

HE GOT THE SNIPER.

An Incident of the Landing of Our Marines in Vera Cruz.

Uncle Sam's marines know how to handle a rifle; 50 per cent of the force are qualified, listed shots. There is a story about the occupation of Vera Cruz that tells of good shooting and a sure eye. Our bluejackets were marching up the street from the Plaza between rows of low two story houses. A well dressed Mexican gentleman, with a newspaper over his knee, was sitting on the balcony of his house, apparently intent on watching our sailors advance, but hidden under the paper he held a big revolver, and as our men went by he fired. The bullets were striking, but our officers could hardly suspect a well dressed Mexican, reading a paper and looking peacefully on from his own house, of being the sniper.

Dropping his paper, the Mexican went inside to reload. When he came out again on the balcony the glint of the gun caught the attention of Lieutenant Colonel Neville on horseback in the Plaza, a thousand or more yards away. Through his eight power field glass the colonel saw plainly the flash of the shots under the newspaper.

"Get him," he said, turning to his orderly. The man raised his rifle, pressed the trigger—and the Mexican fell out of his chair—Henry Reuterbach in Youth's Companion.

WEIGHT OF THE FEET.

Greater When You Are Asleep Than When You Are Awake.

Your feet weigh more when you are asleep than when you are awake. At least that is the conclusion of a scientist who has experimented with the question. These tests were conducted in a most interesting manner. The subject was laid on a long plank, which was then placed upon a cross-tree, saw-saw fashion. The man upon the plank was balanced on this cross-tree, and the plank remained at a level without any effort upon his part. But the moment that he went to sleep it began to incline downward at the end opposite his head.

This experiment was repeated with a number of persons belonging to both sexes, and in every case the result was the same. In no instance did the sleeper's head incline toward the ground.

This phenomenon is explained by the fact that the head is drained of surplus blood when a person is asleep, and the blood naturally flows toward the extremities of the sleeper. Immediately this makes the head lighter in weight, the difference being sufficient to upset the balance of a man resting in the position described.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Theodore Thomas Retort.

A characteristic story is told of one of the first rehearsals of the college choir of the Cincinnati College of Music, at which Theodore Thomas had reprimanded some of the sopranos sharply for inattention. "He treats us as if we were members of his orchestra," exclaimed an indignant singer to her next neighbor. Thomas overheard the remark and let it pass for the moment, but at the close of the rehearsal, as the performers were leaving the stage, he passed the lady in question and, turning to her, said very quietly, but with that biting sarcasm which those who knew him did not care to excite, "Madam, you will have to sing a great deal better than you do now before I shall treat you as I treat the members of my orchestra"—Memoirs of Theodore Thomas.

Origin of the T Rail.

Robert Livingston Stevens sailed from New York to Liverpool before the advent of the ocean steamer. In those days the passage took two months, and Stevens passed many an hour, Jack-knife in one hand and a piece of wood in the other, brooding over a problem that had often worried him—how to run a railroad without stone stringers for tracks. He wanted to get an iron rail that would "hold" and would take the place of the thin strips fastened to the chair of the roadbed. Just before he reached England his whittling revealed to him the solution of his problem, and that solution took the form of a T rail with a broad base that could be applied direct to a solid wood support. That T rail is still in use on all the railways of the world.

Illiteracy in Spain.

In many villages and small towns in the interior of Spain no one knows how to read or write. There are in Spain 20,000 rural villages without schools of any kind and many thousands which can be reached only by a bridge path, there being no highroads or railway communication of any kind. Attendance at school is voluntary, not obligatory. Seventy-six per cent of the children in Spain are illiterate.

Another View of It.

"How did Binks get all bunged up?" "Tried to come between a man and his wife." "Interfered in a family row?" "Oh, no—tried to cross the street when each was coming toward him in an auto."—Florida Times-Union.

Ups and Downs.

"I threw up a good position to please that girl." "Did she appreciate the sacrifice?" "No, she didn't; she threw me down."—Baltimore American.

Finger Prints.

Finger prints for identification were used by the Chinese as long ago as the seventh century.

This Monster Does Exist.

The dragon is a huge, unclassified aquatic monster. It resembles in many of its characteristics the extinct dinosaur, a huge reptile of the Mesozoic period, fossils of which have been discovered by paleontologists in the sandstone strata both of the African and American continents.

