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Her Days. Mr. Medhurst, for many years British consul at Shanghai, tells of a singular "card of invitation" which he once received in China. It was from a lady, intimating her intention to commit suicide on a specified date. She was very young and attractive, and belonged to a wealthy family; but the Chinese gentleman to whom she had been filanced from childhood having died just before the date fixed upon for their nuptials, she gave out that she deemed it her duty to render her widowhood irrevocable by dying with her betrothed. So she sent cards around to the local gentry giving notice of her purpose. No attempt was made by her relatives or the local authorities to frustrate her design, though Mr. Medhurst appealed to the mandarins, the general opinion being that she was about to perform a meritorious act. Eventually, on the day named, the woman did deliberately sacrifice her life in the presence of thousands of spectators. A stage was erected in the open fields, with a tented frame over it, from which was suspended a scarlet bit of crepe. One end of this crepe she fastened around her neck, and then, embracing a little boy presented by one of the bystanders, she mounted a chair and resolutely jumped off. "Her little clasped hands saluting the assemblage as her body twirled around with the tightening cord." The woman was not hounded on by a fanatic mob, as was the practice at suttees in India, but immolation appeared to be an entirely voluntary act. Sacrifices of this kind, according to Mr. Medhurst, are not uncommon in certain districts of China, and, strange to say, they are rewarded with monuments, sometimes erected by order of the emperor.

BEST SHARP-SHOOTERS. May Not Make the Biggest Scores, But

Best for Other Reasons "It will be a surprise to the public to know that the best marksmen are not all in the sharp-shooters' teams of the militia organizations," said Lieutenant H. C. Du Val, of the New York Seventh. "The men who go upon the teams are better than the best marksmen because they are the ones who can do their utmost under the strain of shooting in matches.

"There are fellows in nearly every regiment who can give large odds to the men in their teams, but they break up and go to pieces when they know that they are shooting in a match for the credit and standing of their regiments. The men who get on the teams are the stolid, imperturbable, steady chaps who can be relied upon to not get rattled when everything depends upon their doing their best.

"They have either got no nerves at all or else their nerves are of steel, and though they may not make such scores as some nervous, slightly-built fellows, they are excellent shots, and what they are able to do they never fail to do. They are often fellows of big build and good, round girth.

"The best team in this country last year looked like a rather dull lot of workmen out of a factory, but dynamite could not disturb their selfpossession."

HAD TO CLIMB A TREE. an Unusual Thing.

Men who have hunted woodchucks know that they never climb trees. That is, it is not their nature to do so, and no one familiar with their habits would believe that one ever did unless he saw it himself. The pastor of a little Baptist church in Kentucky knew this characteristic of the animal, and on it based a story. The congregation was in debt \$400 for its new church, and one Sunday was set for making an appeal for subscriptions. In the course of his exhortation that the members of his flock be liberal, the minister said:

"This congregation is like a woodchuck a man once told me about. He was hunting the woodchuck with dogs, he said, and they pressed it so closely that it finally climbed a tree. "'But,' I said to my friend, 'wood-chucks can't climb trees, and you know it.'

"This woodchuck had to climb a tree,' replied my friend, and that's the way it is with this congregation. You say you can't raise \$400, but you've got to do it."

The congregation saw the point, and \$350 was raised on the spot and the rest was secured that week.

The Microbe That Causes Baldness. Dr. Saymonne has made for himself an undying fame by discovering and naming the parasite that causes bald-ness in the human species and loss of fur and hair in the lower animals. He calls the creature "bacillus carnivorax," a name which suggests that it is in some way related to the St. Louis Republic's "cannibal microbe." The man who discovers an exterminator for "carnivorax" will deserve more fame than the learned M. D. who has discovered and named the

Walls on the Moon.

Late photographs of the moon developed by the astronomer-photog-rapher of the Pesth academy exhibit ome unaccountable pecularities. The plate shows hundreds of walls or embankments seemingly about 200 feet high and from 125 to 200 yards in width on top. They run parallel to each other and appear to be from 1,000 to 1,300 yards apart.

Watches.

A watch is usually composed of 98 pieces, and its manufacture embraces over 2,000 distinct operations. Some of its screws are so small as to be imperceptible to the unaided eye, and the slit in the heads of the screws is 2-1000ths of an inch in width.

A JAILER'S EXPEDIENT.

He Had Made Alluring Promises to Get the Prisoner in Bis Cell.

The jailer of Helena, Mont, has to resort to all sorts of expedients at times to get inebriated prisoners to go quietly into the cell room. Of course when a prisoner is helpless he is carried in; but often he is only half drunk, he is quarrelsome or very par-ticular, and as it is not desired to use force to get such a one behind the bars, he is led into the cell room much as a child is coaxed to bed. Not long ago one of these supersensitive gen-tlemen was brought in hardly able to stand up. After he had been booked he was invited into the jail room. Instead of accepting he sat down and declared his unalterable determination not to go into the jug. He was assured he would have a good bed. He acknowledged that wasso, but he said he objected to the character of the meals served.

"Why," said the jailer, "you are mistaken. In this jail we give the prisoners some things just as good as they give the boarders at the Hotel

On this assurance the prisoner went into the jail proper. Just as the door was being closed he called out to the

"Say, what's that you give same as Hotel Helena?" "Salt," said the jailer, as he slam-

med the door to and locked it. BRUIN WAS KNOWING.

Against Orders to Shoot, so He Raided

the Soldiers' Camp Nightly. "When I was in the Yellowstone park last summer," said a Wyoming valley man, "one of the game-keepers told me about a bear that worried a camp of government soldjers almost to desperation for several weeks. Late one night a bear waddled into camp, ripped open a tent, put the soldiers to flight, got what he wanted to eat and went away. The next night the bear came around again, smashed down a tent and stole a smoked ham.

"Under the park rules the soldiers were prohibited from firing at the thievish brute, as well as from jabbing a bayonet into him, and the only thing they could do when the bear appeared and went to helping himself to the rations was to get out of his way. Night after night the bold beast made a raid on the camp and ruined a tent or two. My informant said that the bear acted as if he knew that the soldiers daren't fire at him, and that on each visit he became more saucy and destructive than before.

"When the bear's raids had become unbearable the commandant sent the facts to the secretary of the interior and asked what to do. Word came back to shoot the bear, and that night when bruin strode boldly into camp, the soldiers put an end to his career by riddling him with bullets."

Helped Steal His Own Hog. A farmer living near Perth, Ala, helped steal his own hog the other night He was awakened from his sleep in the middle of the night and asked by two men to assist them in loading a hog which had tumbled out of the crate in their wagon. He willingly gave a helping hand, and then returned to quiet slumbers. The next morning he went to feed his porker, but there was no porker to feed. It then dawned upon him that he had helped load his own hog in the wagon the night before.

Black and Yellow. On a festive occasion, Mr. Jones, who is by nature courtesy itself, com-plimented a middle-aged lady upon her dress, the upper part of which was of black lace. "Nothing," said he, "to my mind is so becoming as black and yellow." "Yellow!" she cried; "oh, good gracious! That's not my dress; that's me!"

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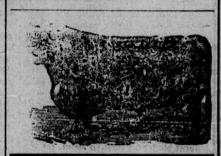
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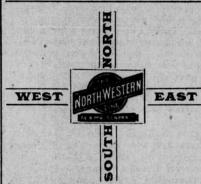
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