## **Ballaine's Bank Balance**

like a "run," but a closer view showed safely at the facts. the entrance of the bank unobstructed. The story as told in the Record was A notice, written in a bold hand, and widely read. bung inside the window, was the ob- It related the coming of Mr. Ballaine ject of the crowd's curiosity. It read: to town where he opened an office as a Mr. T. Fillmore Ballaine's balance was known. Without waiting for business £2.117 168, 8d."

appeared regularly upon the window given him by his father on which to of the bank. It began on a Monday begin life he bought and sold and at morning, and the few that glanced at the same time made friends and If learned that T. Fillmore Bullaine studied men and things. tional Bank

proclaimed that Mr. Ballaine had asked for Miss Penny, was one of the had £1,499 19s. 11d. therein, and some most delightful conflicts of the formwag in the crowd gravely passed his er's business career. Mr. Penny heaped ship." "Better walk poor than to sail hat, saying: "Let's make it even up conditions which he felt sure the money." On Monday morning Mr. Bal- young man could not satisfy, and as laine was surprised to find that some Ballaine met them one by one the one had left a deposit of one penny elder man warmed to the contest. He n even £1,500-

During the second week Mr. Bal. issue, aine's bank balance climbed more | Character? The young man named sea has no branches (to cling to), there Joyed both

orday. For a moment the crowd matters. recognized him as a city sporting man, in the bank." and his bet was not taken.

month, and Mr. Ballaine evidently paid Mr. Penny's soul expanded in an ly; the sailor is a fool, for he changes a few bills, for on Friday the balance eestasy as he named the price. In the window went down to £1.486. "I told you not to joke" said the is a fool, for it is never still; the wind new notice, and the eager crowd cheer | reasonable cash price." ed when it rend £2.200 16s 4d.

On Monday morning a portly man, notice. With a grunt of disgust he entered the bank. The cashler recog. Danville, would not sell. nized him as one of his heaviest depositors, and greeted him pleasantly.

"Good morning, Mr. Penny." a look. Strikes me as being ridiculous. I don't see how you can allow it." said Mr. Penny, removing his silk hat and figure. wiping a moist brow.

"Mr. Ballaine obtained permission ten days," said Ballaine. from the manager," replied the cashfer, smilling.

"A young solicitor. Very bright fellow, quite original in his methods. This leave the room, plan was his own. He brought enough influence to bear through his friends to my as the younger man disappeared obtain the necessary permission from through the door. the powers that be. It has proved a remarkable attraction to the public. "Friends, eh? Who were ther?"

The cashler enumerated some of the most prominent of the younger business men of the city.

"All right," interrupted the capitalist. with the air of a man who had heard displeasing news. "When the young be left the bank.

The cashier smiled for he knew Manager.

But the crowd outside knew nothing of this, and only gaped as usual at the Sa. 5d., and remained there for ten days, when it jumped to £10,400 11s. That night the evening papers preclaimed the sale of Mr. Penny's famous riverside mansion for a fabulous

"The deal was consummated by Mr. T. Fillmore Ballaine, a solicitor in Ea-Chambers, who se commission on quickly. his deal alone is £8,490."

a sign ,wich read:

Dust and Ruggets."

THERE was a crowd blocking the ed for a time; but when certain so-pavement and gazing with evi- siety leaders began giving recherche dent interest at one of the great 5 o'clock dinners for Miss Penny the plate glass windows of the Lombard Society Giri on the Daily Record added National Bank. At a distance it looked suspicion to speculation and arrived

"At the opening of this bank to-day solicitor and proceeded to get himself to come to him he went about making For two weeks a similar notice had business and with the small capital

had £680 2s. 1d. therein. Who Mr. T. Then he met the charming Miss Pen-Fillmore Ballaine was no one seemed ny, only child of Penny the promoter. to know, and why the bank should Penny the owner of shares and finanmake public a matter usually regarded cial interests galore, a man of quick is a business secret none could guess. temper, who took delight in a business But everyone who read it puzzled over encounter with a strong mind. With t, and looked up at the notice the next Miss Penny the young solicitor pros-Ime they passed the Lombard Na- pered; but with Mr. Penny the sign never seemed to be right.

