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When Lord Raleigh, the British scientist, was a student at Cambridge he examined set among other problems one which they based on an article in a German mathematical periodical supposed unlikely to have penetrated to Cambridge. Only two men solved it, Mr. Strutt (Lord Rayleigh) and another. The examiners asked the other man about this problem. "Oh," he said, "I take the (mentoring) name of the periodical and I was very glad to find that, thanks to an article in the last number, that problem came out quite easily." When Mr. Strutt's turn came they expected a similar answer, but he astonished them by replying: "The fact is, gentlemen, I had sometimes contribute to it, and I could not help feeling greatly flattered that you should have thought my little problem worthy of a place in this examination." He got the prize.

A snake story from India, told by General Sir Thomas Edward Gordon: "When asleep at night an officer happened to cast his arm over the side of the bed and was violently awakened by a sharp bite on one of his fingers. Calling for a light, he and the servant who brought it, on hasty examination, decided that the punctured marks were those of a snake bite, and, after tightly binding his arm in two places to stop the circulation, he proceeded, with the servant's assistance, to cut off the bitten finger. In the meantime his dog came and he was taken to the hospital where medical treatment was promptly applied. The surgeon examined the severed portion of the finger and pronounced the bite to be that of a rat."

This is the tale of a dog in the steeple of St. Clement Dane's. Judgment was given at Westminster county court in the action brought by Mr. Alford, late verger at St. Clement Dane's church, Strand, to recover £15, a month's wages, and the costs of the case. During his evidence plaintiff admitted that he kept a dog in the steeple and alleged that the dog kept three dogs in the church. Judge Woodfall, in giving judgment, said he adjourned the case for the purpose of raising questions of cost. He hoped the parties would come to some arrangement. His honor added that he had received a letter from the rector repudiating the suggestion of plaintiff that he had kept dogs in the church.

Sir Edwin Arnold was once entertaining the duke of Connaught in Tokio. Just before leaving, the nobleman remarked to his host: "You have proved a most unkind host, but I have no doubt you have not shown me which this country is noted for, and that is an earthquake." Sir Edwin smiled grimly and was about to reply when a violent earthquake shock actually took place, part of the building being damaged. The duke of Connaught came running in a frantic state of alarm, and when the duke had quieted her fears, he turned to Sir Edwin and coolly remarked: "Oh, you wonderful magician, I thought I was not asking too much of you."

In many of the Greek islands, diving for sponges forms a considerable part of the occupation of the inhabitants. The natives make it a trade to gather these, and the income from this source is good. In one of the islands a girl is not permitted to marry until she has brought up a certain number of sponges and given proof of her skill by taking them from a certain depth. Even in some of the islands the trade is reversed. The father of a marriageable daughter bestows her on the best diver among her suitors. He who can stay longest in the water and bring up the biggest cargo of sponges marries the maid.

A new instrument for surveying deep-bore holes contains a compass, plummet, small camera and electric light, the whole connected with a small adjustable clock, so that the light may be turned on for a given period. This apparatus has been lowered into the hole. It has been used in surveying a number of holes in South Africa and has proved very satisfactory. Both dip and deviation are recorded by means of photographs of the position of both a plumb-bob and a magnetic needle at any desired point in the bore hole. The photographs are taken by means of two small electric lamps lighted by a time contact.

Mrs. Charles A. Babcock, of Orwell, N. Y., has had a monument erected in the cemetery at Orwell over the grave of her late husband, who was always engaged in the lumber business. It is a sawmill made of granite, and is an exact reproduction of the Redfield mill, made on a scale of one inch to the foot. It is complete in every detail, having saws, carriages, rollers to carry off the shavings, skids with three logs on ready to roll on the carriage, car loaded with lumber, the whole being cut out of marble. It has the appearance of a mill just shut down.

A wonderful fruit has been found in the neighborhood of the coast of the Gulf of Guinea, in Africa. It has the power, says a report, to "change the hue of the complexion, and to give a delicious sweetness." An official has found it effective after a dose of quinine, and adds that "if a lemon be sucked within two or three hours of eating one of the fruits its acid flavor entirely counteracts the quinine, and resembles a small plum, with the seed invested in a thin, soft pulp, wherein lies the peculiar sweetening property."

