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THE WATCHMAN'S STORY

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I had been the night watchman at Parker's bank for three years when my adventure happened. A burglar alarm connected with doors and windows and a special wire ran from the bank to the police station. I was required to send in a signal over this wire every thirty minutes. The code of signals ran thus: One push on the button, "All is well;" two pushes, "I am ill;" three pushes, "Help is wanted at once."

One winter's night, between calls, I fell asleep and was awakened by a hand clutching my throat. I started up to find three men hovering over me and realized that burglars had come at last. The first thing one of them did was to send in the "All is well" call, and I was then tied fast to my chair, and the trio began work on the doors of the vault. It was done for in about ten minutes.

Then they began work on the inner doors. They used what is called a blacksmith's drill. All of them seemed familiar with its working, and they had brought along no less than six different drills for the machine. Work was begun just under the lock, the men spelling each other at intervals of ten minutes. When the 2 o'clock signal was sent in, they had made a very slight impression on the hard metal, but at 2:30 the signs were more encouraging.

At 3 o'clock the trio were delighted with the progress of the work. At 3:30 they ceased drilling, blew a lot of powder into the hole and inserted a fuse, and pretty soon there was an explosion which tore a great piece out of the door, but did not burst it open.

They did not use the drill again on the door, but on a closer examination decided to blow it open. At 4:40 all was ready. While the leader placed the fuse the other two picked up my chair to carry me into the president's room. All were to remain there until the explosion was over. Just what happened to bring about the premature explosion could never be learned, but the probabilities are that in his haste the man cut the fuse too short. He was still kneeling at the door and the three of us had our backs to it and were about eight feet away when the mine was sprung. The jar of the explosion was felt two blocks away.

I cannot remember that I heard the explosion. I simply remember being lifted up and hurried forward. The next thing I knew I was sitting up with a hand over each ear, and the room was in a midnight darkness. I felt so stupid and dazed that it was many minutes before I could place myself. The gag was out of my mouth, and the ropes with which I had been

Blind

During Attacks of Heart Failure.

Would Appear To Be Dead.

Dr. Miles' Heart Cure Relieved and Cured.

"I have no hesitation in saying that Dr. Miles' Heart Cure is all that one can wish it to be. I was troubled with heart disease for fifteen years. I have tried many different remedies but until I tried Dr. Miles' Heart Cure I could find no relief. I was subject to headaches and had tired wear. Pain Pills and they were so effective. I thought your Heart Cure might help me. I would have attacks at times so severe that I would be stone blind for the time being. During these spells I would be to all appearances dead. I took the medicine strictly as directed and I can truthfully say that I am completely cured. I advise all that are troubled with heart disease to take Dr. Miles' Heart Cure at once. I write this and give my name to my fellow sufferers."—S. E. Purdy, Atkinson, Nebraska.

"I first felt the effects of a weak heart in the fall of 1899. I saw an advertisement in the Sioux City paper in which a man stated his symptoms which seemed to me to indicate a trouble similar to mine. I had a soreness in the chest at times, and in my shoulder, an oppressive choking sensation in my throat and suffered from weak and hungry spells. I was truly frightened at my condition and procured six bottles of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. Since taking my first bottle I have never been bothered by any of the old disagreeable symptoms and now am well and consider my cure permanent."—Lewis Anderson, Kuhn, S. D.

All druggists sell and guarantee first bottle Dr. Miles' Remedies. Send for free book on Nervous and Heart Diseases. Address Dr. Miles Medical Co., Elkhart, Ind.

bouled to the chair were nancing solemnly on my arms and legs. When I began to feel around to see where I was, I discovered that I was close to the wire gate by which all employees entered the bank inclosure. The door of the vault was almost on a line with this gate, but sixty feet away. Between the gate and the vault were the compartments of bookkeeper, paying teller, receiving teller and discount clerk, each railed off with wood or wire.

You can judge of the strength of that blast when I tell you that everything in that sixty feet was leveled, the small safe blown over and the counters twisted like a rail fence. As soon as I realized the situation I groped for a match and lighted a gas jet, though the room was so full of powder smoke that it was some time before I could see a foot from my nose. When the smoke lifted so that I could get about, I lighted more gas and then looked for the burglars.

One of them lay in a heap against the front door, a second under the counter near where I had picked myself up, and the third I could not find, though I knew he must be under the vault door, which had been blown off and lay on the floor. The man at the front door was stone dead. The doctors said that his body must have swept down all the railings and partitions as he was hurled forward. The man under the counter began to show signs of life as I overhauled him, and, thinking he might prove troublesome, I tied him hand and foot. You will wonder that I was not severely hurt, but that was the chance of accident. The chair was completely wrecked, but I got off with three or four painful bruises.

