## POLK COUNTY OBSERVER

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## A VISION IN THE NIGHT.

### The Man That Was Posed on the Edge of the Precipice.

Through the hilly country of the Basques Harry A. Franck made his way on foot with few adventures, but with many interesting experiences. At the close of one day, he tells us in "Four Months Afoot In Spain," he began to clamber upward into the mountains that rose high in the darkening sky ahead. The night grew black, for the heavens were overcast, but he who marches on into the darkness, if he is not confused by any artificial lights, may still see moderately well.

It was two hours perhaps after nightfall, and the road, its edge a sheer precipice above unfathomable depths, was winding ever higher round the shoulder of a mammoth peak when suddenly I saw a man, a denser blackness against the sea of obscurity. standing stock still on the utmost edge of the highway.

"Buenas tardes!" I greeted him in a low voice, almost afraid that a hearty tone would send him toppling backward to his death.

He neither answered nor moved. stepped closer. "You have rather a dangerous post-

tion, verdad, senor?" Still he stared motionless at me through the darkness. I moved quietly forward and, thrusting out a hand, touched him on the sleeve. It was hard, as if frozen. For an instant I re colled, then with a sudden instinctive movement passed a hand quickly and lightly over his face. Was I dreaming? That, too, was hard and cold. I sprang back and, rummaging hastily through my pockets, found one broken match. The wind was rushing up from the bottomless gulf below. I struck a light, holding it in the hollow of my hand, and in the instant before it was blown out I caught a few words of an inscription on a pedestal:

Erected to the Mem-Thrown over this precipice-Bandits- Night of-But before I had made out date or name I was in darkness again,

## BRAGGED A BIT HIMSELF.

It Was About a Wonderful New Machine He Had Seen.

"While I was running a bolt cutter at the Rock Island shops in Chicago," writes a contributor to Railway and Locomotive Engineering, "I boarded at a house much frequented by locomotive engineers and firemen. These men talked a great deal about their tremendous feats in getting over certain hills without the help of a second locomotive.

"My opposite neighbor at table, a young fellow who ran a lathe in the shop, grew tired of this monotonous bragging; he thought he was entitled to do a little talking himself. One evening he called out to me:

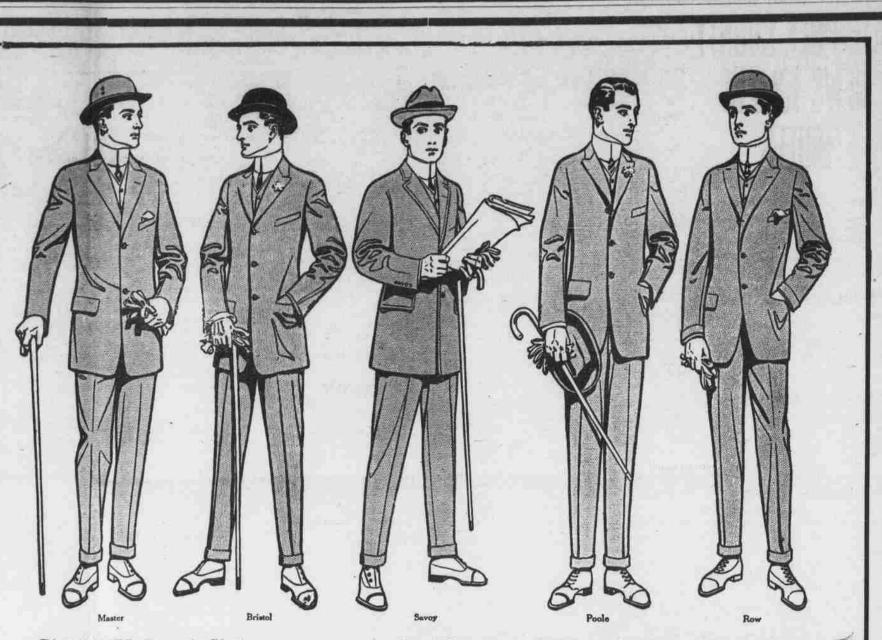
"'Well, I went over and saw that new machine today, and it's astonish ing the fine work it does.'

"How does it work? I inquired. "'Well,' said James, 'by means of a pedal attachment a fulcrumed lever converts the vertical reciprocating motion into a circular movement, The principal part of the machine is a huge disk that revolves in a vertical plane. Power is applied through the axis of the disk, and when the speed of the driving arbor is moderate the periphery of the apparatus is traveling at a high velocity. Work is done on this periphery. Pieces of the hardest steel are by mere impact reduced to any shape the skilful operator desires." "'What in the name of sense is that machine, anyway?' demanded 'Tom Briggs. "'Oh, it's a new grindstone,' replied James, and a silence that could be cut with a batter knife fell upon the crowd."

