The Worst Part of It.

De Jones—I hear your firm discharged you.

Smythe—Yes; but I wouldn't mind that so much if they hadn't added insult to injury.

De Jones—How so?

Smythe—They advertised for a boy to fill my place.—Chicago News.

The Twentieth Century.

The twentieth century began January 1st, 1901, and will end with 2000. People did not begin to reckon time from A. D. 1, but waited until about the 530 year of the Christian era. People who begin to take the great health restorative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, immediately after the first outbreak of dyspepsia, malaria, rheumatism, constipation, nervousness or kidney trouble will date their cure immediately from then.

Naturally.

Fuddy—Did you ever notice that most of the black-faced artists are Irishmen?

Duddy—Naturally. An Irishman is right at home in Cork.—Boston Transcript.

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You are made aware of the necessity for cleansing your blood in the spring by humors, eruptions and other outward signs of impurity.

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are among the best known of the many dangerous wild plants and shrubs. To touch or handle them quickly produces swelling and inflammation with intense itching and burning of the skin. The eruption soon disappears, the sufferer hopes forever; but almost as soon as the little blisters and pustules appeared the poison had reached the blood, and will break out at regular intervals and each time in a more aggravated form. This poison will loiter in the system for years, and every atom of it must be forced out of the blood before you can expect a perfect, permanent cure.

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"CALAMITY JANE."

ONE OF THE REMARKABLE WOMEN OF THE WEST.

Female in Sex, but a Man in Employment and Association—Noted Character Will End Her Days in a Montana Poorhouse.

"Calamity Jane" has sought an asylum in the poorhouse of Gallatin County, Mont. As a child of the frontier, an army scout in the disguise of a man, a dispatch bearer through a country swarming with a cunning enemy, an Indian fighter feared by the redskins, a mail carrier in the Black Hills, a free rover among the rough characters of the border, a woman in sex but a man in employment and association, "Calamity Jane's" life puts the imagination of the novelist to blush. Her adventures have been the base of a familiar character of the dime novel, but the lurid pen of the yellow writer has concocted no more desperate exploit than actually fell to the lot of this remarkable woman.

In private life "Calamity Jane" is Mrs. Martha Burk. She owes her nickname to Captain Eagan, of the United States army, whose life she saved in a battle with Indians in 1872. She was then only 20 years old, but was already acting as a scout. This is her own story of the incident:

"I was serving under Captain Eagan, and while near Goose Creek on the site of the present town of Sheridan, Wyo., we had a three-day skirmish. We lost six men killed and several wounded. Then our detachment was ambushed about a mile from camp. Captain

CALAMITY JANE.

Eagan was one of the first to be shot during the fight that followel, and, happening to be near him, I was able to reach his side in time to prevent him from falling from his horse. I managed to get him on my horse, in front of me, and made a dash for camp, which we reached safely. After recovering from his wound Captain Eagan laughingly called me 'Calamity Jane, the heroine of the plains,' and the name has stuck to me through life."

Mrs. Burk was born in Princeton, Mo., in 1852. Her father, J. Cannary, was lured to Montana in 1865 by the hope of "striking it rich" in the new gold fields. During the five months' trip overland Martha became an expert rifle shot and a daring rider. Shortly after the family reached Montana the mother died, and the father, being disappointed, decided to return to Missouri. At Salt Lake City he too died, leaving four younger children to the care of Martha, then but 15 years old. Employment was found for her at Fort Bridge, Wyo., and she continued to ride and shoot until her reputation became widespread.

Her association with the soldiers filled her with a longing to go on the warpath against the Indians, and when General Custer was ordered in 1870 to make a campaign against the Apaches in Arizona she decided to put a desperate plan into execution. She put on the suit of a cowboy, clipped a little off the end of her hair, rode to Fort Russell, Wyo., and boldly asked to be engaged as a scout. She was accepted and, though her sex was soon discovered, General Custer let her off with a scolding. She pleaded to be retained, and, as she had proved her ability, she was retained in the service and continued to wear man's clothing.

It was a thrilling campaign, in which she performed a number of daring missions and had several narrow escapes. Only once did she despair of her life. She had been trapped by two Indians, but her markmanship enabled her to kill one of them and escape. From the Apache campaign she went back to Wyoming to join the expedition under Custer, Miles and Crook. She fought in the campaign against the Nez Perces in 1873, and was in various minor engagements in Montana and Wyoming during the following year. She accompanied General Crook as a scout in 1875 in the expedition to the Black Hills to protect the miners and settlers from the threatening Sioux.

The ill-fated year 1876 found the female soldier with Custer, Miles and Terry in the Big Horn country in northern Wyoming, where the Indians were creating trouble. It was in this campaign that "Calamity Jane" performed a perilous feat of carrying dispatches through a hostile country. The season was cold and wet, and she had to ford the Platte River near Fort Fetterman. The exposure brought on pneumonia. She was granted an indefinite furlough, which may have served her life, for a few months later occurred the Custer massacre.

