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King Edward definitely fixed June 26, 1902, as the date for his coronation.

will be set aside as McKinley day among churches of Indiana.

The work of raising \$110,000 for the ransome of Miss Stone goes ty steep figure to pay for an old maid.

Marconi's fiancee has announced a postponement of the wedding because Marconi is concentrating all his thoughts on his work. Marconi may be an ardent scientist, but he must be rather a cool wooer to hold his fiancee second in his mind to a wireless telegraph system.

A Southern Kansas editor had ample grounds for taking a brief vacation. The good sisters of a church organization handed him a notice that they would give a "Spider Web Social," which appeared likes-and he shall be, for all your unlater in the paper as a "Spindle Leg worthiness."

Jack Wade, who with Dalton kill- to stay over Sunday?" pleaded guilty, was declared guilty me quiet." of murder in the first degree by swing.

A Tennessee girl the other night had flown from the room. stole out over the sleeping form of nice on the following Saturday, and, her mother eloped with and married with a little coaching from the two her lover. That is the kind of a girls, made quite a good impression at two hard-featured villains straining dinner, when he discussed military their arms to the ceiling at sight of out over her mother without awak- rectness. and kindle fires without wakening

Oakland, Dec. 21 .- Surrounded by his sorrowing family, John J. "Uncle's been reading and only Valentine, president of Wells, Far- turned his light out a few minutes go & Company, passed away at his ago, but he's snoring now." I o'clock this morning, after an ill- enterprises are wont to try ness from heart trouble that had confined him to his bed for the past three months. His death removes look just like a man! Where did you get those old clothes? And, oh! your face is so dirty and smudgy!" men of the Pacific Coast.

A case that is interesting St. Louis physicians is that of Eli Daniels, a patient at the city hospital, who is convalescing from an operation of the heart. He was stabbed in the heart at Chester, Ill., and Dr. H. L. heart at Chester, Ill., and Dr. H. L. the room, locked the door, threw her-Nietert, superintendent of the hos-self upon the bed and laughed and pital, where Daniels was taken 24 hours after being cut, sewed up the wound taking several stitches, and the patient is now well on the road to recovery.

Neither Admiral Benham nor Admiral Ramsay, composing a ma- that pervaded the house. Imagination jority of the court deciding against ran wild and played her awful pranks. Schley, have commanded a squad-through the gloom, and ominous "If you mention ron or a fleet in action. Both had noises came from every corner. A in the affair," said Beat, "I'll expose raised their flags over very small tap-tap from the direction of the winsquardrons, and both belong to the and a low murmuring was like nothpast and know very little of modern fleets and modern naval warern fleets and modern naval war-fare. Coal and machinery were not bered her errand. Partly to help her prime requisities in the days when cousin and partly for her own amuse-Benham and Ramsay were active in the navy.

The old States defenders would never remain in their graves if they knew of a bill that Representative Robinson, of La., has introduced in the House. It is simed at the case fancy, for the library window was beof ex-Gov. Taylor, of Ky., whose extradition has been refused by the Governor of Ind., but it goes much further that it has no chance to become a law. The bill provides for an amendment to existing law that would give a governor whose requisition for a fugitive had been denied by another governor the right to issue a warrant to a U. S. Marsh. to issue a warrant to a U. S. Marsh al and order his arrest wherever

HANDS UP

W HAT a pity Jack is not a hero!" sighed Mary, laying down a paper containing a list of the latest recipients of the V. C. "Dad is so awfully gone on soldlers just now. She glanced toward a dainty writing table, where the photograph of handsome curly-headed young barrister occupied a prominent place. Power was expressed in every one of those clear-cut features-the power to

cleave a way through the world. But Col. Warwick could think of nothing but soldiers, and his daughter, Mary, clandestinely carried on her love affairs, and concocted all sorts of impossible plans to transform her civilian lover into something like a man for the colonel. She even went to the length of inquiring at the war office if lawyers, as well as doctors and clergymen, were not attached to the headquarters staff of the army in South Africa, and, being disappointed in that, religiously set to work to inculcate some martial ardor in her lover by requesting him to take her to all the military functions in town. Yet the unconscious Jack would not

