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At a spirited foot ball match near Glasgow the game became so exciting that several spectators leaped into the arena to take part. The police tried to restore peace, but were so determinedly opposed that 19 policemen were severely maimed and had to be sent to the hospital.

The smallest salary received by the head of a civilized government is that of the president of the Republic of Andorra, in the Pyrenees. His pay amounts to only \$15 a year. He is the chief magistrate of 12,000 people, and the territory he rules comprises an area of 150 square miles. The little state has been independent since the year 790.

A fondness for animals led Charles Wagner, of Prackville, Pa., to caress a pet goat and tickle the animal's nose with a \$10 bill. The goat snatched the bill from the man's hand and swallowed it. The money-eater was promptly cut open, and the pieces were found in his stomach. They will be sent to Washington for redemption.

Frank V. Balling, of Blue Island, Ill., was troubled with a stiffening of the ankle joint, and his physicians tried to ascertain the cause by subjecting the limb to the X-rays. The intense light caused the flesh to decompose, and three amputations of the leg were necessary. He sued his doctors, and the jury awarded him \$10,000.

"Gelotherapeutics," says the New York Tribune, "is a name given to physicians who treat patients suffering from various diseases ranging from bronchitis to pneumonia, by prescribing hearty laughter. A medical journal suggests that there is a great opening for physicians in studying various ways of exciting laughter, such as tickling, farcial comedies, puns, etc."

A correspondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung says that Madrid is becoming more and more demoralized every day. The present population, he says, includes 30,000 professional beggars, an equal number of abandoned women and 8,000 thieves; and there are hundreds of gambling houses. The total population of Madrid is but 472,000.

Hawks have been seen to follow in the wake of moving railroad trains, to swoop down on small birds that were suddenly disturbed and frightened by the noise, and therefore for the moment were off their guard.



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AUF WIEDERSEHEN!

The little gate was reached at last. Half hid in lilacs down the lane; She pushed it wide, and, as she passed, A wistful look she backward cast, And said, "Auf wiedersehen!"

With hand on latch, a vision white Lingered reluctant, and again Half doubting if she did aright, Soft as the dew that fell that night She said, "Auf wiedersehen!"

The lamp's clear gleam flits up the stair; I linger in delicious pain; Ah, in that chamber, whose rich air To breathe in thought I scarcely dare, "Thinks she, "Auf wiedersehen!"

"Thirteen years; once more I press The turf that silences the lane; I hear the rustle of her dress, I smell the lilac, and—ah, yes, I hear, "Auf wiedersehen!"

Sweet piece of beautiful mortal art! The English words had seemed too faint, But these—they drew us heart to heart, Yet held us tenderly apart: She said, "Auf wiedersehen!"—James Russell Lowell.

Wilhelmina.

WANTED—In a publishing house, a well-educated woman; must be over 30 years of age.

"Isn't it mean. I don't seem to fit in anywhere. Young girls and old women are in demand, but a girl of 23 is neither young nor old; a drug in the market," Wilhelmina Thurston looked disgusted.

"You would just fit in there, Will," said her sister, reflectively. Wilhelmina went to the mirror and took the pins from her luxuriant hair, which was rolled back loosely from her face and coiled on the crown of her head. She parted the hair down the middle and drew it back plain, braiding it and dressing it low. It was unbecoming, for her rather severe type of beauty was rendered sterner by the change.

"I have made up my mind," said Wilhelmina, going to the closet and taking therefrom her darkest gown, a dull gray, "to apply for that position. With a stiff collar and no color to brighten me up, I shall look antiquated enough to escape detection. It will injure no one but myself, and I want work badly enough to add eight years to my age. I shall claim to be 31."

Alice Thurston laughed. "You are desperate, Will, and no wonder; but I fear one lie will not suffice; you are not an adept in deceiving."

"You wait," was the answer. Sidney Spencer sat in his private office, with a bored look on his face and a pile of manuscript at his elbow. Outside in the main office the clerks nudged each other and tittered, as young men will when the proprietor is out of sight.

"Another antiquated female!" whispered John Stanwood to his neighbor, as a light step on the stair was heard. A moment later Wilhelmina was ushered into Spencer's office.

"How old are you?" was the first query.

"Thirty-one," she said, bravely.

"What experience?"

"Ten years in a newspaper office." This was true, for while a mere child she had assisted her father on the Daily Bulletin, now among the missing journals. Spencer looked intently at the applicant. She seemed more promising than the rest. "Are you sure you are 31? You look young, very young."