It is said that the Prince of Wales hates toydism. A few years ago he was taking part in a shoot. Early in the day a man came up to him and said: "I've been picking up your royal highness's birds." "That's all right," answered the prince, "how many have you?" "Thirteen, sir," answered the man. "That's funny," was the reply, "considering that I've shot only eight."

The sacred fires of India have not all been extinguished. The most ancient which still exists was consecrated twelve centuries ago, in commemoration of the voyage made by the Parsees when they emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every twenty-four hours, and is present under a very fragrant material, combined with other dry fuel.

Pneumatic foundations and tunnels can be carried on at a depth of 210 feet below the water surface, according to Messrs. Leonard Hill and M. Greenwood. They experimented on the effect of air pressures up to ninety-two pounds by means of a large cylinder, in which they stayed under different pressures for various times.

Among the relics of famous men in the possession of Dr. John Maxwell, of St. Louis, is Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes' shoe horn. It is an ordinary shoe horn affixed to a cane handle about four feet long. Armed with this the doctor could put on his shoes without stooping or wasting energy.

NOVELTIES OF THE NEWS

London—Punch is authority for the statement that Andrew Carnegie, while playing golf on the Dornoch links, holed the last hole in one and at once presented a library to his caddy.

Springfield, Mass.—Miss Katherine A. Bowler, of Holyoke, 21 years old, was admitted to the Haverden county bar. Miss Bowler who has been a stenographer in a Holyoke law office, mastered jurisprudence outside of working hours.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—Ida May Hall, a 14-year-old girl of Durven, has married her Thomas Nott, an Italian twice her age. Thomas went to the Halls' home to be instructed in the English language by the girl's father and there fell in love with the child. The romance has lasted three years.

Paris—The French inventor who devised motor boats has conceived an adaptation of the petrol motor for supplying the human body with mechanical power for propulsion in water. Every man thus may become his own motor boat and the future may see thousands of persons crossing the English channel and other waterways.

Chicago, Ill.—Mrs. Helen M. Tyler, who came to Chicago in 1834, died in the Illinois Central railroad station a few minutes after her return from Covington, Ky. Her last wish that she might once more see Lake Michigan was gratified. Mrs. Tyler came here with her father and her uncle, Fruman P. Mandy, from Buffalo, N. Y., where she was born.

Johnstown, Pa.—Believed to have become hysterically distressed by his failure to acquit himself well at an algebra recitation, and being rebuked by W. H. Ford, the teacher, 14-year-old Hiner Snowden pulled a penknife from his breast and cut an ugly looking gash, but one which will not necessarily prove fatal.

New York, N. Y.—Thomas Urell, who dropped off the middle span of the Brooklyn bridge just as it was being lowered 136 feet into the East river and live, says he could not put his mind on what would happen. "The instant I dived," said he, "I flashed across my mind that I owed my last week's laundry bill and that worried me all the way down."

Cumberland, Md.—Miss James Schrahl, a nurse in the hospital here, responded to a call to assist in an operation in the emergency ward, and as she entered the room she noticed the exact distance from the table to the operating table with both legs crushed off just below the hip. She assisted through the operation. When the work was completed she fainted.

Berkeley, Cal.—Cupid has stolen one of the best human food testers, the nutrition department of the University of California has had in many years. E. M. Tidd married the other day. Now his wife has rebelled against her husband existing on food offered for the university experiments. "My food is plenty good enough for me," she said, "but I don't want to eat it. Why should I go on eating messes which Professor Jaffa fixes for him?" she declares.

Cleveland, O.—The department of physical education at Cleveland public schools will pay special attention to the personal habits of the students the coming year. Besides adjusting the seats so that trousers and skirts won't be worn out too quickly, the department will endeavor to induce students to keep their teeth in good repair and to cultivate other personal habits, which will lead to a spotless condition generally.