It lives in Lake Victoria Nyanza and its numerous tributaries, and there is no record of the monster having been seen in any other part of the world. Whether it is a descendant of one of the huge prehistoric saurians that has by a process of adaptation—living as it does in impenetrable regions far away from the encroachments of civilized man—continued with but slight modifications through prodigious ages to the present time, or whether it is an unclassified reptile or amphibian, it is equally impossible to say, as no specimen exists either of its bones or of its skin. That this monster does exist, however, there can be no particle of doubt, as the testimony of authoritative eyewitnesses cannot be reasonably discredited.—Wide World.

Do and Think.

If you wish to be or do anything great in this world you will find every hour and every day an opportunity in some way. If nothing else the lull in routine is opportunity to study up for future reference and use.

If your mind is full of plans and ideas for carrying them out you can make almost any situation or circumstance work in to help you.

It is not so much how you go at a thing as to get at it.

Begin by doing something. Do and think at the same time. That which will help in the next do, and by always doing what you know how to do, first, you will find the next step easier. It is not the talkers and the arguers who accomplish the most in this world.

Try some plan while the next one is talking about it, and you will be surprised at how easy it is to keep in the front row of the procession.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Historic Walking Canes.

In the New York Historical society in New York city is a small but choice collection of historic walking canes.

The most valuable of the lot is a stout, serviceable cane used by Benjamin Franklin. It afterward came into possession of Dr. John W. Francis, the eminent physician of three-quarters of a century ago.

Next in interest is one said to have been used by Henry Clay and Abraham Lincoln. There are also two canes made from timber of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's flagship at the battle of Lake Erie.

Of a more curious nature is a thick cane made from the tusk of a walrus presented by Howland Pell and a quaintly carved cane of hardwood made by a Mandan Indian.—New York Times.

Barometer Paper.

Barometer paper, that changes its color according as the weather is wet or dry, may be made under several formulas, according to the color you want. One formula is: Cobalt chloride, one part; gelatin, ten parts; water, 100 parts. In this the normal color is pink. This color changes to violet in medium humid weather and to blue in wet weather. Another formula that makes yellow in dry weather calls for cupric chloride, one part; gelatin, ten parts; water, 100 parts. Still another formula is: cobalt chloride, one part; gelatin, twenty parts; nickel oxide, seventy-five parts; water, 200 parts. This gives a green in dry weather. Immerse paper or muslin in either solution.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Too Liberal.

A London taxi driver had an elderly lady as his fare the other day. On arriving at her home she gave him the legal fare—one shilling—along with a food economy pamphlet headed "How to Live on Sixpence a Day." "Excuse me, miss," said he, handing back the pamphlet. "I couldn't think of taking this from you, because in the absence of the information it contains you might be tempted to live beyond your income."

Two Speedy Classes.

"He belongs to a fast class." "Which fast class?" "Are there more than one?" "Yes; two. There's the class that spend their money faster than they make it and the other crowd that make their money faster than they can spend it."—Detroit Free Press.

An Impromptu Joke.

"Where are my tennis things?" demanded the wife of the professional humorist. "Look in the nursery. You will generally find a racket and ball there," replied the professional humorist, making a note on his cuff.—Town Topics.

Two Worries.

The Other Woman—Poor Henry Cash is always worrying about the money market! The Other Man—And Mrs. Cash is always worrying about the market money.

Fat Pickings.

Burglar—The lawyer got me acquitted, but he took every cent I had. Pal—What are you going to do now? Burglar—I guess I'd better rob the lawyer.—Lamb.

Naturally.

After a man has raised a family of grown daughters every time mother speaks to him he involuntarily asks, "How much?"—Houston Post.

If a man is forever telling you what he is going to do tomorrow it is a waste of time to ask him what he did yesterday.

Origin of the Matinee.

Whether or not we have to look back to the fifties for the first matinee, there is at least little doubt that the invention had not attained any general popularity when the seventies were reached. I am reminded that the Bancrofts, who were responsible for many innovations that have since become the vogue, did not institute afternoon performances until 1876, after they had been in management eleven years. The Bancrofts, if not the inventors of the matinee, were certainly the first to pay full salaries to those who took part in them.

