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A flexible wire window-screen that a Wisconsin man has invented is attached to the lower sash in such a manner that it unrolls and fills the window to whatever extent the sash is raised.

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WENT BACK FOR KNIFE
FRENCH SOLDIER RISKED LIFE FOR VALUED MEMENTO.

Incident of the War of 1870 Recalled, When Bravery Amounting to Foolhardiness Was Exhibited to Little Purpose.

Great bravery is rarer on a retreat than on a charge, for obvious reasons; the excitement and thrill of attack is then lacking, and the necessity of haste in order to get away is often real. This fact makes interesting an incident related concerning a soldier in the army of the Rhine in the war of 1870.

A battery of mitrailleuses had made a stand against the advancing Germans near Metz. It was on the 18th of August, in the brave fight made by the division of General Picard. The fire of the enemy was terrible, and seemed to be sweeping away the whole French division.

In the midst of the final firing of the French, prior to their inevitable retreat, one of the mitrailleuses ceased to work on account of the sticking of a shell in the barrel. A lieutenant looked about for something with which to remove the shell, and a soldier offered him his pocketknife. The lieutenant had just removed the shell when the order came to fall back. In the confusion the officer dropped the soldier's knife on the ground. When they had withdrawn a little distance the soldier came up to the lieutenant and said, saluting:

"Will you please let me have my knife?"
"I have lost it. It's back there somewhere on the ground."
The soldier showed signs of deep regret.

"I'll get you another in Metz to take its place," said the officer.
"It isn't the value of the knife at all," said the soldier. "I'm just fond of it, that's all. I brought it from home. If you will permit, I shall go back after it."

"In the face of this fire and the advance of the enemy?"
"Yes, sir."
"Well, if you care as much as that for a pocketknife it must be pretty dear to you. Go on!"

The soldier started back. Shot and shell were flying; the enemy were near, somewhere in the gloom of the battlefield, and the man knew he might be overwhelmed. And all this for an old knife that he had carried since he was a boy, and which was associated with dear things at home.

He reached the place and found the spot where the gun must have stood. He hoped about. The balls whistled in his ears and shells burst. He heard the rattle of approaching artillery and the near blaring of bugles sounding orders. It was the enemy advancing. Nevertheless, he kept on rummaging about for the old knife. He found it. It had been dropped while still open, and the blade glistened. He picked it up and thrust it into his pocket. He ran so fast that before long he overtook his retreating company. The lieutenant saw him coming up and looked inquiringly at him.

"I've got it, lieutenant!" he shouted, slapping his pocket.

Noted Austrian Wit.

Sarah Bernhardt is raging at the Germans, but never again will she be as infuriated as she was once upon a time, many years ago, when she visited Vienna, says the Philadelphia Evening Ledger. At that time the Austrian capital boasted of a wit named Saphir, who edited a weekly and wrote all its contents. Then Mme. Sarah was as thin as the proverbial rail fence. The day she arrived Saphir's paper contained the announcement:

"An empty carriage drew up to the hotel entrance and out stepped Mme. Bernhardt."
The actress threatened all sorts of dire things, but the worst was yet to come, for when she announced that she was learning to play the flute, Saphir came back with:

"Mme. Bernhardt is learning to play the flute. In order to distinguish the instrument, she has decorated it with a blue bow."
But it was an impromptu wit that Saphir shone. Once when he turned a street corner he bumped into a stranger.

"Donkey!" thundered the stranger.
"And my name is Saphir," replied the wit, politely bowing.

Sir Edward Grey an Angler.

Sir Edward Grey, England's man of the hour, minister for foreign affairs, caused John Morley to say 20 years ago: "That young man will go far—he will be prime minister some day." He is fifty-two years of age, and, curiously enough, despite the position he holds, his only book is not a work of international diplomacy, but an authoritative treatise on fly fishing. Sir Edward was educated at Oxford and at twenty succeeded his grandfather in the baronetcy. As a very young man he was as fond of tennis as of angling, and won the amateur championship of England. At twenty-three he was elected to the house of commons.

Glory With Safety.

"Son, if you must enlist," said the wise old man, "enlist in the navy."
"Why, dad?"
"A government sustains no actual loss if a company of soldiers is shot to pieces, but a new battleship is too valuable to take chances with."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

WIT and HUMOR



QUITE NATURAL DEDUCTION

Representative Moore Explains What Lady Was Saying to Lafayette.

Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, during the visit of a party of home friends to the capitol acted as guide, for he knows the city of Washington better than some of the natives, says the Pathfinder. As he led them from the entrance of the White House grounds the attention of the party was attracted by a group of figures that form one of the monuments in Lafayette square. One of the figures that form one of the monuments with one hand appears to be frantically grasping the garments loosely draped about her while with the other he is offering a sword to Lafayette, who occupies a position above her.

