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Red Tape Took Up Valuable Time When There Were Burglars in the House and the Owner Wanted Connection with Police Headquarters.

There is one man in Washington who is the sworn foe of the telephone company. He declares that while it is true that corporations have no souls, and he is, therefore, barred from invoking perdition on the head of the company, he would cheerfully consign the directors and stockholders of the concern to the uttermost limbo of the inferno. He has not yet cooled down sufficiently to tell the reason for his feud in coherent fashion, but from other sources equally as authentic the cause of the trouble is learned.

Mr. Subscriber has a telephone in his house. It is one of these three-orfour-on-the-line affairs, and you have to drop a nickel in the slot to get about the nickel. One night last week Mrs. Subscriber, who is a light sleeper, heard a noise in the house. It was one of those stealthy, creepy, noiseless noises that suggest missing silver, stolen watches, and sometimes murder. She is a courageous woman, and she made certain that her ears did not Subscriber woke with a start, but was still a bit foggy. Another scream.

"What's the matter?" asked the master of the house.

"Burglars! Don't you hear them? Murder! Help! Burglars! Police!"

Mr. Subscriber leaped up and ran to the door of the room. He saw a man hustling down the stairs. He ran back and proceeded to put on his trousers. Then he hunted for a match, but his match box was empty and be could not find one until he had ransacked and finally located one in the bathroom. He lit the gas and looked at his watch and found that it was half-past

2. He ran to the telephone, and told sleepy Central that there were burgiars in the house, and he wanted police headquarters in order that the bluecoats might be warned in time to capture the marauders. Wouldn't Central please hurry?

"Put in your nickel," said Central. "I haven't a bit of change, not a thing less than a dollar bill. Charge me up with a nickel-a dollar-ten dollars. Do anything, but just give me police bendquarters."

"Well, I'm sorry," said Central in a manner both deliberate and sympathetic, "but you will have to put a nickel in the slot before I can give you headquarters. That's the rule, you

"But don't you see how it is," pleaded Mr. Subscriber. "Burglars in the house. I saw 'cm. Police! Help! Say, charge me up with anything, I've got all kinds of money except nickels. Hurry up, do. The women in the house are nearly frantle."

This appeal was fluence on Central, who said: "I'll call the chief operator." After what seemed an endless time a voice came over the 'phone:

"This is the chief operator. What is

Mr. Subscriber stated his case again. saying that he could hear the spoons rattling downstairs and the house would be looted before the police could leave the station. The chief operator listened attentively-at least she didn't interrupt. Then she asked sweetly:

"Well, you know we can't let you have the number unless you put in the nickel except in case of an emergency call. Now, is this an emergency call?"

"My God, woman," said Mr. Subscriber. "Two o'clock in the morning -burglars-spoons stolen-saw 'em myself, burglars I mean-folks fainting-no nickel. Of course, this is an emergency call." This last he fairly shricked.

He got headquarters and the police came out in a few minutes, but found no burgiars, although they made the comforting assurance that there had undoubtedly been some there. This comment, however, falled to appease Mr. Subscriber, who now swears that he will get even with the telephone

MAKERS OF TOMAHAWKS.

English, French and Spanish Made the Metal Indian Weapons.

Before the discovery of America by Columbus the Indians used as weapons of war stone axes, or celts, such as one finds occasionally in opening mounds. plowing fields or digging foundations. the general form of which is familiar to almost every one. With the arrival of the whites the Indians discarded these clumsy weapons of the stone age and began using tomahawks of iron or steel, which they obtained from the white traders, and which, after the wants of the Indians came to be better known, were manufactured for the American trade in various parts of Europe. With the improvement in firearms the Indians came in time to have very little use even for the tomahawk. so that none were made after 1754.

Thus it happens that these metal tomahawks are of more value and greater interest than the earlier stone axes, or celts, by reason of the fact that the latter are fairly common and can be found in almost any mound. whereas the tomahawks of European manufacture are to-day exceedingly rare and also because there are three different varieties of the latter, showing in their design and general work-

NO NICKEL, NO CALL. manship the trend of European art AROUND WORLD FOR TWO CENTS. and metal-working skill.

