

FATAL WORDS.

The Ship That Doomed Major Andre and Saved West Point.

At Tarrytown there is a monument surrounded by a bronze figure over on duty that marks the spot where on Sept. 23, 1789, a man sprang, as it were, out of the ground, seized the bridle of the traveler's horse and at the same instant demanded a halt.

For one moment the pass sufficed. Then there was doubt. In that moment of hesitation the traveler's eyes rested upon a coat that one of the men wore which he had obtained while a prisoner not long before, and, recognizing the garb of the Hessian soldiers attached to the British army, the traveler concluded hastily that he had fallen among friends instead of foes.

"I see you belong to the army down below, as I do," he remarked, with a slight gesture of the head toward the river. "Fatal words! They sealed the doom of Adjutant Major General John Andre of the British army. He was quickly dismounted and searched without result, and still there was delay. Some latent sense of respectful vigilance incited these Hessian militiamen to renewed search of the traveler's person. West Point was saved.

A Horse's Sense of Smell.

A horse will leave muddy hay untouched in his bin, however luscious. He will not drink of water objectionable to his quenching thirst or from a bucket which some odor makes offensive, however thirsty. His intelligent nostril will widen, quiver and quere over the faintest bit offered by the fairest of hands, with coxings that would make a mortal shut his eyes and swallow a mouthful at a gulp. A mare is never satisfied by either sight or whinny that her colt is really her own until she has a certified nasal proof of the fact. A blind horse, now living, will not allow the approach of any stranger without showing signs of anger not safely to be disregarded. The distinction is evidently made by his sense of smell and at a considerable distance. Blind horses, as a rule, will gallop wildly about a pasture without striking the surrounding fence. The sense of smell informs them of its proximity. Others will, when loosened from the stable, go direct to the gate or bars opened to their accustomed feeding grounds and when desiring to return, after hours of careless wandering, will distinguish one outlet and patiently await its opening.—St. James Gazette.

English Style Dinners.

In the endeavor to be like the English in some of their ways, curious customs are started in France. For instance, among the middle classes, when a special dinner is given in the "English style" the length of the dining table is loaded with immense dishes, their shape and form each indicating their contents, in the same way as the rounded cover of a cheese dish, in the form of a cheese, tells its own story. One of these dishes will be butter colored, and rounded knobs, representative of plain boiled potatoes, will ornament the cover; another of green and white will have raised cabbage leaves running over, while yet another is all in ribbons, indicative of a bundle of asparagus.

The walls of the dishes themselves are all treated in the same way, and the coloring, roughly speaking, is correct.

Good Substitute.

"Father, I should like to try one of these systems of physical exercise that are advertised in the papers. They are cheap, and you don't need any apparatus."

"I'll furnish you with one, my son, that I tried with great success when I was a young man, and I'll warrant it to be as good as any in the market."

"Could I make it here at home?"

"No, you take it out at the woodpile. You will find the apparatus there, all ready for you, my son."—Chicago Tribune.



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

"I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."—Mrs. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, backache, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women."

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulency, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., as thousands do.

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"Any apparatus necessary?"

"Yes, but it's quite simple. I'll furnish it."

"Can I take it in my room?"

"No; you take it out at the woodpile. You will find the apparatus there, all ready for you, my son."—Chicago Tribune.

W. S. Gilbert's Career.

It is said that W. S. Gilbert was meant for the bar, and his father was reluctant to see him turning to other directions. "If you would only stick to it," said the older Gilbert, "you might become lord chancellor."

"So I might," answered the author of the "Pirates" to be, "and if I stick to the theaters I may become Sheridan. One's as likely as the other, and of the two I prefer Sheridan."

That was a preference lucky for the lovers of the stage.

Took Nothing.

Mrs. Green asks things of hirings—But is the girl honest? Can she be trusted?

Mrs. Brown (the girl's former mistress)—You need not be in the least alarmed. She is perfectly honest. All the time she was with me I never knew her to take a thing—not even my advice as to how things should be done.

Deep Sea Feelings.

Tomix—Did you ever cross the ocean?

Hojax—Yes, once.

Tomix—What were your feelings?

Hojax—Oh, some as usual. I wanted the earth—E. nose.—Independent.

Many a man's haste to get ahead in the world results in his getting a consolation before it is done.—Chicago News.