On Tuesday the notice read \$800 12s. In the quiet of his office the young 7d., and on Wednesday it read 1876 solicitor planned assaults on the fath-9s. 5d. in the morning, but was re-er, having already won the daughter's placed at the hour of closing by a new blushing permission to do so. He knew notice, which read £720 19s. 3d. By that the battle must be a commercial Thursday the affair was in the papers, one, but as the weapons were all on his and on Friday the daily balance was adversary's side he figured that he the topic of the town. All day long must capture Mr. Pepny with Mr. of the following expressions are the on Saturday a crowd stood at the big Penny's own ammunition. That took opinions of scafaring people. "He who

At the hour of closing a new notice the young Ballaine, when the latter following saying, by the maritime or him, and that his balance stood at rather enjoyed being bested in the pre- Danish, gives us this strong opinion: liminaries, as he felt sure of the main

dowly: but every increase was halled the best men in town as his associates. fore it is better to stay on shore," and with delight by the crowd in front of Family? The Ballaines were known in the French rustics agree with them: the window, who knew neither Mr. Yorkshire before Pennys were coined. Ballaine nor the secret of his peculiar Prospects? The young man had his but don't stir from the cowsheds." advertisement, yet who thoroughly en- profession, some real estate, mining | The Arab fears the sea as much to-Not till Wednesday of the second house, three thousand in the bank, and when he thought the hand of Satan week did the notice in the window a nerve that was worth fifteen pence to would arise from the "sea of darkness" credit Ballaine with £1,900. Then a the shilling. Out of the question? Not to seize his frail bark. "It is better." man in the crowd offered to bet a hun- at all; the girl loved him, and he was be says, "to hear the belching of the dred that it would touch £2,000 by Sat- merely calling on her father to arrange camel than the prayers of the fish."

thought he must be Ballaine, and "No young man can marry my nature of the element when he says: guyed him unmercifully; but some one daughter till he has £10,000 of his own | "The sea has a tender stomach, but a

Thursday was the tenth of the for your building lands Mr. Perry?"

where it hung till the close of business young man, severely. "I want a thirty- is a fool, for it blows without ceasing of Saturday. Then the clerk put up a day option on that property. Name a

Mr. Penny knew that the Great East ern wanted the land, but would not ruddy of face, grizzled and grumbling, buy because someone, who held a bit pushed into the crowd and read the between the Penny acres and the railway company's proposed station at

But Penny did not know that the young man facing him had secured an option on the much-discussed strip. "Good morning. I heard about your The option had cost him dear, but it remarkable window and came to have was the key to the whole battlefield. So Mr. Penny, thinking to tantalize the young man, named a very reasonable

"I'll take an option at that price for

"I want £2,000 for the option," replied Mr. Penny "I'll give you a month "He did, eh? Who is this man Bal- to get that sum. When you bring the cash I'll give you the option."

"That is fair," said Ballaine, rising to "Keep me posted," shouted Mr. Pen-

"I will" shouted the retreating voice pleasantly. And then Mr. Penny heard

ringing laugh come back through the long hall for the lover had been struck with a sudden inspiration. That week Ballaine gathered a dozen

young men personal friends leaders in the city's commercial life at a dinner At the proper moment he told them his man comes in tell him he wins." Then plan, and they helped him to win the manager of the Lombard National to his aid. A telegram to the Great Eastwhat Ballaine's "winning" meant, and ern headquarters, offering the Penny he reported the conversation to the lands under Ballaine's promised option. and the heretofore unpurchasable strip with it, brought a prompt acceptance; and for two weeks the young man sold sign. That day it dropped to £1,920 his property right and left to secure the required £2,000 while the notice in the window kept Mr. Penny and half the town also, posted as to his success.

He could have borrowed that amount, but he had a large game on com, and conveyed the interesting in- foot that spurred him to win on his own merits. His office became crowded with men who desired to buy or sell some bit of real property, and do it

Next day many people looked up at property wrote Ballaine confidential letters to buy the coveted corners for smal, but there was no trace of Mr. them. By prompt buying and selling allaine's balance. In its accustomed Ballaine took commissions from both sides, and the balance on the window climbed. When it reached the \$2.000 mark Mr. Penny capitulated. The word which be left at the bank that Menday orning brought Rallaine promptly to

till my commission for selling your land to the Great Eastern has been paid to me."

"Do you want to ruin me?" demand-

ed Mr. Penny in well-assumed alarm. "A moment ago," said Ballaine, "you declared that I could not sell. Now von are afraid I can. Your change of sentiment is a compliment sir." And

"After that option has expired," said Mr. Penny, "you can frame it and hang it in your office. Keep your check You will need it."

the young man bowed

Ballaine raced back to his office, and then, with the option and certain abstructs and title, went to the general manager of the company he had been in treaty with to report progress. The manager, when he saw the papers in all their delightful completion, pounded on the table and called Ballaine a brick. The business settled, the young man returned with vouchers and documents proving preliminary settlements. and planted the papers down for Mr. Penny's inspection.