Not until 1878 did the matinee become a fixed and regular feature of even the Bancroft management. It was a byproduct of "Diplomacy," the success of which made any means of providing additional performances acceptable. Sir Squire Bancroft has put it on record that at the beginning the matinee was a much more costly affair than it is now, as frequent and separate advertisements and announcements were necessary to make it known.—Westminster Gazette.

A Defect in Higher Education.

It must be said that the higher education of the United States is at present in a condition where it may readily drop backward rather than improve. The college student of today and in some cases even the university student is permitted to sprawl over so large and so varied an area of intellectual interest that he loses the discipline in concentration, in hard work, and in the mastery of some relatively small field that comes from pursuing a better and older method. There is just now, however, a marked tendency among the better colleges to aid and to guide the student toward concentrating his interests and his energies upon a small group of subjects that have some common center of interest and some well marked relationship. This movement is a sound and hopeful one and should be encouraged and aided.—President Butler in Youth's Companion.

Salt Means Much to Health.

"If the human race should be deprived of salt even for a period of a few months," said a physician, "we would not only lose a natural healthful incentive for our food, but disease, with all its attendant miseries, would spread with such relentless speed as to defy the efforts of the most skillful doctors of the land. Ailing persons frequently refuse sugar, but they seldom turn up their noses at common salt. That is because there is in the body a deficiency of chloride of sodium, and nature intuitively excites the desire for it. Salt is essential to health and life and as such a food as bread or flesh. If there is no wish for salt in a person doctors uniformly conclude that disease in some form is lurking unsuspected in the system."

Obliterating Class Distinctions.

Modern and cultured persons, I believe, object to their children seeing kitchen company or being taught by a woman like Peggygort. But surely it is more important to be educated in a sense of human dignity and equality than in anything else in the world. And a child who has once had to respect a kind and capable woman of the lower classes will respect the lower classes forever. The true way to overcome the evil in class distinctions is not to denounce them as revolutionists denounce them, but to ignore them as children ignore them.—G. K. Chesterton.

The Spanish Alcalde.

In former times in Spain the alcalde de corte was a judge of the palace court, having jurisdiction in and about the residence of the king. The office is now obsolete in this sense, but "alcalde" is still used to designate the mayor of a town exercising the functions of a justice of the peace.

Why He Looked Sour.

Dusty Dennis—Why do you look so sour, pard? Gritty George—Why, one of dem comic artists wanted me to sit on de fence and let him sketch me. Dusty Dennis—What of dat? Gritty George—It was a barb wire fence.—Exchange.

News to Her.

"What was the farmer talking about?" asked the first city girl. "A whiffetree," said the other. "Well, I've studied botany, but I never heard of a whiffetree. Sounds like his idea of a joke."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Flat Foot.

A treatment suitable, with but slight modification, for all cases of static foot trouble (flat foot), from the early cases which are often described as "weak ankles" to the most severe cases, where there is old standing structural change, is described by Dr. P. B. Rath in the Lancet. The treatment consists of attention to footwear, attention to position in standing and walking and regular daily exercises. Whether boots or shoes are worn, whether they button or lace, they must be the shape of the feet. The inner side of the boot where the big toe lies is kept straight, so that the end of the boot is opposite the big toe and not opposite the second or third toe. This is to insure that the big toe is not pushed out against the other toes and has plenty of room in which to act. The soles should be a sixth to a fourth of an inch thick, the heels broad, an inch or less in height.

Gold Hill Notes

(By A. E. Kellogg.)

Among the residents of this district who are employed at the Blue Ledge mine and have their families with them for the summer are Sam L. Sandry of Rogue River and John C. Chandler of Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Wharton of this city are located at the Blair sawmills in the Siskiyou mountains near Ashland. He is employed with the lumber company at their mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herron, who recently sold their home north of Gold Hill, have gone on an extended auto trip for a month's stay and on their return will take up their residence in Gold Hill.

Mesdames W. H. Miller, Jay E. Davidson, Thomas Roberts and their mother Mrs. Bailey visited the family of their brother W. S. Bailey on the Applegate the first of the week. Their sister-in-law Mrs. Bailey is quite sick at the home.

The Sears of the Gold Hill News have moved from the Caldwell property in Gold Hill to their new farm purchased out on Kanes creek. The editor drives in each morning to perform his daily duties with a smile that betokens contentment. He reports a large fruit crop and plenty of real labor in sight out on the farm.

