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A red-hot poker was used by Harry Hale at Bellefonte, Ohio, to open a whiskey barrel. He pressed the poker into the bung, and the barrel exploded into a thousand pieces, causing fatal injuries to Mr. Hale.

Statisticians have been studying up the Spanish Armada, apropos of the statement that never in the history of Europe has so large a force been sent by sea as that now on its way to South Africa. The estimate of the number sent from Spain in 1588 on the 130 ships of the Armada is this: Sailors, 8,050; galley slaves, 2,088; soldiers, 18,978; volunteers, 1,382; total, 30,498. But England is sending 49,000 soldiers and followers without counting the crews of the transports.

Friction in machinery started 295 fires last year.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

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The Moma Diamond.

VER and over again John Marsden had been told that his nocturnal rambles would bring him into contact with unpleasant citizens. If he had contented himself with walking upon the main highway that ran past his suburban home, his midnight walk, which he said was absolutely necessary to his getting sleep when he went to bed, would have been safe enough. But there were byways in that neighborhood, some of them narrow, many of them with evil reputations, all of them very dark and entirely deserted by honest citizens at a quarter to 11 in the morning—such was John's favorite byway for a solitary stroll—and these queer byways were his favorite strolling paths. Again, if he had had nothing about him to tempt a footpad his friends would not have been so solicitous, but for a man in which Marsden was no suspicion of foppery, John Marsden carried a remarkable collection of valuable jewelry about his person. There was his watch, with a circle of brilliant and a remarkable enameled miniature set in the back, presented to him as a souvenir by a famous foreign actress whose life he had saved in a railroad accident. There was also a wonderful old intaglio broochstone, an heirloom, which he wore in a huge signet ring, and lastly, there was, as a general thing, the Moma diamond, which ought to have been kept in a museum or a safe, but which John Marsden insisted in wearing constantly as a carapin.

He said he wore the Moma diamond for luck, but no one who knew him believed that the man had even one superstition, let alone a carapin. The while any footpad to engage professional assistance just to get possession of the Moma diamond, and hundreds of persons connected with that profession knew that Mr. Marsden always wore that stone in his cravat. It was a wonderful stone, not by any means as large as a pigeon's egg, or even a sparrow's, it is true, only about the size of the point of a man's index finger, in fact, but of a lustre so dazzling and so peculiar that the jewelers and lapidaries of Amsterdam, who will remember it from the days before it crossed the Atlantic, say it is unmatched in all the world.

And at last the warnings of John Marsden's friends were justified. He was walking on a dark, autumn night along one of his favorite byways, with a row of blank, windowless brick walls on his right, and on his left a ditch and rail fence, when there was a sudden leap of something from the ditch, and a hand flew straight at his throat.

Instantly—as if he had been expecting to meet the attack just at that spot—John Marsden's left fist darted out and up, and there was a sound like the word "Chow," followed by another like the fall of a bale of hay on the earth. The next moment he was glad of his caution. The man leaped to his feet almost as soon as he had touched the ground, and then, instead of drawing knife or pistol, he went at John in the most approved pugilistic fashion.

Very likely, if the fight had been in a twelve-foot ring, by daylight, begun in regular form, the other man might have won the Moma diamond—supposing it to have been the prize. As it was the footpad had been taken by surprise, and, still worse, Marsden's very bony fist had fitted snugly into the delicate space between the triangle of the lower jaw and the Adam's apple. The mere fact that his antagonist had recovered himself so quickly after such a blow assured Marsden that he had no ordinary fighter to deal with. Still, that first blow placed the other man at a disadvantage, and the fistcuffs did not last long. In less than two minutes Marsden's assailant was back in the ditch from which he had sprung, and only now he lay kicking convulsively and coughing in a way that meant, as Marsden knew, internal hemorrhage.

Now, when you have been assaulted on a lonely road in the small hours, and the assault has been with the evident intention of stealing your valuables, you are generally inclined rather to go your way rejoicing, and leave well enough alone, if you have been as fortunate as to know how to interpret this silly. That is what most people would do. But Marsden was in many ways unlike most people. He sat on the edge of the roadside ditch, lifted the man's head, and found his face until, in the darkness, he could detect signs of recovery.

"You've treated me fairly," he said, "so far, at least. Tell me where you got my diamond, and I'll tell you how I'll get it."

"Your diamond—if it is yours," said Marsden, "was won by me at a game of cards. I staked \$1,000 in American money, and I lost it. The game was played in the smoking-room of an ocean steamer."

"Was it an elderly man you were playing with?"

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ESTERHAZY OWES HIM \$10.

A Telegraph Operator in New Orleans Says French Officer "Did" Him, for "Count Esterhazy, who figured so prominently in the Dreyfus trial, has been in New Orleans several times," said a guest at the Grunewald Hotel. "I myself saw him on one of his visits, and was present when he did some cabling to France, the cost of which, or rather a portion of the fee, he deliberately defrauded the operator out of. It happened thus:

"Esterhazy had come in town by one of the roads from the north and went to the Southern Pacific depot to board a train for the West. While waiting for his train he remembered that he had some cabling to do and walked over to the telegraph operator in the building and asked for a blank.

