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The judge in just the seat behind.

She and the judge, so it was said,
Were very shortly to be wed.

He greeted her with kindly smile,
And gaily chatted they awhile.

But soon the play in front was on
When, lo! the judge's smile was gone.

In patience for a while he sat,
Hid from the stage behind her hat.

Then uttered he an awful word,
Which Maud in fear and trembling heard.

He hastened from the place away;
They have not spoken since that day.

And Maud, now of his love bereft,
Regrets that she is sadly left.

And often sighs, "It might have been!
I'll never wear that hat again."
—*Chicago Herald.*

A FEW SUPERSTITIONS.

Some of the "Charms" Formerly Used to Prevent Sickness.

To allay hemorrhage, a toad, well dried in the sun and put into a bag, was hung round the neck by a string sufficiently low to touch the region of the heart; and a preparation of garlic and honey smeared on the person was said to act as a charm against the bites of dogs and reptiles, or the sting of numerous insects, likewise effecting their cure. Toothache could be charmed away by a few leaves of the "shepherd's purse," placed in the sole of the shoe on the reverse side of the body to that in which the tooth was aching. An excellent recipe for weak or sore eyes was the expressed juice of the calyx of the red honeysuckle; provided always that the flowers were gathered kneeling, repeating nine paternosters in honor of the trinity, nine more "to greet Our Ladye," and a creed. Rest and sleep were required after application.

Another prescription for the eyes much in favor with Anglo-Saxons was a paste of the strawbery plant and pepper, diluted with sweet wine. Children were passed through the split stem of a tree for the cure of the rickets, but the fracture must be afterwards bound up sufficiently tight to insure cohesion. For ague a very well salted herring, split open, was applied, as hot as possible, to the soles of the feet. It might be also mitigated by the habitual wearing round the neck of an emerald—a gem equally potent in epilepsy. Precious stones were accredited with marvelous powers over the moral qualities and affections, as well as physical disease—hence the origin of their being set in rings and worn. The teeth of old age were fixed firmly in the gums by an infusion of powdered jet; while water in which the beryl had been steeped afforded a valuable wash for strengthening the eyes, besides insuring the mutual love of a wedded couple.—*Hospital.*

The Green Cheese Theory Repudiated.

Apropos of Matthew Arnold, it seems that his son Mat had very decided opinions. One night the boy heard some one say that the moon was made of green cheese. Very quickly he said:

"I don't believe the moon is made of green cheese."

"Don't you?" said his father. "Why not?"

"Oh," said the young gentleman, "I don't know why, but I don't."

"Well, for my part," said the father, "I have no respect for persons who give opinions for which they can give no reasons."

Young Mat was very much mortified and went off by himself to hide his feelings. The next morning, as bright as possible, he greeted his father with this:

"I know now why the moon is not made of green cheese. I found it out in Genesis."

"Ah," said Matthew Arnold, sr., "you have the advantage of me. I did not know the subject was mentioned in Genesis."

"O, yes, papa," said the boy, "there is an account of the creation, and the moon was made before there were any cows."

So Matthew the younger triumphed over Matthew the elder.

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Oh, this world is full of worry,
Full of trouble, grief and care,
And we often think there isn't any use
In trying to breast the billows,
Surging backward to despair.
Often sink beneath oppression and abuse,
But the sun of righteous judgment
Shines as brightly as of old,
Though the murky clouds of slander fill the sky;
And, though darkness overwhelm you,
Keep your courage stout and bold,
There are better days a-coming by and by.

Have you toiled through light and darkness,
Summer's heat and winter's cold,
Resting not, that your ambition you might win,
And at last when almost ready
On your treasure to lay hold,
Been defrauded by the stealthy hand of sin?
Do not sink beneath reverses,
Keep your heart and purpose true;
Though the sullen cloud of wrong is rolling high,
It will one day part asunder,
And the blessed light shine through;
There are better days a-coming by and by.

Then, whatever your condition,
In the checkered field of life,
Do you lead the van, or struggle in the rear,
Have a courage firm, undaunted,
Quailing not from manly strife,
And a heart that is not chilled by cringing fear,
And if, after all your efforts,
Fortune frowns upon your plans,
Hold your ground and still aloft your colors fly;
Just beyond the rolling billows
Stretch the yellow, sunlit sand,
There are better days a-coming by and by.
—*Yanke Blade.*

MY FIRST CASE.

BY AN ENGLISH DETECTIVE.

Yes, sir, I call it my first case, because it was the first of any importance in which I was engaged, and because, thanks to the happy chance of which I am going to tell you, it gave me a start in my career which I have never lost.

It was one morning several winters ago when a diamond merchant who had reported a loss of diamonds worth $20,000. Further than that the house was in Soho, I need not give any particulars of this gentleman's name or address.

I was then very young to be entrusted with so important a case, but we were busy at the time, and my chief was kind enough to express his faith in my ability.

