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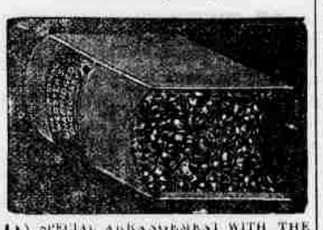

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FOILED BY A WIFE'S MISTAKE.

Sad Experience of a Detective With a Marked Ten Dollar Bill.

He was considered one of the best in his line. The case that required the most intelligent, persistent and careful work was the one that was usually assigned to him. He had been at work on one for three or four weeks, and at last had secured what he considered "clinching evidence."

It was a bribery case and his work had been to entrap the would-be briber. He had done it. He had secured a single ten dollar note of the bribe money, but that was enough. The envelope containing the money had been opened in the presence of three persons, says the Chicago Mail, and each had put his mark on the bill so that it could be identified.

Naturally he was jubilant. People will be when they think they have won a great victory, and he had all the evidence he wanted in his pocket—an inside pocket at that. The bird was practically caught, and he went home exulting.

Now, mark what can happen to a man who has victory practically won, but is careless. He thought of going to headquarters and depositing his evidence in a vault, but it was a long distance, and then it would be better anyway to go to the chief in the morning and announce that he had bagged the game. So he took it home.

Once or twice he thought he was followed, but when he reached home he scouted the idea, turned in and slept soundly. Robbery did not occur to him, even in his dreams.

In the morning—well, in the morning the money was gone. He almost fainted when he discovered his loss, and rushed into the dining-room crying: "I've been robbed! I've been robbed!"

"Nonsense," replied his wife; "what is missing?"

"A ten dollar bill."

"I took it," she said, calmly. "I wanted to pay the butcher. I didn't want to wake you. But I didn't touch the money in your pocketbook. I just took that loose ten dollar bill that was in your inside pocket. I'll get you another if you need it, but I thought that was one you had put aside for me."

He didn't try to explain. He didn't even answer, but he hunted up a broad, smooth sheet of water, and for an hour stood looking over it muttering to himself. At last he seemed to have made up his mind. He hastily wrote a note to his chief, took it to headquarters and left it. A minute later he was lost in the crowd on the street.

The note read:

"Please put me back on patrol duty. Several years ago I made a serious blunder that makes me unfit for detective work. I married."

GENIUS AND SUICIDE.

Numerous Are the Cases In Which Great Men Have Taken Their Own Lives.

Discussing the frequency with which men of genius have ended their lives by their own hands, the Popular Science Monthly says: If we were to look carefully into the histories of the lives of men of genius, we should find many names to add to the number already mentioned, and still more to swell the list of those who had attempted the deed without meeting with success.

Haydon, the celebrated historical painter and writer, overcome by debt, disappointment and ingratitude, laid down the brush with which he was at work upon his last great effort, "Alfred and the Trial by Jury," wrote with a steady hand: "Stretch me no longer upon this rough world," and then with a pistol-shot put an end to his unhappy existence.

Richard Payne Knight, the poet, Greek scholar and antiquary, was a victim of melancholia, and finally destroyed himself with poison.

Burton, the vivacious author of "The Anatomy of Melancholy," who had the reputation of being able to raise laughter in any company, however "mute and mopish," was in reality constitutionally depressed, and it is believed that he was at last so overcome by this malady that he ended his life in a fit of melancholy.

Kleist, poet and dramatist, brooded over suicide, attempted it once unsuccessfully and finally, by agreement with Henriette Vogel, who believed herself affected with an incurable disease, repaired to a small inn near Potsdam, where they ended their lives together.

Lessmann, the humorous writer, like Burton, put an end to himself in a fit of melancholy.

Sir Samuel Romilly, a man of brilliant genius, by whose efforts the criminal laws of England were remodeled—a man loved for his sweet nature and upright manliness—while overcome by grief at the death of his wife, with his own hand sought rest beyond.