The Man Who

Having up to now

rowed the boat

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ASSORTED LAUGHTER.

The Kind That Is Good and the Brands That Are Bad.

Is laughter a good thing—the laughter which is directed to something "which falls in empty with a social requirement," which is compelled by the sight of ineptitude or by sudden surprise? All laughter, at all events, is not good. The giggle and the titter are laughter debased. People who titter with laughter, write Carlyle, "only snarl and titter and sniggle from the throat outward, or at best produce some whistling, husky exclamation, as if they were laughing through wool."

But though the snigger is detestable, you can still have too much of hearty laughter, of the roar of Teufelsdröckh. It is only the unrestrained or the irresponsible man who laughs tempestuously often; and, indeed, as a man grows older and gets a wider view of the world he laughs, no doubt, less loudly. Professor Shilly thinks that as a nation we have lost some of the mirth of our forefathers. If by that he means the mischievous, self-abandoned mirth of 200 years ago, it is not perhaps to be regretted. It is true that hearty laughter is often an index to an honest soul. Carlyle was probably right when he said that "no man who has once heartily and wholly laughed can be altogether or bad." But there is a better laugh than Teufelsdröckh's, and that is the deep found chuckle of kindness and experience together. Perhaps we laugh more wisely, even if more rarely, than our forefathers.—London Spectator.

The Black Bottle.

Sir Wilfrid Lawson, the great temperance advocate, once met a laborer walking along the road with the old familiar black bottle protruding from his pocket.

"Empty that cursed stuff away," said Sir Wilfrid vehemently, pointing to the bottle. "Drink something better than that poison."

The man was so overcome that he took out the receptacle and emptied the liquor into the road.

Sir Wilfrid's face beamed with pleasure, and, handing the man a shilling, he said: "Take that, my good fellow. It will buy you something better."

The man, to the intense disgust of Sir Wilfrid, immediately entered a public house and spent the shilling in beer. On coming out Sir Wilfrid accosted the laborer and asked why he had spent the money for beer.

"Faith, your honor, 'twas that I thought you wanted me to drink, for the bottle of poison I was after throwin' away was cold taw!"

What to Make of the Boy.

There is an old Lancashire custom of putting a number of articles before a child and prophesying by the article which the child touches what he may become.

The story goes of a Lancashire man who was at his wits' end to decide what to do with his offspring. So he placed on a table a sword, a Bible, an apple and a box of pills. If the child touched the first he was to be a soldier, the second a clergyman, the third a greengrocer and the last a doctor. It was a somewhat heterogeneous mess of professions, true enough, but it offered the advantage of a wide range of choice. After the experiment was over he met a boon friend.

"Well, Jimmy, how did it get on?" asked the friend. "Did he take the sword?"

"No, he took 'em all, so I'm goin' to make him a lawyer."

Burglary in England.

Burglary cannot be committed in the daytime. The English rule is that if there is light enough to see the face of the intruder there is no burglary. This, however, does not include moonlight, for a housebreaker entering after nightfall, however brightly the moon may be shining, is legally a burglar—that is, if it is reasonably certain that he has entered with the intent to commit felony, for while a tramp breaking into a house to sleep may be a housebreaker he is not in the proper sense of the word a burglar. Burglary, however, may consist in breaking out as well as breaking in, for one who hides in a house before nightfall to steal and after stealing breaks out to get away is just as much a burglar as he who to effect his purpose breaks in.

Where "Sterling" Came From.

Sterling signifies money from the legalized standard of coinage of Great Britain. According to one theory, the term originated as follows: It is a corruption of Easterling, a person from north Germany, on the continent of Europe, and therefore from the east in geographical relation to England. The Easterlings were ingenious artisans who came to England in the reign of Henry III, to refine the silver money, and the coin they produced was called moneta Easterlingorum, the money of the Easterlings.

Her Station.

A little boy and girl were playing at trains, says the Western Mail, and the boy was calling out all the station names he knew. The first stop was Cardiff, the second Newport, the third Swansea, and then he paused for a name. At last, with a rush, he came out triumphantly with "Heaven!"

"Top," cried the sister. "I think I'll get out here."

The Faithful Retainer.

"Why do you always refer to your valet as your 'retainer'?"