I had not been ten minutes in the house before I saw that I had before me a task of no little difficulty. The room in which I stood was oblong in shape. One end was occupied by a large window looking on the street. Standing with your back to the window, on the right hand side, was a fireplace, on the left the door; between them stood a large square table; above which was the chandelier with four or five lights. Against the right hand wall some little distance from the fireplace stood a large safe facing into the room. Save one or two chairs there was no other furniture in the room. It was from the safe that the diamonds in question had been stolen. But there was the puzzle—the safe had been drilled open, a work which must have taken at least an hour and a half, and the room remained all night with the blinds drawn up and the gas lighted, in full view of the passers-by in the street and of the policeman on the beat, who passed every half hour. There were two keys of the safe—one in the possession of Mr.—— and the other belonging to his son. The custom was that the old gentleman left the office first and went home to his place at Dulwich, the two clerks, left at 6 o'clock, and the son was usually the last to leave, locking the safe and seeing that all was left in security. The other rooms in the house were let out as offices, but all the tenants left before 5 o'clock, and when Mr.——'s office was locked up the only occupants of the house were the caretaker and his wife, who lived in the attic.

The robbery had been discovered by Mr. —— on his arrival first at the office on the morning in question. He had been followed by his clerks and his son in the order named, and I found all four present when I reached the house. On making inquiries I found that Mr. —— himself had locked the safe on the previous evening. The clerks had gone as usual at 6, and Mr. ——, having had to remain later than usual, saw everything clear before his departure. He and his son left together, the father going home and the son going to dine with a friend, with whom he went to the theater and at whose house he slept. The housekeeper had swept and cleaned the offices as usual and had finished work by 8 o'clock, at which hour she and her husband went up stairs to their own rooms at the top of the house. They did not come down again that night and heard no noise.

I felt little difficulty as to the entrance or exit of the thief. He might have entered the house at any time on the previous afternoon and, as there was more than one unoccupied room in the house, have lain perdu till it was time to commence operations; and, as I found a window at the back of the house unfastened, I concluded he had made good his escape through the yard and by way of a low wall into an adjoining court. But how had he been able to work so long without attracting attention from any one? The street was not a busy thoroughfare, but there must have been *some* wayfarers, despite the fact that the night had been an inclement one, and, as I have said, a policeman passed every half hour. I made a careful inspection of the room, but found nothing save a broken piece of amber from the mouthpiece of a pipe. On looking at the walls I noticed at opposite sides of the room, high up near the cornice, two marks, as though nails had been torn out of the plaster, but on pointing these out to Mr. —— he could give me no information. He had never noticed them before, but they might be old marks for all he knew.

I then proceeded to make inquiries: first as to the whereabouts of the clerks on the night in question. Mr. —— had told me he had no suspicions as to their integrity, but, of course it was my business to make sure, and I found they were able to account for their time quite satisfactorily. The policeman who had been on duty could not help me. He had passed each half-hour but had seen nothing suspicious. A number of persons had passed up and down the street, but he had only recognized one man, a chemist, who lived on an adjoining street. Application to this gentleman elicited nothing further. Ha had passed down the street between 10 and 12 on his way home and had looked at the lighted window as usual but there was certainly no one in the window then. I returned to headquarters to make my preliminary report, and directed that careful inquiry be made with a view to identifying, if possible, any persons who were in the street throughout the night. Well, sir, for two days I was at my wit's end. All our endeavors proved fruitless and the more I turned the matter over the more hopeless I felt.

On the third day I was passing through B—— street and looked in to see my brother, who was laid up through an accident. He lodged in rooms over the shop of a house and sign painter, who had a small but a fairly prosperous business. On leaving him I came down to the shop to give some instructions to his landlord and whilst I was talking to the latter he was called away for a few minutes. Amusing myself by looking about me, my eyes were attracted by the rough sketch of a safe which was lying on the counter.

Although my head was full of safes, as you may suppose, I doubt if I should have looked twice at this one, had it not been that the sketch was an exact copy of the safe in which I was so much interested, and which, I should have explained, was of peculiar appearance in that it was much narrower in proportion to its height than is customary. On the painter's return I held up the sketch and asked him if he had gone in for a new line of business. "Well, yes, sir," he said, laughling. "That's a sketch I used in my first attempt at scene painting. A young fellow for whom I've done a little business came in the other day and persuaded me to paint him a scene for some private theatricals he was getting up. It represented the wall of an office and that safe stood in one corner. He was good enough to say that I succeeded very well, and he told me afterwards that it had given great satisfaction."

Well, sir, the whole thing flashed on me in a moment. My gentleman had hung up this drop scene in front of the safe, and the room then presented its ordinary appearance to the street, while behind this ingenious screen he had been able to "work his wicked will" upon the safe at his leisure. To cut a long story short, the painter gave me such information as enabled me to put my hand on this amateur actor, and he was in due course tried, convicted and punished, while we were able to recover a large portion of the stolen diamonds, greatly to Mr. A——'s satisfaction.

