

# SELECTIONS

## MILLIONS A MINUTE.

Greatest Loser on Record Dies in a Garret in a London Slum.

In a grimy garret in a London slum there died the other day the only man who ever succeeded in losing \$25,000,000 in five minutes' time.

His name was Henri Thibault. For years prior to his death he had eked out a precarious subsistence as a translator and teacher of languages, yet thirteen years previously he had been the prime mover in the great copper corner, the collapse of which shook to its foundations the French financial world.

Thibault's idea was to secretly buy up the world's available supply of copper and wait for the inevitable rise. And he came near to succeeding.

From his office in Paris he controlled, through his agents, the markets of London, Berlin and Vienna, and in all of them he purchased every pound of copper that was offered.

The result was quickly apparent. On July 1, 1887, "B. C. B.'s" (best Chile bars) were selling at \$200 a ton. By June 1 they had risen to \$290, and the rise continued steadily until the middle of December, 1888, when the unheard of price of a fraction over \$500 a ton was being asked and obtained.

Then came the collapse. Thibault had sunk all his own money in the venture, and he could borrow, all he could beg, and still from all sorts of odd and unexpected corners of the world copper came pouring in.

As soon as he ceased buying he had, of course, to commence selling, and this hastened and accentuated the inevitable end. By March 1 the price had dropped to less than it was when Thibault commenced operations.

Altogether the gigantic gamble cost him \$50,000,000, of which sum fully one-half was lost between noon and five minutes past on Feb. 28, 1889, when the bottom dropped out of his corner.—Stray Stories.

## The Kite as an Air Ship.

I have had the feeling that a properly constructed flying machine should be capable of being flown as a kite and, conversely, that a properly constructed kite should be capable of use as a flying machine when driven by its own propellers. I am not so sure, however, of the truth of the former proposition as I am of the latter.

Given a kite so shaped as to be suitable for the body of a flying machine and so efficient that it will fly well in a good breeze (say twenty miles an hour) when loaded with a weight equivalent to that of a man and engine, then it seems to me that this same kite, provided with an actual engine and man in place of the load and driven by its own propellers at the rate of twenty miles an hour, should be sustained in calm air as a flying machine. So far as the pressure of the air is concerned, it is surely immaterial whether the kite moves against the kite or the kite against the air.—Alexander Graham Bell in National Geographic Magazine.

## As to Laying Rails.

English railway experts seem determined to do everything in the most complicated way, as Americans prefer the simplest. For instance, Yankees lay railroad rails directly upon the sleeper. The English lay bull head rails upon metal chairs which in turn rest upon the sleepers. The result is to multiply the noise, which would be almost intolerable if English engines and cars were not such small and light affairs.

The London Transport, a technical authority, says, "It is generally admitted that the American system of laying flat bottom rails direct on sleepers makes a more elastic road than the English chair and key system, while the smoothness of running adds comfort in traveling and considerably reduces the wear and tear to rolling stock."

## The Goat of the Fusiliers.

In his recent gift of a goat from the royal herd to the fusiliers King Edward followed the example of his royal mother, who at different times gave this famous regiment a goat, the first being presented as far back as 1815.

On that occasion it was one of a magnificent Cashmere breed, then kept in Windsor park, a herd of which was sent to Queen Victoria by the then shah. This goat, as may be expected, was highly prized and marched at the head of the regiment during a campaign in Bulgaria, afterward accompanying the fusiliers to the Crimea.

Shortly after the battle of Alma the goat began to show symptoms of illness, and despite every care it finally succumbed to the inclement weather on Dec. 20, 1854, before Sevastopol.

## Ambiguous.



The Poet—Yes, my book of poems is selling like wild fire.  
His Friend—Er—yes—er—who's buying wild fire now?—New York Journal.

## Why He Lied.

Wigwag—I don't believe you ever told the truth in your life.  
Longbow—What's the use? Nobody would believe me if I did.—Philadelphia Record.