New York, N. Y.—In fear for their lives, four patients and a half dozen attendants at a mud bath institute, fled from the building, when fire was discovered on the top floor. As some of the patients wore only a thin coating of mud their position was embarrassing. One man was in the bath covered with Italian mud and the attendants carried him, tub and mud into the street, where he had to be dug out. The crowd watched the proceeding with a great deal of interest.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Berkeley, Cal.—In the observatory campus is now installed a seismograph, designed by Professor Omori, of Japan, to record the preliminary motions and after shocks incident to an earthquake. The instrument recorded an earthquake of the distance from the university of the shock at Valparaiso. Professor Omori believes that eventually the machine will aid in solving the problem of predicting the coming of an earthquake. The instrument belongs to the Imperial earthquake commission of Japan.

Paris—Professor Lidue, of a medical school at Nantes, claims to have created a vegetable life. He has been experimenting for ten years and he eventually discovered that with what he described as "osmotic pressure," which animates inorganic matter when disseminated in a fluid, it is possible to produce a substance identical with living tissues. He gradually created artificial cells, which lived and reproduced. From these he claims he produced growing plants three and four inches long.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Sheriff Sourbier has received a letter from Oscar A. Baker, who attempted to bribe legislators to vote against the anti-cigarette law, which confirms the information that Baker had left Canada for Europe. The letter was dated and mailed at Londonderry, Ireland. Sheriff Sourbier, while refusing to go into details, admitted that it contained a proposition for a compromise that would enable Baker to return to Indiana.

Washington, D. C.—Public Printer Stillings sustained the action of Acting Foreman Ashton, who last month suspended A. J. Tanner, a bookbinder, on the charge of insubordination. The charge was based on a refusal by Tanner to do a larger day's work, and the bookbinders' union appealed the case to the public printer, who fixed the suspension period at thirty days.

Kingussie, Scotland—Mrs. William Rhinelandier Stewart and James H. Smith, of New York, were married at Newtonmore, the residence of Anthony J. Drexel, the bride's brother-in-law. Among the few friends present were the duke of Manchester, Brimsley Fitzgerald, Lady George Cooper, Jack Purdy, and Mr. and Mrs. Drexel.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—As a result of Secretary Taft's visit to Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt approved a change in the plans for the construction of the Panama canal which will save \$150,000 in the expense, besides preserving the railroad terminal facilities on the Atlantic side of the canal. The change will be in the dam which is to hold the waters of Lake Sasa.

New York—Two men were drowned in the motor boat races on the Hudson river. They were Harry Perry and J. Oberon, who were on the motor boat Vesuvius. Oberon was drowned in an attempt to save Perry.

FOUND DEAD IN HOVEL.

Nettie Mosty, Whose Husband Is Believed to Live in Sioux City, the Victim of Drugs in Omaha. Omaha, Neb., Sept. 18.—The body of Nettie Mosty, whose husband resides in Sioux City, was found on a filthy floor of a hovel at 913 Davenport street this morning. The plaintive whining of a dog attracted attention and the door was broken open. Seventeen years ago when Mosty learned of her wife's slavery to drugs he gave her a home and \$6,000 and left her. The woman surrendered the small fortune and became a social outcast.

NEBRASKA TO HEAR ORATORS.

Many G. O. P. Speakers of Prominence Will Visit the State. Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 18.—Republican speakers to be furnished for the Nebraska campaign by the national committee will be picked from a list comprising Speaker Cannon, of Illinois; Senator Dooliver, of Iowa; Secretary Taft, of the war department, and possibly some others. At the request of the republican state committee, one or more of the men above named will come to Nebraska and make speeches. It is expected that Senator Dooliver will certainly give this state some of his time. He will be assigned as many dates as he can conveniently fill.

WHISKY BARREL EXPLODES.