The man under the counter had his nose broken, two ribs fractured and received a bad scalp wound, but he had no sooner recovered consciousness than he began to struggle and curse. When I told him that both his partners were dead, he was awed to silence for awhile. Then he began cursing again, and I stepped over to the police wire and sent in the signal "Help wanted at once." It had never been sent in before, nor have the wires gone over that wire since. In five minutes there were four bluecoats knocking at the door, and when I let them in my prisoner greeted them with jeers and curses and swore he would get even with me if it took 100 years.

The leader, as I told you, was kneeling at the door when the explosion occurred. We found him under it, crushed and burned and bearing true resemblance to a human being. The one who escaped with his life was sent up for twelve years, and thus the trio were wiped out.

I have an old scrapbook in which are pasted various newspaper articles in my praise, but it's not much consolation to read them. The bank officials knew I must have been asleep on duty, and instead of paying me on the back and raising my wages they waited about a month and then gave me the grand bounce. M. QUAD.

Drying preparations simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions, which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants, fumes, smokes and snuffs and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily and pleasantly. A trial size will be mailed for 10 cents. All druggists sell the 50c. size. Ely Brothers, 66 Warren St., N. Y.

The Balm cures without pain, does not irritate or cause sneezing. It spreads itself over an irritated and angry surface, relieving immediately the painful inflammation. With Ely's Cream Balm you are armed against Nasal Catarrh and Hay Fever.

Poor, decayed fadders or irrational methods of feeding.

Poor, dirty water used for drinking water or for the washing of utensils.

Foul air in cow stable or the cows lying in their own dung.

Lack of cleanliness in milking; manure particles on udder.

Keeping the milk long in too warm, poorly ventilated and dirty places.

Neglecting to cool the milk rapidly directly after milking.

Lack of cleanliness in the care of the milk from which cause the greater number of milk taints arise.

Poor transportation facilities.

Sick cows, udder diseases, etc.

Cows being in heat.

Mixing fresh and old milk in the same can.

Rusty tin pails and tin cans.

The Butter Outlook.

With pastures and meadows burdened with abundant and insidious foreign cool weather and everything favoring the cows, the production of butter continues to be very large.

It is reported that the commission trade in all the leading markets is surprised not only at the heavy receipts, but the superior quality of the goods. Some of the dealers say that many marks of butter are now as fine as they were in June, a great deal of it being good enough to satisfy the most particular trade. There is very little to indicate that the usual decrease will come in the immediate future. With fine fall weather we may look for continued heavy receipts, at least much heavier than for several years past.—Creamery Journal.

Van Norman For St. Louis.

It has been announced that Professor H. E. Van Norman, now with the Purdue university at Purdue, Ind., is to have charge of the dairy work at the St. Louis world's fair. It is understood the authorities contemplate having in operation butter and cheese making plants, showing the visitors just how various dairy products are manufactured. Professor Van Norman is regarded as an exceptionally well posted authority, and his work with this department of the great fair will surely be satisfactory to all interested parties.



Large Creameries Have Advantage.

The large creameries which churn a large quantity of cream at a time have considerable advantage over those which churn a small quantity. It has been found by experiment that the larger the amount of butter at a single churning the greater will be the overrun. Smaller amounts of butter do not absorb as much water proportionally as do the larger.

Planning For Winter Dairying.

While under average conditions winter dairying pays best for the reason that there is more demand for dairy products, and prices usually rule higher, to make winter dairying a success some planning and work in advance must be done, particularly as regards feed. Winter dairying requires more feed of a suitable kind, warm quarters, more work and, to some extent, more labor.

Co-operative Butter Makers.

Co-operative butter makers who can secure enough winter milk to make butter ought to be in a position to beat even the Borden prices for milk in November, December and January.

Co-operators should bear in mind that the Borden price, which is called "net to the farmers," is not really "net" when it is compared with co-operative creamery returns. Suppose the Borden November price is \$1.55 in the 20 cent zone and \$1.00 in the 20 cent and 32 cent zone, and that the co-operative creamery butter return is exactly the same figure in those zones.

Which is preferable and more profitable to the farmer? The co-operative has absorbed the butter fat and the skimmed milk and returned \$1.00 per hundredweight to the farmer.

The creamery has absorbed the butter fat and returned for it \$1.00 per hundredweight of milk, and in addition to that return it has given the farmer back the skimmed milk, valued at 15 to 25 cents per hundredweight, for feeding, swelling his returns to \$1.75 or \$1.85 per hundredweight of milk.

This computation has been too often overlooked by producers.

The Borden price is for milk that is fitted to produce a large percentage of fine butter, whose market value is greater in some cases than the Borden price for the entire milk. For this reason the milk that commands the Borden price will command more than the Borden price when made into butter by its producers, who will have the skimmed milk to feed or to convert into cream.

Co-operative butter makers who make high grade butter can beat even the current Borden schedule of prices.