## HUMOR OF THE HOUR

### His Vacation.

The summer tourist, being engaged in some naturalistic pursuits, came upon a bee which sat leisurely on a blade of grass and seemed perfectly unconcerned.

"How now?" quoth the summer tourist. "This belle all I have read about the busy bee."

"What does?" asked his guide. "Why, that bee on that blade of grass has been sitting there all morning evidently and still gives no sign of intending to go to work."

"Oh, he doesn't have to go to work for some time yet," explained the guide. "He doesn't? What variety of bee is he?"

"That's what they call the husking bee. He won't have anything to do until next fall."—Judge.

### Felt Like a Boy.

"It makes me feel like a boy again to get into the country," said the enthusiast.

"Yes," answered Mr. Sirius Barker. "I went to a picnic the other day. I went rowing and blistered my hands, went swimming and fell into the water, played baseball until my muscles were sore and fell out of a tree. I felt exactly as if I were a boy again, and I want to go on record as being mighty thankful that I am grown up."—Washington Star.

### All the Best of It.

"I think," she said, "that I have a little the best of my husband."

"How is that?"

"Why, he thinks I give too much time to my clubs, so I offered to give up one of mine for every one of his that he would give up."

"Well?"

"Well, he belongs to only two, and I belong to eight. Yes, I think I have a little the best of him."—Chicago Post.

### A Forerunner of Loquacity.

"There's no use for me to suggest to my wife that it's time to go home. She'll talk for two hours yet."

"What makes you think so?"

"Didn't you hear her remark when she started the argument?"

"No. What was it?"

"She said, 'There's very little to say on either side.'"—Denver News.

### Man, Poor Man!



Jones—Why in the world did Smith stop taking Turkish baths when he was married?

Brown—Oh, I guess it's because his wife keeps him in hot water all the time.

### The Balkan Crowns.

Assassination tempered by abdication—such has been the fate of most Balkan rulers. Since the Balkan peoples were emancipated King Otho of Greece, Prince Cuza of Roumania, Prince Alexander of Bulgaria, Prince Alexander Karageorgevitch and King Milan of Serbia have been forced to abdicate, while Prince Danilo of Montenegro, Prince Michael, King Alexander and Queen Draga of Serbia, as well as Kara George, the Serbian liberator, have been murdered.

In addition attempts were made on the lives of the late Queen Amalia and King George of Greece, as well as on the late King Milan of Serbia.

Out of the sixteen Balkan rulers who have held sway during the last century four alone—two Montenegrins and Milosh Obrenovitch I. and the short lived Milan Obrenovitch II. of Serbia—died peacefully on their thrones, while four are still alive. The remaining eight were all murdered or expelled, and even Milosh Obrenovitch was once compelled to abdicate temporarily.

### One Comfort Anyway.



"I am sorry to hear, my poor woman, that your husband has run away and left you."

"Well, mum, it will be one mouth less to feed."

### Oldest Pear Tree.

What is said to be the largest and oldest pear tree in America is in Michigan, near Lake Erie. It is supposed to have been planted by the French when they first settled in that country. Five feet above the ground this tree measures thirteen feet in circumference and is sixty-five feet high. It is said also to be a prolific bearer that rarely fails to give a full crop. No special effort has been made to prolong the life of the tree, but it has grown naturally as the forest trees of similar age.

## A MARKED CENT.

The Old Way It Came Back to the Man Who Lost It.

Take an ordinary copper cent piece, stamp it with a private mark, put it into circulation, and what are the chances that you will ever see it again? There is one man who says that he tried the trick and succeeded at it. He is a business man who refuses to allow his name to be used in print about the story, but he tells the tale to many of his friends and he vouches for its truth.