R. M. Wilson of the Nellie Wright mine in the Blackwell district east of Gold Hill is in San Francisco on a business trip. The mine and mill are closed during his absence. He expects to return the first of the week when operations will resume at the mine.

Collins McDougall, the well known miner who has been operating in the Grants Pass and Waldo districts the past two years, was in Gold Hill this week visiting friends and looking up mining matters. He recently took a lease on the Meade brothers' property five miles east of Grants Pass, and is planning to install equipment on the property.

Mrs. Laura Mammersly and son Verne are visiting friends this week in Gold Hill. She has been employed at the Logan placer mines in the Waldo district the past summer.

Dr. R. C. Kelsey was called the first of the week to attend Mrs. Geo. Garfrett who was taken suddenly ill at her home on Galls creek. At this writing she is much improved and out of danger.

Rev. R. A. Hutchinson pastor of the M. E. church in this city came down Sunday morning to fill his charge and returned on the late train. The family are camped in Lithia park at Ashland for a three week's stay. Next Sunday he hopes to take part in the church work at Ashland, and there will be no morning or evening services at the Gold Hill church. He reports a splendid time on their vacation and will stay the limit.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, Jr. and their son and daughter who have been residing in the Waldo district the past summer, returned home this week, and left the next day for a visit to Yreka, their former home, for a few days visit. He has been employed as blacksmith at the Queen of Bronze mine at Takilma.

The People's Forum

Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, Marshfield, Oregon, Aug. 9.

Gentlemen—Every wheel in every factory, mill and work shop is turning and there isn't an idle man in Coos county except from choice. We want from 500 to 1000 men. We need ship carpenters, bridge carpenters, coal miners, mill men, woodmen, common laborers, etc. The wages for common labor is \$3.18 per day. Other lines of labor in proportion. If you know or hear of good men looking for honest employment, please tell them. This will also advise you that any press reports of I. W. W. trouble here are absolutely wrong and a gross injustice to this community.—Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, per Mel G. Duncan, sec.

Marshfield, Ore., Aug. 9, 1917. Lee B. Franklin, City Editor Ashland Tidings, Ashland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Franklin.—We thank you for the interest manifested in your favor of the 6th inst. relative to Mr. Winslow's booklet, which we have turned over to Mr. Winslow. It seems to us that Winslow is on the right track, and we hope his proposed organization for the benefit of Southern Oregon may grow and prosper. Again thanking you, we are, Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, per Mel G. Duncan, secretary.

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What would you do if, when alone out in the mountains, you were bitten by a rattlesnake? Here is what W. S. Copley did on July 25, as related in a late issue of the Glendale Times:

Mr. Copley was alone at the mines being employed as watchman. He had just left the house and stepped down over a ledge about a foot high, when he felt a heavy thud and sharp pain on the outside of his left leg just below the knee. Copley says he became extremely busy and did not lose even a fraction of a second in widening the distance between himself and the rattle, which immediately recoiled and prepared for another strike. However, it was then Copley's turn at the bat, and with a spade he scored a complete knockout on his snakeship. The snake gave no warning for the reason that he had previously lost his rattles, but he certainly did strike a hard blow for his length, being not over two and a half feet long. His fangs penetrated Copley's trousers, drawers and hose and sank deep enough into the flesh to cause blood to run down into his shoe.

Just what Copley did being out in the mountains alone should be of interest to those who frequent the mountains. He calmly broke an egg, beat it up, and mixed it thickly with salt to form a poultice. This was placed on the wound for twenty minutes.

When removed it had become green. Another similar poultice was then placed on the wound, and it too, turned green. A third poultice showed less green, and the fourth showed only a faint streak of green. The egg and salt did its work well. A cloth saturated with turpentine was then bound on the bite, and while the leg and foot was for a time so swollen that Copley could not get his shoe on he says he feels no ill effects now from the bite.

Great Experience

Well, I'll have to hand it to the Southern Pacific. I went down to the next town below here the other night and while down there had a funny experience. I thought I had better call up the Southern Pacific and find out when I could get a train back home in case I missed the last boat. I called for the Talent depot but the agent had gone home or somewhere else, for he wasn't in. Then I called the Ashland depot. I got an answer this time. I said, "When can I get a train going south again?" The fellow replied, "Which do you want, a freight or passenger?" I claim that's a good one.—City Editor.

A woman can usually manage a man if she is shrewd enough not to let him know that she is doing it. So with the man—in rare cases

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