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CHOICE MISCELLANY

G. B. Shaw's Command of Italian.

George Bernard Shaw is a man of varied acquirements, but a knowledge of Italian is not among them. A report became circulated, however, to the effect that the author of "Man and Superman" spoke Italian fluently and led to his being interviewed recently by a representative of the Giornale d'Italia. Mr. Shaw disclaimed the knowledge with which he had been credited and explained amusingly how the legend arose.

A Rest For the Philadelphian.

The Philadelphian was talking. "I am an old fashioned man," he said. "I detest modern innovations. Everything is high speed, high speed. We go at breakneck pace over the ground, through the water, even in the air. The trend of invention seems solely to annihilate space and distance. We are living our lives too fast."

Policing London's Streets.

There are fewer mounted men in the London police in proportion to the force than in New York, and it is no criticism of the London police to say that neither the men nor the mounts appeared to me to be of attractive looking as those we have, nor are they used as freely or as advantageously, if I may be permitted to say it, as in New York.

A Loyal Valet.

The Duke of Connaught has always been very popular in his military capacity. The servants in his household adore him. Soon after he first took up his command at Dublin some few years ago his valet came to him, asking for a fortnight's leave. The duke noticed that he gave no reason, but granted him permission. Exactly eleven days after the man returned, and then the duke demanded his reason for wishing a holiday. "I wanted to have a fight, sir," was the reply, "and I knew I would get badly marked. But I'm all right now again." The duke immediately became interested, but it was a long time before he elicited the fact that the valet had been fighting a man who had referred to the duke as a "feather bed" soldier.—Argonaut.

His Old Tie.

M. Fallieres is one of those people who hate to be photographed. On his election to the presidency of the French republic the order was not to be avoided, and he submitted to it. The photographer's suggestion, however, that he should put on a more fashionable tie did not meet with his approval.

Intoxicated Children.

The official reporter to the alcohol commission in Budapest states that in Hungary mothers often give brandy to their children to check their crying and that in communities where this beverage is unusually cheap some children receive it regularly for breakfast. In hardly any of the schools is there a pupil who is a total abstainer, and in some cases, it is said, members of the first and second elementary classes have been known to come to school in such a state of intoxication that they were unable to attend to their lessons.

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NEW SHORT STORIES

When Booth Was Prompted.

In the golden days of California Bret Harie was asked one evening by a Chicago man to relate the most amusing experience of his life on the Pacific coast. Bret Harie replied at once that this was easily done and told the following story:

The elder Booth was playing an engagement at the height of the gold fever. Every week miners were coming down by hundreds from their camps to see the great tragedian in "Othello."

At every evening performance there would be several score of them in the best seats in the house.



THE MINER LIFTED HIMSELF OUT OF HIS SEAT.

He went out to refresh himself, returning with a stronger aroma and increased interest in the play. At each exit the miner seemed to permeate his whole body, so intense was his interest.

However, nothing moved him out of the ordinary until the scene between Othello and Iago in the matter of the handkerchief. It will be recalled by every reader of Shakespeare that in this scene Othello tries to argue himself out of his jealous rage regarding Desdemona, but that at the critical point of his argument Iago offers an objection to this effect: "Yes, my lord, but the handkerchief!" These references to the incriminating handkerchief of Othello's wife had an electric effect on the red shirted miner. His questions grew with each successive objection interposed by Iago until he apparently could endure it no longer, and as Iago for the fifth or sixth time came back with his "Yes, my lord, but the handkerchief," the miner lifted himself heavily out of his seat, extended his right arm and, pointing with excited emphasis at Iago, roared in tones that rolled into the uppermost gallery:

"Wipe yer nose on yer sleeve, young man, and let the play go on!"—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Responded to Tonic.

"E. H. Harriman laughed," said a foreign correspondent, "when I told him about the newspaper stories of his bread and beer diet."

For the Final Fire.

August Belmont in the smoke room of the Lucania told, apropos of luxurious motorcars, a story about the young Marquis of Anglesey, who died in Monte Carlo some five years ago.

Once at his historic castle in Wales there was a slight fire. So, lest the priceless pile burn down, he ordered an enormous quantity of hand grenades, or extinguishers, from London.

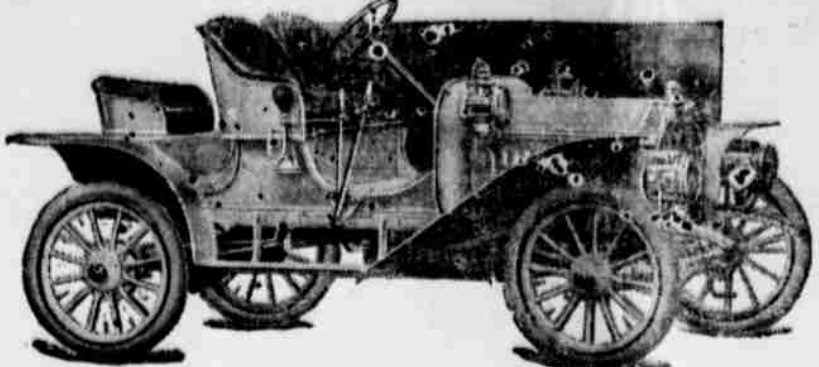
"When the grenades arrived they were hung all over the castle; but, though it was an enormous place, there were still several dozen grenades left over at the end of the hanging."

Lord Anglesey coughed—he was already in a pretty bad way—and said dryly to the butler:

"You may put them in my coffin."

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The copartnership heretofore existing between L. J. Rickard and R. M. Carlile has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All bills due the City of Malheur Market will be collected by Rickard & Blair, and who will pay all bills against the late firm of Rickard & Carlile. L. J. RICKARD, R. M. CARLILE. Dated, Ontario, Ore., July 3, 1909.

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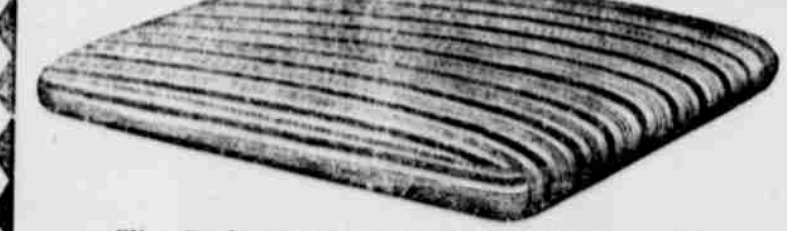
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