Causes of Tainted Milk.

The Swiss scientist, Dr. Gerber, gives the following causes of bad or tainted milk.

CHURCH AND CLERGY.

C. Porter Johnson, at one time a prominent politician in Illinois, has forsaken politics and entered the ministry in Oklahoma.

Dr. George E. Hall, pastor of Bush temple, Chicago, in a recent sermon said, "Every Christian should read the Bible and pray, go to church and pay."

Holy Trinity church in Ponce is the oldest Protestant church building in Porto Rico. It was erected by an English church parish twenty-five years ago.

The Lutheran general synod which convened in Baltimore recently decided to raise a fund of \$1,000,000 for education. A committee composed of the official heads of the different institutions of the church was appointed to have charge of the work of raising the fund.

TIMELY TOPICS.

Get rich quick schemes invariably turn out to be get poor quick realities.—Chicago Chronicle.

We can stand a little water in our stocks, but public sentiment in some parts of the country is getting a little hostile to cloudbursts.—New York Mail and Express.

The man who remembers that he cannot cool the outside by pouring cold stuff into his inside will get along best in the days of extreme heat.—Pittsburg Times.

Another speculator has wrecked a bank. The fact that a man speculates is sufficient indication that he is a good man to be allowed to handle his own money exclusively.—New York World.

When in this country justice shall be meted out as promptly, as impartially and as surely as it is in the English courts there will be no more lynching in the United States.—New Orleans Picayune.

LAW POINTS.

A statute requiring the compulsory education of children is held in State versus Bailey (Ind.), 59 L. R. A. 435, not to infringe the rights of parents.

The unauthorized publication of one's likeness by another person for advertising purposes is held in Hobson versus Rochester Folding Box company (N. Y.), 59 L. R. A. 478, not to give a right to an injunction or damages on the theory that it is an invasion of a "right of privacy."

A railroad company is held in Mabry versus City Electric Railway company (Ga.), 59 L. R. A. 599, to be liable in damages for injury to the feelings and sensibilities of a passenger caused by his wrongful expulsion from one of its cars though such passenger may not have received any physical injury thereby.

THINGS THEATRICAL.

It is said that Mme. Modjeska is independent of her stage work, as far as money is concerned.

Henrietta Crossman is spending the summer at her place near Lake Sunapee, in New Hampshire.

Two important additions to the cast of "The Storaks" are the Countess von Hatzfeldt and Gus Weinberg.

Grace George is not to appear in the production of "Pretty Peggy," by Beerbohm Tree, in London. She will pass the summer in Paris.

Dave Lewis, the German comedian, will star next season, and Al Fields, who was formerly with him, will be a member of the new company.

There is a plan to lease a theater in Boston for five years for the purpose of giving old English plays, with Miss Wynne Mathison, the young English actress, as star.

Manager J. J. Rosenthal, who will direct the starring tour of Kathryn Osterman in "Miss Petticoats," is firmly convinced of the superior commercial value of the woman star.

George H. Broadhurst's latest comedy, "A Fool and His Money," is to start on a tour Sept. 1. The same cast which achieved success in the comedy in New York will present it on this tour.

Ayer's

Losing your hair? Coming out by the comb? And doing nothing? No sense in that! Why don't you use Ayer's Hair Vigor and

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promptly stop the falling? Your hair will begin to grow, too, and all dandruff will disappear. Could you reasonably expect anything better?

"Ayer's Hair Vigor is a great success with me. My hair was falling out very badly, but the Hair Vigor stopped it and now my hair is all right."—W. C. Louson, Lindsay, Cal.

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Thin Hair

gardens, and the boys and girls in some places are asked to write to the Improvement league telling the kinds of flowers they desire. Asters, pansies, mignonette and pinks seem favorites, and after the children get the seeds they spend part of the "busy hour" in school making little paper boxes according to kindergarten methods in which to keep them until planting time comes.

Great preparations are made in the school grounds when that time arrives. Usually the boys make beds if necessary, dig the post holes and plant the posts. The girls plant the seed, and the children together weed the garden and tend the plants, watering them and training them until fall, when the coveted prize is given for the best school yard. The prize is frequently a picture for the schoolroom wall, and when it is presented with a speech made by some distinguished citizen the enthusiasm of the children knows no bounds.

The school work is only one feature of the flower garden fad. Noticing that the children who are most enthusiastic over the school grounds are those living in the slums, with little garden ground around their poor dwellings, the Improvement league offers seeds and prizes for home gardens. As a result every little spot of ground is utilized. Often a pretty garden springs up around some tumbled down tenement, old barns are transformed by vines, and the boys, who are frequently boot-liners and newsboys, carry water long distances to irrigate their flowers.

Many of these gardens would do honor to a rich man's residence, and when the prize garden is photographed the whole neighborhood enjoys the distinction. This year many places are offering prizes for various sections of their towns, as they hope in this way the work may become more universal and different parts of the town be beautified.