Johnson County Young Man Injured in a Novel Manner. Tecumseh, Neb., Sept. 18.—Walter Hill, of Johnson county, took a load of apples to a cider mill and also an empty whisky barrel to put the cider in. The barrel had been left standing out in the hot sun, and when the bung was knocked out gas escaped. Mr. Hill lighted a match and held it over the bung-hole, when a terrific explosion occurred, knocking out the end of the barrel. Flames from the bung-hole burned his face seriously. His hair was badly scorched, and his eyes were burned so that he became blind, but his sight was not injured.

CAPTURE HORSE THIEF.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 18.—Ed Schradler, who is supposed to be implicated in the theft of the G. A. Crannell horse about three weeks ago, was arrested near Lyons by Sheriff Phipps yesterday. The horse was found a few days after the stealing in a pasture near Hooper. After being arrested Schradler tried several times to get away, but when the sheriff put the cuffs on him he quieted down and behaved himself.

LEAVES BABY TO CHECK TRUNK.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 18.—Fred Sonnenschein, for many years mayor of West Point, Neb., boarded a train today with a baby which had been placed in his arms by a woman, who begged him to hold the child while she got her baggage checked. Sonnenschein, who earnestly refused, was told to check the trunk. "I will be right back," the woman had said. When his train came in Sonnenschein sought the woman. She had been gone long enough already to check baggage several times. When the train was called to pull out Sonnenschein jumped on board. The next instant the mother appeared. Station officials came to the rescue, the train was stopped, and the child restored to its mother.

RE-ENTERS MINISTRY.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 18.—The Rev. F. P. Blakemore, of Weeping Water, who was discharged from the ministry while presiding at the M. E. church here two years ago for alleged misconduct, will re-enter the ministry, working in Michigan under the direction of the American Baptist association.

WATSON DISBARRED FOR YEAR.

Nebraska City, Neb., Sept. 18.—The proceedings in the disbarment case against Attorney John C. Watson came to a close yesterday. The court retired for consultation, and within an hour reported a finding in which the three judges, Good, Kellegar and Frost, concurred. The court ordered Watson to be disbarred for one year. A motion for a new trial was overruled.

NAME A TICKET.

Wyoming Democrats Put Up Kaister for Governor. Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 18.—The democratic state convention adopted resolutions endorsing W. J. Bryan, the "triumphant candidate in 1908." The platform demands national and state eight hour laws and their enforcement; favors a law making it a felony for a state officer to accept a pass or other free transportation from a railroad; demands a primary election law and a return to the Australian ballot system, and favors free trade in various commodities, particularly wheat.

The following ticket was nominated by the convention: Governor—S. A. D. Kaister, Fremont county. Secretary of State—Daniel W. Gill, Laramie county. State Auditor—Thomas A. Dunn, Big Horn county. State Treasurer—James L. Loban, Sheridan county. State Superintendent of Public Instruction—Miss May Hamilton, Natrona county. Congress—John C. Hamm, Uintah county.

GEN. WINT FOR CANTEEN

Demoralizing Influences Surrounding Army Posts Due to Prohibition. Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—Brigadier General Theodore J. Wint, commanding the department of Missouri, has reported to the war department that in his opinion the canteen should be restored to the army posts. He says: "The demoralizing influence of resorts surrounding the posts cannot be overstated, and is giving rise, as it does, to a large proportion of the most serious offenses, and in particular all of those with penitentiary confinements the condition is changeable in great measure, in my opinion, to the prohibition placed upon post exchange."

MAY MIX AGAIN.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 18.—"Tex" Rickard, of Goldfield, has made an offer which will supply followers of boxing with material for discussion for some time to come. He offered another \$30,000 purse to Gans and Nelson for a fight to take place in Goldfield in January. The great arena will be covered and made into a comfortable pavilion. Rickard offered to make two bets. He expressed his willingness to wager \$30,000 that Gans cannot defeat Nelson in twenty rounds, and another of \$10,000 that Nelson can defeat any white man now in the ring.