Her next employment was as United States mail carrier on the dangerous route between Deadwood and Custer. It was during this period that William Hickok ("Wild Bill") was assassinated by Jack McCall, a notorious desperado. "Calamity Jane" joined the posse in pursuit of the murderer, and when he was cornered in a butcher shop she brought him to bay with a cleaver. Her love for army life took her back into the service, and she was assigned to the Seventh Cavalry. She helped to build Fort Mead, S. D., and in 1878 was honorably discharged. Resuming petticoats, she settled on a ranch near Miles City, Mont., but has since wandered about from place to place in the West. In 1884 she married Clinton Burk at El Paso, by whom she had a daughter in 1886. The husband died in 1895. Mrs. Burk's ambition then was to give her daughter a good education. Though only 50 years of age, "Calamity Jane" bears the scars of a dozen bullets, and the hardships of her life have broken her down. For several years past she gained a livelihood by selling a book of her adventures.

SPEED OF AN EARTHQUAKE.

Preliminary Tremors Travel at Rate of 345 Miles a Minute.

Speaking of the Indian earthquakes of 1897, a London scientist says the vibrations traveled to Europe, where they were recorded at very many stations, and no doubt would have been equally well recorded at many other places on the surface of our world had there been provided suitable instruments. The preliminary tremors, which are probably waves of compression, traveled through the world to reach Italy and other countries with an average rate of 345 miles a minute, or 9 kilometers a second—a rate which, it will be observed, is higher than that at which similar movements can be transmitted through glass or steel. The large waves, which are probably quasi-elastic gravitation waves, by traveling over the surface of the earth, reached Europe at a rate of 113 miles a minute, or 2.98 kilometers a second.

It is likely that these latter disturbances reached stations in Europe by traveling from their origin in two directions round the world. As an indication of this, we are told that at several of the European stations slight undulations are to be seen on the seismograms at times we should expect to find such markings, had they traveled from India to Europe by the longest possible route. From the period of these waves, which is taken at twenty-two seconds, and their velocity, their length may be inferred, an estimate of which is thirty-four miles; while their height, as deducted from their length, and the maximum angle of tilting, is estimated at twenty inches.

The slowness of the movement was such that they could not be felt, while the magnitude was such that the unaided eye of an observer would not be able to recognize any differential movements in his surroundings. The largeness of these disturbances and their great duration, extending over several hours, preclude them from the category of tremors, vibrations or microseisms.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Superstitions as to Rattlesnakes.

The American Indian believes the rattlesnake to possess occult virtues, and quite a number of whites sem to have been converted to the same opinion. The sale of rattlesnake oil for rhuematism and neuralgia has grown steadily from the humblest beginning, and is to-day a small but profitable industry. In some parts of Maine and New Brunswick neckties made of rattlesnake skins are employed as a specific for bad coughs and colds, and the rattle is used by believers in voodoo of the southland as a charm against bad luck.

Gold and Coal in Spitzbergen.

News has reached Antwerp of the success of a Norwegian expedition to Spitzbergen. At this northerly point very rich gold mines have been discovered, and the explorers have brought back fossils of ferns, tropical plants, and fruits. It is reported that the coal deposit is very rich.

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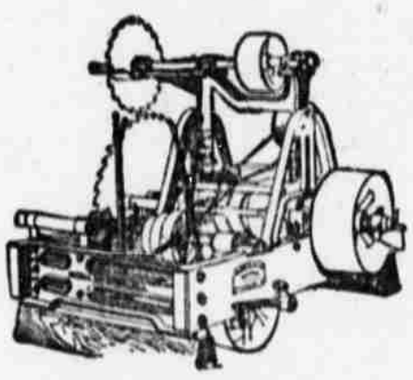

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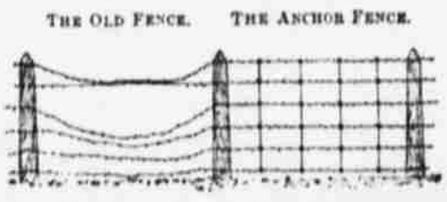

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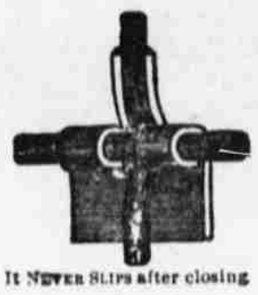

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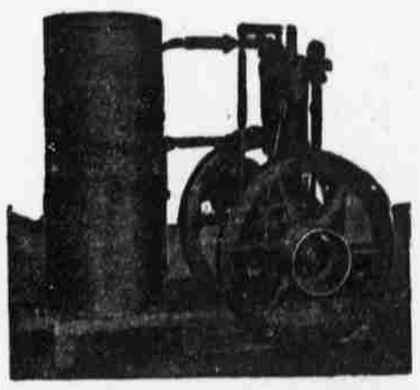

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