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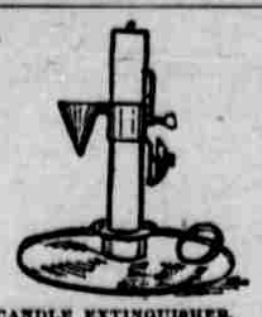
Candle Extinguisher.

A great many people who live in the larger cities and towns, and therefore can obtain gas for lighting and heating purposes, do not realize that there are many who live in the country or the outer sections of the cities who still have to depend on candles or lamps to furnish artificial light. The novel contrivance shown in the illustration will be of especial interest to the latter, but it should, nevertheless, on account of the simplicity and



CANDLE EXTINGUISHER.

novelty of the arrangement of the parts and the unique way in which they work, be interesting to others. There is always great danger in carrying a lighted lamp, especially in going up or down stairs, and so many people realize this danger that they prefer to use candles. The device shown here is simply an extinguisher for candles, being adjusted to extinguish the candle after a predetermined amount of the light has been consumed. An alarm bell is attached to the extinguisher, so that it may be sounded a few minutes before the extinguisher can operate to enable the user to adjust it. The cap on the left of the handle is in the form of a hollow cone, pivotally hinged to the cylindrical bracket which is secured to the candle. A small prong projects upward from this bracket, resting against the candle, while another pivot pin on the opposite side presses into the candle a short distance above the prong. This pivot pin works in connection with a striking head for the bell, so that when the candle burns to the pivot pin the latter is released, permitting the head to strike the bell. When the candle burns further down to the prong, a coiled spring releases the cup, which rises and descends over the flame of the candle, extinguishing it.

George Stevenson, of Dunedin, New Zealand, is the patentee.

Storm Shield for Carriages.

Driving, when the weather is fine and clear, is certainly beneficial to old and young alike, and also an ex-

KEEPS THE OCCUPANTS DRY.

ceedingly pleasant recreation for those who are fortunate enough to be able to enjoy such pastimes. It is also a pleasure, when the weather is propitious, to those who are compelled to drive around from place to place on business, but on rainy or stormy days it is entirely a different matter, as it is practically impossible to keep dry and comfortable. For doctors and others whose duties necessitate their going out in a carriage every day, no matter what the weather may be, the storm shield shown in the illustration would be of great value. The construction is such that it can readily be attached or detached from a buggy top, and when lowered excludes the rain and wind, at the same time giving the driver free access to the reins outside the storm shield. This shield can be made of any suitable material and is supported on uprights, as shown in the picture, fastened by means of hooks on the tops and sides. A rubber drawing string in the bottom of the shield holds it taut. On the front of the buggy top two hooks are placed, to which the shield can be attached by means of straps when not in use, and also when the occupants of the carriage desire to get out.

Edward S. Lynd, of Orleans, Ind., is the patentee.

Guide for Barbers' Customers.

A barber has not much use for devices of any kind, as all he needs is a razor and some soap and he is ready for business. Still, the apparatus shown here would be of benefit to

SHOWS WHO IS NEXT IN TURN.

the barber and customer alike. Its object is to indicate and display conspicuously who is entitled to the "next turn," so as to allow of no mistake. It is designed to improve the methods at present employed in barber shops for serving customers and to insure the serving of customers in the order of their entry in the store, a feature being a ticket holder, from which numbered tickets are withdrawn and distributed to the customers for their designation, and also for displaying successively consecutive numbers denoting the service. When a customer enters the store he secures his ticket indicating his number "in turn." Each time the barber finishes with the customer in hand he turns a small lever on the machine, which rings a bell and at the same time changes the number, which indicates who is next entitled to the chair. There is no chance of a mistake being made, and it would be unnecessary for the customer, as is usually the case, watching and keeping in mind who is ahead of him and when his turn comes.

The patentee is John U. Shanahan of Worthington, Minn.

RUSSIAN PRACTICE WITH LAND MINES.

In the battle of Liao-Yang and in the general engagement in the vicinity of Mukden the Russians attempted to check the Japanese advance by mining the ground over which the assailants were expected to charge. Several attacks upon Port Arthur were repulsed in like manner. The above picture shows the effect of an explosion of a land mine.

