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The Enthusiastic Insurance Agent Was
Too Enthusiastic to Succeed.

"A man in my business," remarked a very successful solicitor of life insurance, "can't be too careful not to be too enthusiastic in his shop talk. Of course he must get in all the argument he can, but it must be done judiciously. I remember when I began the work I could scarcely find adjectives enough to describe the excellence of my company. One day, however, I got a set-back that taught me a valuable lesson. I had gone to a fine risk, a friend of my father's, a man of about forty and good for the limit. He wanted five thousand and I wanted him, but I wasn't certain of him, for he had his mind set on another company. Just the same, I tackled him, and the way I talked up my company and its very superior advantages over all others was worthy of publication on a circus poster.

"'Hold on a minute, Charlie,' he said, interrupting me in a gushing flow of enconium. 'Hold on.' "What is it?' I asked, thinking I had him.

"'Do you really believe all these things you are telling me?

"'I most emphatically do.' "'And do you want me to?"

"'I don't want you to go into the company if you don't.'
"'Well,' he said quietly, 'I won't go into it, because, my boy, if I believed implicitly that your company's policy embodied all the advantages to the insurer that you claim for it, I'll be

blamed if I wouldn't commit suicide in order to enjoy them.' "Then he smiled and I lost him, but I never lost the lesson."

THE INDIAN AS A FIGHTER.

He Was Born to Fight, Glories in Fighting, and Will and Can Fight.

"The Indian is the most vicious fighter on earth," said Major Barbour, late press agent of the world's fair, but a former plainsman. "You read in the accounts of the South African war where a hundred or two Englishmen go out and whip 5,000 or 10,000 black men. There is no uncivilized people on earth, no race which is utterly ignorant of what we call the science of war, that can for a minute compare with the Indians as warriors. No frontier general would think of leading his troops against a body of Indians where the odds were greatly against him. Why? Because the Indian is naturally a fighter and a marksman, and because he has been quick to learn what the white armies have taught him in warfare.

"Take that fight in which Sitting Bull was killed. That was a skirmish, it's true, but it illustrates my point. There were just sixteen men on each Those Indian scouts rode straight through the camp of Sitting Bull, and engaged the old demon himself and fifteen of his picked warriors in a battle in which no man knew he had more than an even chance of sur-

"I've seen them. They love to fight. Their ambition is to win glory in fighting. Their traditions urge them on to fight. It's their only really aristocratic business. They are physically well qualified to fight; they know how, and you can bet they do fight when they get at it."

Silver Ruins a Horse.

A silver quarter dollar rarely does so much damage as in the case of a silver and others gold. street-car horse in Reading, Pa., which has been utterly ruined by this little piece of money. For the past four years there has been a horse in the Bird street stables of the city passenger railway company that became lame for a few days every month, and on each occasion a hard lump formed on the right shoulder, but never twice at the same place. The attention of Superintendent Rigg was called to the horse, and he had the shoulder lanced. The superintendent stood aghast when a quarter dollar was taken from the lump. A scar in the horse's chest leads Mr. Rigg to believe that the horse was injured some years ago and that the quarter was placed in the wound to keep it open for the removal of pus and then forgotten.

A Peculiar Will.

One of the most peculiar wills ever who died in Antwerp, in which she left all her estate to her relatives up to the twelth degree of kinship. The testator was reported to have been worth one hundred millions of dollars. The ambitious relatives hastened to file their claims. As a result the court is obliged to pass upon the alleged rights of 14,554 heirs. The family tree of one heir alone covers a space sixteen meters square. The poor people are doomed to disappointment, as the estate turned out to be worth only about three millions. So many lawyers have been engaged that their fees alone will swallow up this amount.

King'y Eagle Licked by a Coyote. While coming across Combs flat recently W. C. Plummer, of Prineville, Oregon, witnessed an exciting fight between an eagle and a coyote. The eagle had caught a rabbit and the coyote undertook to take it away from him. The eagle defended his prey manfully for some time, but the coy ote was too much lor him and finally got away with the rabbit, but not until the eagle had clawed several handfuls of hair out of his back and left him somewhat disfigured.

A Publication Ruled by a Planet.

One of the newspaper curiosities of the world is called Le Passage de Venus (the transit of Venus), and is to be published whenever that astronomical phenomenon recurs. Its first issue bore the date of December 6, 1882; the next will be dated June 8, 2004. The subscribers of this unique journal cannot possibly hope to certificate was shingles, and it would get the fourteenth issue before the

KEPT HER VOW.

