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BY WYLLARD.

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'Do you mean that I was the cause

"How dare you have two thousand a year?", said Signa irrevantly." Neither of them noticed me.

"So you thought you would fling your independence of my opinion at me once for all, and see if I could be

"Something like that."

"Well, you cannot. Nothing could. I am going to take the onus of the affair on myself from this time forth however, and tackle the family."

"Will you stand by me North the same of the skin. The waste materials of the body are often poisonous. Their retention is the cause of many sleepless nights, headaches rheumatic pains fits of indigeston. Water in abundance, inside and out, is necessary to every human being." "Will you stand by me, Noel?" Sig-na must really have had a fright to

"There shall be no occasion. They

"There shall be no occasion. They shall not dare to refer to it. Union is strength—it is you and I together now."

He jumped into the carriage, and I closed the door and told the coachman "Home," because by that time they were past thinking of anything but themselves. Lady Jane confessed afterwards that the engagement was the greatest relief she had ever known. She had feared that it would never come off, because it appears that, owing to her blundering and excellent intentions, she had caused a breach botween them which Signa would not give Verney a chance to heal. Batsburg was an angel—a fat angel—in the disguise of a frock coat and his Benefit was the medicine that killed or cured.

The amusing part of it is that the

Quick Wit a Strong Factor.

their present positions and stations of bonor to the presence of mind and fore-thought of their ancestors during ex-tremely critical moments. A hiccough, for instance, is the cause of the Kin-skys' princely rank in Austria. It seems that during the midst of some great court function at Vienna the Emgreat court function at Vienna the Empress Maria Theresa had the misfortune to hiccough so violently as to cause, not only herself, but her court, great embarrassment. In the midst of her bewilderment young Count Kinsky stepped forward, and with a most clever assumption of intense mortification and humiliation, asked her pardon for his breach of good manners. The Empress received his apology with not only good grace, but gratitude, and before long the young nobleman was bestowed with high court honors and decorations.

Another story is told how the Emperor Napoleon III when out hunting one day, being a very poor marksman, fired at a pheasant, but instead hit General Massena, destroying the sight of one of his cyes. No one could doubt who had fired the shot, but General Massena turned round and soundly he

DRINE GALLONS OF WATER.

Practice Said to Account for Japs' The Nichi-Nichi, a prominent Japanese paper, in commenting on the remarkable health of the Japanese soldier in the field attributes not a small degree of his endurance and immunity from disease to his babit of drinking

from disease to his babit of drinking about a gallon of water every day of his life. The statement was verified by an attache of the Japanese treaty commission who studied medicine at Harvard and practiced at home.

"The Japanese soldier is not permitted to drink much water on the march. He merely wets his lips, rinses his mouth, and takes a small swallow now and then. But in camp he drinks freely. A quart immediately on rising, more after breakfast; and several quarts during the evening. Of course it is largely habit. He has not studied the system's requirements



to see the end of the comedy. There was a brogham waiting there; I stood unnoticed on the pavement untill they came out—indeed it was I who opened the carriage-door. Signa had changed her clothes rapidly, and slipped away from her dressing-room while the men were still awalting her in the wings. But she was crying bitterly, and it so much surprised me that I felt the whole scene a little unreal. Verney put her into the carriage, hesitated, and stood with one foot on the step.

"Shall I come, too, Signa?" he said. Her voice came out of the darkness, muffled.
"I am frightened, Noel!"

"A TYPICAL JAP SOLDIER.
from the physician's standpoint. All he knows about it is that he is thirsty and drinks to satisfy that thirst."

"Americans Use Too Little.

"Your people," he went on, "neglect their needs as a rule, in respect to both water and air. They do not drink enough and do not bathe enough. I would not say they are unclean; it is only that they are less particular in their cleanliness. It is a difference in the point of view. The Japanese think a daily bath the very least attention to the body. Many bathe several times a day—a simple sponging, cleansing the pores and giving the soul a chance to breathe. And the air bath is equally a habit. My people cannot at first live in the close American houses. They crave the freedom and perfect ventilistion of American houses. They crave the freedom and perfect ventiliation of their bamboo cottages. Drinking and bathing are national traits. We belleve that cleanliness of the internal tissues is as necessary to health and comfort as cleanliness of the skin. The waste materials of the body are

The Nichi-Nichi discourses further on the subject, stating in a naive way the benefit of free indulgence in na-

How to Become Disease Proof.