"Because he always keeps everything he finds."—Portsmouth News.

In order to be a gentleman many a man has to forget himself.—Saturday Evening Post.

Two are company until they're made one.—Baltimore American.

STRUCK DOWN.

Slain in the Hour of Success.

The Indian who trailed the hunter steadily and secretly through the woods, often played with his victim as a cat plays with a mouse. Just at the moment of the hunter's success, the blow fell; silent, sudden, swift.

There are certain forms of disease which seem inhumanly malevolent. Like the Indian they seem to play with the victim, until some day when he has reached the height of success and is thinking to "take life easy," disease strikes him down, perhaps never to rise again, or mayhap to drag out the remainder of existence in physical pain and privation.

The best example of such a malevolent disease is found in dyspepsia and allied forms of "stomach trouble." Not long



ago the newspapers were calling attention to one of the richest men of the age working in his garden like a common laborer for his health's sake and for the same cause living abstemiously on a diet which a laborer would despise. There's a conspicuous example of the class of people whose success seems almost failure. But how many people are struck down fatally in the hours of success, no man can absolutely say. Stomach "failure" means heart failure, the failure of kidneys, liver, lungs and any other organ, inasmuch as each and every organ of the body is dependent on the stomach for its nutrition and therefore for its vitality. For this reason no vital statistics can ever give the number of those who fall victims to disease of the stomach and the other organs of digestion and nutrition, because the cause of their disease is charged to other organs diseased through the stomach.

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU? Is it "weak" lungs, "weak" heart, "weak" stomach, "weak" liver, "weak" kidneys, "weak" blood, or "weak" digestion of any other organ? You will find that in general, if you trace the disease back to its origin, you will find it originates in a diseased condition of the stomach and its allied organs of digestion and nutrition. The best proof of this is that diseases of heart, liver, lungs, kidneys, etc., are constantly being cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, which is primarily and chiefly a medicine for the cure of diseases of the stomach and of the blood. The body and all its organs are sustained by food, properly digested and assimilated, which when converted into blood forms the nutrition by which physical life is renewed day by day, and meal by meal.

Golden Medical Discovery has cured me of a pain in my right lung that the best doctors could not help. My appetite and digestion have improved so that I can eat anything at all, and I feel better than I have for years. My pain is all gone and I feel like a new person.

"I am glad to testify to the benefits derived from Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery," writes Miss Mary Belle Summerton, of San Diego, Duval Co., Texas. "I was troubled with very frequent headaches, often accompanied by severe vomiting; bowels were irregular and my stomach and liver seemed continually out of order. Often I could eat almost nothing, and sometimes absolutely nothing, for twenty-four hours at a time. I was entirely unfit for work, and my whole system seemed so run-down that I feared a severe sick spell, and was very much discouraged. I was advised to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and did so with such satisfactory results that before finishing the third bottle I felt perfectly able to undertake the duties attending public school life, and contracted to do so."

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Advertisement for Wine of Cardui, featuring a portrait of Mrs. Laura S. Webb and text describing the benefits of the wine for women's health.

O'CONNELL'S COOLNESS.

A Story of the Irish Liberator and a Falling Floor.

Daniel O'Connell was once addressing an enormous meeting in Kingsdown, and the crowd was so large that four was felt for the safety of the building. As he was about to speak a gentleman ascended the platform and said, trembling with fear: "Liberator, the floor is giving way! The beams are cracking, and we shall all fall through in a few minutes." It is not given to many men to live through such moments as O'Connell lived through as he rose to address the meeting not to preserve such magnificent courage in the face of great peril. Warning the man to keep quiet, the liberator said, "I find this room too small to contain the number who desire to come in, so we must therefore leave it and hold the meeting outside." A few rose to leave, but the hall was still packed, and then O'Connell said: "Then I will tell you the truth. You are Irishmen and therefore brave men. The floor is giving way, and we must leave this room at once. If there is a panic and a rush to the door, we shall all be precipitated into the room below, but if you obey my orders we shall be safe. Let the dozen men nearest the door go quietly out, then the next dozen, and so on until all have gone. I shall be the last to leave." The Irishmen followed the advice, the hall was quickly cleared, and as O'Connell walked across the floor the broken beams gave way.—Oxford Chronicle.

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