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EXPERIMENT IN DETECTION.

The Crossing Policeman Is the Wise as Sol-

The policeman who maintains life and order at the meeting of two down town streets must be possessed of con-siderable judgment. He must know when to make a hole in the wall, so to speak, through the mass of vehicles and let a portion of the surging humanity let a portion of the surging humanity go through. He must know how to to several things at once—to at the same time chat pleasantly with a lady friend of his, tell a woman from the suburbs where the streets she's on is and pull a couple of old gentlemen from the jaws of cable cars, and, what is more surprising, most of the down town force can do this, and, what is truly astonishing, nearly all do it in a gentlemanly manner and keep their tempers manly manner and keep their tempers

It is not infrequently that an officer is found who can do all this and more too. At one of the most prominent cross streets there is a policeman who is a close see and to the caliph that decided the ownership of an infant in his own highly original way. Among many instances where his acumen has played a particular part is one that happened a lay or so ago. It concerned a bicycle. The latter was left by its rider against the curb. A few minutes later a young man approached it. The policeman in question had not seen the owner get off the machine, but he thought the new comer looked a trifle suspicious. The chain and sprocket wheel of the bicycle had been secured together by a padlock. When the young man in question began to carry the wheel off instead of unlock-

ing it he felt it was about time to act.
"Do you own that bicycle?" he said to the young man."
"Yes," was the reply.

"Where's your key, then?" was his

"I've lost it." That settled it. "Say, now," continued the policeman, "will you give me your name and address?"

The young man seemingly did not want to make any trouble. He hesitated for a moment and then said, "Why, yes,

if you want it."
"And now," continued the policeman, after he had it, "you know the case looks strange, and you know we have so many bikes lost, would you mind waiting 15 minutes to see if any one else should come after that wheel?"

"No, I guess not," said the young man. Then he leaned back on a railing and began to wait. After he had been there three cr four minutes the policeman said: "Well, I guess it's all right. You can go." And then, turning to a bystander, he remarked, "You can bet your next month's pay he wouldn't have stood there if it wasn't his."-Chicago Times-Herald.

BRAINS E QUAL TO COURAGE.

The Cat Rescued, but the Stout Woma Was Not Satisfied.

It was a damp day, but the crowd stood and watched the black cat as it mewed plaintively and clung to the trailing vine three stories above the street in front of a four story brown stone dwelling. A long wire supported the vine, nearly reaching the roof. The cat, in a sportive mood evidently, had climbed the long vine and at the third ory stopped, as if fright had paralyzed further efforts. Every minute it mewed, and its appeal for help collected a crowd. A large woman said:

"Why don't some one climb up there and release that cat?"

"Suppose you try it, madam," chirped a dapper little man, who looked upon

the affair as a joke.
"Well, if I had your small heft I would climb that vine. Men never do

anything dangerous these days." "Oh, yes, they do, madam! They catch cold, drink too much and stay out late at their lodges."

She gave the little man a look and ejaculated: "You think you are smart, don't you? You can talk, but you can't rescue even a cat."

"You do me wrong. Watch me rescue that cat even at the peril of being insulted. Do not be frightened. I go, but I will return." He ran across the street as the large woman shouted, "He is going to climb!" He rang the doorbell of the house, and when the servant girl appeared he pointed to the cat above. The door closed, and a few minutes later a window in the third story opened. and the girl, reaching her arm out, caught the cat and took it in. The crowd cheered, and the dapper man bowed, but the large woman said con-

temptuously:
"Men have no courage. They get women to rescue cats."-New York Commercial.

Useful Books.

If a scholar has little money for books, he should expend it mostly on works of reference, and so get a daily return for his output. So seems to have thought a young man of whom we recently heard, who, when asked by a canvasser to purchase an encyclopedia, said he had one.

"Which one is it?" inquired the can

The young man could not remember. Neither could be tell who published it, but it was a fine work, in many large "Do you ever use them?" asked the

"Certainly-almost every day."

"In what line?" "Oh, I press my trousers with them.

They are splendid for that. "-Rambler.

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THE BLACK PRINCE'S ARMY.

