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AT A FIRE IN JAPAN.

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Fire Engines That Are of Very Little Service in Fighting Flames—Plucky Hook and Ladder Men Who Show No Judgment in Their Work.

Suddenly our practiced ears caught the distant boom of the fire bell. Everybody else heard it and the effect was electrical. While one of the men ran up the ladder and began to hammer away at our station bell, the officers hurried on their uniforms and sprang on to their horses, kept ready caparisoned, the captain arming himself with a huge wisp of horsehair, the lieutenant seizing his standard—a spear, from the end of which hung a horse tail. Meanwhile, with much shouting and no doubt bad language, the "brigade" had harnessed itself to the three squirts, and the procession was formed—officers leading, engines next, hook and ladder men with us three visitors bringing up the rear. Out we went into the snowbound street, up which a fierce northeaster was sweeping. All Shinagawa seemed to have sprung into active life during the few minutes which had elapsed since the first notes of the fire bell.

Men, women and children swarmed out of every doorway, clustered about the first floor balconies, and even crowded the roofs, all chattering, gesticulating and uttering exclamations of terror and wonder as they gazed at the broad lurid glare in the sky. Far away as they were from the scene of conflagration, there was no retiring after their first curiosity had been satisfied. A man in Victoria street, Westminster, who sees the reflection of a fire, say, in the city, may go to bed with a certain sense of security, but because two or three miles separate the Japanese spectator from the burning houses he can be by no means sure that in the course of an hour or so he may not have to rush out of his house with as many of his Lares and Penates as he can gather together.

When we reached the locality of the fire a striking scene was presented to our eyes. From half a dozen houses the flames were bursting forth with almost demoniacal noise and fury. Half a dozen more had already been gutted and were mere shapeless shells of smoldering timber. Hundreds of men and women were staggering out of the houses in the line of fire beneath the weight of their humble household goods, while piles of bedding, domestic utensils, stocks in trade and all sorts of lumber lay about in the snow. More than once a quartet of men swiftly passed us, bearing on their shoulders a shapeless something wrapped in dark cloth, and we knew that the fire had claimed other victims than mere shanties of paper and wood. Our squirts got to work with commendable smartness, and, as there happened to be an abundance of water, were soon pouring their feeble dribbles on the flames.

Thud! thud! thud! went the squirt handles, but the flames seemed to roar with laughter and dance as if in mockery of the poor little thin streams of water which were turned on them, and drove the lieutenant from house to house with such rapidity that more than once it seemed as if nothing but a miracle could save him. Meanwhile the hook and ladder corps was hard at work, and if we smiled with contempt at the puny efforts of the "engines" we could not withhold our hearty applause at the indomitable pluck, the energy and the activity of the poor little fellows who manipulated the hooks and ladders. Salamander-like, they seemed to revel in work where the flames were fiercest and the danger greatest.

But cui bono all this heroic dash and self sacrifice unbacked by common sense? We three representatives of the west watched it all with almost a feeling of anger that, for the sake of a little pride pocketing, such a wanton destruction of hearths and homes, such a risking of valuable lives should be tolerated by a people in so many other respects advanced thinkers and practical reformers. One engine from Watling street or a single American fire company could have nipped the fire in the bud an hour before, but we were invited guests, and besides, being quite aware of the delicate grounds upon which the relationship between us and our Japanese hosts stood, were diffident in proffering advice.

But at last we could stand it no longer, for the fire, ably seconded in its ravages by a brisk northeast wind, threatened to consume the entire quarter as far as the city boundaries. So we pushed our way forward to where the captain was thundering anathemas and exhortations in a manner which plainly betrayed that he had lost self control, and with due humility suggested that if the hook and ladder company was to turn its attention to a group of yet unburned houses standing in the direct line of the fire instead of wasting energy worthy of a better cause upon houses which nothing could save a gap would be created over which the flames, furious as they were, would hardly leap.

