

Coins Have Vanished

Numismatists Puzzled Over Remarkable Disappearance of Silver Dollars

"There is something curious about the American silver dollar and half-dollar of the coinage of 1894," said a well-known numismatist of New York. "In that year something like 29,000 of the dollars were coined, but it is a singular fact, as is now known, that not one of them was known to be in circulation. Yet the most precious of all American coins are two 1894 dollars, which are in well-known collections. They are valued at \$2,000 each. "It has been determined to the satisfaction of every numismatist that these two dollars were not coined until 1828, although they were struck from the original 1894 die. They were secretly made—although such a procedure is a penal offense—for some one high in influence and authority, who desired them for certain coin collections. It has never been positively ascertained how the surreptitious work was accomplished, but there is no doubt that it was done. "Why the dollar of 1894 was never seen in circulation after leaving the mint is one of the unsolved government mysteries. "A still greater mystery surrounds the half-dollar of 1894. Of that coin

only 160,000 were struck. Not one was ever discovered in circulation. The quarter-dollar of 1894 are numerous enough—so plentiful, in fact, that a fair specimen can be bought for \$2, and their coinage amounted to 7,000 pieces. "A curious thing has been discovered regarding the half-dollar of 1895, which is not a rare coin, except in the case of those possessing the rare curiosity I speak of, which increases the value tenfold. This is that the figure '5' in 1895 has been struck over a '4', showing that the coin was really one of the undiscovered minting of 1894. "What became of the large issue of 1894 half-dollars? No one knows or ever will know; but it is evident that all of them were not issued from the mint, and this belief that there was some reason for not desiring the coin to circulate is strengthened by the mint obliterating the date on what was left by making 1895 half-dollars of them. "There was no silver dollar issued from the mint in 1895, yet 321 were coined, and are in the hands of collectors to-day, just as they came from the die. No dollars were coined by the government after that until 1836."

Japanese Wives

They Are Practically Little More Than Slaves To Their Husbands

A married woman's lot in Japan is anything but a pleasant one, at least according to occidental ideas. Japanese women inherit no fortunes, and in families including no son one is adopted by the parents of the heir. The only dowry a girl is given for her marriage is her dresses, a little writing desk, a work basket, a box of cosmetics and other toilet articles, two little dining tables and a few lacquer plates, says an exchange. "On his marriage a man remains as free as ever before. He has no fresh duties to consider. He can do exactly what he chooses. If he likes he can spend every evening out of the house. The women among the poorer classes are still more to be pitied. A workman marries a woman when it suits him, and changes her with as little fuss as we change our clothes. These exchanges, or what we call divorces, take place less frequently in the better classes. "A man can obtain divorce for the following reasons: Disobedience, jeal-

ousy, incurable illness, talkativeness, etc. The wretched woman, divorced, must return to her parents and leave her children with her husband. "On entering her husband's home the Japanese bride does not become mistress of the household. She becomes the servant of her spouse's parents and her husband cannot—does not—shield her from the nagging tongue of a mother-in-law. When the parents are dead the wife directs the household, but she is still only her husband's principal servant. In public she hardly ever appears in his company; at home she does not even sit at the same table with him. He takes his meals alone, while she waits. His wishes are commands which she obeys willingly and amiably. She helps him to dress, she washes and mends his clothes; she is even proud to do that for him which would otherwise be left to servants. The empress herself is not exempt from such service, but waits in various ways on her emperor-husband.

His Weeping Was Effective

Novel Way in Which a Politician Did Up His Opponents

"There are all sorts of tricks in a political campaign," said the ex-member of the legislature, "and one was played upon me when I was doing my first stumping that was intended to lay me out flatter than a pancake. I was billed to speak at a certain village, and I prepared a first rate talk for the occasion. Half an hour before I was to take the platform I was invited to have a nip to brace me up, and ten minutes after imbibing I didn't know whether I was on foot or riding a camel. As a matter of fact, I had been doped to prevent me from speaking. When I began to rail fence around and talk nonsense they tried to take me away, but I became as stubborn as a mule and insisted upon speaking. It would be a nail in my coffin to show me off in a drunken condition, and I was finally pushed forward. I was simply conscious of the fact that I was making a fool of myself, and after utter-

ing a dozen words I began to weep. There was a good deal of laughter at first, but pretty soon a man called out: "Look here, fellows, this man ain't crying for nothing. " "You bet he ain't!" shouted another. "He must be weeping over our high taxes," suggested a third. "That's it, and it shows his true feeling," added a fourth. "Here's one who pledges himself to work and vote for him." "And here's another," called out twenty men in chorus, as I was led away with tears streaming down my cheeks. That was my speech. The people laid it all to emotion, and that town gave me a majority to make my hair stand up. I couldn't reduce their taxes, but I got a bill through against any one owning a bull without keeping an iron ring in his nose, and did not lose any of my admirers."

WAGER ON BABY'S FIRST WORDS.

Italian Gamblers Risk Their Money on the Lip of a Princess.