Michael Angelo, after receiving a painful injury to his leg by falling from a scaffold while at work upon "The Last Judgment," became so melancholy that he shut himself in his room, refused to see anyone, and "resolved to let himself die." Fortunately, his intentions were frustrated by the celebrated physician Bacio Rontini, who learned by accident of his condition.

He Called the Turn.

On the morning of the last election day, says the St. Paul Globe, the schoolma'am of one of the rooms of the Harrison school asked for an expression of her children, who average about ten years in age, as to whom they thought would be elected, Harrison or Cleveland.

"I think Harrison will be elected," said she. "Now, all you who think as I do, please arise."

Every child arose except one little boy of ten years. And when she called for the vote on Cleveland he alone jumped to his feet.

"Why, Freddy, I am surprised." And this remark of the teacher resulted in every scholar making life miserable for him the remainder of the day. But the next morning when the news that Cleveland was elected by an overwhelming majority broke, the exultation of Freddy, as he walked into school, can be better imagined than described.

PHOTOGRAPHING STARS.

Reproducing the Dome of the Heavens on Plates.

How the Instruments Are Manipulated to Secure the Negative of a Star—Interesting Information Concerning the Art.

Prof. James E. Keeler, who is connected with the Lick Observatory in California, gave an interesting lecture at the rooms of the Camera Club in New York the other evening upon astronomical photography. He said, observes a Pittsburgh Dispatch writer, that astronomical photography presented few difficulties, and that more knowledge of astronomy was required than of photography by the observer; in other words, that the ratio between the two was about three parts of astronomy to one part of photography.

If, however, a photographer should attempt to photograph a star he would find that his image would be blurred, owing to the movement of the object during the exposure; therefore it was necessary that the instrument must be kept in motion in keeping with the motion of the star, and the apparatus for photographing stars, therefore, adjusted to meet these difficulties. The usual method of keeping the star on the plate in photographing was by moving the telescope, but owing to the size of the instrument at the Lick Observatory this was impossible, as the telescope weighed seven tons. The plan adopted, therefore, was to make the plate movable by means of turning screws.

When the photographer wished to do some of his work the thing first to be done was to move the big telescope so that a lens could be capped over the end. It is necessary to put on a different lens for photographic purposes, and it happens that a different focus is obtained in the big telescope. The dry plate is therefore placed in the tube nine feet from the eye piece, a hole having been cut in it for that purpose. A seed-twenty-six-plate is used, and for development an ordinary pyro and potash. The developer is used very weak and plenty of time given to bring out the image. When the plate is developed the operator has to go at it in a blind sort of fashion, as the smaller star images will not appear till the developing work is done.

The photographs of the planets are more difficult to secure, owing to the refraction in the atmosphere. Some fairly good pictures have, however, been made of Jupiter and Saturn, and pictures of Mars will be taken. Prof. Keeler showed pictures of the planets and the moon, as well as drawings to illustrate the difference between the two. The outer ring of Saturn, which was not discovered till the big Lick telescope was turned on the planet, does not show in the photograph. The pictures of the Milky Way which Prof. Keeler has in his collection of lantern slides are most excellent, and are the best ever taken. The hundreds of stars shown on the picture are none of them visible to the naked eye.

The photographs of the planet Jupiter showed plainly the different positions of the spots and bands on the surface of the planet, which demonstrate that they are constantly changing, and that probably the surface of Jupiter is a mass of changing matter.

It is a well-known fact that better photos are obtained through the smaller telescopes than through the big ones. Photographing the stars, especially the small ones, is tedious work, as in some cases the exposure must last for several hours. During all that time the plate or telescope must be moved so that the image of the star will continue in one place. The exposure for a star of the sixteenth magnitude is two hours, and only one at a time can be secured unless the stars happen to be of the same magnitude, so that getting clusters is particularly long and tedious in its operation.

