christmas shopping in New York on Saturday afternoon, and being a bit out of condition, I was just getting in form. But I didn't mean to make myself conspicuous, I assure you."
And somehow the apology really did make him conspicuous for the moment.—New York Herald.

Wonderful Human Hand.

The human hand is so beautifully formed, it has so fine a sensibility, that sensibility governs its motion so correctly, every effort of the will is answered so instantly, as if the hand itself were the seat of that will; its actions are so free, so powerful, and yet so delicate, that it seems to possess a quality instinct in itself, and we use it as we draw our breath each moment, unconsciously, and have lost all recollection of the feeble and ill-directed efforts of its first exercises, by which it has been perfected. In the hand are twenty-nine bones, from the mechanism of which result strength, mobility and elasticity. On the length, strength, motion and mobility of the thumb depends the power of the hand. Without the fleshy ball of the thumb, the power of the fingers would avail nothing, and, accordingly, the large ball formed by the muscles of the thumb is the distinguishing character of the human hand.

Italy's King as a Sportsman.

The King of Italy is devoted to all outdoor sports, more especially tennis, shooting, yachting, motoring and fishing. There is a story that once on returning from a very bad day's fishing, the King met a poor man who had been very much successful. The King stopped the man and asked for a light. The man noticed that the fish the King was carrying were few in number and small, and, not recognizing the King, chaffed him on his bad luck. "You might be the King," said the man, "with that little lot." "Why?" asked the King, slightly embarrassed. "Well," said the man, "everyone knows that he's all right as a King, but he's no sportsman."

Well Known Bostonian Dead.

William Durant, treasurer of the Boston Transcript Company and for seventy years a faithful employe and guiding spirit of that corporation, died last week in his eighty-eighth year. Mr. Durant was born in Boston, studied law for a short time and in February, 1834, became a clerk in the Transcript office. Eight years later he was business manager, which position he held until 1879, when he also undertook the duty of treasurer. In 1886, at his own request, he was relieved of the presidency, but until his death was treasurer and director.

Refused Customary Holiday.

Postmaster General Payne upset a long-established custom by refusing to give the 2,000 employes in his department a half-holiday the day before Christmas. He had intended to do so, but after consultation with some department chiefs he found that such a course would cause serious delay in the volume of work, so he decided to keep everybody at work as usual. Mr. Payne's action is in line with President Cleveland's contention that it was a deliberate violation of law for heads of departments to give clerks such a half-holiday.

Is a Believer in Exercise.

Mayor McClellan of New York occupies nearly half an hour each morning in walking to his office. He says that he needs the exercise, and when in Congress walked to the capitol each morning. He is a healthy looking young man and seems capable of any amount of work.

Electricity in Farm Work.

The use of electricity in connection with farm work is being strongly advocated. The idea that the light is deleterious to vegetation is said to be all wrong and that the contrary holds good.

Accidents in New York.

The number killed in street accidents in New York city has been during the year almost two for each working day.

FIERCE EAGLES OF THE ALPS.

They Killed One of Their Hunters After a Desperate Battle.

The Maritime Alps of eastern France have long been noted as being the haunt of the most ferocious and powerful breed of eagles in existence. Children innumerable have been carried off by them, and they even attack adults on occasions, sometimes with dire results.

A postman named Gustave Silva, who carried the mails on foot between the villages of Sospello and Puget Theillers, was set upon while crossing the pass by three large birds, and frightfully injured.

He managed to drive off his winged assailants with the aid of his alpenstock, and eventually reached his destination with his bag of letters. But his case was from the first regarded as hopeless by the local doctors, and after lingering in indescribable agony for six days he succumbed to his wounds.

Meanwhile two young French tourists, Messrs. Joseph Monand and Antoine Neysel, went up into the mountains to try to kill the birds that had done the damage, and were savagely attacked in their turn. Both men were armed, but the sudden onslaught of the huge-winged creatures completely unnerved them, and after firing only one shot they tried to escape by running.

The birds, however, struck them down ere they had gone many yards, and they would have doubtless been both torn to pieces where they lay but for the opportune arrival of a party of shepherds.

These succeeded in rescuing Mr. Neysel alive, but terribly injured, he having sustained no fewer than ten severe wounds in the head and back, besides innumerable minor lacerations and abrasions.

His companion, Mr. Monand, was killed outright early in the fray, and his body, when recovered, presented a most shocking spectacle. Mr. Neysel recovered after six weeks in bed, but is disfigured for life.—Stray Stories.

A Child's Idea of Riches.

A little street walf was taken once to the house of a great lady and the childish eyes that had to look so sharply after daily bread were dazzled by signs of splendor on every hand.

"Can you get everything you want?" the child asked the mistress of the mansion.

"Yes, I think so," was the reply.

"Can you buy anything you'd like to have?"

The lady answered "Yes."

And the child, who was of a meditative turn of mind, looked at her half-pityingly and said wonderingly, "Don't you find it dull?"

To the keen little mind accustomed to live bird-like from day to day and rejoicing over a better supply with the delight born of rarity, the aspect of continual plenty and desires all gratified by possession contained an idea of monotony that seemed almost wearisome.

Exploring the Sea.

The French naval engineer, Renaud, calls attention to the fact that a captive balloon rising to a certain height may be employed to discover the presence of rocks beneath the surface of the water. Every sailor knows that in certain parts of the seas shallows can be detected in time by the coloring of the water so that they can be avoided. From certain heights shallows are shown still more plainly, as, for instance, from the hills surrounding the entrance to Brest. From this it follows that from a captive balloon at a certain height above the water, especially in waters containing channels, shallows can be located with the eye, and better still through photography.

Pat's Lesson in Golf.

Pat had been helping the greens keeper construct several tees at the new golf links, and during the noon hour had been given a few lessons in driving. A day or two later he was telling his friend Casey about it.

"Faith, Casey," he said, "this game they call golf do be a funny game. Yez have a little white ball an' a long stick wid a knob on the end av it, an' yez put the white ball on a little hape av sand. Thin the game is to haul av an' knock the ball so far yez kin niver find it agin."

"An' did yez hit the ball whin yez tried?" asked Casey.

"Did Oi?" said Pat. "That's the funny thing about golf. Shure, the first toime Oi hit it, Oi niver touched it!"

Sympathy Misplaced.

Edward L. Adams, representing the United States as consul general at Stockholm, Sweden, was for several years editor of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle. While occupying that position he wrote an obituary notice of a neighbor's child, whose trousers had caught fire during a Fourth of July celebration, burning the little fellow so badly that he died in consequence. Mr. Adams ended his article with the statement that the sympathies of friends would go out to the bereaved parents. His shock the next day may possibly be imagined when the types made him say that "the sympathies of a large circle of friends will go out to the burned pants."—New York Times.

Cigars Not a Bribe.

In a case brought at Haverhill, Mass., to declare the election of Mayor Wood void because during his canvass for the office he treated to cigars, and was, therefore, guilty of bribery within the meaning of the law, the grand jury of that city has found that there is no cause for action as cigars cannot be held to be "a valuable consideration."

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