The old gentleman did not welcome our suggestion with enthusiasm, nor did we expect that he would. Indeed he affected to treat it cavalierly, and under the plea that we were standing in a dangerous position motioned us back into the crowd. But we had the satisfaction of observing that the extreme urgency of the situation had prompted him to act on our advice, and we presently saw the hook and ladder company limber up and dash off at the double toward the group of houses indicated by us. The inhabitants of these shanties, squatting outside with their heaps of goods and chattels, evidently clinging with true Old World tenacity to the hope that the gods or the firemen or something would stave calamity off their homes, remonstrated warmly when the hook and ladder men told them they were about to take the unheard of step of pulling down untouched houses, but the captain riding up soon silenced their objections in a harangue which from its sound was evidently very much more forcible than elegant, and the work of destruction, or rather of salvation, commenced, and in a very few minutes the hooks and battering poles had made an open space which was an effectual bar to the progress of the flames. But even they seemed to be imbued with a spirit of patriotism, for they made fierce efforts to leap the gulf and so nullify the counsel of the "foreign devils."

But feebler and feebler grew their leaps, and gradually they subsided into a grumbling and snorting and hissing which seemed to express almost in language baffled rage. So at 4 o'clock in the morning the great Shinagawa fire was staid, and we returned to the fire station with our hosts and their bruised and singed subordinates.—Temple Bar.

How Dudley Felt About It.

"Can you stand on your head?" asked a visitor of little Dudley. "No," he replied; "it is too high up."—Youth's Companion.

She Took Off Her Boot in the Car.

A woman in a Sixth avenue elevated preached an awful warning to other women not to wear tight shoes out in the cold world; or, if they do, not to seek to ease their sufferings by taking their boots off slyly in a public place. This woman was in several agonies all at once, and when nobody was looking she had slyly unbuttoned her boot and slipped it off. Nobody was the wiser for that, and the woman was much more comfortable; but by and by a blundering man came along and kicked the boot out from under the folds of her skirts clear into the center of the aisle. There it lay, a dear little innocent looking thing; but it hurt the owner much worse when it lay in the aisle that it did when it was on her foot. All the women, and there were a great many of them, tittered, and no one of them looked as sympathetic as her understanding of the emergency should have made her.

The men looked pleased but grave. The question in the mind of everybody was, To whom did that boot belong? There was nothing in the expression of any woman's face to indicate the ownership of the article, but heaven only knows what was going on in the owner's mind. And how do you think the rest of the sisterhood showed their Christian charity to the unfortunate member of the sex? Every blessed woman on both sides of the aisle reached both toes properly booted out from under her skirts. And the one woman who sat with her feet hidden, seeing that she was discovered, finally hobbled up on one foot, and with one swoop captured the boot and put it where it properly belonged. That woman will never take off her boot in public again, if her foot has to be amputated as a consequence.—New York Evening Sun.

The Umbrella Is Very Valuable.

"An umbrella is one of the most useful articles that a man can carry with him," said Lamar J. Saunders, from Jackson, Miss. "One can be used in a dozen different ways. When the sun is shining hot, or when it is raining, a man without an umbrella must either remain indoors or suffer. As a weapon of defense there is nothing better. You can keep a man at his distance with one better than you could with a stick. Next to a shotgun or a pistol, there is no more dangerous weapon.

"I remember one time I was in a hotel that caught afire early in the morning. The guests were awakened by the stifling smoke and noise. My room was on the second floor, and by the time I had slipped on my pants the fire had gained such headway that all avenues of escape were closed. But there was my umbrella and a window, and the rest was easy.

"Another time I was walking through a pasture when a bull, with his eyes ablaze with fire, made for me. I kept my senses, and when he got within about fifty yards of me I ran toward him, opening and closing the umbrella as fast as I could. The bull wheeled around and ran from me faster than he ever ran before in his life.

"And for frightening dogs, I had rather have an umbrella than an arsenal."—St. Louis Republic.

The Why of It.

The Hindoo fatalist extends to the intellectual side of life. In grammar with them, as in destiny, a thing is so because it is so; fatalism kills out reason as it kills out spiritual effort and aspiration. I shall never forget trying to get an explanation from a Hindoo teacher of finding, in some of their writings, a plural substantive mated to a singular verb.

