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### A LOST

It was Frederick the Great's sword  
Confiscated by the French  
While Prussia was defeated in  
the battle of Jena, and the  
Prussians fled to the east, the  
sword of Frederick the Great was  
lost. It was deposited in the  
hands of the French, and was  
sold to a private collector. It was  
rediscovered in 1830, and was  
restored to the Prussian crown.  
But there came the black day of  
1814, and with the allies on the point  
of entering the French capital the  
governor of the Invalides, Marshal  
Serrurier, received orders to take  
steps for the preservation of the  
precious trophies there collected,  
especially the sword of Frederick  
the Great. Interpreting this  
instruction in a peculiar fashion,  
the governor took effective  
measures for preventing them from  
falling into the hands of the enemy  
by making a bonfire of them, and it  
was said that he threw Frederick's  
sword into the flames.

This statement was confirmed as late  
as 1867 by an eyewitness. Thus  
proved, as was attested in 1830,  
when an official inquiry was made  
into the matter, between 1,600 and  
1,800 war flags and other memorials  
of victory. The ashes and remains  
were thrown into the Seine at the  
mouth of a sewer. The sword could  
not, of course, have been destroyed  
in the conflagration, but it was  
never seen again. It happened  
that in 1815 an engineer, having  
ascertained the precise spot where  
the debris from the fire had been  
put into the river, made a search  
and recovered from the bottom a  
considerable number of bronze and  
copper articles which were returned  
to the Invalides. But the sword of  
Frederick was not found. One would  
like to think that it was not the  
fate of this historic weapon to  
rust away in foul mud, but that it  
had undergone the noble transfor-  
mation of being turned into some  
implement of peaceful industry. Of  
this, however, there is no evidence.—  
London News.

### She Was an "Easy Mark."

"Did you intend to give me this?"  
asked a steward on one of the steam-  
ers of a woman passenger who just  
tipped him. "This" was a bright new  
penny.

The woman, looking amazed and  
embarrassed, said: "No, I didn't  
give you that. I gave you a \$2.50  
gold piece, didn't I?"  
"That's what I thought you meant  
to give me. I was sure you had  
made a mistake," said the man. The  
woman, with an apology, took the  
penny and gave him a gold piece.  
Then she went back to her stateroom  
to count her money and to try to  
understand.

It came to her all right. She  
remembered two years before on her  
homeward trip a fellow passenger  
had told her the steward had come  
to her with a new penny given him  
by mistake, the steward said, and  
she had made it good.

It was a little late then—she had  
been an "easy mark," and she knew  
it—and it wouldn't do a bit of good  
to object. She did tell the purser,  
who promised to investigate. She  
knew, too, what that meant.—New  
York Sun.

### The Old Buffalo Days.

There is on record at the war  
department, Washington, a document  
bearing witness to how plentiful  
buffaloes were within the memory  
of many men now living. It is the  
"return" for several rounds of  
cannon ammunition expended in  
Kansas in 1867 to divert the course  
of a great herd of buffalo that was  
bearing down toward a camp of  
soldiers with a force that threatened  
to overwhelm it. At least one officer  
is alive who saw these shots fired,  
and he describes the herd as literally  
reaching as far as the eye could  
see. It was a long time in passing  
the camp, whose occupants  
watched it in silence, awed by the  
spectacle. General Philip St. George  
Cooke at once halted a regiment  
of cavalry on the plains to permit  
a great herd of antelope to pass,  
and he was not a man easily halted  
when on duty. His humanity  
impelled him to withhold the  
regiment from mangling and  
maiming the antelope, which were  
allowed the right of way.—Boston  
Transcript.

### Buffalo Regiments.

Military work in the French army  
is getting into a very low condition.  
The two years' service system has  
driven away from them one-half of  
their strength every year. Efficient  
handmen, however, and hard work  
might have compensated this, but  
now the supply of handmen is  
threatened. These were provided by  
means of annual competitions among  
army handmen for positions of  
master and assistant master, but for  
two years now these competitions  
have not been held, and already there  
are more than fifty regiments which,  
whatever they may have in the way  
of a head, have certainly no  
handmen. The army authorities  
used, it appears, to be troubled by  
the Conservator, which since 1895  
has made one plan or another for  
neglecting them.—London  
Globe.

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