> The first is called the English tomahawk, for the reason that it was the kind made by the English, and traded part of the blade curves upward and laward toward the handle. The French style of tomahawk is altogether differ- 2 cents," said a gentleman familiar ent. The "pipe" is the same as in the with postal affairs. English (for that matter, all tomahawks are, in this respect, alike), but side, rather than in the end, of the

mies of that period. much from the other and is the rarest sades, and had reached a high state of Thomas. perfection in Spain.

Flatheads and Crees, with whom they

WHY WOMEN LIKE FICTION.

Reared in a Romantic Atmosphere and Read for Love of a Story.

Do women find in fiction the romanic element they crave, and perhaps count for their devotion to novels, be able to keep out of libraries, as he suggested, all fiction under three years of importance. old, it might safely be said that the women would be against him-which done. Women like new fiction; they

If it is a romance, pure and simmestic trials of the morning or the af- der the American flag." ternoon. It does them no more harm than has been done for countless gen erations. For women are nourished mon fiction from the days of the birth. Our girls are reared in an atmosphere rarefled and cleared from all impurities. The world is shown them through a rosetinctured glass. "Here, dearest, is a city, a wonderful city of happy homes, of beautiful art, of heaonly aspiration. And these-these are men, noble, high-minded beings who will always guide and teach and protect you. These other are women, lovelier than everything else." And so

Fiction without discrimination is fed to the girl who looks with heaven-given trust into the eyes of her wellmeaning teachers. And when she becomes a woman, the habit has sent its roots into her soul, and be she hap-

py or pensive, she reads fiction. With men it is different. They do not expect from life what women do. When they read novels it is to forget the rigors of business, to enter deliberately a region which they know does not exist. But women can seldom quite believe that it does not exist. To them life is romance. If it does not turn out well, so much the worse for life, and they turn to books, where the happy ending is fairly sure to be counted upon. In women's love for fiction there is something more than is superficially apparent.-Harper's Weekly.

Protestant Kittens.

Pressed for a little ready money Kerry "bhoy" took it into his head that perhaps a Protestant clergyman would buy from him a couple of kittens. The bargain, however, could not be struck, even with an indorsement from Conn that "they were sound Protestant kittens," and he returned to his caldn. About a week later, and things gone from bad to worse, it struck Conn that perhaps, the parish priest might take a fancy to the kittens, and off he set with them, one under each arm, for the presbytery. "Och, your riverence, do buy them. Sure, they are good Catho-lic kittens, anyhow." "But you said the other day, that they were sound Protestant kittens," replied the father. who had heard in conversation about Conn's offer to the other clergyman. "Thrue, father dear, and so they were, but their eyes weren't opened then.' And the kittens were sold.

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United States Stamp. "Now that the Danish West Indies by them to the tribes with whom they will become an insular possession of came in contact in their settlement of the United States upon the completion the new world. The English-made of the diplomatic negotiations for their tomahawk is patterned after the old acquisition, and the eastern shore line English ax. The fore part of the tom- of this country practically extended ahawk runs in a perfectly straight line over 1,400 miles into the broad expanse from the "pipe" or "hammer," down to of the tempestuous Atlantic, it will he edge of the blade, while the rear prove of interest to show the postal possibilities of this country as to the carriage of a letter weighing an ounce for

"I venture to say that even an offhand statement of these remarkable the blade was shaped exactly like an possibilities cannot really be given. ace of diamonds, forming a sort of Liaving occasion to go into this question double triangle that caused the weapon recently, I made a new calculation. to look like a spear-head set in the which is approximately correct. It is based upon the island of St. Thomas, handle or shaft. This idea the French in the Danish West Indies, as an easttook from the pike, a weapon very ern starting point. Upon the completion common and popular in the French ar- of the negotiations American postoffices will be established on the islands. The tomahawk which the Spanish We will proceed to the recently estabtraders sold to their Indian customers, lished postoffice at Point Barrow, and which was manufactured in the Alaska, well within the arctic circle, on Kessler steel foundries of Toledo, differed very a parallel far above the northernmost shores of Iceland, and not so very far of the three. The Spanish tomahawk distant from the north pole itself, was an exact copy, only on a smaller Thence we will take an aerial journey scale, of the old halberds, which were to the tropics of the south seas, at Maexceedingly popular during the cru-nila, and then home again to St. "From St. Thomas to New York it is

