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A New Jersey burglar who was caught and thrashed by his intended victim yelled "Police!" He probably wouldn't have done it, comments the Chicago Times-Herald, if he had thought there was any danger of bringing an officer upon the scene.

The Nome Gold Fields
The first map folder or circular respecting the Klondike gold strike of 1898 was issued by the Northern Pacific railway. It is more than a coincidence that the first map folder or pamphlet of the Nome mining district comes from the same source. The present folder not only contains a good map of the Nome district, but is embellished with several cuts of views at Nome City and the beach where the method of mining is clearly shown. All information obtainable regarding sailing dates from Seattle and Tacoma, through rates, etc., is given in this book and the public cautioned to go to the agents of the N. P. Ry., who are supplied with diagrams of the Alaska steamers, and arrange in advance for their accommodations rather than to put off this very important business until they reach Puget Sound. There is no doubt but what there will be a very considerable passenger business from the middle and eastern states and a very heavy business from the Pacific coast states to the Nome district next spring. For folders, rates, etc., call on A. D. Charlton, Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Portland, Or., or send a two-cent stamp to Chas. S. Fee, General Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn., and he will mail you the Nome folder.

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ASLEEP ON THE CARS.

THAT is provoking!
The exclamation escaped my lips in spite of the fact that I was traveling alone.

Yes, I had been five minutes asleep, and in that brief interval there had happened something which caused me to exclaim in the way I did.

When I lay back my head in the fast-whirling train, to think a moment, I held in my hand a photograph. It was in a cabinet envelope, and, strange to say, I had not yet looked at it.

I leaned forward in the seat and tried to search the aisle past my traveling companion, then I looked under the seat, then back of it.

"It must have fallen out of the window," I said to myself.

At this the young lady murmured: "Have you lost anything?"

"Yes," said I, "and, to make the matter more embarrassing, it was the picture of a young and beautiful girl, the finest of her sex."

"You pique my curiosity," said my companion.

"Well, mine was piqued also," said I, "but, owing to my stupid fashion of falling asleep in a railroad train, I am afraid it will never be gratified unless I am fortunate enough to see the original some day."

"How interesting," said the pretty girl beside me.

Seeing that she was in a mood to allow me, a chance traveling companion, to converse with her, I said: "It is too utterly provoking!" Here I hesitated.

"Tell me about it," said she.

"Well," said I, "as you probably live in the East, and as I live in the far West, and as there is no probability of our ever seeing the people or even of knowing, as far as you are concerned, who they are, I will tell you about it. I think I can do so without impropriety," laughed I, "especially as it is a love affair, and all the world loves a lover."

At this the pretty girl looked intensely eager, and I prepared myself to tell the story of the lost photograph.

"I can best begin," said I, "by reading you a letter."

Taking from my pocket a letter in a man's writing, I read aloud this paragraph:

"She is a beauty, Ned, and no mistake. I am wild for you to come East and meet her. She is a Southern girl, but comes North now and then to see her grandmother or aunts, or something of that sort. Makes her headquarters at Boston."

"But that is not the best part of it, Ned. I could love her for her pretty face and for her good qualities. But, truth to tell, I am loving her just a little also for her money. Think of it! A cool million, all in her own name! Came into it last January. She is very generously inclined. Talks a great deal about charity and all that. But I think her charitable impulses could be curbed. At least, I shall try it."

"My chances are excellent. Her folks, strictest of Bostonians, like me. She is not indifferent; writes to me regularly. Accepts the trifles I send her. And seems to think there may be somebody worth having up here in the North, even if she is a Southern girl."

"Well, Ned, I deserve her. I can make a woman happy, though I am afraid that I should never have fallen so desperately in love with her if she had been poor."

"Good-by. Glad you are coming East soon. I enclose the picture of my beautiful heiress. Send it back to me. I want you to see how she looks. Yours, "CHARLEY."

"Now, isn't that provoking?" said I. "I read the letter, took out the photo, laid back my head and fell asleep. Now, when I wake up, I find it gone."

"That is really too bad," said the young lady. "I can see how badly it places you. What will your friend—what was his name—Charley, say?"

"Guess he won't worry himself to death," laughed I, easily; "he can ask the young lady for another. Lucky dog, Charley always was."

"Almost too lucky," murmured the young lady sweetly; "one would hardly expect so much."

"Well, Charley deserves it; he deserves all he will get."