It has already been suggested that the appendix should be removed from every infant as a routine measure. But this is clearly insufficient, says the British Medical Journal. The surgery of the future must include far more than this. The tonsils and turbinate bones of the nose must be cut out, because they may harbor germs. What Arbuthnot Lane calls the "human cess-pool" (that is the large intestine), Some of the noblemen of Europe owe their present positions and stations of bonor to the presence of mind and forethought of their ancestors during extremely critical momenta. A hiccough, for instance, is the cause of the Kingkya' princely rank in Austria. It must be removed along with a consider proof store variety inserted. The failing human eye will be anticipated by spectacles in early youth. Deficient moral sense and degeneracy will be treated by ventilation of the brain and removal of the offending areas.

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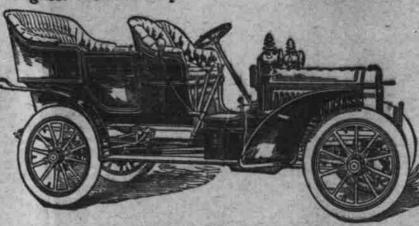
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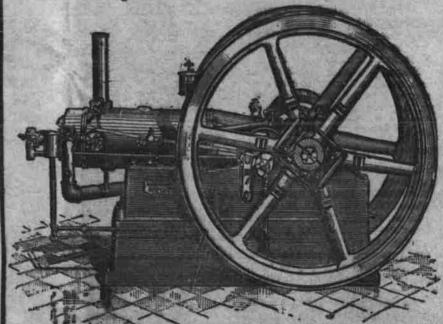


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lent a zest to the way in which every-one was buying tickets—in aid of the charity:

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Da Capri. He never thought that his

frighten her chaperons.

Lady Jane is a dear, good soul, but she is accustomed to be unwise in her management of Signa. She allowed her new approval of Noel to be read in the growing maternity of her manner. Hitherto she had been cousinly in her treatment of him—she was not his aunt or that might have been her attitude—and when things looked very black in the matrimonial market she comforted herself aloud with his advantages. Signa hated the obvious. Her temper had been decidely uncertain since Captain Verney had come forth this very afternoon in a mood that was ripe for mischief.

She found it at Lady Bloomfield's that was ripe for mischief.

She found it at Lady Bloomfield's afternoon crush where the Bohemian element was mingling with the severely social, and everybody was discussing the great "Benefit night" at the Bacchante Theatre of Varieties in aid of the War Fund. The Bacchante is began to shy personalities at any or the War Fund. The Bacchante is began to shy personalities at any or the war for the wide strip of stage left hard from the wide strip of stage left hard from the back-cloth a little ragged London gamin came swinging his impudent dirty face turned to the mid then into the centre of the wide strip of stage left hard from the wide strip of the wide st of the War Fund. The Bacchante is began to shy personalities at our a very superior music hall, and that comments that made the victim shout

lent a zest to the way in which everyone was buying tickets—in aid of the charity!

There was a fat man in a long frockcat standing in the centre of the group of the smartest women present when Signa arrived. He was Batsburg, the proprietor of the Bacchante and the originator of the benefit, but Signa hardly glanced at him. There was no doubt that she was in a very bad mood indeed, and her eyes, roaming about for some evil deed to prove this, did not alight upon Batsburg, as the special means arranged by the Powers of Darkness to help her. It was not with any thought of the fat man and his glossy curls in her mind that she sat down at the plane and volunteered a song. There had been music going on all of that after noon; but Signa's performance was entirely different, and everyone listened, and indeed, crowded in from the other rooms to hear. She has a singularly clear voice, strong enough to fill a concert-room, and trained by Da Capri. He never thought that his

to fill a concert-room, and trained by Da Capri. He never thought that his excellent training would go to help Signa to give Lady Bloomfield's guests a treat such as that performance of "Hy'ar there! Clear the road for Lisbeth."

They were a noisy audience when Signa's singing had suddenly transformed them from well-dressed luke-