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## AVERTED A DUEL.

The Bohemian Senator Lamar Worked to Prevent an Encounter.

During the course of a heated debate once in the house of representatives sharp words were exchanged between a congressman from New York and one from Mississippi. A challenge was delivered and accepted, and as both were courageous and determined a bloody meeting seemed imminent. Friends interposed, but in vain. The men were resolute, and neither would yield to the suggestion of an amicable arrangement. As a last resort Senator Lamar was called in to save the situation. He realized that no ordinary methods would serve his purpose and so resorted to strategy. The principals in the proposed duel are still living, so I will call the New Yorker Jones and the Mississippian Smith.

Senator Lamar called on the New Yorker, and after the usual civilities had been exchanged he said:

"Jones, I've come here to do you a friendly turn. I know that you and Smith are determined to fight and that nothing will stop you. I have not come as a mediator, but simply to mitigate, if possible, the horrors of a fatal end, so far as you are concerned. As to Smith I have no fears. He is a dead shot and can take care of himself, but he is not an unfeeling man and is inclined to respect any partiality you may have in favor of any particular part of your anatomy. Some men entertain a mortal dread of being disfigured after death and if the choice were left them would prefer not to be wounded in the eye or mouth or cheek bone. Now, if there is any particular spot that you would like to have Smith's bullet enter he has commissioned me to say that your wishes will be respected."

This extraordinary proposition staggered the New Yorker. Even his undoubted courage did not stand so severe a test, and he paled visibly. After he recovered his composure he replied that he would confer with his second, and Mr. Lamar, after an impressive farewell, took his leave.

The tip was given to friends of the principals and new negotiations entered upon. The duel did not come off. Lamar's device had succeeded.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

## Animal Longevity.

Some curious statistics have been published upon what an insurance

actuary would describe as the "expectation of life" in animals. Among the larger species of cattle there is some approach to uniformity. Thus for the horse and the ass the extreme limit is about thirty-five years and for horned cattle about thirty. For the dog it is given as twenty-five, while sheep, goats, pigs and cats are grouped at fifteen. But there are stranger disparities among birds. While a goose may live thirty years, a sparrow twenty-five and a crow as many as 100, ducks, poultry and turkeys die of old age at twelve years. The palm for longevity is divided between elephant and parrot. Both pass the century.

## Easily Sighted.

When glasses are worn chiefly to give their wearer an impressive appearance it is necessary that they be fitted in other respects than the vision, as was recently discovered by a young southern woman whose colored maid one day approached her with a request.

"Miss Bessie, if you are going downtown today I wish you would buy my sister, who lives in North Carolina, a pair of glasses."

"Why, Annie," replied the young lady, "I could not get your sister a pair of glasses. She has to have her eyes examined and the glasses fitted to them."

"Oh," said Annie reassuringly, "she wrote me what fit my nose fit her nose."—Youth's Companion.

## Superstitious Parnell.

Mrs. Charlotte McCarthy, daughter of Justin McCarthy, told a curious story of Charles Stewart Parnell. "One evening," said she, "Parnell was talking to me at the coffee stage of dinner, and I, gazing at him with rapture, was vaguely stirring mine and going to drink it when he said: 'You must not drink that. You have stirred it the wrong way, and it would be unlucky. Get another cup.' What struck me as strange in this was not his being superstitious—every one who knew him at all knew that—but his extraordinary power of observation."

## Not His Trouble.

"My boy doesn't seem to have got along here very well," said the office boy's father.

"Well, to be perfectly frank with you," replied the employer, "I must say he does not."

"Ah! What's his trouble?"  
"He hasn't any trouble. It's the rest of us who have had that."

## DIPHTHERIA.

Early Diagnosis and Quick Use of Antitoxin Imperative.

Diphtheria, which was formerly one of the most fatal of the diseases of children, has been robbed by antitoxin of much of its death dealing power. Nevertheless it is still a scourge of childhood.

It is an infectious and contagious disease that occurs for the most part in children, although adults also may suffer. It is due to the presence of a bacillus that lodges and develops on the mucous membrane of the respiratory passages, where it causes inflammation and the growth of fibrous, feltlike sheet which covers the surface. This sheet is the so called false membrane, the visible evidence of the disease, in itself not dangerous except when it forms in the larynx. In that case it threatens death from choking. The real disease is the constitutional affection—fever, delirium and depression, due to poisoning by the bacillary excretions, the toxin, absorbed into the blood from the mucous membranes where the bacilli have lodged.

Diphtheria is one of the most contagious of diseases, although, as in the case with other similar affections, not all who are exposed suffer. It prevails chiefly where filth exists and where the air is charged with emanations from decaying matter, with sewer gas, illuminating gas or exhalations from many persons crowded together in unventilated rooms.

Authorities formerly held that the germs could linger for a long time in carpets, upholstered toys, especially woolly lambs and Teddy bears, books, and so forth, but that is now doubted by many sanitarians, who contend that disinfection of the room in which a child has been sick with diphtheria or disinfection of his playthings is unnecessary. Still, so long as a doubt exists it is obviously safer to disinfect. It is quite certain, however, that cats and dogs and probably birds, such as parrots, may catch diphtheria from a sick child and so assist in the spread of the disease.

The one sovereign remedy for diphtheria is antitoxin, but it must be given early to be certainly curative. For this reason an early diagnosis is imperative. The physician should be called at once to any child who has a sore throat if his throat is seen to be red or covered with whitish dots or streaks or patches of membrane.

Early treatment not only removes the danger of suffocation from the growth of membrane in the larynx, but also makes much less probable the occurrence of the paralysis that is often such a distressing sequel of neglected or tardily treated diphtheria.—Youth's Companion.

## Hotel Bills in England.

The author of "Portugal Old and New" finds fault with English hotel keepers for using a printed form of bill on which the plain requirements of a simple traveler are lost amid a multitude of items. The result is that when a guest pays for a day's and a night's lodging he is positively almost ashamed at finding due registry of his having wanted neither liquors nor stationery nor warm baths nor douche baths nor shower baths nor pots of jam nor the hotel hairdresser and is apt to reflect what a poor, shuffling impostor of a guest he is to have had so few requirements.

## Unappreciated Sympathy.

A passenger who escaped uninjured from a serious railway smash, seeing a fellow traveler searching anxiously among the wreckage with a lantern, offered to assist in the search and, thinking the old man had lost his wife, asked in sympathetic tones, "What part of the train was she in?" Raising his lantern and glaring at the kindly disposed passenger, the old man shouting with indignant distinctness that triumphed over physical infirmity: "She, sir, she! I am looking for my teeth!"

## Happiness Impossible.

"Mr. and Mrs. Wicherly seem to be such a happy couple."

"I think they merely pretend to be happy."

"Why do you say that? Have you any reason for believing they don't get along well together?"

"Oh, they may get along all right together, but they certainly can't be happy. She's getting stout, and he's beginning to lose his hair."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Equal to the Occasion.

"You're no judge of literature or rhetoric, Sam. Why, you couldn't do it to save your life if I asked you to give me a good illustration of a flat contradiction in terms."

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