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quite a different picture. The head is instantly lowered and the whole body stretches out as straight as a ramrod.

For Want of a Comma.

A British service journal recently spoke, in referring to a marriage, of the bride as "the daughter of Sir Hector O'Dowd, commanding the Boshal Ghah district and Lady O'Dowd."

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Wonderful invention of a young genius of the British Isles. The noiseless and smokeless electric gun invented by Mr. Newman, a young apprentice at Whitehead's torpedo factory, England, exists at present only in the tiny model weighing seven pounds.



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TAKES SAMPSON'S PLACE.

Rear Admiral Farquhar to Command North Atlantic Squadron. The successor of Rear Admiral Sampson as commander of the North Atlantic Squadron upon his retirement will be Rear Admiral Norman von Heideck.



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and going at once to the coast of Africa to assist in breaking up the slave trade.

When the frightful hurricane swept over Apia, in Samoa, March 10, 1880, demolishing even the most powerful vessels in the harbor by throwing them with tremendous force against the rocks.

Cost of Ship Ropes. The ropes on a first-class man-of-war cost about \$15,000.

HARD HAUL ACROSS AFRICA.

John Thorburn's Novel and Successful Journey in the Bark Continent. Sixteen hundred miles across the wilds of Africa, where the foot of civilized man had never hitherto trod.

GAMBLER PRINCE OF MEXICO.

Pays \$1,000 a Day License and Has Made \$2,000,000 Profits. Mexico has a Monaco which outdoes the sensational marvels of Monte Carlo.

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Icebergs sometimes last for two hundred years. Gunpowder dates from A. D. 346, while smokeless gunpowder dates back to 1845.

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Jones—How did you manage to get through that crowd so quickly? It took me nearly an hour.

CAUSE OF VACATIONS.

Jimmie—Ain't it good of de school board to shut up de schools in summer so we can have a rest?

Dead Broke. Stubb—He looks all broke up. Where did he spend his two months' vacation?

Well Pleased. "And how did you feel when you came back and found a man working in your place?"

Behind the Scenes. "Ye gods!" exclaimed Rowland Rantiss, as he peered through the peep hole, "we have an alms asylum to-night."

The Professor's Opportunities. "She told Mame Simpson that the professor said she looked like a Greek goddess."

Getting On. "Done anything yet?" asked the fond father, who proudly speaks of his young son as a coming lawyer.

Rash and Daring Act. The Veteran—There is one piece of music that always moves me to tears, recalling as it does the rashest and most daring act of my life.

Joys of Shopping. Husband (wearily)—Well, how are you getting on with your shopping?

Poor Business. "How is Surlyone getting on in the butcher business?"

Wanted to Be Pure. "Johnny," called the Throop street lady, "run around to the cigar store and see if the score's in yet."

Old Sumptuary Laws. The sumptuary laws that were passed in the Middle Ages are quite foreign to the spirit and temper of the nineteenth century.

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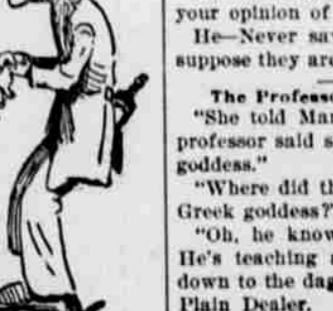
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