"Why does not this plural noun take a plural verb?"

"Because it takes a singular verb."

"Why?"

"Because it is right that it should do so."

"Why wouldn't it be right that it should take a plural verb?"

"Because it would be wrong."

"But I thought plural substantives always took plural verbs?"

"They do."

"Yet this one does not?"

"No; this one does not."

"What rule governs it then?"

"There is no rule. It does so because it is right that it should do so.—Boston Transcript.

Weak Eyes from Round Keys.

According to Dr. L. Webster Fox, a new cause of eye trouble has been found in typewriting machines. A patient called upon him who complained of sore eyes and a sensation as of sand under the eyelids. He examined the eyes carefully and found no organic weakness, and on questioning the patient further found that he had been using a typewriter with round keys, and that the most trouble was experienced while at work. He advised the use of a machine with a black keyboard and rectangular keys, and after a few months' trial of such a machine the patient had no more trouble.—Analyst.

Self Defense.

"Have you a book called 'Pansy Poems?'"

"Yes, sir."

"Gimme all you have."

"Certainly, sir. You must have a great admiration for the book."

"No, I haven't. It was written by my son, and I'm protecting the family name."—Harper's Bazar.

In the human blood there is an average of 300 red cells to every white one. The red cells have an average diameter of 1-3,200 of an inch, the white ones 1-25,000 inch.

Fishing for Sponges.

The British consul in his report on the trade of Tripoli remarks that the sponge fishery on that coast is entirely in the hands of Greeks, and is carried on by means of numerous small craft, employing about 700 men among them. The fishing takes place in the summer months only and is effected by machine boats provided with proper diving apparatus, or by trawlers and harpoon boats. The diving machines, as the divers have time to select and cut them, naturally secure the best sponges, but the trawl nets and harpoon boats, which can only fish in comparatively shallow waters, to a greater or less extent damage the sponges by tearing them from the bottom.

The best sponges are found to the westward of Tripoli, the quality becoming inferior toward the east. The diving is dangerous, owing to the presence of sharks, and other accidents to be met with, such as remaining too long under the water or diving beyond the proper limits, which often exhausts the divers and proves fatal to them.—English Mechanic.

Mails in Early Days.

Boston's first newspaper, The News-Letter, contains the following advertisement, which is an exact copy of the original spelling, capitalization, etc.:

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Hardly an Encore.

A quartet was giving a concert before the patients of the insane hospital and was singing a number into a rather mournful cadence and a subdued refrain. The audience, with the best of good humor, such as invariably characterizes the audiences at the hospital, heard it to the bitter end, and when its last note had died away an old lady with a virtuous and dignified air of reconciliation on her face popped suddenly up out of the audience, and turning toward the stage said reverently, "O Lord! forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Lewiston Journal.

An Excuse That Was Too Weak.

As two Portland police were taking to the station a man who had been having a great old celebration in his house, he asked why he was arrested.

"Because you were making too much noise," replied the officer.

"I was only talking."

"You talked too loud."

"My wife has been deaf two years and I have too."

But this did not satisfy the police, and the anxious inquirer spent the night in the station.—Bangor (Me.) Commercial.

Didn't Want Water.

Mamma—What is your kitten meowing for?

Little Daughter—I is tryin to find out, but I can't.

Mamma—Perhaps she wants water.

Little Daughter—No, 'tisn't water. I jus' held her over a tub an asked her and she meowed "No."—Good News.

When One's Thoughts Fly Homeward.

It is when a man gets his bill at a seaside hotel where he and his family are staying, and finds that he is charged more per day than he can earn per week, that he begins to appreciate a longing desire to be back in his own little dining room looking up to that dingy old motto that says, "God bless our home."—Texas Siftings.

Cats Destroy Field Mice.

Cats destroy great numbers of field mice, though the sight of a tabby in his woods arouses the virtuous wrath of the orthodox keeper quite as much as the hint of a two legged poacher lying in one of his pheasant coverts.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

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