be a hero.
"Why don't you help me, Beat?" she cried, plaintively appealing to her The third Sunday in January selvet ottoman, was devouring the contents of the latest novel from Mudle's. "Your affair is all settled, and you've no troubles in the world. Do put that wretched book away and

help me think of Jack!" the ransome of Miss Stone goes "Mary, you're a nuisance!" ex-bravely on. This looks like a pret- claimed the calm-minded young lady, shutting her book with a slam. so is Jack! Why don't you think of something else for a few days? If I That was Beat's opportunity. worried half so much about Geoffrey, I should pine myself into a conva-

"Yes; but you don't have to. You're engaged; and, besides, your dad isn't

mad on soldiers." Miss Beatrice burst out laughing. and her charming cousin assumed a dignified pout. "My dear girl," she said, patronizingly, and ignoring the pout, "uncle's only a silly old man, and he doesn't mean one-half be

says! Mary was about to espouse his and even sacrifice her Jack in his defense, when her cousin stopped

"But as for being a hero, why, Jack can be that as well as anyone if he

"A hero! How, Beat-how?" 'Never mind. You say he's coming

"Yes. I worried dad into asking ed young Morrow at Portland and him, and he consented-just to keep

Beatrice gave a sympathetic sigh. "Well, then, next Saturday will put Judge Frazer. The case took but him to the test, and unless he proves two hours of time. Wade states himself a hero and a man under such that he is willing to atone with his desperate circumstances I shall be sadly disappointed. Now, stop worlife for the crime. Dalton was found rying, and go and read the war news guilty the day before and will also to uncle. He's dying for it, I know." And before Mary had time to stop her and demand an explanation she

Jack Winchfield put in an appearwife worth having. If she can slip tactics with keen interest, if not cor-

At half past 11, after a game ening her, she ought to be able to hards, and a one-sided argument on slip out over her sleeping spouse the subject of cavalry remounts, the two men retired, and an hour later the house was dark and silent.

"Mary, are you awake?" "Rather!" came in a sleepy voice. "I thought you were never coming."

The two girls shivered simultanhome in East Oakland at half-past cousty, and in sympathy. Midnight strongest nerves. Mary turned on the

"Why, Beat," she exciaimed, "you

Beatrice laughed, in spite of her nerves. "Shall I do?" she asked. "Do? You're simply horrible!"

ing back; and if you hear me running open the door and let me in." In obedience to which command Mary, as soon as her cousin had left cried intermittently until she fell

asleep from sheer exhaustion. The amateur burglar gingerly picked her way downstairs, and silent ly turned the key of the library door. Feeling her way toward a comfortable couch, she threw hersell upon it and waited, listening to the beating of her own heart and to the awful silence sounded most painfully realistic, ing more than the whisperings of hid-

den human beings, ment she had planned to masquerade as a burglar to arouse the unconscious Jack and to test his courage. In the light of day it was a splendid project, with countless opportunities for harm less fun. But here, in the dark and silent library, at one o'clock in the morning, it was cruelly unromantic. Creak, creak! This time it was no

NOTICE.

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ing forced open, and through the Over-Work Weakens blinds came the occasional flash of a Over-Work Weakens lantern. In a moment Beatrice was on the alert. Of a sudden it dawned

ek burgar the unfortunate Jack might have to deal with a gang of hardened criminals, and the probable your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your property would so result of such an encounter would so upset arrangements that Mary would in future thank her to leave her affairs alone. So the little joke had developed into a huge tragedy, and Jack must not be sacrificed. Even in the hour of danger she could not repress a smile as she thought how the papers would make such a sensation of the affair. No; Beatrice decided that it should not be. And so Jack slept on, unconscious of the opportunities for distinction that awaited him down-

In the meantme, the enterprising young lady with the smudgy face and ragged clothes had seized an old dueling pistol and intrenched herself in thetrear of the sofa, from which she could obtain an uninterrupted view of proceedings within the room, There she propped herself up, with one arm extending over the back of the sofa, pointing an unloaded pistol in a menacing manner. .. nd there she meant to fight and die, as she had and is sold on its merits heard her uncle tell of brave men in the trenches, for it was a desperate matter now, and it was scarcely realizable that such a terrible plight could ever have originated in a harmless little joke.

