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Easy Accounted For.

"It's wonderful what penitence will be for a man," remarked a gentleman on a Portland steamer one evening. "Now, I have observed a peculiar thing on sleeping cars, which goes to show how even a common mind may be trained to perform almost incredulous feats of memory and precision. On this car there are at least twenty gentlemen. While we are asleep the porter will gather up all our shoes and stow 'em in a pile in the gen'tleman's washroom, where he will polish them when he gets time. There will be shoes that look just alike, and many of the same size, but in the morning every man of us will find his own shoes and nobody lose his beyond his teeth. Now, we are passing ourselves superior to that colored porter, but I venture to say none of us could do a thing like that. It's a wonderful example of what training will do for the human."

Next morning, sure enough, every man's shoes were in their proper place, and the gentleman again called attention to what he considered so remarkable. "Then, porter," he explained, "slipping the grinning slaveboy a dollar more toosen his memory, 'tell us how you do it?'

"Yes, sir," says the porter, "it's just as easy when you get accustomed to it. Takes a pow'ful sight o' practice, though."

"That's what I told you," remarked the gentleman to his companions, unconcerned.

"Yes, sir, it takes a pow'ful sight o' practice. It was two or three weeks ago I could have to count the numbers of or beats on the soles of shoes without makin' no mistakes. That's all, boss."

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are so numerous owned by the wife of Mr. Mackay, of "Grosvenor" name, is worth at \$300,000, and comprises the diamond, sapphires, emeralds and rubies, with a large amount. The contents of her jewelry chest are valued at \$100,000.

A Western paper announces that an action which it had prepared on the growth and prosperity of the town was uneventfully dropped out until the following day, owing to the unexpected amount of "Scarf Sales" announced.

In the Providence high school recently a young man in reading his Latin exercises came to a dead halt on the word *comes*. "Well," said the instructor, "what does *comes* mean?" "I don't know," replied the youth, "unless it is a bad omen." "No, no," retorted the instructor, "a bad omen would be a *comeditus*." Order was restored in five minutes.

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"And now, ladies and gentlemen, to conclude, I will show you a very curious experiment. I carefully exhaust the air in the right-hand chamber of this vessel, and then you will see these two suspended weights exact a counterbalance each other, although the one is twice as heavy as the other, thus reversing the ordinary laws of gravitation."

But something went wrong, and while the small weight flew upward the big one came down with a crash, and an audible noise was heard round the hall as the assemblage dispersed.

The young lecturer turned despondingly to a white-haired sage who had been seated close to the table:

"Professor, you know the theory is true, for you taught it to me, and you have seen me successfully perform this experiment in your own laboratory. Then how do you account for the mishap?"

"By dear boy," replied the scientific sage, "when you have had my experience, you will know that experiments are not always to be trusted. The best method in the laboratory seem to take a measure in going wrong before an audience."

"But I have seen you do that particular one in public, at the Royal Institution and other places, a dozen times without the slightest fail," said the youth.

"Yes," admitted the old gentleman, with a curious twinkle in his eye, "but then you see, I invariably took a little presentor against accidents. I used always to tie up a heavy weight with a little silken string."

The Chinese in the Pacific ports are very anxious to return to China the bodies of all their deceased countrymen. A Western paper says: "When a man is buried the resurrectionists sometimes stand in the坟 until he has assumed every portion of the death skeleton, and then carefully saddle up a fine white horse, mount two feet in length, and harness for the Howay Kingdom. The cost of collecting remains and transportation to San Francisco is \$10 per skeleton, and after the usual fee charges are \$10 per head. No one is missed; even Deafness is no impediment, because they transported the dead to rest in the years before."

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