The Largest English Fleet Ever Assem-bled Took the Soldiers to France. Mr. W. O. Stoddard's serial, "With the Black Prince," gives in St. Nicho-las an account of the splendid army

that accompanied the prince to the bat-tle of Crecy. Mr. Stoddard says:

It was the largest English fleet yet assembled, and the army going on board was also the best with which any English king had ever put to sea. It consisted of picked men only. Of these, 4,000 were men-at-arms, 6,000 were Irish, 12,000 were Welsh, but the most carefully trained and disciplined part of the force consisted of 10,000 bow-men. During a whole year had Edward and his son and his generals toiled to select and prepare the men and the weap-ons with which they were to meet the highly famed chivalry of the continent. An army selected from a nation of perhaps 4,000,000 of people was to contend with an army collected from France with her 20,000,000, and from such allies of hers as Germany and Bohemia, re-enforced by large numbers of paid mercenaries. Among these latter were the crossbowmen of Genoa sold to Philip by the masters of that Italian oli-

Edward's adventure had a seeming of great rashness, for already it was reported that the French king had mustered 100,000 men. Full many a gallant cavalier in armor of proof may well have wondered to hear, moreover, that Edward III, accounted the foremost general of his time, proposed to meet superior numbers of the best lances of Europe with lightly armored men on foot. They knew not yet of the new era that was dawning upon the science of war. Edward and his bowmen were to teach the world more than one new lesson before that memorable campaign was over. Before this he had shown what deeds might be wrought upon the sea by ships prepared and manned and led by himself. He had so crippled the naval power of his enemies that there was now no hostile fleet strong enough to prevent his present undertaking, although Philip had managed to send out some scores of cruisers to do whatever harm they could.

FRIGHTENED AWAY.

The First Man He Met In the Alaska Goldfields Scared Him Off.

"No," said a man who was sitting on a box in front of a grocery store, "I can't say as I know very much about

His companions looked at him in asever admitted not knowing much about "I reckon, then, that you're not

thinking about going to dig for gold," said one bystander. "No."

"Mebbe, though, as the stories of sudden wealth keep pouring in you'll change your mind," said another. "It won't be possible. I've been there."

"And came back without getting richen

"Yes. I didn't much more than cross the boundary line before I turned around and struck for home." "Scared?"

"That's the answer." "What of-polar bears?"
"No."

"Supplies give out?" "No, I had plenty of food. What changed my plan was seeing a man dig-ging a hole. I had these ideas about gold being found anywhere and everywhere, and I went up thinking to get some points about mining. I asked him in an offhand way whether he had struck any pay dirt yet, and he turned around and glared at me and said, 'Young feller, what do you think I am digging this for?' I told him I thought he was digging for gold. He glared at me again and said: 'Gold nothing. I'm doing this for fun. I've been living here for four years, and there's one thing that my curiosity has never been satisfied about. I'm going to dig this hole good and deep so as to allow plenty of room, and then find out just how far down this climate will make the mercury go. "-Washington Star.

Rugs and Moving.

A certain man who owns a row of dwelling houses over in the northwest quarter of the town has learned wisdom by bitter experience. A friend of mine went to him not long ago to rent one of the houses. "Do you lease it by the month or by

the year?" she inquired.
"That depends on what you are going

to have on your floors," answered the landlord. "Are you going to have car-

"No," answered my friend; "we have rugs.

"You'll have to sign a year's lease then," the landlord made reply, smiling craftily "If you bought carpets and had them fitted to the floors, I know you'd stay in the house as long as you could, but these rugs are too easily adjusted to any sized room. You'll have to sign a year's lease if you have rugs. There are seven houses in my row, and six of them haven't kept a tenant longer than two years at a time for the last five years. The seventh house—well, the people in it had carpets made and laid for it five years ago, and they haven't thought of moving. Carpets, I'll rent by the month; rugs, a year's lease."-Washington Post.

Lion Taming.

Men who have had long experience with lions give them a very bad character. There is said to be no art in so called lion taming but the art of terrorism, and no rule but keeping the lions' stomachs full and their minds cowed. There never has been, and there never will be, say some, an appeal made to the lion's intelligence, because the limited amount of that quality which he possesses is entirely dominated by his

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