Mr. Moore approached the group and in the regular sing-song manner of the professional guide, said: "And now, ladies and gentlemen, we come to the far-famed statue of the great older and statesman, Marquis de Lafayette. Below is a woman in suppliant attitude, holding a sword. Apparently she is speaking to him—"

"At this moment one of the ladies in the party interrupted and wished to know what the lady was supposed to be saying to the great Lafayette."

Mr. Moore studied the statue for a moment, then turning to the lady he said: "That's very plain, if you observe the position of her attire, madam. She's begging him, 'Here, general, take this quick, while I catch my clothes.'"

Thereafter all questions asked were an entirely impersonal nature.

Arranging a Demonstration.

"I suppose," said the candidate, "that I can depend on your support?"
"I dunno," replied Farmer Cornstossel, in a low tone. "Mirandy an' the 'two girls are hangin' out o' the window, over the porch, tryin' to hear what we're talkin' about. I want to support you, but you'll make it easier fer me if you'll sort o' get agitated as we walk toward the gate an' holler 'Votes for women!' a few times."

Appropriate Colors.



Mr. Robin—What kind of a paper is that the canary birds are going to publish?
Mr. Crow—A yellow Journal, I suppose.

Prudent.

"I think I saw a sea serpent this morning," said the scared-looking man.
"Let's go up and tell the people at the hotel," replied his friend.
"No, I'm not going to say a word about it. If the hotel clerk finds out that I have had any experience so interesting and exceptional, the extra charge he will put in my bill will be something terrific."

Suspicious Person.

"That man is very cautious in wording his letters," said the suspicious person. "He always uses the phrase 'Yours truly.'"
"What of it?"
"You must note the equivocation. He's very careful to avoid saying 'Yours truthfully.'"

Subtleties.

"The English style of humor differs from the American," said the man who is ever studious.
"Yes," replied Miss Capewen. "Where we use chin whiskers to denote a politician, the English usually employ side whiskers."

Slip Pickings.

He—Yes, the governor cut off my allowance, so I've had to cash my brains for a living.
She—I wondered why you were looking so thin.—Boston Evening Transcript.

SOLDIER'S BAPTISM OF FIRE
Average Man's Most Terrifying Position on Field of Battle is When Still.

Everyone of us must have wondered how he would feel in battle for the first time. We may get some idea of how the average man feels in such circumstances from a study of the psychology of battle, just published in Italy, says London Tit-Bits. Lieutenant Colonel Mangiarotti of the Seventy-seventh Infantry carefully examined more than two thousand soldiers who first faced fire in the recent war between Italy and Turkey, and he summarizes their statements in the Rivista Militare. He questioned them one by one.

Out of 2,000 men 1,700 confessed that their most trying moment in the whole campaign was when they first heard hostile bullets whistle about their ears. But almost all of them said they were much less frightened than they had expected to be, and that the scare diminished with each battle.

The average soldier finds the most terrifying position to be that of standing motionless in the front rank, exposed to the enemy's fire without being able to reply. The order to advance or to charge with fixed bayonets is then received as a release from agony. Movement, even into greater peril, distracts the mind and greatly reduces the mental anguish.

Soldiers are seriously affected by the trembling of their superiors. An officer who shakes in his shoes is a coward in the eyes of the rank and file, although the men know that many military heroes—Henri IV, Turenne and Frederick the Great, for instance—trembled on going into a fight.

Colonel Mangiarotti says that officers must understand this feeling. This is especially true of lieutenants, for this inquiry reveals the fact that in battle all officers from captains upward are nonexistent so far as the common soldiers are concerned. They keep their eyes on their lieutenants exclusively. This was brought out when Colonel Mangiarotti asked the men what sentiment animated them when the bullets were falling all around them—was it love of country, religion or their oath of fidelity to their king? "I went ahead," they replied, almost unanimously, "because my lieutenant went ahead."

It seems that once battle is on and the first feeling of terror has vanished soldiers feel as if set free. The fever of combat takes possession of them and they think about nothing else.

Literature of Poverty.

In this age of print, the literature of poverty has swollen to an enormous bulk. Statistical books, explicit and contradictory. Hopeful books by social workers who see salvation in girls' clubs and refined dancing. Hopeless books by other social workers who believe—or, at least, who say—that the employed are enslaved by the employer, and that women and children are the prey of men. Highly colored books by adventurous young journalists who have masqueraded (for copy's sake) as mill and factory hands. Gray books by casual observers who are paralyzed by the mere sight of a slum. Furious books by rabid socialists who hold that the poor will never be uplifted while there is left in the world a man rich enough to pay them wages. Imaginative books by poets and novelists who deal in realism to the exclusion of reality. All this profusion of matter is thrust upon us month after month, while the working-man reads his newspaper, and the working-girl reads "A Coronet of Shame, or Lost in Fate's Fearful Abyss."—Agnus Repplier, in Atlantic.