The old gentleman was much sur prised, but he signed his deeds and acepted his price without a murmur.

"Miss Penny's dower," said the Rec ord, in conclusion, "Is said on good authority to be a quarter of a million. That means that the Ballaine Bank balance will shortly take another jump."

But the public never again saw that balance on the window."-New York in a design of a

Sea Life and the Sages.

"No man will be a sailor," said Dr. Johnson, "who has contrivance enough to get himself into fail." Dr. Johnson was, however, a landsman, while many window and discussed Mr. Ballaine's balance of £1,250 7s. Sd., and passed Ballaine.

The scene between Mr. Penny and Ti "allicisii is no stronger than the Dutchmen: "Better on the heath with an old eart than at sea with a new rich," says the Spaniard and in the same spirit his Italian neighbor responds "Praise the sea, but stay on shore." Another maritime nation, the "One penny is better on land than ten at sea." German woodsmen say: "The "Admire the sea as much as you will

stocks enough to paper a boarding day as he did in the fifteenth century. and he further outlines the dangerous head hard as wood." A facetious "That's easy. What will you take work a century old has it thus: "The ship is a fool, for it moves continualhis mind with every breeze; the water Let us make an end at once of naviga tion.

Unique Type Has Vanished.

"What has become of the man who used to visit his neighbor in the evening and spend the time reading his neighbor's newspaper?" asked one who travels in the interior of the country. I suppose he was never known in the ity, but he was much in evidence in the smaller towns a long time ago.

"I think he has perished from the face of the earth. I used to see him, and heard of him often

"He usually made a call accompanied by his wife, if he had one. It was when the newspaper had a place on the table alongside the family Bible.

"The visitor, having made the usual remark about the weather, adjusted his spectacles, picked up the newspaper and drew nigh to the shaded lamp. ludging from his manner and the time he devoted to it, nothing escaped his notice, and judging from his face, evrything was alike to him.

"He was oblivious to the conversation of others. When he had finished the last column of the last page of the sheet he tossed it aside, and when one of the family circle asked him what was the news, he always said there was none, and, loking at the clock on the mantel, remarked that it was later than he thought and took his depart-

"I have an idea that he would not be tolerated now, but when he was on earth nobody was annoyed by him."--Chicago Inter Ocean.

Infrequent Birthdays.

The members of the Berlin Society of Leap Year Children-to which none are admissible unless born on Feb. 29will keep their common birthday in great style in 1984. They have had no opportunity for eight years, and in 1900 the extra February day, according to the rules of the reformed calendar, was omitted. Herr Monteur, the president of the society, is to-day a septuagenar ian, but in the seventy years of his life he has only had seventeen birthdays. He hopes to celebrate his eighteenth birthday and seventy-second year of his life in the midst of his colleagues on Feb. 29, 1904.

Vesuvius in Mischief. Vesurius has taken to emitting vapor saturated with hydrochloric self. which, falling as rain, has done grave damage to vegetation.

Rubber from Peru. It is believed that rubber is destine me a most important source of to to Pers.



marine boats.

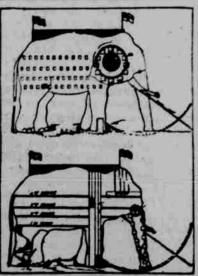
the torpedo station at Newport. almost human intelligence, there is no entry of water through it.

To accomplish these essentials he has there is less depth of water and the air and contemptible, but utility and econdevised a cigar-shaped boat of bronze tube is again opened and the air tack omy are now questions of more pressplates, about ten feet long, three feet valve closed. deep and five fet wide. Beneath this The torpede is fired by compressed judice has given place to a more liberis suspended the Whitehead torpedo in air, but on leaving its casing the pro- al and enlightened opinion; and those a frame, and it is propelled by com- pelling mechanism of the projectile is who previously opposed the introducpressed nir when the operator has ap set in motion, and it starts off under tion of the bleyele have come to approached near the mark.

Designed for Great Exposition by a Chicago Man.

