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## UMBRELLAS

Rain brings out the umbrellas. This may not be a very profound observation, but it compares favorably with the proverb that night brings out the stars, both in profundity and originality. Yesterday being a rainy day in this city and its suburbs, umbrellas swarmed in the streets and dripped all over people in the street cars. Most of these umbrellas were comparatively new, and the fact suggests the question: What becomes of old umbrellas?

There are at present in this country at least twenty-four millions of private umbrellas, exclusive of those remaining unsold in manufactories and shops. Each umbrella-owner buys at least one umbrella every year, his previous one having been stolen, lost or worn out. We thus see that there is an annual apparent disappearance of twenty million umbrellas, and the moment we fully comprehend this fact, we perceive the importance of the question: What becomes of these umbrellas?

We may admit that many of them are stolen. Men who would not steal a one-cent postage stamp will, nevertheless, feel no hesitation in seizing upon any umbrella that is temporarily separated from its owner and in carrying it off in triumph. About one-sixth of the title to all umbrellas now in active use is probably of this semi-felonious nature. There is said to be a rich umbrella-seller in this city whose stock costs him absolutely nothing, since it is collected by playing upon the consciences of his fellow-men. He walks along Broadway, and when he sees a desirable umbrella he stops the man who is carrying it and remarks: "Excuse me, my friend, but you have my umbrella." At least every fourth man thus stopped knows that his title to the umbrella in his possession will not endure investigation, and so he hastily surrenders the umbrella, remarking as he does so: "I was looking for an owner for it, and intended to send it to police headquarters this afternoon." On every overcast or threatening day this ingenious collector—who is always followed by a boy with a hand-cart—gathers in from seventy-five to one hundred umbrellas, which he afterwards sells at usual retail price.

But, conceding that one-sixth of our active umbrellas are stolen or sold for the second time, there still remains eighteen millions of umbrellas whose annual disappearance is to be accounted for. Let us assume that of this number two millions are furnished with new covers and a fresh coat of varnish, and so re-enter into circulation as new umbrellas. Still there are sixteen millions more which vanish utterly from the face of the earth.

In the case of the disappearance of pins—a familiar subject which has occupied, for many years, the attention of our statisticians and other scientific persons—it is easy to say that their small size enables them to successfully conceal themselves. Old umbrellas have not this advantage. Next to the hoop-skirt, an old umbrella is the most obtrusive thing in nature. Not only does it refuse to conceal itself, but it attacks every one who come within its reach, and clings desperately to his legs and garments. Its ribs protrude in all directions, like the tentacles of the octopus, and no amount of force or ingenuity can compress it into a small space. To get rid of an old umbrella will be seen, on reflection, to be ap-

parently one of the most abstruse and difficult of problems.

It is well established that old umbrellas are not kept in houses. The housewife when questioned as to what has become of any given old umbrella will always reply vaguely: "Oh, it has been thrown away." Of course this cannot be understood literally. If sixteen millions of old umbrellas were thrown into the street every year they would be blown about in clouds much thicker than the ordinary city dust cloud, and there would not be a horse or pedestrian in existence who had not sustained injuries from old umbrella ribs. When the housewife "throws away" an umbrella it unquestionably vanishes, but what she calls "throwing away" is obviously a peculiar and mysterious act.

Hasty thinkers may assume that old umbrellas are cast out into vacant lots, where they are promptly devoured by goats. This may seem a plausible theory to any one but a zoologist. The latter knows, however, that while the goat may be roughly described as an omnivorous animal he is not unambiguously so. Undoubtedly goats do eat hoop-skirts, and in the days when hoop-skirts were fashionable, thousands of goats were fattened upon them exclusively. The umbrella has so many of the characteristics of the hoop-skirt that one would naturally suppose that it would tempt the appetites of goats, but it is a well-ascertained fact that for some unexplained reason no goat will touch an umbrella, except when suffering from starvation. Prof. Tyndall kept a goat seven days without food, and offered him an umbrella every day, but the goat would not touch it until the seventh day, when, being overcome with hunger, he ate three ribs and part of the handle, and died two hours later with symptoms closely resembling those produced by strychnine. This experiment may be regarded as conclusive, and we must acquit the goat of all share in causing the disappearance of umbrellas.