In procuring the photographic star pictures, often what is known as the trailing process is followed—that is, the plate is exposed to the star, and then no attempt is made to fix the image in one place, but it passes along over the plate, making a trail. A number of trails can, of course, be got on one plate, and then studied out and measured afterward.

The exposures for planets are short—that of a sun spot taken in Paris was about as lightning-like as possible, the shutter being attached to the strongest kind of a spring. The exposure for the moon takes about a quarter of a second, and that for Jupiter about five seconds.

People who visit the Lick Observatory often ask very reasonable questions in regard to the telescope as well as to the methods of photographing the stars. The covering of the observatory is made of three-inch steel plates, and, of course, is arranged so that a plate can be moved to allow the telescope to point to any part of the heavens. A visitor who happened into the observatory when all the plates were closed asked most earnestly if the steel plates were transparent. A frequent question asked in regard to star photographs is if a flash-light is not used to make the exposure. There is an old saying that intelligent men are the first to lose their wits when entering an astronomical observatory and seem to forget the simplest laws. Many cases of this have been noticed at the Lick institution.

Productive Power of Weeds.

To ascertain the productive power of weeds, the seeds upon a single plant of different species have been counted with the following results: Wild carrot, 1,200; dandelion, 1,500; chickweed, 2,000; cockle, 3,200; campsion, 3,425; chess, 3,500; dock, 3,700; ragweed, 4,372; groundsel, 6,500; ox-eye daisy, 9,600; mallow, 16,500; motherwort, 18,000; foxtail, 19,500; sow thistle, $19,000; mustard, 31,000; Canada thistle, 42,000; red poppy, 50,000; burdock, 840,328; purslane, 500,000; lambs' quarters, 825,000.

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"What do you want?" the manager asked.

"I want er thousand dollars," the negro answered. "Erbout three months ergo I had my wife's life insured in this company an' now I want my money, fur de lady is dun dead. Yere's de papers yere da is, sah."

"What was the matter with her?" the manager asked.

"Got drownded, sah; was down in de country an' fell offen er foot-log inter de water an' drownded ez dead as er mackerel."

"Did anybody see her when she fell in?"

"Yas, little gal seed her; oh, she fell in all right, an' now ef you'll jest count me out er thousand dollars I'll be mighty 'bliged ter you. Yas, fell in all right enough."

"Did the coroner hold an inquest over her?" the manager asked.

"N-n-no, sah, he didn'."

"Why?"

"Well, sah, me an' dat man doar speak ter one nuder. We ain't on de same quality er tall now, sah. Wife she got mad wid him some time ergo an' den me an' him fell out, an' when my wife wuz tuck outen de bayou dead and gone, w'y I didn't think it wuz jest de right thing ter hab dat coroner holdin' his proceedin's over her."

"So you buried her without the coroner being notified."

"Yas, sah, dat's whut we done—'zackly whut we done under de 'zisting sarcumstances, sah. Yas, we done dat."

"Where did you bury her?"

"Huh—oh, whar did we bury her?"

"That's what I asked."

"Yas, tibby sho'. We set her 'way off yander whar her sister libes, sah. Uster say dat w'en she died she wanted ter be buried 'way off yander, caze she tuck er likin' ter dat country."

"What is the name of the place?"

"Oh, it's er little bit o' er place, sah; 'taint ez big ez Argentry jes' ercross de riber yere. Yas, mighty little, no 'count kind o' er place—so little dat you wouldn't know it ef you wuz ter see it, sah."

"I don't care any thing about the size. What is the name?"

"Oak Bluff is de name o' de place, ef dat's whut you wanter know. 'Way off yander an' er small place, too."

"Well, no matter how far nor how small. We'll send a man out there to dig her up and bring her back here before we pay you; but mind you, if she can't be found, we'll have you sent to the penitentiary for ten years."