Mr. Joseph Husak, of Chicago, is prepared to out-Ferris Ferris at the St. Louis exposition, or at any other exposition which may come along and make room for his "iron elephant," 300 feet long and 250 feet in height, or for his "Jonah's whale," 50 feet long and big ber of steep and dangerous hills. in girth in proportion.

ture and creation of Mr. Husak's inrentive faculty, and he purposes to rand. Nevertheless, she could not enthan the Indian beast is capable of in the flesh. The body of the animal is to be four stories in height, the floors to be reached by elevators running in the legs of the creature. The first floor is to be used and rented for small show rooms; the second floor for a cafe and restaurant, and furnish entrance to the



MR. HUSAK'S IRON ELEPHANT.

elephant's trunk, which is to be constructed to pull the ears up and down and at the same time swing. The third floor will be used for all sorts of amusements, and serve as an entrance to the "chute of chutes" and to the small Ferris wheels in each car of the elephant. The fourth floor can be used for a theater or music hall, placing the stage in the head of the beast. On top of the creature will be a roof garden or an observatory. The eyes will be two gigantic searchlights, and the tamight be used by some inventor to show a new fire escape. All signals may be trumpeted from this structure. and electric power will be used to run the different devices.

Mr. Husak's whale will be in proportions to simulate the real thing. Even the interior of the animal will be con sturcted according to economy of un ure, only that entrance to the inside thrugh the mouth will be through an splifted jaw. Windows will be procided, and the whale, swimming in a ricular tank, will be operated by elecest wish of the operator.

TABITHA BANBORN'S RIDE.

the Really Couldn't Bear to Waste Time from Nor Work. me of the feats which our fore

others performed quite as a matte

ater. The torpedo charged so that it ded prongs on the cradle curve over his his travels. Since that time other perill blow a great warship to destruc- shoulders and hold him in place, provid- sons have visited Teheran on similar on; the man provided with means by ing also a purchase for his arms when expeditions, and private individuals, hich to discharge his dangerous operating the lever in front of him resident in the city, have imported maceapon in a way to do the most harm. He wears a waistcoat made of two chines for their own use, so at the uch is the latest of all torpedo hoats- thicknesses of air-tight material, to present time the bicycle has become one-man affair, not larger than a which is attached a small mouth tube one of the recognized methods of locoarge fish, and yet as effective in its by which it is inflated. It serves as a motion." purposes, if the theory of its inventor padding for the body while the oper- In other words, the Persians bave is correct, as one of the Holland sub- ator is in the boat and also as a life- the bicycle fever, and have it bad. Impreserver in an emergency.

fensive and invisible destroyer is and circulates throughout the boat meeting his neighbor, Hafiz Ben Alf, Thomas J. Moriarity, for many years This air tube is, however, automatical comparing notes with him on the merthe mechanical expert in the employ by closed when the boat is beneath the its of their respective wheels. Also of the United States Government at surface of the water, and the country imagine the rage of Hafiz when some tower is completely covered by means rascally infidel dog of a gaiour sprin-Mr. Moriarity was long ago impress of a hydrostatic piston, open to the kies broken glass along the roadway. ed with the idea that the only way by water at the bottom of the boat, the thus causing a puncture to his tire. which to make the action of the tor- pressure of the water at the increased Again think of Yusouf Ben Adhem. pedo actually certain was to put an ex-depth forcing up the piston, which ac "whose name led all the rest," swearperienced operator inside it; for, while tuates a lever to force a valve over the ing by the beard of the prophet that its automatic machinery operates with air-tube opening, thus preventing the his sprockets and ball-bearings were

certainty that it will on long ranges | The same motion of the piston oper- zade, the Satisfaction of the Soul, startdo exactly what is required of it. From lates levers connected to a valve in the ling out on her tike in search of origthe idea of purting a man inside it to compressed air tank in the bottom of inal matter with which to conclude her that of placing a man outside it, the the boat, opening it and thus allowing long-winded narrative. transition was easy; and it then be a fine stream of air to issue therefrom Continuing, Mr. Tyler says: "The came a problem to give him a safe into the boat, and supplying the oper-conservatism of habit is much stronshelter, means of locomotion, of sub- stor with fresh air. As the boat again ger in Eastern than in Western lands, merging and of discharging the project reaches the surface the pressure on the and in this country the bicycle has hydrostatic piston is released because been looked upon as something mean

its own power for the mark.

WONDERFUL IRON ELEPHANT. athletic maldens of our own day. Hannah Sanborn Philhrook, in a recent how an uncestress of hers supplied a cycles. Persia heads the list. deficiency in her weaving apparatus.

She found unexpectedly that her work required the use of a certain reed and harness which could be obtained only at a place five miles distant. reached by a road leading over a num-

The "fron elephant" is the chief fea-ure and creation of Mr. Husak's in-the could not be could dure the idea of wasting time ing for that reed and harness when if she only had them she could make such and can be seen thirty-one miles. The good progress with her web. Her has band owned the "smartest 4-year-old Sea. colt in town," and this lively animal. The latest astronomical photograph, nothing daunted she mounted with her prepared by the joint exertions of the haby in her arms, taking the other observatories of London, Berlin and child on a pillion behind her.

