PRESENCE OF MIND

May Make Heroes of Physical Cowards In Time of Danger.

NOT A MATTER OF COURAGE.

It Is the Sudden Impulse That Moves One to Do the Right Thing In an Unexpected Emergency—A Soldier and a Shell and a Man and a Murder.

There is a distinction to be drawn between presence of mind and courage. Persons who naturally are timid and nervous will in circumstances of great danger and excitement perform acts of heroism that would be beyond their powers on ordinary occasions. We speak of these as instances of presence of mind. But if you ask them they would tell you that an involuntary impulse rather than any premeditated course of action guided their will on the occasion. Had they time for reflection when all the threatening danger to themselves had become clear to their minds their natural timidity of character would have asserted itself and deprived them of action.

It is absence of fear that prompts the soldier under a heavy fire from the enemy's guns to go to the assistance of a wounded comrade and bring him to a place of safety, and nothing in human nature can compare with such self sacrifice. But in times of sudden emergency it is not always the bravest who act with promptitude. The following story is an instance of this:

One of our transports was returning from the Philippines with invalided men, and one morning at sea a group of officers on the deck discussed the subject of firing shells. A soldier was told by the colonel to bring an empty shell with a fuse. The colonel took the shell in his hands and, striking a match, lighted the fuse. As this slowly burned and the colonel proceeded with his address to the other officers another soldier passed the group, and the moment he caught sight of the shell he rushed forward, exclaiming, "Look out, sir; the shell is a live one!"

Then he did what never seemed to have come into the minds of any in the group of officers. He seized the shell out of the hands of the colonel and threw it into the sea. For this service he was promoted. The soldier who had been told to bring an empty shell had gone to the wrong magazine. Those who talked with the man touching this incident say that he repudiated any idea of having done a brave thing. "I don't know," he said, "what made me seize the shell out of the colonel's hand, but it came suddenly into my mind, and I did it." It is this wave of unconscious thought which constitutes true presence of mind. This will come to people of nervous and even cowardly natures.

There is of authentic record the case of a man known to be utterly deficient of courage who saved himself from a very awkward situation by an exhibition of real presence of mind. He was an Englishman and lived in a town in the midlands, where he was an organist. Late one evening he was returning home through some of the back streets, which at that hour were more or less empty of people. As he went along, however, he noticed some distance ahead of him a man and a woman walking side by side, the man's arm being around the woman's neck. Just under a street lamp the couple stopped for a moment, when the organist heard a piercing scream and saw the woman slowly falling from the man's arms. Almost before she had reached the ground the man darted away down a side street and disappeared.

When the organist came up to the woman he found, to his horror, that she was lying in a pool of blood. His first impulse was to run away and get clear of the terrible scene, but his better feelings prevailed, and he knelt down beside the poor woman to see if he could do anything for her. When he raised her head he found she was quite dead, with her throat cut from ear to ear. Beside her on the pavement lay a blood stained razor.

The organist was overwhelmed with horror. Before he could collect himself a group of people had gathered, and presently he heard expressions such as "He did it," "I tell you I saw him," "There is the razor," "The fiend! Where are the police?" "Hand him over!" It was certainly a very awkward position, as the rough character of the people might tempt them to take the law into their own hands and use him very badly. The arrival of a policeman seemed to steady his nerves for a moment, and then came a wave of inspiration that might truly be called presence of mind. He seized the dead woman's wrist and, pulling out his watch, went through the form of feeling her pulse. Then he put his hand over her heart and, turning to the policeman, said as calmly as he could: "I am sorry to say that I can be of no further service here. The poor woman is quite dead. There is no action in the heart or the pulse."

In an instant the murmurs of the crowd changed, and he heard "He's the doctor" on all sides. This was his opportunity, and, slowly rising and affecting to be in no hurry, he passed through the crowd, who made way for him. But when he got clear of the street and came to the first turning he took to his heels and ran for all he was worth. The cowardly spirit got the better of him in the end. He heard the next day that the murderer had gone straight to the police station and given himself up.—New York Press.

SURE TO BE MISSED.

A Famous Cook's Lament on the Death of His Royal Master.

The most successful book that was published by William Harrison Ainsworth during his first year of business, says Mr. S. M. Ellis in his biography of the English author and publisher, was a cookbook. It was "The French Cook," by Louis Eustache Ude, "the Gil Blas of the kitchen."

This unique study of the culinary art brought in a handsome sum to the astute young publisher who had purchased the copyright, and the book was in the hands of every gourmet in London.

Ude had been chef of Louis XVI., of Mme. Letizia Bonaparte and then of the Earl of Sefton, at a salary of 300 guineas a year. At another time he presided over the culinary department of the Crockfords, but his favorite master was Frederick, duke of York. When the royal gormand died his bereaved chef pathetically ejaculated:

"Ah, mon pauvre duc, how much you will miss me, wherever you are gone to!"

Odd Word Survivals.

Far away back in the days when the English language was in its infancy there were poets who wrote of the blossoms on the trees in the spring. They didn't write "blossom," however, but used the word "blow" and made it rhyme with snow and flow. When they wished to sing of the beautiful mass of apple or hawthorn flowers they called it the "blowth." This word is found in the dictionaries, which assert that it is obselete, but it is very much alive in Rockingham county, N. H., and York county, Me. The orchardist thereabout speaks of a "full blowth" or "light blowth" on his trees in May and predicts a good or poor "set" of the fruit in consequence.

"Orts" are supposed to be refuse of some kind, but in the valley where the Piscataqua river mingles with the sea "orts" is the name for "swill."—Exchange.

