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RIDING THE BELLS.

Spectacular Feature of the Daring Ringers of Seville.

The ringing of a bell is not as a rule a performance particularly trying to the nerves, but there is one set of bell ringers the members of which must know no fear, for a moment of tremor would in all probability be for them the moment of death. They are the bell ringers of the Giralda in Seville.

When the city is to make merry on feast days the ringers climb to the belfry and then by the aid of a rope and steps cut in the wall of the tower each mounts to the bell he is to ring and stands astride the shoulder of the brazen monster. Then he presses the bell with his feet, holding on the crosspiece on which the mass of metal is swung.

Gradually the great bell sways to the muscular movement of the man astride it until it acquires a momentum that swings the hammer. Then he presses the bell with his feet, holding on the crosspiece on which the mass of metal is swinging.

The mere vibration of the atmosphere as the huge bells ring out would be enough to make an unpracticed ringer turn dizzy and fall from his perch. But this is not all, for many bells are ringing in the belfry at the same time in obedience to the movements of their ringers, and the din is deafening.

Notwithstanding all this, the ringers bend and rise and fall with the action of the bells, now appearing to the observer from below to be in a horizontal position as the bell reaches the limit of its swing and again riding gracefully to an upright position as the monster sways backward with another thundering note.

The most extraordinary part of the daring performance is the sight of a bell ringer calmly swaying the bell while it hangs far out of the belfry over the city, for the outward swing sends the counterpoise with the ringer into space beyond the arch.

A Chinese Ruse.

Over 2,000 years ago there was a war between China and Mongolia, and China was invaded by a Mongolian army under Maotun. The Chinese emperor was besieged in the city of Ping, and when the situation seemed to be hopeless he ordered that a number of lay figures representing beautiful women be made and exposed on the city walls.

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What Wealth Brings.

The late Colonel Ingersoll was talking one day with a group of friends when the subject of wealth and the desire of most men to accumulate money was discussed.

"I never could understand it," said the colonel. "Just imagine a man with 800,000 hats, 400,000 pairs of shoes, 1,000,000 pairs of gloves, 6,000,000 handkerchiefs, 200,000 pairs of suspenders and a trainload of neckties getting up before daylight and exerting every energy until late at night in order that he may make enough money to buy himself another necktie!"

The Compass.

As early as 2,634 years before Christ the compass was known in a crude way to the Chinese, and it was used by them for purposes of navigation as early as the third cen-



Scene from "Civilization" at Peoples Theatre, One Night Only, Saturday, May 12, Admission, 15c and 35c.

The Ne'er Do Well

This Great story of Rex Beach, starring Kathlyn Williams, will be seen at the Peoples Theatre in Seio, one night only, Sunday, May 13. The scene of the story which is laid in Panama, was filmed there by Selig. The Ne'er Do Well is one of Mr Beach's best efforts, and the splendid cast which interprets the play do it full justice. Remember, one night only, Sunday, May 13. Admission, 15c and 25c.

Obituary

Lewie Joseph Rahn who had been in the Tuberculosis Sanitorium for 18 months and who was brought home two weeks ago, died at the home of his parents April 30. He was born Nov. 10, 1896, being 20 yrs 5 mos and 20 days old at the time of his death. Besides his parents, Mr and Mrs Ludwig Rahn, he leaves seven sisters and two brothers and a host of friends to mourn his death. George Sutherland conducted the funeral services and he was laid to rest in the Bilyeu Den cemetery beside his brother.

tury of the Christian era. But the policy of the rulers and the habits and character of the people conspired to render the Chinese indifferent sailors, and the compass did not become of the importance to them that it did to the seafaring nations of Europe.

In Safe Hands.

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Delayed Delivery.

Billy had had a serious misunderstanding with his older cousin Conrad. That misunderstanding had been very scrupulously concealed from his mother, so when he came into the house after school she said:

"Billy, what would you like to give Conrad for his birthday?"

"I know what I'd like to give him," said Billy vindictively, "but I ain't big enough." — New York Times.

Learned by Experience.

"Just because we have different political views is no reason why we shouldn't be friends."

"You are wrong there," answered the contentious man. "As a casus beli there is positively nothing more productive of results than a difference of political opinion." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

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