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'Well,' paw says: 'Speed away. I don't Spose they are anythin I Can't tell You all about.'

'Two girls wants to work Here,' maw Says, 'and I wisht you'd Tell me which one to Hire. One's a Swede girl and one's a Ningshish girl. Which one would you take?'

'How Do I no,' says paw. 'When I ain't seen them? You ot to no which is the Best.'

'They Seem about the Same,' maw says. 'Well sposen we Flip a Penny,' says paw. 'Tales fer the Swede girl and Heds fer the other one.'

'No,' maw says, 'I think that's Disgrafsulful. You got to Tell me which you'd Talk.'

So purty soon They Come Back and paw He Looked out through the crack from Behind the Door at Them while They was Talkin' to maw, and when maw came in paw says: 'I guess you Better take the English girl.'

Last nite paw Come Home Purty Tired and when we Got Set Down at the Table maw rung the Bell and in come the Swede girl.

Paw He looks at Her a minit and when she went out He Says to Maw: 'I Bet I no what you'd Do if I Told you to Go and Jump in the Lake.'

'What?' maw ast. 'You'd go away some Whatr and Climb a Tree,' paw says, and then He made a Swipe at a Fly what was Buzzen around and nocked over the vinegar Bottel. It was a Sad Site.—Chicago Times-Herald.

FIRES GOLD BULLETS. How a Boer Warrior Is Avenging the Death of His Sons. A Paris paper publishes an entertaining story of a man named Van Bosboom, who is fighting with the Boers.

'Yes,' replied Van Bosboom. 'Then you will need cartridges,' said the President, 'and those you shall have.'

'No, President,' answered Van Bosboom. 'I have plenty of cartridges. I have made some for myself. Then, drawing close to Kruger, he whispered something in his ear. It must have been astonishing, for "Oom Paul" let his pipe drop from his mouth, and all the world knows how Kruger clings to his pipe.'

As he bade the President good-by, the famous marksman said with a chuckle: "As it's that they come after, it's just as well to let them have it."

Then off he went to the front, with his rifle, his Bible, and the regulation thirty days' provisions. Whenever the opposing forces came within sight his method of action was always the same. He would cautiously approach the advancing English until he found convenient cover within rifle range. Then, stretching himself at full length, he would study the enemy's force until he marked a young man whose appearance and bearing showed him to be an officer. Upon this figure the deadly rifle was brought to bear; then, as the sharp crack rang out and the young officer fell dead, the burgher would leap to his feet, shout "Chamberlain," and then drop flat again.

Once more his program would be carefully carried out, and when the second officer fell Van Bosboom would carefully retire to safe cover, read a psalm, and sit smoking his pipe until the close of day.

In memory of his two sons the rifle was fired only twice in each fight, but always with fatal effect. When the dead were collected it was always easy to identify Van Bosboom's victims, for lodged in their heart or brains, instead of the usual two ounces of lead which form the Martini bullet, was to be found a bullet made of two ounces of gold. People then understood old Kruger's surprise and the enigmatical words Van Bosboom had used when bidding the President good-by.

The Savage Bachelor. "There is one thing I would like to know," said the Savage Bachelor. "Is that possible?" asked the Sweet Young Thing, with some acerbity; this occurring at the breakfast hour, when lovely woman is at her unsweetest.

"Yes. I want to know why nearly all these women who have distinguished themselves by a display of brains look so much like men?"—Indianapolis Press.

Elephant Trainers Killed. During the last twelve months at least a dozen elephant trainers have been killed—more than have been killed in ten years previous.

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THIS MAN WAS BEYOND PRICE. Chicago Railroader Tells How Tweed King Tried to Bribe Him. A group of men high in the railway world of Chicago were seated in one of the clubs the other night smoking and chatting. The conversation, naturally, had drifted to railway matters and experiences of days when all were many years younger, and some stirring tales of adventure or experiences connected with the business had been related. Finally the youngest member of the group turned to the oldest, who had not yet contributed to the fund of anecdote, and remarked:

"It's your turn now, Mr. D.—What is the most stirring incident of your railway experience?" Mr. D.—puffed his cigar thoughtfully while mentally he took a retrospective survey of the years. Then he said, slowly:

"I'll tell you, and it's a story that I've never told before. It's when I refused two checks—one for \$50,000, the other in blank, which I was told to fill out myself. During the days of the Tweed regime in New York I was connected with the X. Y. and Z. road, one of the greatest railway corporations in an adjacent State. I was a young man, but was private secretary to the president of the road, and he had unlimited confidence in me. It became necessary for us to extend our terminal facilities in New York City, and the president put the matter entirely in my hands. "Go to New York," he said, "stay as long as is necessary, keep your mission as secret as possible, and when you have determined upon the location and extent of the dockage you think necessary close the deal, and report."

"This was a pretty big commission for a young man, and it put me on my mettle. To cut my story short, I spent two months in New York and acquired what I was sent for. The Fifth Avenue Hotel was my headquarters, and almost the first day of my arrival there I made the acquaintance of a jovial, handsome fellow of about my own age, and we became very chummy. He knew I was with the X. Y. and Z. road and frequently would divert our conversation to it, but while I would talk freely about the road I never said a word about my business in New York."

"The day on which I closed the deal for the property I went up to the hotel in spirits, only to find my friend walking up and down the corridor in a perturbed manner. 'I want to see you at once,' he remarked, and we went up to my room. As soon as the door was closed he turned to me.

"You've decided to take such and such property," he said, coolly.

"His manner and the acquaintance with my business he revealed stunned me, but before I could recover my wits he continued:

"That's all right. I've known all about your business since you've been here. It isn't too late yet for you to change the location of your terminals. If you'll do it and place them at such and such wharves I am authorized to offer you this," and he handed me a check for \$50,000 signed by a member of the Tweed ring.

"I handed him back the check and coldly remarked: 'You've come to the wrong man. I'll bid you good-evening.'

"Wait a minute," he remarked, unabashed. 'Every man, they say, has his price.' He pulled a pocketbook out, took from it another check, signed, and said: 'Fill it in to suit yourself.'

"I had to admire the man's gall. It was simply colossal, and in place of getting angry I laughed heartily. But I finally convinced him that I was not to be bribed and got rid of him. Before he went away, however, he told me that the Tweed ring had secured options on the dock property he wanted me to take, with a foreknowledge of the X. Y. and Z. road's needs, and that if we had located on it they would have cleared a fortune. As it was, they had the property on their hands and a large sum indefinitely tied up.

"And that's the most exciting experience I can recall," said Mr. D.—in conclusion, "and one I recall with a desire to give myself a bouquet."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

A Smiting Conscience. "Madame," began the winter pilgrim, "do you remember last February I promised to clean the snow out of your yard?"

"Yes, and then sneaked off without doing it," retorted the angry housewife.

"But I came back, madame; tramped through a July sun to keep me warm. When I reached your gate the snow had vanished; but you told me to take the scythe and cut the grass instead."

"And you sneaked off again, you—"

"But me conscience smote me. Dat's why I tramped through ten-foot drifts to finish the job."

Duration of a Wink. A German scientist has gone to some trouble to calculate the average duration of a wink, in order to ascertain just what the phrase "in the twinkling of an eye" means. He says that a wink occupies four-tenths of a second. The eyelid descends in one-tenth of a second, and rises again in seven-hundredths.

Paris Ragpickers. The ragpickers of Paris, to the number of something like 40,000, who make their living by picking over rubbish put out from houses, are greatly agitated over new boxes, which are to be used to hold the rubbish, and which cannot be opened except by the cartmen who carry it away.

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