Tricking the Bobby.

A Dublin eccentric a short time ago entered a purveyor's shop and bought a ham. Having paid for his purchase, he requested that it should be hung outside the shop door, saying that he would call back for it. The customer then paced up and down outside the shop till a policeman came in sight, and just as the man in blue caught his eye he grabbed the ham and bolted. The constable, however, soon collared the thief, as he thought, and hauled him back to the shop. Having explained the nature of the alleged crime to the shop assistant, he asked the latter to charge the offender.

"But," said the assistant as he realized the joke, "it's his own ham. He was quite at liberty to take it in any circumstances he chose."—London Answers.

To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.—Campbell.

Administratrix Notice.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, in and for the County of Umatilla.

In the matter of the Estate of Charles Wilson, Deceased:

Notice is hereby given that Maggie Wilson of Athena, Oregon, was on the 1st day of June, 1911, appointed administratrix of the estate of Charles Wilson, deceased, by the above entitled court, and that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present said claims with proper vouchers thereto, to said administratrix or to her attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his office in Athena Oregon.

Maggie Wilson,
Administratrix of the Estate of Charles Wilson, deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon, County of Umatilla.

In the matter of the Estate of L. A. Githens, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that J. Dillon Plamondon, administrator of the estate of L. A. Githens, deceased has filed his final account and report in said estate in the above entitled Court, and the said Court has appointed Saturday, July 1st, at the County Court house at 2 p. m., as the time and place when any and all objections may be heard upon said final account and report, and that at said time the administrator will apply to said Court for a discharge of himself and boudsmen from any further obligation in said estate.

J. Dillon Plamondon,
Administrator.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

Ida Wittman, Plaintiff,
vs.
John E. Wittman, Defendant.

To John E. Wittman, the above named Defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear in the above entitled court and cause within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before Friday, the 30th day of June, 1911, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed herein against you; and you will take notice that unless you appear within said time and answer the said complaint, or otherwise plead thereto, the plaintiff, for want thereof will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded therein—for a decree forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant and for a change of plaintiff's name restoring to her the name of Ida Haworth; and for such equitable relief as may appear to the court proper.

This summons is published pursuant to the order of Hon. G. W. Phelps, judge of the above entitled court, duly made and entered on the 18th day of May, 1911, and the first publication hereof will be made in the Athena Press newspaper on Friday, the 19th day of May, 1911.

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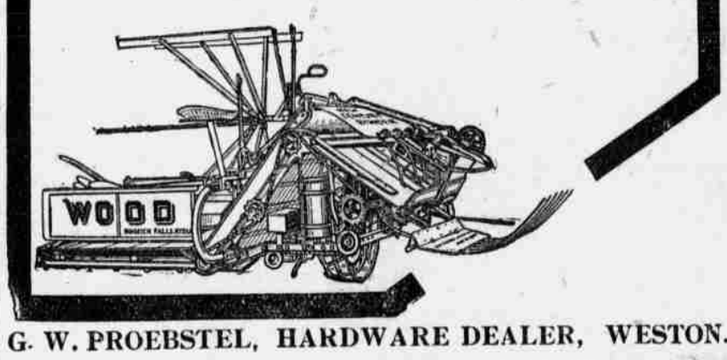

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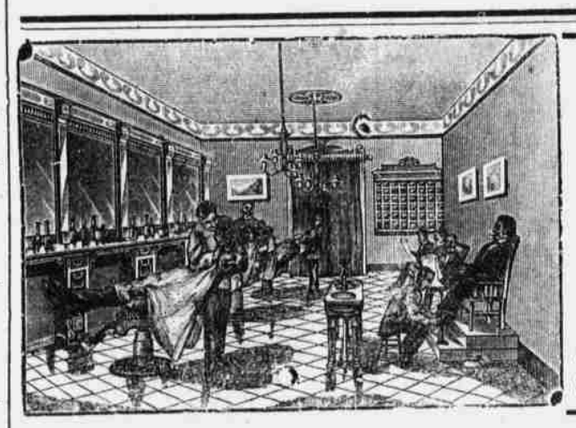

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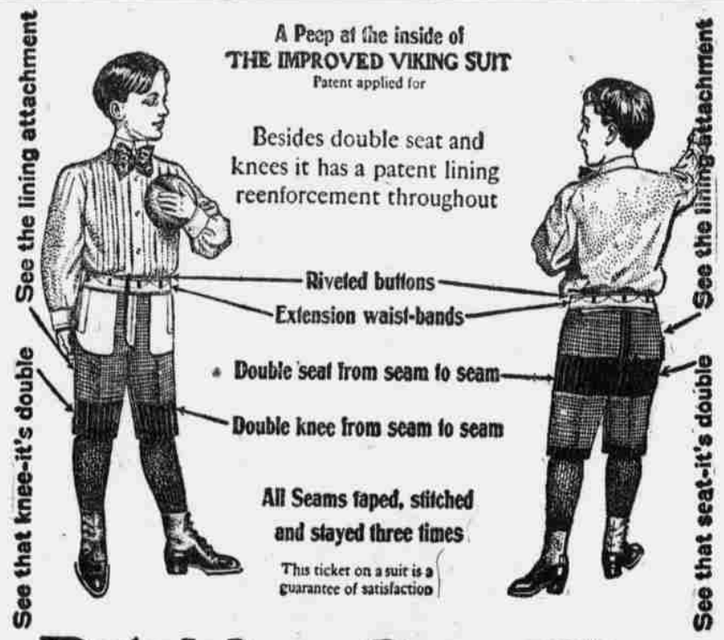

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