To some extent it is possible that old umbrellas are used in cheap restaurants, the ribs being served up under the name of asparagus, but only a very small proportion of sixteen million umbrellas can be annually used in this way. Neither does the occasional use of an umbrella as a club by a vigorous female reformer have any bearing upon the subject. There is positively no theory which satisfactorily accounts for the disappearance of old umbrellas, and it is the imperative duty of scientific persons to invent a theory without further delay.

Truly, we live in a world of mystery, and no thinking man can look at his umbrella and ask himself where it will go when it is worn out without feeling that he stands on the shore of an ocean of unexplored truths.—*N. Y. Times.*

A New York paper mournfully says: "Society will come to the rich. It runs from the poor. My daughter and son-in-law are on the run. Do you know, sir, she has scarcely a whole stocking in her wardrobe? You wouldn't think it to see her in the street. She is a dashing-looking girl, and wears a \$250 sealskin. That and her \$300 piano cost 2,920 meals, that they went without it in order to save the money for the two purchases: They went for four years on one 'square' meal per day to raise the money, and made apologies to their respective stomachs for the other two meals per day with bread and weak tea."

## A Lively Time in Prospect

The Northern Pacific are discharging men every day, and they are gravitating toward our city, which can well afford to dispense with their company. Hallett's own position is a precarious one. Within the past week his life has been menaced by a gang of jayhawkers, similar to the miscreants who murdered his brother in Kansas, twelve years ago. He is a man of high courage, and will obey the orders of his superior officers, even if that obedience should cost him his life. Nobody who has not worked upon a railroad in process of construction, can form any adequate idea of the number of fugitives from justice who flock to a railroad grade as an asylum from arrest. Hallett has about twelve hundred white men under him, of whom, it may be safely calculated, three hundred have been in some penitentiary and at least half as many more are to-day evading arrest. The scene of operations is in a frontier country, where it is almost impossible to enforce the laws. Half a dozen murders have been perpetrated already, and there are several others, perhaps, which have not been dragged to light.—*Oregonian.*

## California Redwood

A quality of California redwood is its ready absorption of water when heated, which for a time makes it almost fire-proof. The quickness with which fires are extinguished in San Francisco has often been remarked, and the celerity with which blazing buildings are often transformed into charred remnants is generally facilitated to the entire lack of the resinous element in the redwood lumber. Resin, familiarly known as "pitch," is not only highly inflammable, but is insoluble in water and will burn while being drenched with the element, with which it will not mix. At a recent fire in that city the advantage of redwood over other lumber in the construction of buildings became apparent. The moment water struck the side of the building or roof timbers it not only quenched the flames, but the wood absorbed water as a sponge would, and it became incombustible.

There was a \$10,000 fire at Freeport, Ill., and the editor of one of the local papers, all trembling with excitement of so much news, wrote that "Flame's fiery fingers was insolently shaken in the very face of the fire department." The other editor was satisfied with saying, "Gone to blazes."

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## MOTHERS, READ.

GENTS—About nine years ago I had a child two years old and almost dead. The doctor I had attending her could not tell what ailed her. I tried him if he did not think it was worms. He said no. However, this did not satisfy me, as I felt convinced in my own mind that she had. I obtained a bottle of DR. C. McLANE'S CELEBRATED VERMIFUGE (gentle) and gave her a teaspoonful of the medicine and another at night, after which she got up and was well in a week. Since then I have never seen her ill, and I remain in my family. The health of my children remained so good that I had neglected watching their actions until about two weeks ago, when two of them presented the same sickly appearance that Emily did nine years ago. So I thought I would have the worms on exhibition in my stone. Yours truly, JOHN DICKER.

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