Wilhelmina rose to the occasion. Her assumption of offended dignity would have deceived a keener man than Spencer.

"I'm sorry, sir, to have troubled you; perhaps you require a certificate of birth. Unfortunately I have none. Good afternoon."

"Wait a moment! Pardon me. You do not understand why I am so particular in regard to age. There are a dozen young idiots in my employ who waste their time in attentions to a younger woman. Harmless enough, I'll admit, but this is not a courting school, and the work requires undivided attention."

"I understand. I was young once myself." She sighed. There was an awkward silence.

"Thirty-one is not old," said Spencer encouragingly. "It only seems old to fellows in the twenties."

"Thirty-one is a respectable age and needs no apology," was the tart reply. Her gray eyes snapped and she looked fierce.

"She'll do," said Spencer to himself; "there will be no flirting." Aloud he said: "Can you stay this morning and help me out with this?" indicating the pile of manuscript.

"I shall be glad to begin at once," was her reply. A half-dozen times during the morning Wilhelmina caught her employer looking curiously at her; she wondered if he suspected her deceit. At night he said pleasantly: "I am well satisfied with what you have done." So she was engaged.

Much as she longed to appear her own pretty self, Wilhelmina dared not put aside her dark, unornamented gown and tightly drawn back hair. With these she assumed a dignified, old-fashioned manner of speech and action that kept her youthful coworkers at a distance.

Her desk being in Spencer's office, and the fact that much of their work was done jointly, placed them on a familiar footing. It was agreeable work, and had she not been acting a part Wilhelmina would have thoroughly enjoyed it. A date in an article one day led Spencer to tell his age, 28. After this she felt still more uncomfortable, saying to Alice: "I wonder how he likes working with his grand-mother?"

One morning when Spencer came in Wilhelmina knew something had happened. In the months they had worked together she had learned to note every change in his expressive countenance. She had also learned to care deeply for his good opinion; the lie she had told him weighed heavily. She found herself wishing that he knew she was only 23; five years younger than herself. Would it make a difference?

This morning he looked at her so intently that she blushed. Then he said abruptly: "What makes women so se-

cretive in regard to their age? Are added years a crime? You are the first one I have met who confesses to 31; you are really younger looking, and are brave not to lie about it."

Poor Wilhelmina. Without thinking of the consequences, she said hurriedly: "I did lie. I am only 23. I expected to be caught some time, and I'm foolish enough to step into the trap. Shall I leave this morning?"

Spencer rose and closed the door into the outer office. By this time Wilhelmina was gathering up her belongings and crowding them hither-and-thither into her bag.

"What's your hurry?" Spencer asked, putting a detaining hand on her arm. Wilhelmina looked up into a face so full of sympathy and tenderness that the tears of vexation on her lashes mirrored the wonderment in her eyes.

"I want you to stay, little girl, because—well, because, I can't live without you."

Wilhelmina concluded to stay.—Boston Post.

BEDS IN MANILA.

Are Somewhat Different from the Kind We Have Here.

"Look here! It is 9 o'clock and my bed isn't made up yet," I heard a newcomer expostulating to the Interpreter in the corridor of the Hotel Orientale. We old stagers all laughed. We knew what was coming, but we contented ourselves with a smile.

"What are you laughing at?" the newcomer asked. "It may be a joke to you, but this blooming hotel furnishes the woodwork and that is about all. There isn't a stitch of bed clothes, a mattress, or anything but a bolster."

We still laughed. The Interpreter looked impudently at us and then at the law recruit.

"What is it that you desire?" he said finally.

"Desire?" the newcomer snapped out "I desire a mattress at least, two sheets, a quilt and a pillow."

"I will go now and see the proprietor," said the Interpreter, for that was his always said.

"I got all ready for bed, raised the mosquito netting and found that there wasn't a thing for me to sleep on."

We all smiled pityingly and went on with our tales of camp and the firing line. There was no use of trying to tell a newcomer that here in Manila we never used a mattress, a set of springs, a pillow or a sheet. We would have deprived him of what he had come so far to learn by personal experience had we read him a homily on Philippine customs. The Interpreter soon returned and I heard him saying:

"The proprietor says, sir, that he will send you a sheet, but he is sorry to say, sir, that he has not a mattress or a quilt, nor a pillow, except the bolsters that is on your bed."

