

Mothers of Large Families

In a world where few women so placidly that physical exertion is not constantly demanded of them in their daily life.

We make a special appeal to mothers of large families whose work is never done, and many of whom suffer, and suffer for lack of intelligent aid.

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Mrs. Carrie Belleville.

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What Ages a Woman.

It ain't hard work so much that makes a woman old, for she kin work an' toil an' grub for them she loves an' still come up smilin' an' rosy, but it's waitin' an' hopin' an' starvin' that ages 'em.

VETERAN WRITER OF BOYS' STORIES.

GEORGE ALFRED HENTY of London is the most popular author of boys' books on either side of the Atlantic. Every year of his life he writes at least three long historical novels for boys, and no Christmas would seem quite complete without its gifts of "Henty books." He has written about eighty of these juvenile novels in all, besides enough other books to make a total of nearly a hundred volumes. Mr. Henty now is 69 years of age, but his marvelous powers of literary production continue unabated. In his youth he left Cambridge University to enter the Crimean war, and he has been a correspondent from the battlefield during most of the important European wars since then. This experience has fitted him for writing tales of military adventures, and there seems to be no end to his resources.



GEORGE A. HENTY.

OVER NIAGARA IN A BARREL.

Remarkable Feat of a Woman, Who Escapes Serious Injury.

Mrs. Anna Edson Taylor, of Bay City, Mich., celebrated her forty-third birthday by making a successful trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel.



Mrs. Taylor.

Niagara Falls in a barrel. She is the first person to attempt such a performance, and the thousands who witnessed the performance were amazed at the manner in which the barrel plunged over reef after reef in the upper rapids, rushing with the current toward the famous waterfall.

Regarding the feat, Mrs. Taylor afterward said: "I would sooner walk up to the mouth of a cannon, knowing that it was going to blow me to pieces than to make another trip over the falls. I made it voluntarily, but I would not do it again for \$1,000,000.

The barrel in which Mrs. Taylor accomplished the feat was about six feet long. Attached to the bottom were heavy weights to hold it upright. Within the barrel were straps, attached to the bottom, which were placed over the woman's shoulders to prevent her head from bumping against the top. Over her head, during the trip, was a pillow for farther protection.

On the memorable day Mrs. Taylor and her barrel were rowed into the upper river and set adrift in a current that rapidly bore her toward the rapids. Striking the first ledge of water in the rapids, the barrel took an ap-

through the air tube which connected with a small opening near the top of the barrel.

Mrs. Taylor is a native of Auburn, N. Y. She is a graduate of the State Normal School at Albany and has taught school in Texas and more recently at Bay City, Mich. She owns a ranch in Texas and it was with the view of making money by exhibiting herself and her barrel and lifting a mortgage on the ranch that she made her perilous trip through Niagara rapids.

During the trip Mrs. Taylor prayed constantly except during a few moments of unconsciousness following the plunge. She says she was spun around like a top and struck rocks three times.

REVOLVER WOUNDS.

More Dangerous, for Various Reasons, than Those of the R.F.

Wounds in civil life differ from those in military life in the greater after-danger of septic involvement. Revolver cartridges are more liable than are rifle cartridges to have been handled frequently, to have been carried in dirty pockets and to have come in contact with various forms of infectious materials that may prove of serious consequence when buried in the tissues. Moreover, revolver cartridges are covered with a coating of grease, and this encourages an accumulation of manifold microbe material, some of which may prove to be of a virulently infectious nature.

Rifle bullets are practically always sterilized by the intense heat developed by the powder at the moment of their discharge. Their rapid progress through the air while in a heated condition still further serves to cleanse them of any extraneous material that may chance to have accumulated on their surfaces. This cleansing process is very effectually begun by the rifling of the rifle barrel through which the bullet forces its way.

All of these favorable factors are lacking in the case of the revolver bullet, and so it is possible that in any given case such a bullet may carry infectious material with it into the tissues. If this were in small amount nature might effectually wall it off and no serious consequences result. On the other hand, such infectious material might lie seemingly dormant for days, but really slowly gathering strength by multiplication, and when its toxins were elaborated in sufficient amount they might paralyze protective chemotaxis and produce a septic condition.—New York Medical News.

A Man of Metal.

The "Iron Chancellor" has disappeared, says the Westminster Gazette, but there is still a Teuton very much alive who is "a man of iron" in an almost literal sense of the term. This came out a few days ago when a young German porter bragged at a public house that he was a man of iron, since a sportsman had discharged at least ninety grains of shot into his back. He would have nothing to do with surgeons, wherefore his brother had removed about half of the "load" by the simple expedient of cutting the shots out with a knife. The story was presently brought before the authorities, and the porter was medically examined, with the result that his story proved absolutely true. His back and arms were "larded" with lead balls, which he carried about without any discomfort whatever. The reason for his reluctance to approach a surgeon seems to have been that the sportsman who had thus marked him was a gamekeeper, and it was while he was on a poaching expedition that ill luck thus befell him.

Granite.

