

Miscellany.

THE HOLE IN THE SEA.

Circles and bubbles atop of the waves. Where Jacky plunged through to the dark...

THE BATTLE OUTSIDE THE HEADS.

One morning, as Jack Delafeld was breakfasting on board the cruiser Idaho, a telegram was handed him...

"What do you fellows think of that?" said Jack. "Lucky dog!"

"Wish I were in your place." They all seemed pleased at Delafeld's stroke of luck.

He had been chosen by the Secretary of the Navy and had received his preparatory orders, which were to the effect that he would be retained on board the Idaho until hostilities were imminent...

On his way down to the wharf where the Balbridge lay, he passed groups of officers eagerly discussing the latest news. All had some friendly or congratulatory remark for him; but, scarcely stopping to reply, he hurried on board his new command.

Within two days Lieutenant Delafeld had completed the outfit of the Balbridge, and had stored on board four of these terrible engines of destruction...

clear of danger. When almost within the jaws of the breakers on Dunbury Reef, he makes a wide detour in order to approach from seaward...

He reaches his station at a quarter past eleven o'clock, and in another quarter of an hour the monitors will open fire forward that flank of the enemy...

Little wonder then that Delafeld had every confidence in the Balbridge. But his spirits fell when he read in the evening paper that the Balbridge had a large force of the enemy had left its rendezvous and was proceeding in the direction of San Francisco.

This fleet consisted of eight first-class battle ships, ten armored cruisers, together with twenty protected cruisers and smaller vessels. Against this array the United States could only bring the battleships Oregon, Iowa, Massachusetts, Indiana and Texas; the armored cruisers Idaho, New York, Maine and Brooklyn; the protected cruisers Olympia, Charleston, Columbia, Newark, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and San Francisco, as well as several gunboats.

This fleet was anchored in the bay, cleared for action and ready to proceed down the coast and battle the Balbridge. A piece of shell had inflicted an ugly wound in his shoulder, and though exhausted by the intense strain and weak from loss of blood, he steers his victorious vessel into the protection of the harbor, then falls senseless on deck.

Not long after, while recovering his strength, Jack received a very official-looking document covered with formidable seals. It contained the information that he had received the thanks of Congress and that he had been promoted to the rank of captain for his gallantry in sinking four of the enemy's ships, thereby causing a withdrawal of their fleet and preventing the bombardment of the city of San Francisco.

They were naughty cubs. Two Baby Bears that caused no end of trouble to their guardians. In the far north, where snow and ice cover the ground even in summer, two little Alaskan bears lived.

By and by they grew strong and climbed the rope ladders with the sailors and didn't get a bit seasick. One day Betsy, as one little bear was called, fell off a ladder and hurt her hip.

They were very sick, too, because they had eaten some of the paint. They made everyone laugh, for they looked so funny when they were sick.

Things eaten out of a spoon shaped differently from the ones you are used to, taste funny. Gladness Comes. With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper medical aid...

Tea is better fresh—if it isn't, what does the grocer mean by telling you that he has some tea just come from abroad?

Fresh doesn't mean just picked; it means just roasted. Schilling's Best is roasted as fast as your grocer wants it—no faster—in San Francisco.

Gladsome's Advice to Young Men. Be sure that every one of you has his place and vocation on this earth, and that it rests with himself to find it. Do not believe those who too lightly say: "Nothing succeeds like success."

A certain youthful curate was taken to task by the new Archbishop of Canterbury for reading the lessons or the service in an inaudible tone. Whereupon the young man replied: "I am surprised that you should be troubled with my reading as a friend of mine in the congregation told me that I was beautifully heard."

A state vehicle called a cycle chair, has been constructed in London by the Amerer of Afghanistan. It consists of a miniature carriage body, upholstered in green morocco and embellished with the Amerer's initials.

Compressed air as a motive power for street railways will in time supersede electric wires and the trolley. Necessity and invention make rapid changes, but some old, sure, unchanging methods will hold good for all time.

William B. Phillips, of New Madrid, Mo., is credited with a total of 1,350 squirrels in three days' hunting on Little river.

One Secret of Longevity. Those anxious to prolong this rapid transitory existence of ours beyond the average span, should foster his digestion, nervously, by abstaining from indigestions in diet, and affirmatively by the use that perfects stomachic, liver and stomachic. Nothing new can improve upon what is known to be the best and surest in the treatment of painful diseases.

Cataract Cannot Be Cured. With LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease, cataract is not cured. One day an officer gave them a saucer of honey, for he knew all bears love honey.

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THE FARM AND HOME MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.

Clover Should Be Sown Thickly in Order to Destroy the Weeds—A Farm of Ten Acres Enough—Keeping Apples in Pits.

The Use of Clover. Farmers who sow clover seed thinly, with the expectation that it will spread so as to fill the vacant spaces, make a great mistake.

British Wheat Imports. The London Times says: "The subjoined table, which gives the value of our imports of wheat from various countries for the eight months ended Aug. 31, shows that the United States have profited appreciably by the partial failure of the supplies usually put on the market by its competitors."

The Elberta Peach. So many varieties of peaches are introduced with a great flourish only to be discarded in the course of a few years. Some kinds, however, seem to insure permanent popularity, which is a sign of their value.

Keeping Apples in Pits. Apples can be kept in cellars better than above ground provided they be put in both airtight and dry soil.

About Doctoring Fowls. While it undoubtedly is unadvisable to doctor very sick fowls, it is advisable to treat slight cases, or rather diseases in the first stage.

Making a Wagon Box. The farmer to go to fit the bottom boards. Cut them a few inches longer than the box is to be when finished, and saw off the ends after whole is put together.

Curious Cuban Caves. There is a series of small and large caverns in the marble rocks of the Cuban mountains which are being gradually filled up, and the too, in a most remarkable manner.

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on one side and the sire on the other. It is not a theory. I have had a fine chance to travel and observe for the last eight years, and I know what I am talking about.

Straw for Fattening Stock. In cattle, horses or sheep are fed very concentrated and nutritious foods they will often show a decided liking for grain straw, which if fed on alone could not be eaten in sufficient quantities to sustain life.

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MIRACLES IN MEDICINE.

The Wonderful Progress Made Within the Past Few Years.

Diseases That Our Mothers Thought Incurable Now Cured by Paine's Celery Compound.

It is difficult, almost impossible, to overestimate the importance of recent advances in medicine and surgery. In surgery there is the application of the X-ray in determining complicated fractures.

The medicine there is the serum-treatment for germ diseases, and most important still, the extended use of Paine's celery compound in the treatment of the many diseases that arise from a faulty or impaired nervous system.

When the Lord's Will Becomes Ours. The blessed sense of forgiveness we are encouraged to expect, "as we forgive our debtors." Our natural will is always demanding of others some benefit to self.

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