Stockbridge, Mass., was the pioneer in this movement. The parent society has a clause in its constitution which says that any child may become a member by paying 25 cents or its equivalent in work. Children are encouraged to do the labor and in this way become interested in planting & protecting a tree or trimming shrubbery.

At Honesdale, Pa., the children are so interested in growing flowers that the work has taken other forms, and in order to keep the streets clean they pick up the stray pieces of paper and deposit them in receptacles placed for the purpose at the street corners.

One encouraging thing about children's flower work is the desire of older people to help when they hear of results. In several places, among them Montclair and other New Jersey towns, the florists donated thousands of saffrons and carnations to the children of the village, with circulars telling exactly how to care for them. Large seed firms often donate quantities of seeds and in some cases offer generous prizes.

Another phase of the movement is undertaken by real estate dealers who offer prizes to the children of their tenants, thus making lots more desirable in the section of the city which they handle.

Missouri has become so interested in this movement that special tables are provided at the county fairs for children's flower exhibits, and two towns, Carthage and Bethany, talk of having botanical gardens to supplement the children's work.

The flower and vegetable garden at Dayton, O., which one enterprising firm has maintained for years for the benefit of the children of its employees has attracted attention from sociologists. As a result a Pittsburg firm is following in the same footsteps.

The children receive every encouragement in their efforts. One disinterested citizen in a town where the boys and girls were struggling to beautify barren school grounds offered \$5 each to the boy and the girl under sixteen years of age in the four quarters of the town who could show the best flower garden planted and tended by them. All contestants were obliged to file an application of their desire early in June, when the premises were examined. In September the lots were visited and the judges decided which children were winners, the soil, surroundings and care being taken into consideration.

Now new plans are being made in order to keep up the work during the winter months. In many cities and towns the flowers and plants which have beautified the parks and public squares will be distributed to the children at the close of the summer. Lists will be made of the names of the children and the plants committed to their care. In some cases the plants will be kept in the public schools, but more often they will be cared for in the poorest of homes. In the spring flower shows will be held and prizes offered for the most flourishing plants.

The Oldest Violin.

The oldest violin in the world was found in an Egyptian tomb dating from about 3000 B. C.

Wear Your Reindeer Suit.

The best protection against cold is the skin of the reindeer. Any one clothed in such a dress, with the addition of a blanket of the same material, may bear the lowest temperature of an arctic winter's night.

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May be pleasant to use. Contains no injurious drugs. It is quickly absorbed. Gives relief at once. It opens and cleanses the nasal passages. Aids in the relief of the throat. Relieves the Membrane. Restores the sense of taste and smell. Large Size, 50 cents. Small Size, 25 cents. Total Size, 10 cents by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 66 Warren Street, New York.

COLD IN HEAD

THE AUTOMOBILE.

The public sentiment in favor of restricting automobiles to race tracks especially laid out for them is steadily gaining in strength. Useful self motors are welcome in the highways, but not the racing demons.—New York Tribune.

There were 4,000,000,000 street car passengers in 1902 and but 22,000 of them hurt. The relative mortality among chauffeurs was far greater. But there is this to be said in favor of automobiling, even if you don't live as long—you have a seat while it lasts.—St. Louis Republic.

POLITICAL QUIPS.

The Democratic papers seem to be just as busy selecting a running mate for Mr. Roosevelt as are the Republican papers in selecting a Democratic presidential candidate.—Dallas News.

One of Ohio's members of the national house of representatives has resigned. It really begins to look as if the Ohio man's attachment to public office has become a mere tradition.—Chicago Record-Herald.

LIPTON AND THE CUP.

The cup will stand pat.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Shamrock is said to be good at reaching. Her chief weakness is in "lifting."—Exchange.

Sir Thomas Lipton may not win that cup, but it is very probable that quite a number of babies will be named after him.—Baltimore Herald.

Feline Aristocrats.

The Siamese is said to be the most delicate and expensive of all cats. It is called the royal cat because, according to Science Siftings, it has long been bred in the family of the king of Siam. It is a short haired cat, which looks curiously like a dog. Its coat is pug dog color and very short, firm and silky—more like a dog's than a cat's. It has black paws and nose and a twist in its tail.

His Idea of Measur.

"Yes; we went all over the continent, but papa really only enjoyed himself in Venice."—Exchange.

"Ah, yes, no wonder! The gondolas, St. Mark's, the?"

"Oh, it wasn't that. But he could sit in the hotel, you know, and fish out of the windows."

Easy Enough.

"Johnnie," asked a gentleman of a little kindergarten pupil, "do you know how to make a Maltess cross?"

"Yes, sir; I sho' do."

"Well, tell me how you do it."

"Why, you just step on her tail!"—Exchange.

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