As a general thing, says the Wash- 1,428 miles; to San Francisco, 3,315 ington Post, one would be most apt to miles; from San Francisco to Unalaska, find the English type of tomahawk 2.035 miles; from Unalaska to Nome, among the Iroquois, Delawares, Shaw- about 1,000 miles, and thence to Point nees, Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws Barrow, overland, 420 miles, or a total and other tribes that lived within the of 8,288 miles from our most eastern Anglo-Saxon sphere of settlement; the Atlantic postoffice to our northernmost French style among the Ojibwas, Chippostoffice amid arctic ice. The revenue pewas, Ottawas, Sioux, Nez Perces, cutter which will visit Point Barrow this summer, when the ice is out of t :e dealt and came in contact before any Arctic Sea sufficiently, and which will other whites, while the Spanish type carry the supplies for the new office, would be most apt to occur among the will go around the western shores of Seminoles, Klowas, Zunis and Alaska through Behring Strait, and the total distance will be somewhat increased. Actual distances in this remote region cannot be stated with politiveness, but these figures are not far out of the way, and are based upon official data.

"Returning southward, overland part do not find in sufficient quantity in of the way, it is approximately 1,500 life? How otherwise are we to ac- miles from Point Barrow to Unalaska; thence it is 2,016 miles to Honolulu; without which the story-writer would from this isle in the sea it is 3.337 miles fare but ill upon the slim diet of an to Guam, and from that island 1,506 unfilled purse, and the publisher share miles to Manila, or a total of 8,459 miles the disaster? If Mr. Carnegie should from our arctic postoffice at Point Barrow to our southern Pacific postoffice

"And now for the homeward leap," said the postal official, according to the means that the thing could not be Washington Star. "It is 7,941 miles from Manila to San Francisco via want the book that is "just out." If it Guam and Honolulu, and 4,743 miles is a historical novel, they feel that they from the Golden Gate City to St. are gathering information, heaven Thomas, and the complete circuit, as here outlined, approximates 29,431 miles which a letter might travel, unple, they forget over its pages the do- der certain conditions, for 2 cents, un-



Lady Warwick has a peacock which is believed to be more than 100 years old. A writer in County Life says: "A friend told me he has had the same peacocks for fifty years. How old they were when he had them first he did not know.

A writer in an English magazine tells this story: "I was rolling a lawn with a roller open at both ends and pushing it in front of me, when I heard a great noice among the rooks and starlings Multnoman Market a kestrel. I did not take much notice of this and went on rolling, when suddenly I heard a rush of wings and a starling fairly threw itself on the Fine Meats and Sausages, also Fish, ground within a foot of the side of the roller and hopped inside; in an instant later the hawk came against the roller, but recovered itself and swooped round the other side, presumably to catch the starling when it came out, but it was sharp enough to stay where it was. BRANCH MARKET—295 North 16th St. Columbia Phone 160. Oregon Phone Clay 578. The hawk then went off. This is, in my opinion, rather remarkable, as I was under the impression that hawks and cats did not eat starlings owing to their bitter taste."

A recent letter from India tells the following story of a tiger bunt: "We sat on a rock and the beaters beat through the jungle toward us. There were two ways the tiger might come, one to our left and the other to our right; so F- watched on the righthand side and I watched on the left Suddenly I heard a terrific 'bang! close to my ear and a roar; the tiger had gone to F--'s side of the rock. I turned my head quickly round and saw an enormous tiger rolling over and over down the hill. F- had shot her in the shoulder and she fell at once but as the side of the bill where we were sitting was very steep the tiger's weight as she fell over carried ber down the hill and we found her lying dead in the thick stuff at the bottom So F-- has killed two tigers in eight days and I was with him both times. This tiger is a magnificent animal, the finest and biggest that has been shot about here for years. She was a noted and extremely dangerous beast, too, as about two years ago she mauled and killed two coolies, and there was a superstition among the natives that there was no rifle big enough to shoot

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