Boston streets, where traffic is heavy, are paved with granite blocks set on a base of solid concrete, and with pebbles and concrete grout. Formerly pitch was used in the joints, but now they are filled with a mass of cement and sand that is stronger than cement when it sets. Such a surface is expected to last for decades.

Length of the World's Seacoast Line. The seacoast line of the globe is computed to be about 130,000 miles.

The accumulation of money is merely a habit—that's all.

A ROOSEVELT ANECDOTE.

It Happened Some Years Ago in the Woolly West.

In evidence of Roosevelt's ability to take care of himself a story was told to-day in the White House. The President when not many years younger than now was spending a part of the early winter on a ranch in Wyoming. While going from the railway station to the ranch on foot a sudden blizzard broke out and compelled him to turn back and make his way with the wind and snow down the railway track.

After traveling a mile or two he came to one of those resorts patronized by cow-punchers in the West. Groceries and general merchandise were sold, but the principal attraction was the long bar where the liquid goods were passed over. Roosevelt entered quietly and took a chair behind the roaring cannon stove in one corner of the room. A typical Western bully had been holding forth in the bar-room that evening and had made every newcomer buy a round of drinks, or dance as he fired pistol shots at their feet.

Roosevelt had laid aside his coat and was leaning back comfortably in his chair when espied by the "bad man." He sized Roosevelt up, and, noticing his glasses, accosted him.

"Well, old four eyes, what the — do you want in here?" Roosevelt tried to quiet the man, realizing his disposition, but was not successful. The bully insisted that Roosevelt buy a drink for everybody in the place or dance a jig. Roosevelt refused to do either, when the big Westerner stepped up, pulled his pistol, and announced that only two minutes would be allowed in which to comply with his command. Roosevelt as he slowly rose to his feet, said:

"Well, if I must I must." He had scarcely straightened himself out as his words were uttered when he bent his right arm into a hook and landed an uppercut on the tip of the Westerner's chin, which sent him ingloriously to the floor, the revolver falling from his hand. For the next ten minutes Roosevelt was busy in pulling off the other occupants of the room, who insisted on placing their feet rapidly and vigorously in the ribs of the fallen humorist. — Washington correspondence of the New York Press.

UNCLE SAM'S HIGHEST

SALARIED WOMAN.

Miss Lillian A. Norton of Texas, whose recent appointment as chief of the finance division of the Postoffice Department at Washington gives her the largest salary drawn by any woman in the service of the government, \$2,250 per annum, has won her promotion by attention to duty.

She was appointed as a clerk in the dead letter office in 1886, at \$700 a year, and two years afterward was



transferred to the finance division of the Postoffice Department at \$900 a year. Since that time she has been promoted regularly, and at the time she received her present appointment was drawing \$1,600 per annum.

The position filled by Miss Norton is a most responsible one. The warrants which she has to sign call for payment from the treasury of upward of \$52,000,000 a year. The most important duty Miss Norton has is to sign these warrants, which range in size anywhere from one cent to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

With Apologies to the Shad.

A Washington newspaper correspondent relates that with the coming spring the usual fever of that sea asserted itself, and he took the opportunity of running into Virginia fishing trip.

Becoming interested of the merits of the Virginia stream to the old negro.

"Uncle, de is altoze."

"Yes, ler per 'cusin'."

Trees on hill, pro durable been pa

ed subj... ne law prohib... from attaining... Astor has tried... from his fur and... he has brought it... of all the world, and got... for his pains except di... It is a wise son who... a pedigree.—Pittsburg

He seems... be a well informed... Certainly... His wife tells him... Philadelphia Bulletin's going on.—Phila... in.

Allegations Certified To. A Sumner... (Kansas) man... for slander... following affidavit: I hereby sole... wear that the de... me, calling me a... and screecher, and... I certify to be...

Message From Starving One. While a windmill roof was being... Besancon the muffed body of a pigeon was found... attached to a wing was a quill containing a missive dated 1870, which... "Darling, all well, but starv... P. P. G." The pigeon was... most likely one of the homers re... during the siege.

Underground Telegraph. ne Republic has been... at the telegraph line... and Buenos Ayres... because on wet days... current was dissipated... numerous spider webs... e wires.

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Britons Growing Taller. It is affirmed that no nation is increasing so rapidly in height and weight as the British. In 50 years the average height has risen from 5 feet 5 inches to 5 feet 8 1/2 inches. The average height of the criminal in 1850 was 5 feet 5 inches to 5 feet 5 1/2 inches.

Smart Girl's Deception. A girl in Garnet, Kan., ties around her waist whenever her "steady" comes, and sets him in she blushes and self on the plea that she is helping mamma.—Kan.

A Man's Age. The great majority of men who have passed 40 are old or young according to their belief. Those who think themselves old, are old; those who think themselves young, are young.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Subsidy Not An Inducement. Although the German government gives a large subsidy to ships built in Germany, the Hamburg-American line has ordered its next big steamship to be built by Harland & Wolff, the great shipbuilders of Belfast, Ireland.

The Second Distillation. The "bright child" whose sayings get into the papers usually has bright parents who are quite facile with the pen. It is a very bright child who recognizes its own joke.—Minneapolis Journal.

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