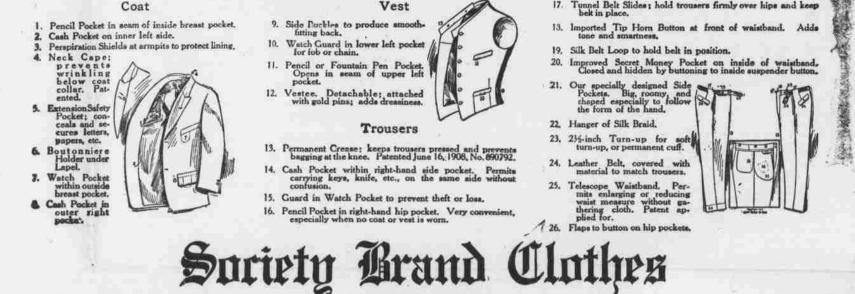
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#### It Was Alive.

There are in the Book Monthly some "Memories of Mark Twain," chiefly in London, by his cousin, Katherine Clemens. One of the stories told is connected with a visit the humorist paid to Mme. Tussaud's. While in the famous show he stood a long while in contemplation of an especially clever stab of pain in his side and, turning quickly, found himself face to face with a dumfounded British matron, with her parasol still pointed toward him. "Oh, Lor', it's alive!" she exclaimed and beat a hasty retreat.

#### A Long Way Back,

The earliest authentic date that has a certain maneuver. Before I was half that the chronology of Babylon begun a man. with the reign of Sargon L, king of Agade, 3800 B. C.

### She Comes Back. Church-And you claim that cats are thick." smarter than dogs?

Gotham-1 certainly do. "Why?"

home."

"Agreed."

"Well, you just try to lose a cat and Contrars Statesman.

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ALMOST SHIPWRECKED.

Trying Ordeal For the Sailor Who

Wanted to Be a Master, Joseph Conrad, who was a sailor before he turned author, has told of the examination that be underwent for his master's certificate. The examiner bepiece of waxwork. He felt a sudden gan by trying to make him talk non-

sense. "But I had been warned of that fiendish trait and contradicted him with great assurance. After awhile he fine picture." left off. So far good. Placing me then in a ship of a certain size at sea under certain conditions of weather, season, and so forth, he ordered me to execute fife, von vas playing the drum, and der

been handed down to us was inscribed through with it he did some material on the foundation stone of the temple damage to the ship. As soon as I had to the sun god at Sippara by Naram- grappled with that difficulty be caused Sin, son of Sargon. This stone was ex. another to present itself, and when humed by Nabonidus, who reigned over that, too, was met he stuck another Babylon about 554 B. C., and it is as- ship before me, creating a very dangerserted that Naram-Sin ruled 3.200 years ous situation. I felt slightly outraged previously. From these dates we learn by this ingenuity in pilling trouble upon

> "'I wouldn't have got into that mess," I suggested mildly. 'I could have seen that ship."

"'No, you couldn't. The weather's

" 'Oh?' I apologized blankly. "The examiner did not stop there. Difficulty followed difficulty in the im-

"Well, if you try to lose a dog he'll aginary homeward voyage until when scent your footsteps and follow you just off a les shore with outlying sand banks the examinee said desperately, 'I shall have to think a little, sir.'

" 'Doesn't look as if there were much the cat will beat you to your home."- time to think,' was the sardonic reply. "'No, sir,' the examinee responded, 'not on board a ship; but, then, I could see. As it is, so many accidents this species as "a goggled maniac on member what there's left for me to the phrase seems to stick. work with. Have I two anchors at the

bow, sir? "'Yes. But there's only one cable. You've lost the other."

"Then I would back them if I could on the end of the chain before letting the first importations into America bego, and if she parted from that, which ing made some seven years later. is quite likely, I would just do noth

" 'Nothing more to do, ch?'

""No, sir. I could do no more." " You could always say your pray-

"But the exhausted capitin of this season being 163,000,000 busbels as ressel in multiform distress was not against 102,000,000 bushels for last their arrearages and one year in adshipwrecked after all. He passed with year

An Art Critic. An actor who is known as Low is of Alcott.

German descent, and his father speaks German descent, and his father speaks broken English. Lew says the old gen. Star Transfer tleman went to a big art gallery recently and came home greatly enthused.

"Saw a fine painting, Louis," he said. "You did?" "Yes, it was a fine one-huntrets of

people looking at it. It must haf been

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