"The operator gave it to him, and the Frenchman wrote out quite a lengthy coded cablegram and addressed it to a private party in Paris. By this time there were only a few minutes left for the train, and the operator had to hurry in looking up the rate. To arrive at the exact figures necessitated some little calculation, and the operator, to expedite matters for the noble count, took advantage of the fact that he had the code book open, and he asked the Frenchman to make the calculation, to.

"This the Frenchman, who was evidently quick at figures, did, and had finished a moment before the operator closed out his receipt, and asked him what was made it. Esterhazy looked straight at the operator a second, as though reading his very thoughts, and unhesitatingly replied: 'It is correct.'

"He paid the amount and hurried away. A few minutes later the operator discovered that he had been paid just \$10 less than the correct amount; he had made an error in his calculation, and the count had taken advantage of his error to save the money. The young man immediately wired ahead of the train asking the conductor to see Esterhazy, explain the calculation, and request the \$10. The conductor complied, but when he had explained to the noble traveler, the latter only shrugged his shoulders and replied that it was no concern of his. And the operator made good the shortage from his own salary. It was as simple as that."

Smart, but not Smart Enough.

While the President was in Milwaukee, a few weeks ago, some youngsters thought it would be a good idea to get excused from school that they might more thoroughly enter into the spirit of the day. But how to get the excuse signed? A parent's signature, of course, the proper thing, but both youngsters knew that in this particular case their parents were not to be relied on. Suddenly one of them had a bright idea. They would get President McKinley to sign the excuse. It would be easy enough to simply stay away from school on the day following. One of the youngsters accordingly pushed his way through the crowd to the Presidential stand, and clambering without ceremony to the top, thrust a bit of scribbled paper into his own pocket, and called on the President to sign the excuse. The crowd of the fatigued spectators around the stand, who were not to be troubled, saw the youngster and heeded him not.

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The Staged.

The Staged. To form the mirror of fashion. One need scarcely take in a fashion paper if one pays constant visits to the theater. Here one can study all the varieties of the mode and the latest and newest designs. Each capable portier of a fashionable dress, its favorite color, and its favorite dressmaker.

Possibly spectators never give a thought to the fact that these constant changes of costume form no inconsiderable portion of the fatigues incurred by an actress in a long and heavy part. Dress cannot be slurred over now. Gowns must be laced and buttoned up, gloves, shoes, hats, petticoats be worn old days, when actresses shuffled one gown over another and fastened them lightly with a button. The Japanese costume is one of the most intricate. The real Japanese rarely wears the elaborate portier of the fashion, but a special sort of costume, made of silk, and fastened by a large number of buttons, is worn by a woman in the street, and is made up of a long and heavy part.

Profitable Hiding.

Jim Frazier, of Florida, is the king of alligators. He is a specialist in Florida Everglades. His specialty is in furnishing baby alligators to the Northern trade, though he also catches adult alligators, and sells their teeth and skins. It is said that he employs several hundred alligator catchers, and has made a fortune out of his hotel business.

His favorite pastime is to watch alligators eat dogs and cats that he has thrown into the water to feed them. During the winter he secures hundreds of worthless curs and screaming criers, and in the spring he drives the canines and felines down to his alligator ranch in the Everglades, where he amuses himself with alligator-bait riding.

Nothing is more inappreciable to European writers than the American custom of breaking eggs in a glass. Charles M. Dewey likes to show the American custom, and one day the waiter at the Hotel de Russ, in Paris, told him he mustn't do it. There was a dispute, and the head waiter was called. "The glasses cannot be properly washed," it was explained. "They are ruined."

"Nonsense," said Mr. Dewey, "my servants at home do it every day in the year. Use a little more elbow grease."

Then Mr. Dewey broke his egg into the glass as usual, and the waiter watched him. When the glass was set aside he saw with a distasteful crack that the waiter was right.

A Witty Peasant.

A thunder-storm overtook the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, when out shooting in 1873 with old Emperor William of Germany and Victor Emmanuel. The three monarchs got drenched by their party and when they were drenched they were drenched.

CORN IS KING.

Interesting Facts Concerning the Great American Staple.

The word maize is derived from the Greek word zea. It is not definitely known where the plant had its origin. Humboldt asserts that it is American. Other writers claim that it originated in Asia, whence it was brought into America by the Spanish explorers. There is nothing so far discovered in the records of the East to indicate that the early dwellers along the Nile ever knew of the grain. In an ancient Chinese book, however, to be found in the French library at Paris, corn is mentioned. In Chinese it is called 'zeuquaqua.' There is an old Javanese legendary poem, 'Manek Maya,' which likens the grain of corn to a maiden's tooth, and to-day, in certain parts of the middle West, there is a variety known as 'horse tooth.'