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SONS SHOOT FATHER

Quarrel Ends in Tragedy at Auburn—Sons Are Arrested. Auburn, Neb., Sept. 17.—As the result of a quarrel, Isaac Williams, a prominent farmer residing eight miles east of this city, lies dead in his home and his two sons, Clarence and Charles, are locked up in the county jail here charged with murder. The cause that led to the tragedy as near as can be learned was the request of one of the boys for money with which to defray his expenses at school. The father was a man of violent temper and had the reputation of having been very abusive to members of his family. He refused the request of the son and the controversy that resulted began shortly after the dinner hour and grew in acrimony as the afternoon progressed. Finally about 3 o'clock the father in a fit of rage drove the boys out of the house. It is alleged that they then armed themselves with weapons, one with a shotgun and the other with a revolver. The father came out to the barnyard where they were and it is alleged threatened them with a pitchfork. One of the boys emptied two loads from the shotgun and the other fired four bullets from the revolver into their parent's body. It is alleged that the son who was armed with the shotgun then clubbed the father's prostrate form with the butt end of the weapon.

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HOTELS BURGLARIZED.

Merchants and Brookings Hostleries Entered and Guests Robbed.

Tekamah, Neb., Sept. 15.—The Merchants and Brookings hotels of this place were entered by burglars at an early hour this morning. About 12:30 p. m. Mr. Brookings was awakened by a man in his room and when he turned over the man fled with Mr. Brookings close to his heels all the way down stairs and out the front door. When he returned to his room he found that over \$100 were gone. A little before 3 o'clock some one went through the Merchants hotel and secured a two and one-half carat diamond stud and \$5 from C. L. Smith, a traveling man from Chicago, and a watch and \$5 from John Lewis, of Decatur. Mr. Smith and Mr. Lewis were the only two guests in the house who had left their doors unlocked. A bicycle was left at Show's livery barn, across the street from the hotels, some time between 12 and 1 o'clock and it is supposed to belong to the person who went through the hotels as up to a late hour this morning the owner had not been found.

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Quick Trip for Mrs. Stewart Who Will Wed "Richest Bachelor."

GOT SIOUX FALLS DECREE

That Was But Three Weeks Ago—"Silent" Smith Considered the Catch of Several Seasons.

New York, Sept. 14.—According to cable dispatches from Scotland, the bans for the marriage of James Henry Smith and Mrs. Rhinelandier Stewart were read on Sunday in the parish church at Alvie, Invernesshire. It is expected the wedding will take place soon. The groom to be is known as "Silent Smith."

The announcement was not altogether a surprise. Mrs. Stewart obtained a divorce from her husband in South Dakota August 24 last. Long before that her marriage to Smith after her divorce had been mentioned as a probability. Smith has been spoken of as the richest bachelor in this country. In 1899 he inherited from his uncle, George Smith—known as "Chicago Smith"—a fortune estimated at \$50,000,000, which since has largely increased. Smith was an inconspicuous Wall street banker when his uncle died in London.

The elder Smith had made his fortune in Chicago but had resided in England for some time before his death. He was one of the pioneer bankers of the northwest. He came from Aberdeenshire, Scotland. His estate paid \$4,500,000 in taxes to the British government.

Becomes Active in Society.

James Henry Smith, from being a retiring bachelor, became active in society. Two years ago he bought the William C. Whitney house in Fifth avenue. He also has a place at Tuxedo and residences in London and Scotland, where he has done a great deal of entertaining. In 1892 Smith purchased Rubens' "The Holy Family" for \$50,000 and presented it to the Metropolitan museum. Last February he gave \$50,000 to St. Luke's hospital in Chicago for an annex in memory of his uncle. He long has been a patron of fine arts and in his bachelor days a great lover of books. He is a man of middle age.

Mrs. Stewart was Miss Annie Armstrong daughter of John A. Armstrong of Baltimore. She is an elder sister of Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel of Philadelphia.

She and her cousin Rhinelandier Stewart were married in 1879. Stewart was the head of one of the oldest New York families, a lawyer, and once president of the state board of charities.

Social Whirl Parts Them.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were prominent in society, but it is said Mrs. Stewart cared more for social amusements than did her former husband. A little more than a year ago the Stewarts separated