A spirit of gambling has broken out in the court of Italy and the courtiers are laying their wagers recklessly upon the question as to whether the young Princess Yolanda will speak first in English or in Italian. The princess now has reached the age of seven months and already has made sounds which are declared to be "papa" and "mamma." The English nurse declares that she taught the child to say them, but the Italian nurse indignantly denies this, declaring that to her is due the credit; for if the princess had learned from the words in English, whereas she says them in Italian, the poor woman not knowing that "papa" and "mamma" are the same in all languages. "So as these words are universal it has been decided that they do not decide the wagers as to which will be the first language to be spoken by little Yolanda. The betting is even, for though the English nurse has the child almost entirely under her care, the language which she hears spoken about her all the time is Italian. Large sums have been wagered and the decision is awaited with much interest. If Yolanda wants to make herself popular she had better list her first words in Italian. There will be a mighty disgust throughout Italy should she decide in favor of English.

Spotted the Sale.

"I had moved heaven and earth to get rid of that old skate," said the man who loves to trade horses. "Of course, he wasn't worth what I could get for him, but he was certainly worth a dollar and twenty-five cents, because I

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Learning from America.

Frank Roberts, an eminent authority on the erection of steel works, who has been employed by all the first-class steel manufacturers in Philadelphia, has lately reported on the steel works of the Consett company, of Bolskow, Vaughn & Co., and of Guest, Keen & Co., the three largest works in the United Kingdom. He recommends extensive and costly reconstruction of the furnaces at the Dowlais and Cardiff works of the last-named firm, and, realizing that the alterations are necessary for successful competition with foreign manufacturers, the firm is reported to be determined to start the work without delay. "Woman is a guardian angel—but she herself needs a watchman. "The blood of an eel injected into a vein is deadly poison to a man.

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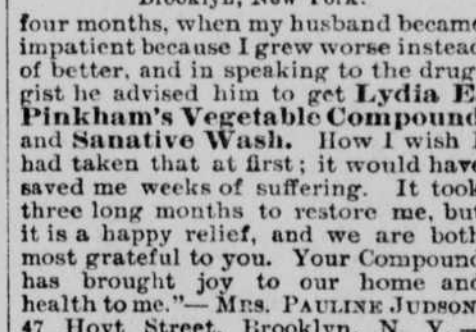
Any man with ideas in advance of his age is likely to wear clothes away behind him. "Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900. "After the matrimonial knot is tied a girl quits making tea and learns to make coffee. "THREE SERIES OF CHEAP RATES—Great Northern Railway Popular Home-seekers' and Settler's Excursions. Round-trip tickets to points in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, British Columbia, will be sold first and third Tuesdays in March, April and May, at one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. "One-way settlers' tickets to points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia on sale every day during March and April at rates \$15.00 to \$25.00 each. "One-way settlers' tickets on sale March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and April 1st and 8th, to Minnesota and North Dakota points for only \$5.00 each. "These tickets are good on all trains, including the famous Great Northern 'Flyer.' "This is the best opportunity that has ever been offered to parties who wish to investigate the many advantages offered them in the Great Northwest. Information about Great Northern country is given by agents of the Great Northern Railway, or those desirous of ascertaining just what opportunities are offered there can secure full illustrated information in reference to land, climate, crops, rates, etc., by writing to Max Bass, G. I. A., 220 S. Clark St., Chicago, or to F. I. Whitney, G. P. & T. A., St. Paul, Minn. "A full-grown elephant can carry three tons on its back. "IRONING A SHIRT WAIST. Not infrequently a young woman finds it necessary to launder a shirt waist at home for some emergency when the laundryman or the home servant cannot do it. Hence these directions for ironing the waist: To iron summer shirt waists so that they will look like new it is needful to have them starched evenly with Defiance starch, then made perfectly smooth and rolled tight in a damp cloth, to be laid away two or three hours. When ironing have a bowl of water and a clean piece of muslin beside the ironing board. Have your iron hot, but not sufficiently so to scorch, and absolutely clean. Begin by ironing the back, then the front, sides and the sleeves, followed by the neckband and the cuffs. When wrinkles appear apply the damp cloth and remove them. Always iron from the top of the waist to the bottom. If there are plaits in the front iron them downward, after first raising each one with a blunt knife, and with the edge of the iron follow every line of stitching to give it distinctness. After the shirt waist is ironed it should be well aired by the fire or in the sun before it is folded and put away, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. "Unless you have confidence in humanity you are a suspicious character. "All Sufferers From Rheumatism should try MATT J. JOHNSON'S 6088. Guarantee goes with it. Try it. "Woman invariably believes one side of a story until she hears the other side. "The Good Roads Movement. The recent official report of the Railroad Commission of Missouri, referring to Santa Fe lines in that state, contained this significant sentence: "We unreservedly rank this line as being among the best in Missouri in its physical condition. "It is but fair to add that the Santa Fe line in Missouri is representative of nearly the entire 8,000 miles of that system. "The present administration of the Santa Fe appreciates fully that its earning power depends largely on its physical condition, and has wrought almost a miracle in the past few years in improvement of roadway, bridges, grades, etc. "The meanest use for money is to make it cover a multitude of sins. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle. "The man who never has sinned never was a man.

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