"Yes, all he will get," said the young lady; "he seems so frank and all—that sort of thing."

not get into conversation with her, for she kept putting me off and engaged in a running fire of words with some stupid young cousins of hers. I could not get a minute with her alone. Come, Ned, you are a Beau Brummel and understand girls. What is the matter with her? What have I done? Send me back her photograph. I find I am really in love with her. Yours,

"CHARLEY."

The next day there came this letter by messenger:

"Go with me to-night to call on her. I sent her some flowers this morning early. Half an hour later I saw the children carrying them to school—those stupid little cousins, probably, to give to the teacher. You must go with me to-night. Maybe you can tell what is the trouble. Yours desperately,

"CHARLEY."

That evening, unwillingly, but to oblige my friend, I called for him, and together we went to make a social call at the home of his former friend, the young lady who had suddenly frowned upon his suit.

The house, a very beautiful one, was gayly lighted, and from the inside came sounds of music.

"Looks as though they were having a party," said my friend. "They did not invite me."

"Never mind; we will go anyway."

A butler admitted us, and we were shown into the parlor.

There was a ripple of feminine laughter, a rustle of silk skirts, and the next minute I found myself bowing low to the prettiest girl I ever saw.

Yet her face was strangely familiar, and so was her voice, when she held out her hand and said sweetly: "I believe we have met before."

"Why, why, so we have," I gasped, forgetting my manners.

For the young woman was my traveling companion of the week before.

"I think," said she, later in the evening, when we found a minute to chat alone, "that I have some property belonging to you. I picked up the photograph as it fell off your lap. It had come out of the envelope, and seeing that it was a picture of myself, I kept it."

"You must have been interested in the letter I read you on the cars."

"I was."

I will not try to picture the surprise of my friend Charley, nor will I tell how I won the girl.

But I will mention that the proudest ornament of my library table is a cabinet photo from which the sweet face of my wife looks at me.

Vendettas of the Present.
It is through lack of information that the vendetta is referred to to-day as an institution of the past. Vendettas—blood feuds—exist to-day not only in Sicily, Sardinia and Corsica, but in Kentucky and other of the southern and western states, and as so at times in England, Ireland and France, Italy and the east.

It has happened recently that an Albanian whose relative had been killed by a Turkish vizier shot the vizier's son—which is at least a partial exemplification of the vendetta. In Arabia the system is to-day in full operation, a fact which is so well understood that offenses sufficient to start a train of killings are rarely committed, and a considerable degree of order is thereby preserved.

As it is generally understood the vendetta originated in the following practice: An assassin was never allowed to escape. The responsibility of punishment was assumed by the nearest blood relations of his victim. There must be blood, a death for a death.—New York World.

Objects to Football Hair.
Phineas T. Lounsbury, ex-governor of Connecticut and president of the Merchants' Exchange National bank in New York, is a Yankee of the old school. Some time ago an advertisement was inserted in New York papers that the bank wanted a clerk. Several applicants presented themselves and were ushered into the private office, where sat the doughty president in characteristic attitude, his feet perched on the desk and a big perfect between his whiskered lips. The cashier had decided on his man, when Mr. Lounsbury stopped him with a gesture. He whispered a few words to him and the clerk was not hired. Later it developed that the reason for the president's action was his antipathy to the applicant's hair, which was of the football variety and parted in the middle. After this discovery it was noticed that the coiffure of several of the bank dandies underwent a change and the Harlem barbers did an immense business.

When a man walks down the street with a woman wearing a rainy day skirt he looks as ashamed as if he had been caught stealing something.

Some men never get done being mad about Christmas.

A Cat as a Fire-Alarm.
Had it not been for the mewing of a pet cat for two or more hours early the other morning the Kisthardt home would probably have been burned to the ground while members of the family were asleep, says the Philadelphia Public Ledger. Several pieces of hot coal fell from the kitchen stove on the floor and ignited the carpet. The flames spread slowly, but harassed the cat to the extent that it made itself heard. Members of the family were awakened, and coming downstairs they found the kitchen in smoke. Had the fire spread to the pantry, where some dynamite was stored, the house must have been blown up.

New Cable Lines.
France is dependent upon England for news of the Transvaal war, because the cables are under their control, and she is ready to spend a vast sum of money to free herself. This is like many people who have dyspepsia, spend a fortune seeking deliverance. They should try Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It never fails to cure dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness.

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El Dorado Springs, Mo., Nov. 27, 1899.

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