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A LOST SWORD.

It Was Frederick the Great's and Was

While Prussia was at his feet after the battle of Jena, Bonaparte visited Potsdam, and there he saw the sword of Frederick the Great. He took poe session of it, saying, "I value this sword more than all the treusures of Prussia." It was deposited at the Invalides on May 17, 1807, with military pomp and ceremony, to the immense gratification of the people of Paris.

But there came the black days of

But there came the black tays of 1814, and with the allies on the point of entering the French capital the gov-ernor of the Invalides, Marshal Ser-rurier, 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 fashlon, the governor took effective tneasures for preventing them from falling into the hands of the enemy by making a bonfire of them, and it was into the fiames.

This statement was confirmed as late

as 1857 by an eyewitness. Thus per-ished, as was attested in 1830, when an official inquiry was made into the matter, between 1,500 and 1,600 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 confiagration, but it was never seen again. It hap-pened 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 transformation of being turned into some implement of peaceful industry. Of this, however, there is no evidence.—London News.

Bhe Was an "Easy Mark."
"Did you intend to give me this?"
sked a steward on one of the steam-ers of a woman passenger who just apped him. "This" was a bright new

conny,

The woman, looking amazed and embarrassed, said: "No, I didn't give yea that. I gave you a \$2.50 gold plees, 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 spology, took the penny and gave him a gold plees. 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 how 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, whe promised to investigate. She knew, too, what that meant.—New York Sun.

The Old Buffale Days.

There is on record at the war department, Washington, a document bearing witness to how plentiful buffaless 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 buffale that was bearing down toward a camp of soldiers with a force that threataned to overwhelm it. At least one officer is alive who saw these shots fired, and he describes the head as literally maching as far as the eye could see. It was a long time in



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