Cancers That Cure Themselves.

In the annual report of Doctor Bashford of the Imperial Cancer Research fund an announcement of great importance is made. It is to the effect that transplanted tumors fall into two categories, a very small group that grow progressively because they do not produce resistance to their own growth, and a large group that tend to disappear spontaneously because they induce in the body a powerful resistance to their growth.

While this remark is applied only to tumors artificially produced in animals for experimental purposes, it may be that some at least of the apparently extraordinary cures of cancer in human beings have been due to this power of the body to resist the growth of the cancer. If further experiments shall result in the discovery of the method by which certain resistant bodies throw off the cancerous growth, it will be a long step toward finding a way of conferring this power upon those who do not possess it.

A Royal Quarrel.

England has never been at war with Prussia before, but she came near it in 1729, when some Prussian soldiers, traveling through Hanover, were detained by the king's order. Frederick William I and George II had long hated one another, on personal grounds, so the former seized upon this incident as a pretext for challenging his royal cousin to fight a duel.

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Yet it is only quite recently that Vienna has abandoned what was the most primitive and curious bathing custom. Instead of going to your bath, the bath was brought to you by agreement with one of the purveyors of private baths.

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YEAR'S DIGGING OF COAL

Greater Than Total Excavation for Panama Canal.

It has been estimated that the amount of coal which will be dug out of the ground in the United States during the present year will be greater by far than the total excavation for the Panama Canal.

Experts for the United States geological survey have estimated that originally there was enough coal in this country to make a solid block 10 miles long, 10 miles wide and 10 miles high. A block of this size would weigh more than 3,500,000,000,000 tons, and up to the present time the coal that has been removed amounts only to something like 15,000,000,000 tons. The coal mined during 1914 will amount to about 600,000,000 tons, containing about 300,000,000 cubic yards.

The total excavation for the Panama Canal from start to finish is computed at some 262,000,000 cubic yards.

The comparison indicates in a striking way the extent of the coal mining industry in the United States. The output of coal is enormous, but it is increasing year by year. The amount of coal so far taken out is only a fraction of what remains, according to the estimates of the geologists.

The people of this country, however, are using more coal every year, and with the exhaustion of some of the European coal fields already in sight, the foreign demand for American coal will increase enormously.

The history of coal mining in the United States covers only a period of about a century. There was some mining of anthracite in Pennsylvania as far back as 1730, but the records of the anthracite coal trade usually begin with the year 1820. The first actual mining is believed to have been in Virginia, though the records of production in that state date from 1822. The presence of coal in Ohio was discovered as far back as 1755, but the record of output begins with 1837. The history of coal mining in Kentucky begins in 1827, but in 1840 the production had reached only 25,527 tons.

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The First Transatlantic Liner.

The first transatlantic liner to be operated by steam power was launched at New York ninety-six years ago, and was formally christened the Savannah.

The vessel bore little resemblance to the ocean leviathans of the present, for she was a tiny wooden craft of 350 tons. The "crazy crank" who thought it possible for a ship to cross the Atlantic by steam power was William Scarborough, of Savannah, and the boat, although built in New York, was named after the owner's home city. By the April following her launching the Savannah was ready for the sea, and on April 10, 1819, she left New York for Savannah, which was to be her American terminus. On May 24th the little liner steamed away from Savannah on her maiden voyage, and on June 20th she reached Liverpool, where she was given a rousing welcome as the first steam vessel to cross the ocean.

From Liverpool the Savannah proceeded to St. Petersburg, Russia, and in December, 1819, the Savannah was again anchored in the harbor of the Georgian city, fifty days out from the Russian capital. Thus Scarborough's "crazy crank"—achieved for Georgia the honor of revolutionizing the commerce of the world. Savannah will celebrate the centenary of the sailing of the Savannah five years hence.

A Wisconsin inventor's refrigerator is equipped with a hydraulic scale on the outside to show the weight of the ice placed in it.

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Germany's newest dirigible balloon has been given a framework of steel tubing that is expected to make it proof against damage by the most severe storms.

Over a series of mountain peaks in France there will be stretched antennae approximately fifteen miles long to test wireless waves of extreme length.

The coal mined in the United States last year would load a train of cars long enough to reach four and one-half times around the earth.

Rheumatic Throat Is Common Trouble

Should Be Treated in Blood To Prevent Recurrence.



There are successful gargles that stop soreness in the throat, but to prevent their incessant return, the blood must be put in order. The best remedy is S. S. S., as it influences all the functions of the body to neutralize the irritants or waste products and to stimulate their excretion through the proper channels.

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