HOW MONKEYS ARE CAUGHT.

Almost all monkeys which one sees in the United States, come from Gorgona, a little village which is situated a short distance from the Panama Railroad. The inhabitants of this district are mostly native negroes for no white man could bear the climate without drinking plenty of whisky and almost constantly swallowing quinine. The whole region is marshy and covered with extremely profuse tropical vegetation. At night there arises a thick vapor, laden with fever, which hangs over the woods like a cloud.

The region of wood is the paradise of the monkeys. They travel in troops around the woods, led by an older monkey. When the people receive the information that the "traveling monkey troops" are near the village, they repair to the woods in crowds to chase them. Their plan is very simple. They cut a hole in a cocoanut large enough for a monkey's paw. The nut is then hollowed out, and a piece of sugar is placed in it. A piece of string is then fastened to it and it is placed in it. A piece of string is then fastened to it and it is placed in the road of the approaching monkeys. It is known that monkeys are very inquisitive animals. Sure enough they see the "lonesome" cocoanut in the grass, and hurry to examine it thorougly. It is a curious sight to see how they climb from the trees, chattering, to take a good view of the concern.

It does not take them long to find out that the inner part contains a piece of sugar. One of the boldest and greediest sticks a paw into the nut to get the sugar and grasps it as tightly as he can. But his fist is so large that he cannot draw it out of the hole again with the sugar, which he holds fast to cost what it may. The negroes now pull the string until nut and monkey arrive in the vicinity of their ambuscade. In the meantime the other monkeys wonder what is the matter with their comrade. They hurry to see where he is being pulled to with his paw in the cocoanut. They crowd around him, chattering and gesticulating to their heart's content.

Now the great moment has come. The negroes have a large net ready and they spread it out over the unsuspecting monkeys and before they know it they are prisoners. They are sold to the employes of the Panama railroad and reach the North American market through commercial dealers.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

AN UNFORTUNATE POSTCARD.

The Siam papers contain an account of the imprisonment in Bangkok of a Turkish subject, named Belitski, for seven months without being brought to trial by the Siamese authorities. His offense was that, having lately arrived in Bangkok from Hong Kong, he had addressed to his wife, Madame Charlotte Belitski, Tornovie Seimen, Roumelia, Turkey, a postcard, on which the following was written in the German language:

"Baugkok, December 7, 1868.—Here everything is wild and uncultivated; the women go about half naked. All vices flourish here—a paradise for problematic existences. What a contrast to the highly civilized natives of China and Japan, where I have lately been! Siam is a genuine Wallachian country. It is the wildest country I have ever seen in my travels.

"ROBERT BELITSKI."

On the sixteenth of December, Belitski was arrested on a charge, as he understood it, of libeling the Siamese government. He was never brought to trial, and was liberated on the representation of certain British subjects. He made his way to Batavia to lay his complaint before the Turkish consul there, Turkey having no treaty with Siam.

PETER SINCLAIR, of Wauseon, Ohio, on a wager, ate twenty-four pumpkin pies, a dozen doughnuts and drank three gallons of cider.

IT is all the same; the things that do not find their way into the small boy's pocket may usually be found in his baby sister's mouth.

SIN has many tools, but a lie is the handle which fits them all.

A Numerous Family.

Mrs. Madeline Le Roviere, who has just died at Black River Falls, Wis., had many relatives in that vicinity. She was between 90 and 99 years of age. She was the only daughter of a family of eighteen children, and at her death she had living of her direct descendants 124 persons, viz.: 15 sons and daughters (13 being present at the funeral), 78 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. There were present at the funeral nearly 40 of her descendants, embracing five generations. Among all her descendants there has never been more than one child at a birth. Her parents were among the very earliest French settlers along the Mississippi river.

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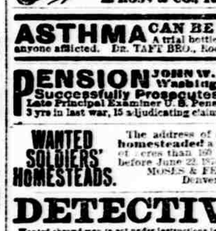

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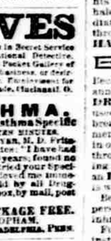

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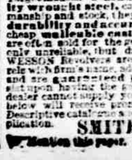

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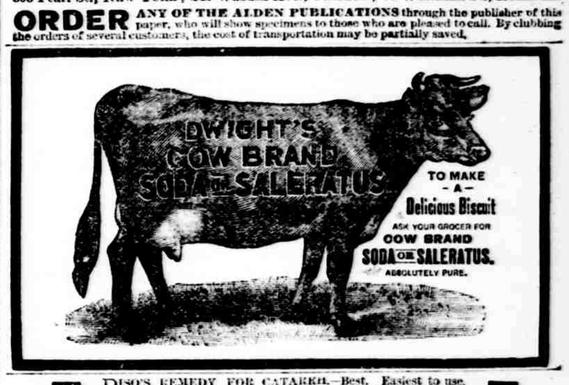

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