Matter the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution this reason which we have writing Dr. Kilmer.

tle joke. room through the half-open window and east the light of his lantern in all directions. Then, upon a sign that all was right, another long-legged villain followed, and the two conferred in muffled tones. Then they carefully shut the window, closed the shutters lit the gas and pounced upon the safe. ELK RIVER "Hands up!"

If an electric wire had been connected with the automatic figures, and a button had been pressed, the upper limbs could not have responded more promptly than did the hands of those two desperate burglars. Scared and baffled as they were, they staggered round on their beels, to discover the source of that sudden command, and encountered the frowning muzzle of a pistol. It was enough. The younger man grouned and the older one said something beneath his breath.

Five minutes passed, and not a word, was spoken. Two pairs of hands still moved aloft and two pairs of cowed eyes fearfully watched the muzzle of the pistol. But it never moved. The aim was deadly!

'Urry up, guv'nor!" at last groaned the younger man. "Ring for the servants, or what yer like, only don't let us get cold in our armpits!"

In support of which the older man again swore, but the victorious one, said nothing. Only the pistol continued to frown threateningly.

Two more minutes that seemed like hours to the captured men passed by. and the older burglar commenced to swear more loudly. The younger man also began to indignantly assert his rights to humane treatment, and matters were just becoming strained when the door opened, and a poker, followed by the white face of Jack Winchfield,

appeared upon the scene. It was the first time Jack had taken an active part in a burglary case, and he was considerably nonplussed to find a common domestic poker. concluded it must be the usual thing ong such gentry, and his face re gained some of its color as he took the cord from his dressing-gown and requested one of the men to hold down his hands to be bound, which he did with a grateful glance. A curtain cord for the other, and the two soon stood side by side, trussed like cock-

'Now, then, guv'nor, tell the bloke behind the sofy to shift that pistol. I don't like it!" exclaimed one.

"Pistol? What pistol?" Jack looked round in the direction indicated, and staggered back as he encountered the frowning muzzle. The idea suddenly occurred to him that this was another burglar in hiding, and that he had been outflanked, as the colonel would probably have called it. But as he moved, the pistol held steadfastly in its place, and at last he maneuvered round and discovered a slight form, dressed in ragged men's clothes, and propped up with cushions and "Good-by, then. Listen for me com-

"Now, young 'un, put up that gun. It's all over. Why, look here! Great It's Beatrice! And she's

fainted!" "Fainted?" echoed the two trussed men in chorus. "Fainted? Fainted? Ere, guv'nor, let us loose to kick ourselves, and we'll go quiet." . "A smart capture. Jack, and a bold

venture on your part," said the colonel. "You ought to have been a soldier, my boy. There's a career waiting for you in the army!" "Yes," said Jack, "but-"

A vicious tug at his coat tail stopped him, and at that moment the colonel "If you mention my disgraceful part your cowardice on the spot. Uncle would have a fit if he knew I had been

masquerading in boy's clothes!" "But what on earth were you doing with that pistol?" "Oh, never mind. Perhaps I was rehearsing a play, and the burglars entered at an inconvenient time. The rest of the comedy went fairly well. though, only the poker was a little undignified. But the audience appear to be well satisfied, and the colonel in

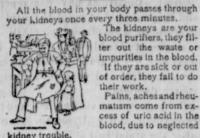
particular is delighted with the hero. Do your best for those poor villains when you defend them, for they did act their parts most beautifully! go to Mary. She's dying to scold you!" -Chicago Herald.

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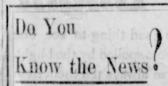
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