If you are in position where you meet the people, be polite. The man who can't control his temper, should resign. Your first duty to yourself is politeness, fairness, temperance, respectability, good temper. It is also your first duty to the public.

Children who say smart things soon grow up and are lost in the shuffle.

Brooks—Crippler met his wife in a railroad accident. Crooks—Did he sue the company?

"Pa, what do they mean by the death rate?" "That, my son, is the speed at which an automobile travels." —Cleveland Leader.

Van Tart—I don't think much of leap year. Le Whey—What's the matter? Van Tart—The girls propose to you, but expect you to buy the ring.

The button trust is bankrupt. The button is a small article, but it has destroyed the peace of many a home, and it is only ripping as it has been sewed.—Baltimore American.

"John," said a stingy old hunk to his hired man, as he was taking dinner, "do you know how many pancakes have eaten fourteen." "Well," said John, "you count and I'll eat."

"But have you any expectations, young man?" "Of course, I have. Three rich girls want to marry me, but I am going to give your girl the first chance."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I just wisht I wus bigger," said Mischievous Willie Smart. "Indeed?" asked his mother. "How much bigger?" 'Oh, just big enough to do all the things I git blamed for doin' now."

Freda—He claims to be related to you, and says he can prove it. Floyd—Related to me? Why, the man's a fool. Freda—Of course; but that may be a mere coincidence.—Illustrated Bits.

Jack—Women have no head for figures. Tom—How do you make that out? Jack—I know a girl whose education cost her father ten thousand, and she can't figure her own age correctly.

"Jury," said a Western judge, "you kin go out and find a verdict. If you can't find one of your own, get the one the last jury used." The jury returned a verdict of suicide in the ninth degree.

"Hallo!" cried the neighbor. "What are you building a new chicken house for?" "Why," replied Nettles, "for a flock of pink elephants, of course. You didn't suppose I'd put chickens in it, did you?"

Red—And when this happened on the links, was he addressing the ball? Green—Well, I don't know just what he was addressing, but it was quite evident from the language that he was not addressing a Sunday school.

A precocious youth telegraphed to his parents on their golden wedding day: "Is marriage a failure?" The old couple laid their heads together over the reply-paid form, and presently made answer: "No; but its results sometimes are."

"I never knew till now why this was such a windy country," said the bright little girl traveling through Illinois. "And have you discovered why?" asked her father. "Of course. See all the windmills on these farms we're passing."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Darringer, have you a half-sovereign you don't want?" "Why, certainly. Here it is." The next day—"I say, Darringer, that half-sovereign you gave me was a bad one." "Yes, Bromley. You asked me if I had a half-sovereign that I didn't want."

"Why do the roses fade slowly away?" she inquired poetically. "Well," replied the baldheaded young man, "when you think it over it's all for the best. It's more comfortable to have them fade slowly away than to go off all of a sudden, like a torpedo."

"That's my last canvas," said D'Auber; "I started that six months ago. You see, some days I paint away feverishly, forcefully, absorbedly, while on other days I can't paint at all." "I see," said Crittick; "you painted this on one of the other days." —Philadelphia Press.

"If Crabbe ever comes around your place borrowing anything," said Subbubs, "don't let him have it." "You've spoken too late," replied Newcomer; "he was around this morning." "You're easy. What was he borrowing?" "Trouble. He's in the hospital now." —Philadelphia Ledger.

As my wife at the window one beautiful day stood watching a man with a monkey a cart came along with a broth of a boy, who was driving a stout little donkey. To my wife then I spoke by way of a joke—"There's a relation of yours in that carriage." To which she replied, when the donkey she spied—"Ah, yes! a relation by marriage."

"If you please, sir?" "Well, Jimmy?" "Me grandmother, sir——" "Aha, your grandmother! Go on, Jimmy." "Me grandmother and me mother——" "What, and your mother, too! Both very ill, eh?" "No, sir. Me grandmother an' me mother are goin' to the baseball game this afternoon an' they want me to stay home an' take care of me little brudder."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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