The language of the newcomer that followed in the unit for publication. The mattressless and quiltless Filipino bed is a characteristic of the country. It is the one thing that is suitable for the climate, and we soon learned to respect this skeleton of a bed, the perforated cane bottom of which enabled us to keep cool in the hottest weather. It is quite a jump, though, from a comfortable tick and linen sheets to a bed so softer than the seat of a cane chair but once taken, like other tropical luxuries, it becomes essential to comfort and rest.—Leah's Weekly.

John Was Ready.

In these days of proposed international alliances it is interesting to read of the little difficulty in which a Chinese newsboy found himself involved and how he extricated himself therefrom.

He had wandered over into one of the "foreign quarters," on the West Side, where one can hear almost every language except our vernacular, and he was set upon by two or three boys.

He defended himself bravely and was holding his own fairly well, until the two or three were joined by as many more, and then the battle began to go against him.

"Say!" he yelled to a group of boys watching the fight from the sidewalk "Is there an English boy in the crowd?"

"Yes," shouted a stockily built urch in of about his own size.

"Come here, then," panted the young American, laying about him with his right, "an' we'll clean out the bul gang!"

And they did.

Good Reason.

Storekeepers at times resort to ingenious methods to attract trade. The following is said to be an exact copy of a placard displayed in front of a store in a Southern town:

"Step inside and get the greatest bargain you'll ever get again."

Here is an announcement posted by a Russian shopkeeper in front of his place of business:

"The reason why I have hitherto been able to sell my goods so much cheaper than anybody else is that I am a bachelor, and do not need to make a profit for the maintenance of wife and children. It is now my duty to inform the public that this advantage will shortly be withdrawn from them, as I am about to be married. They will, therefore, do well to make their purchases at once at the old rate."

Simply Calculated.

For finding the average number of years which persons of any age may expect to live there is a very simple rule. If the present age be deducted from eighty, two-thirds of the remainder is the answer required. This result is not absolutely accurate, but it is near enough. For instance, a man aged 20 might, by this rule, expect to live forty years longer, which is just what the latest actuarial tables give at 40 the expectation of life works out at nearly 27 years, while the tables give it as more than twenty-five years at 40 the above rule allows just over thirteen years, and the table shows a little less.

Pontifical Named Dewey.

Reports from all over Oregon received at the weather bureau indicate that the hay crop of the state is in fine condition. In fact, many declare that it was never better. It is late in most localities, but it is good everywhere. The recent rains have not injured the crop to any noticeable extent. Harvesting had already begun when the rains came, but the wet weather did not last long enough nor was the rainfall sufficient to hurt the hay that been cut. The only effect it had was to delay harvesting, which is already late.

Skagway a Future Mining Center.

There is now every prospect that Skagway's future as a great mining center is assured, if all the reports that keep coming in in regard to new discoveries of quartz in this vicinity are true. Old prospectors have been at work for a long time on the hills side of the city, but have kept their operations so very quiet that only a limited few knew anything about it. Whenever these men were cornered they would make a general denial of having made any find.

Cattle Going North.

The Union Steamship Company's steamer Capilano arrived last week at Vancouver, B. C., from Skagway, whither she went with 70 head of cattle and 75 head of sheep, belonging to Burchell & Howey. She will take another load of cattle and sheep, the property of P. Burns. On this trip she will take up 75 head of cattle and about 100 head of sheep.

Invited.

The city clerk of Nelson, B. C., has invited bids for the new issue of debentures from all the banks and financial agents in the East. Bids are asking for all or any part of 60 debentures of \$1,000 each.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, 90c per 100 pounds. Potatoes, new, 2 1/2c per lb. Beets, per sack, \$1.25. Turnips, per sack, \$0.90. Carrots, per sack, \$1. Parsnips, per sack, \$1. Cauliflower, 75c per doz. Cabbage, native and California \$2.00 per 100 pounds.

Apples, \$2.50@3.50 per box. Peas, 50c@1.50 per box. Prunes, 50c per box. Butter—Creamery, 18c per pound; dairy and ranch, 12@18c per pound. Eggs, 21c. Cheese—Native, 14c. Poultry—Old hens, 16c per pound; spring chickens, 14c; turkeys, 16c. Fresh meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 9c; cows, prime, 8c; mutton, 8c; pork, 7c; veal, 8@10c. Wheat—Feed wheat, \$2.00. Oats—Choice, per ton, \$27@28. Hay—Paged Sound mixed, \$6.00@8; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$12.00.

Corn—Whole, \$23.50; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$24.00. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$23@25; whole, \$23. Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$5.50; straight, \$2.90; California brands, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$3.50; Graham, per barrel, \$3.50; whole wheat flour, \$3.75; rye flour, \$4.50. Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$15; shorts, per ton, \$16. Feed—Chopped feed, \$21@22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$22; oil cake meal, per ton, \$33.