In 1894, he says, he found a cent piece, dated 1893, in the restaurant of the Lafayette hotel. He pocketed it for luck and as a memento of a jolly little dinner scratched his initials on it just over the feathered head, while on the cheek he added those of the hotel. Until 1896 he treasured the coin, then drew it out of his pocket with a handful of other change and before he realized it the cent piece had gone the mysterious way of all money.

A year ago he chanced, being of a curious turn of mind, to fall into conversation one evening with a professional beggar at Broad and Chestnut streets. He upbraided the man for getting so much money for nothing.

"Oh," said the beggar, "I don't get so much. That's all I've got in the last hour." And he held up a cent piece.

At that moment the electric light fell upon the coin, and the business man, to his amazement, caught sight of the letters "H. L." on the cheek of the face. He took the coin and examined it more closely. Sure enough, there were his own initials just above the feathers where he had placed them a half dozen years before.

At once his prejudice against begging vanished.

"I'll give you a dollar for that coin!" he cried.

The beggar grew wary at this eagerness and demanded \$5. Needless to say, he got it and also of course the cent piece has never since left the business man's watch chain, which it now adorns.—Philadelphia Press.

## MODES OF THE MOMENT.

Drawn work, lace applique and insertion are certain features of white stocks and collars.

The blouse that buttons in the back and has the collar built on it is the best liked model for a trimmed waist.

We do not hear much about silk mitts, but the wearing of them is permissible this summer. They come in eight and twelve button lengths.

Skirts of fine India linen to be worn under the fine white summer gowns are marvels of elaboration and are richly trimmed with lace, ribbon run beading and tucks.

Oyster white is the latest oddity in names for tints of color. It is that peculiar gray lithero seen in floor linens, and irregularly woven flaxon products displaying it are now used for shirt waists and costumes.

Linen of all kinds are still the favorites for both morning and simple afternoon summer gowns, but old fashioned French percale, which is one of the most serviceable cotton materials ever made, is being widely employed for tub dresses.

## HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Nancy Hanks, 2:04, is to be bred to an outside sire this year.

Anaconda, 2:01½, continues to train to Fred Noble's satisfaction.

Sport on the Buffalo speedway is reported very lively these days.

Tuesdays and Fridays are the "regular" work out days at Charter Oak park, Hartford, Conn.

A green trotter by Homeward, 2:13½, is said to have shown a quarter in 30½ seconds at Fresno, Cal., recently.

Bessie Bonehill, 2:05½, the erratic gray pacing mare of checked history, is in training at New Milford, Conn.

There is a fast green trotter at Stockton, Cal., called Monochrome, by McKinney, 2:11¼, out of the dam of Monterey, 2:06½, and Montana, 2:16¼.

Geers has already broken a record this season. His campaigning stable has been made up, and there is not a Village farm horse in it. However, Direct Hal, 2:04½, soon returns to it.

### Willing to Oblige.



Old Lady—You don't chew tobacco, do you, little boy?  
Newsboy—No, mum, but I kin give yer a cigarette.

### Fads in Millinery.

The latest fad in millinery lies in using several shades of straw of one color in making a hat. In brown shading to tan it is a pretty idea, and equally effective are shaded greens, blues, violets and yellows. Hat trimmings of ribbons not only affect many shades of one color, but two or three colors are also blended. The ends of the ribbons are cut in long, narrow shawl points, which mix and overlap each other in quite a bewildering way. Straws are also massed in several colors either in wide cross bands upon a flat brim or as rim bands. All this novelty has an effect which is extremely original.

# DREVITIES

## THE HALL OF FAME.

Rear Admiral Melville, U. S. N., goes on the retired list in August.

Dr. Charles H. Beard of Chicago owns an original Turner picture of the Grand canal, Venice.

Captain Alfred Johnson, who was the first man to cross the ocean in a small boat in 1870, is still living at Gloucester, Mass.

Senator Bailey of Texas is at the Thousand Islands. With him are his wife and two young sons, of whom he is most remarkably proud.