Most of the South American Indians know of corn. Some make a sort of beer from it. An ancient legend says that Con, son of the Sun and Moon, gave maize to man. The Troquois say that corn was given by the Spirit of the South. One of the snake legends of the Mohoi Indians tells of six brothers, Great Corn, Blue Corn, Yellow Corn, Green Corn, Spotted Corn and Black Corn.

It is not alone with the Indians that myth and legend endure. To-day farmers of New England, and, in fact, in the whole West, have a belief in the 'signs' for the planting of corn. Go through the agricultural regions and you will hear them talk of planting 'in the full of the moon,' and like. Among the German settlers, in certain localities, it is believed that in selecting seed-corn for the next year's crop all the stalks and refuse must be taken into the highways and instantly destroyed, not by burning, as that would insure the presence of the black fungus, or 'smut,' as it is provincially called. Corn is the great staple of the United States. It is the most important product of the American continent, but it is also the output of abuse or factories.

More acres are devoted to the raising of corn than in the annual yield of oats, wheat, barley, rye, buckwheat and cotton combined. Corn provides more employment for laborers, provides more work for distributors and makes basis for more industries than any other product of American commodity. In the past thirty-seven years the value of the corn output has been \$15,000,000,000.

Last year (1898) a corn farm of 6,000 acres in Iowa yielded a net profit of \$500,000. About 3,500 acres of corn were raised in the State. The total crop was used to put the seed in the ground, seventy-five cultivators did the 'tending,' and seventy-five wagons hauled the crop from field to crib. To hold the corn cribs twelve feet wide, sixteen feet high, it takes a mile long wagon.

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It has been discovered that what may be called the first daily newspaper was a manuscript letter written by the celebrated correspondent and forwarded to them every 24 hours from London to the provinces. That was in the days of the early States. During the commonwealth these London letters were printed in type and circulated in large numbers. Even so long ago as 1690 the law of libel was such as to be characterized by Judge Scroggs as making any newspaper publication illegal and tending to provoke a breach of the peace.

Brooklyn stair builders have the Saturday half holiday and a week's pay of \$3.25 a day, including Saturdays, which the same wage is paid as on the longer working days.

Lawrence county, in the Black Hills, claims the honor of producing a greater amount of gold in a day than any other country in the United States—4,650 tons, valued at \$40,000.

Day county, S. D., has produced two crops of oats this season.

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One of the Michigan food inspectors who has been making a tour of the state, says that Michigan's pure food law is working admirably in diminishing adulteration. He says that, of late years, great quantities of imitation fruit jellies have been sold; these are made of glucose and corn jelly, colored to resemble the desired fruit. In one town the inspector stopped the sale of imitation strawberry jam, which was made of corn jelly and glucose, flavored with strawberry extract, and further improved by the addition of hayseed.

New Pass in Rocky Mountains.

After numerous hairbreadth escapes a party of explorers in the Rocky Mountains stumbled onto a new pass. In like manner, people who believed dyspepsia incurable are astonished to find that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters used faithfully will make the digestion strong, the bowels regular, the liver active. Try it.

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American shoe manufacturers can undersell the local producer in South Africa.

My doctor said I would die, but Pilo's Cure for Consumption cured me. —Amos Kelsner, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 25, '98.

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The Philosophy of Dead Games.

"Now," said the man who had yearned for riches, "I will go forth to-day and risk once more. Success has attended all my ventures. I have \$90,000. If all goes well today I will be ten times a millionaire. Then I will risk no more. Then I will be content and some one else may step into the place that I leave vacant." So he risked again and won the \$10,000 that he thought he needed in his business; but the man who lost the money was not dead game. If he had been dead game he would have said nothing and hoped for better luck next time. Therefore, lacking the qualities that make for gameness, he jumped upon the man who had won and thumped him so hard that he died on the way to the hospital. There is in the heart of every man who succeeds here below a soft spot for the dead game loser. —Chicago Times-Herald.

A Story With a Moral.

An old sailor once appeared to give evidence in a case of assault, when he was asked the following questions: The Judge—"Where was plaintiff standing when defendant struck him?" Witness—"Who are they?" The Judge—"Don't you know the difference between plaintiff and defendant?" Witness—"No."

The Judge—"Well, you are a nice chap to come here and give evidence! And you don't know the plaintiff from the defendant? Where was he when the man struck him?" Witness—"Aft the binnacle!" The Judge—"Aft the binnacle? Where is that?" Witness—"You are a fine chap to sit as a judge! And you don't know where 'aft the binnacle' is!"

The Judge—"You are a fine chap to sit as a judge! And you don't know where 'aft the binnacle' is!"

"Hoot!" cried the owl ever anon.

The fowls of the air and the beasts of the field stirred uneasily in their sleep and muttered maledictions.

"Why are they so angry?" asked the owl.

"They are envious, my child," replied the owl, "of my Scotch dialect. Hoot, hoot!" —Detroit Journal.

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