Portland Markets.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 58c; Valley, 59c; Bluestem, 61c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.30; Graham, \$2.65; superfine, \$2.16 per barrel. Oats—Choice white, 44c; choice gray, 42@43c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$19@20; brewing, \$21.00 per ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$17 per ton; middlings, \$23; shorts, \$18; chop, \$18.00 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$8@9; clover, \$7@8; Oregon wild hay, \$6 per ton. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@35c; seconds, 27@30c; dairy, 25@27c store, 18@23c. Cheese—Oregon full cream, 19c; Young America, 16c; new cheese 10c per pound. Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3@4 per dozen; hens, \$4.00@5.00; springs, \$1.25@1.50; geese, \$6.00@7.00 for old, \$4.50@5 for young; ducks, \$5.00@6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 15@16c per pound. Potatoes—\$1.10 per sack; sweets, 3c per pound. Vegetables—Beets, \$1; turnips, 90c per sack; garlic, 10c per pound; cauliflower, \$1.25 per 100 pounds; cabbage, \$1.50 per dozen; parsnips, \$1 per sack; beans, 30c per pound; celery, 70@75c per dozen; cucumbers, 50c per box; peas, 8@8 1/2c per pound. Onions—Oregon, 50@75c per sack. Hops—11@13c; 1897 crop, 4@6c. Wool—Valley, 12@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 6@10c; mohair, 27c per pound. Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 7 1/2c; spring lambs, 7 1/2c per lb. Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, \$4.50; light and feeders, \$2.50@3.00; dressed, \$5.00@6.00 per 100 pounds. Beef—Gross, top steers, 4.00@4.50; cows, \$2.50@3.00; dressed beef, 5@6 1/2c per pound. Veal—Large, 6@7c; small, 7 1/2@8c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 10@12c per pound; Oregon, Eastern, 8@10c; Valley, 15@17c; Northern, 8@10c. Millstuffs—Middlings, \$17.50@20; Bran, \$15.00@16.50 per ton. Onions—Silverkin, 60@90c per sack. Butter—Fancy creamery, 17@18c; do seconds, 16@17c; fancy dairy, 15c; do seconds, 14@14 1/2c per pound. Eggs—Store, 16@17c; fancy ranch, 18@19c. Hops—1898 crop, 15c. Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, \$2.50; Mexican limes, \$4.50@5; California lemons, 75c@1.25; do choice, \$2.60 per box. Hay—Wheat, \$18@15.50; wheat and oat, \$15@16; alfalfa, \$11@12 per ton; straw, 40@70c per bale. Potatoes—Early Rose, \$1.85@1.75; Oregon Burbanks, \$1.65@1.85; river Burbanks, 75c@1; Salinas Burbanks, \$1.10 per sack. Tropical fruits—Bananas, \$1.50@1.80 per bunch; pineapples, \$3.50@4.50; Persian dates, 6@8 1/2c per pound.

In China guests at dinners run around between the courses. This is supposed to keep the digestion in good condition, but the hustling American needs something else, and there is nothing better than Hood's Stomach Bitters. If a man or woman is suffering with constipation, indigestion or any stomach trouble, it's their fault if they don't get well.

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A New Brunswick, N. J., burglar, being unable to secure any money in a house he broke into one night recently, accepted a small check in lieu thereof from the owner of the premises.

The Lancet reports the case of a man who, while sharpening a knife, cut off a portion of his nose. The piece was found and sewed on, and the operation was crowned with perfect success.

"Topeka is ready to greet the Twentieth Kansas with boundless hospitality," remarks a newspaper of that city. This announcement might be enthusiastically received by the volunteers but for the fact that on the preceding day the same paper had said: "Our dream of luxury is a drink of pure, cold water and a breath of fresh air."

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Taormina will probably have nearly a mile and a half of streets this summer with brick blocks.

The largest loaves of bread baked in the world are those of France and Italy. The "pip" bread of Italy is baked in loaves two or three feet long; while in France the loaves are made in shape of very long rolls, four or five feet in length, and in many cases over six feet.

In Sydney, New South Wales, the street car lines are owned by the municipality, and no fares are charged. Homeless folk, it is said, use them at night instead of going to cheap lodging houses.

Far away from civilization gesture language is still extant in Australia. Some of the tribes possess such an excellent code that it is almost as efficient as the spoken language.

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