Dr. Andrew Ainslie Common, the well known English astronomer and a past president of the Royal Astronomical society, has just died at Ealing.

Sven Hedin is an accomplished linguist. He speaks Turkish and Mongolian besides his native language and German, French, English and Persian.

Sir Frederick Pollock, the famous English lawyer, will read a paper before the annual meeting of the American Bar association at Hot Springs, Va., Aug. 26.

For the first time in the history of Spain a workman has been elected a member of the cortes. His name is Jaime Angles. He is a cooper by trade, and he represents Barcelona.

H. R. Sheldon of Middlebury, Vt., owns some interesting war relics in the form of pay rolls used at the time several companies of the soldiers of the war of 1812 were mustered out at Burlington.

John Vaughan, who as a lad of fourteen was a bugler at the battle of Waterloo, is still living at Rotherham, Yorks, England, and despite his 102 years is able to eke out his pension by hawking.

Probably the oldest physician in France is Dr. David, who lives at Montpellier, aged 103. He has been seriously ill twice in his life. At seventy-three he had typhoid fever and at ninety-three pneumonia.

The late Albert M. Knight, former bursar of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, left his books and manuscripts to the public library at Fitzwilliam, N. H., in memory of Jonas Knight, his grandfather.

## HORSES AND HORSEMEN.

Ed Geers says that Harold H., 2:04, can pace a half mile as easy as any horse he ever sat behind.

The Young Jim trotter, Walter Keim, 2:11½, will very likely be one of the stars of Mart Demarest's stable this year.

It is reported that the Messrs. Hamilton, proprietors of the Village farm, intend reducing the number of trotters and pacers to 150 head.

Dick Wilson is at the Indianapolis track with his stable. Among the number are Patchen Boy, 2:10½; Little Sphinx, 2:10½, and Ontario Maid, 2:10¼.

Strasburg, by Director, 2:17, dam Emulation, by Onward, and owned by W. V. Baker of Columbus, O., is said to be one of the "star" green ones at the Columbus track.

Clem Beachey has a good one for the green classes in Royal Coat, a five-year-old son of Regal Wilkes and Nannie Etticoat. He showed a mile in 2:13½ as a three-year-old.

Patchless, 2:20¼, and Star Twist, 2:25, have been sent by their owner, A. W. Jaggard of Bonner Springs, Kan., to the Louisville (Ky.) track to be trained by John Hussey.

A well recently drilled in Canada produces sand instead of water. The sand comes up in a fine stream like a fountain. The force by which it is driven to the surface from a depth of a hundred feet has not yet been discovered. A magnetic well was discovered recently in New Guinea at a depth of 600 feet. Anything made of iron or steel and dipped into the water at once became magnetic.

Subtle.  
Husband—There was a perfectly lovely woman in the theater tonight, my dear. I couldn't keep my eyes off her.  
Wife—Indeed! How kind of you to tell me!  
Husband—Keep calm, my love; keep calm! It was yourself.—Sydney (N. S. W.) Bulletin.

His Grade.  
"Where does your brother go to school?" asked the teacher of the little fourth grade grammar school girl.  
"Oh, my brother goes to the high school," answered the little maid proudly. "He's a saltmore now, for he was a freshman last year."—New York Times.

Two of Her.  
"Beast!" she exclaimed as he staggered in. "That's what you would be if you were always as you look now."  
"Zhat sho?" he replied. "Well, m'dear, if you were always as you look now I'd be a bigamist."—Just Fun.

Shocking.  
Heard in Boston:  
"Our Sunday school teacher told us today, ma, that we should read the Bible rather than Browning on Sunday."  
"The sacrilegious thing!"—Town Topics.

A Strategist.  
"Does you wife object to your smoking in the house?"  
"Certainly not," answered Mr. Meekton. "I know she doesn't like it, so I never give her a chance to object."—Washington Star.



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Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 26th day of Jan. 1906, 47-4 J. N. Watson, Register.

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