"Soon after her arrival," writes her stars. great-granddaughter, "there were signs | in the Japanese match factories the of a coming tempest, and she had to boxes and labels are made by little four feet long, were bound to the colt the work. These little experts get from and she turned toward home.

"My Great great-uncle Cate said that for tweive hours' work. when she passed his house she was go- A transatlantic steamer, carrying with the poreing storm, and the thunder and lightifing were terrible. As and three hundred sacks of newspapers soon as it cleared off he saddled his for London, to say nothing of the five horse and followed, 'expecting,' he said, to find Tabiths and the children dead hundred and odd sacks for other places. in the read. But I went clean over all the way and there she was getting English language is required to be supper and signing, as lively as a laught by law. The Japanese youth in

tyear-old, orged to the utmost, had fort ito wealth, position and employsucceeded, in spite of his queer and cumbrons load, in racing the shower Maiwatchin, on the borders of Rusand heating it. Supper over, Mrs. San sia, is the only city in the world peoborn, with a tranquil mind and the pled by men only. The Chinese women proper implements, was able to resume are not only forbidden to live in this her uninterrupted weaving

Bring the Ends Together.

A certain colonel somewhere in the are exclusively traders. South too matter where was in the habit of telling yarns and greatly exaggerating. He had a negro servant who corroborated everything his master told. One day the colonel had some gentlemen to dinner, and they were en ries in Munich, Berlin and Strasburg. The colonel said:

"Yes, I went hunting the other day and saw a fine buck. I took a good sight at him and shot him through the head, and the bullet went through his Texas has a long lead, having built hind leg." The gentlemen looked at each other

a little mystified. The negro scratched 275 miles. The young Southwest is dehis head and at last said

"Yes, indeed, gemmen; just as massa alsed the gun to shoot de buck he Nebraska alone, among Western States, raise his hind leg and scratch his ear, has not increased her railway lines. and the bullet went through the head and right through de bind leg." The gentlemen looked more satisfied.

After the guests had gone the negro and to his mester: "Gorry mighty, massa, next time you

tell one of dem yarns do get the ends leater togedder. I had hard work to make both ends meet."

A man isn't really great until th newspapers begin to print jokes he has riginated, which are so dreary they ildn't draw a laugh from a may in his pocket.

BICYTLE FEVER IN PESSIA

Consul Tyler Says Demand for Wheele In Remarkable.

Americans will be amused to learn that the bleycle fever and the "bleycle face" have taken possession of the people of that oldest and most decrepit empire of the effete Orient-Perstaand that the subjects of the Simb bave gone quite "daffy" upon the subject John Tyler, the American consul at Teheran, says in a brief letter;;

"About seventeen years ago a Mr. Stevens, an American traveler, on his bleycle tour around the world, stayed some months at Teheran. That was the first exhibition of this mode of traveling witnessed in Persia, and it caused a good deal of curiosity and amusement among the people. His late majesty Naser eddin Shah, and his court examined the bleyele in the palace, and ig about beneath the surface of the on a cradle astride of its support. Pad-riding performance and his account of

agine a devout Persian going to the The man who has perfected this of Air is admitted through the rear mast mosque on Friday on his wheel, and,

ing importance than formerly, and prepreciate its value as a substitute for the more expensive horse."

Mr. Tyler concludes his letter to the State Department by advising Amert article on old-time Sanbornton, relates cans that, of all new markets for bi-



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The lantern of the Lundy laland lighthouse is 540 feet above high water. Cape Clear light is 450 feet above the

Paris, shows sixty-eight millions of

basten. The reed and harness, at least girls, who are wondrously dexterous in one halfpenny to two pence halfpenny

the open ports and commercial cities She was not even wet; for the smart ste all eager to learn English as a passment.

> territory, but even to pass the great wall of Kalkan and enter into Mongolia. All the Chinese of this border city

> The Library of Congress ranks sixth among the libraries of the world in its present contents. France has the largest, England next, then comes Russia, the last named holding almost equal rank with ours in Washington.

> There were 5.057 miles of railways built in this country in the past year. 583 miles, Oklahoma coming next with 428 miles, and New Mexico third with veloping wonderfully. Five Eastern States r-port no new mlleage, while

Suspicious Bobbie.

Kind Gentleman-Can you spell your IR The ? Bobbie-Yessie Kind Gentleman Let me hear you.

Bobble (shyly)-Naw, sir; you're lat ryin' to find out how old I am. Ohlo State Journal. The world is improving. There are nore sudden deaths every year, and

ower cases of long suffering. Everyone has a kin problem be can't