Keeping Indoors for Four Decades.

Three aged maiden women by the name of Bullock died of la grippe in Salem, Mass., recently within sixteen days. They all lived in one house at 73 Derby street with a married sister, who survives. Mary Bullock, aged 78, Hannah, aged 84, and Elizabeth, aged 76. Of Mary and Hannah it may be said that their lives were uneventful, but connected with Elizabeth is a sad and romantic history. Nearly halt a century ago she fell in love with a handsome young man and had made arrangements to be married. He was ambitious to make his mark in life, and if possible, secure a fortune. She refused to accompany him to the West and endeavored to dissuade him from going. He had made up his mind to go, however, and urged her in every way possible to be married, but she firmly refused, and said that unless he surrendered his intention of leaving Salem she would never go out-doors again. Her lover went West, made a fortune, married a buxom maiden and is now the father of an interesting family.

For more than forty years Elizabeth was loyal to her rash vow and never left the house but once, and that was some years ago, when the old homestead was on fire, and she was taken by main force from her room by the firemen. During the first years of her voluntary confinement her family and friends endeavored to make her change her mind, but all efforts and influences were futile. So far as the public can learn she never spoke to anyone about her lover, yet it is apparent by her demeanor for more than four decades that she never forgot

PRETTY CIRLS IN BETHLEHEM. More Beauties in the Hills of Judea

Than Anywhere Else. A correspondent has been "doing"

the Holy land, and is filled with admiration for the damsels of Bethlehem. In a recent letter he writes: "I don't wonder that Boaz fell in love with Ruth. The Bethlehem girls are among the beauties of the East, and you will find more pretty girls in the hills of Judea than in the same amount of territory anywhere else the world over. A shipload of these Bethlehem maidens, if they could be transported to the great Northwest, would capture the bonsnza farmers of the Dakotas just as Ruth captured this great land owner, Boaz, and when they came back to Washington as senators' wives they would be the bells of the capital. These Bethlehem maidens are fair-skinned and brighteyed. They have straight, wellrounded forms, which they clothe in long dresses of white linen, so beautifully embroidered in silk that a single gown requires many months of work. This dress is much like an American woman's night gown, without the frills and laces. It falls from the neck to the feet, and is open at the front in a narrow slit as far down as a modest decollette dress. Over this gown they wear sleeveless cloaks of dark red stripes, and the head they cover with a long shawl of linen embroidered with silk. Each girl wears her dower on her person in the shape of a necklace of coins, and the forehead of each maiden is decorated with a crown of coins, some of which are

A Vast Deal in Diamonds.

Less than three months ago the entire stock of the company controlling the output of the world was sold to a London syndicate for \$6,250,000 the price per carat being in advance of that paid at a large sale just previous to that time. The stock of the company then advanced several per cent, and the advance is still maintained. It is also untrue that shrewd buyers can now obtain small stones at a bargain in the European markets. The market was stripped of well-cut stones by American buyers last year, and the tendency of prices is now upward, the fine goods being bought up by Europeans as rapidly as the cutters can turn them out. There is no immediate prospect of a decline from present prices. Joseph Barmato represented the London syndicate that purchased recorded was that of Madam Meens, I this big stock of diamonds, and dealers say that they do not anticipate any depreciation in the market.

Figures on Longevity in Japan One of the noteworthy facts of the last (1891) census of Japan is the large number of persons who have attained the age of 100 years and upward. The total population of the empire is 40,-500,000, and out of that number there was a total of 177 persons who had passed the century mile stone, viz.: Eighty-one who were 100 years of age, 46 of 101, 26 of 102, 7 of 103, 6 of 104, 4 of 105, 7 of 106 and 3 of 107. The combination ages of this wonderful "century community" of 177 persons yield a grand total of 16,937 years!

Advantage in Being Redheaded. Nobody ever heard of a redheaded man being sunstruck. Why a red head should afford any protection from the rays of the sun or give its owner immunity from one of the most singular affections that humanity is heir to is one of those mysteries that even the doctors cannot fathom, but the fact remains that men with red hair can stand almost any amount of exertion in or out of doors during the hottest weather and never feel any serious results from it.

Where Shingles Pass as Money.

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