"Oh, well, now, ef dat's de way you do business you neenter send atter de lady. Jes' let de blame money go. I 'spize ter hab dealin's wid sich strange folks."—Arkansaw Traveler.

A TROUBLESOME RIVER.

Destruction Caused by the Yellow River of China.

The St. Petersburg Gazette referring to the latest inundation of the Yellow river in northern China, which will again bring a population of more than a million upon the point of starvation, points out that these frequent or periodical calamities are the work of man rather than of nature. Many centuries ago the Chinese interfered so much with the stream as to compel it to change its course and dig a new bed for itself. But this bed the current has never grown truly accustomed to. It will deposit its immense quantities of sediment carried down from the mountains in the most unsuitable localities, forming shallows and barriers which, when an unusually large mass of water rolls down, will overflow and break through its dykes and inundate the fertile grounds along the river bed. So it has been for centuries past, and the living generations are experiencing again and again that the sins of the fathers are being visited with most terrible cruelty upon remote descendants. It is doubtful whether the river could be turned back into its old bed, lying dry at present. But, if it could, the old bed has been changed so much in the course of centuries that even there, in its old, natural and wonted haunts, the current of the river might not become tranquil, but be forced to produce periodical inundations as it does in its present course.

THE WESTERN PEDAGOGUE.

We are in receipt of the May number of our state school paper. It exceeds any of the former numbers in value. The paper this month contains many new and valuable features. The illustrated series on the schools of the state is introduced by a paper on the Friends Polytechnic Institute at Salem, Oregon. These papers cannot fail to be of great value both to the schools and to the public.

There are also several fine articles by our best writers and the departments "Current Events," "Saturday Thoughts," "Educational News" "The Oracle Answers, Correspondents," etc., each contain much valuable reading for teachers or parents. The magazine has about 50 pages of matter, well printed and arranged. We pronounce the Western Pedagogue the best educational monthly on the coast.

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G. A. R. NOTICE.

We take this opportunity of informing our subscribers that the new commissioner of pensions has been appointed. He is an old soldier, and we believe that soldiers and their heirs will receive justice at his hands. We do not anticipate that there will be any radical changes in the administration of pension affairs under the new regime.

We would advise, however, that U. S. soldiers, sailors and their heirs, take steps to make application at once, if they have not already done so, in order to secure the benefit of the early filing of their claims in case there should be any future pension legislation. Such legislation is seldom retroactive. Therefore it is of great importance that applications be filed in the department at the earliest possible date.

If the U. S. soldiers, sailors, or their widows, children or parents desire information in regard to pension matters, they should write to the Press Claims Company, at Washington, D. C., and they will prepare and send the necessary application, if they find them entitled under the numerous laws enacted for their benefit. Address

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THEY HAVE TO WORK.

Only by Strict Economy Can the Chinese Keep Body and Soul Together.

Unquestionably industry is one of the good qualities which may be attributed to all the natives of China alike. No doubt the fact that ninety-nine out of every hundred Chinamen perpetually live "on the ragged edge of existence" is mainly accountable for this virtue, but it is unquestionably the leading characteristic which strikes a foreigner on landing in China. No matter whether his experience lies in the crowded streets of such cities as Canton or among the village communities on the northern plains, the same ceaseless diligence is observable.

A belated traveler passing through the streets of a town cannot fail to be struck with the sounds of labor which proceed from behind the closed shutters of the workshops; and the London Athenæum says that an early riser in the country will be robbed of all self-congratulation by finding that the field laborers have completed a recognizable portion of their day's work before he was astir.

The emperor's day begins during a great portion of the year before daylight, and in every yamun throughout the land his example is followed. Such indefatigable industry would under favorable circumstances produce a prosperous, well-to-do people, but in China the population is so dense that it is only by this means and by the exercise of the strictest economy that the natives are able to keep body and soul together. Nothing is wasted by them, and substances which it would be better to throw on the dust heap are not unfrequently converted into food.

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