

HUMOR

A STRANGE EXPERIENCE.

What the Mere Purchase of an Accident Insurance Policy Did.

"It's curious," said the commercial traveler in the reading room at the Hotel Broedel, "but I never see an accident insurance policy like that one you've got without thinking of a singular thing that happened to a cousin of mine in Ohio."

He flicked the ashes from the end of his cigar, drew a long breath, as if some painful or melancholy memory had been stirred, and proceeded:

"We were at a little town called New Vienna, waiting for the train to Cincinnati. While lounging about the station over the sign over the ticket seller's office window, 'Accident Insurance Policy Sold Here,' attracted my attention. I said to Sam—that was my cousin's name—'Hadden't you better get one of these policies? It costs only a quarter.'"

"I'm a little superstitious about such things," he said. "I've never invested in one of them yet, and I've traveled thousands and thousands of miles without an accident of any kind."

"You don't know when it may come your turn," I argued.

"Well, to make a long story short, he paid the ticket seller twenty-five cents and got a policy, by the terms of which his heirs were to have three thousand dollars in case of his death by accident in twenty-four hours. In a little while the train came along, we got aboard, and—"

The commercial traveler's voice had got muffled. He stopped and turned his head away as if struggling to repress his emotion.

"What happened to him?" inquired one of the eager listeners. An unshed tear glistened in the narrator's eye. "Nothing," he said lightly. "He had wasted that quarter of a dollar—and it would have bought three good cigars."

—Buffalo Express.

Two Girls.

Grandma (to young hopeful who has been on horse with her, and has not yet received an invitation to marry): Dordie, what did your mother tell you just before you left home?

Dordie—Danna, the lass thing who said to me was, 'Dord, my child, be careful n' don't eat too much pie.' The pie was soon forthcoming.—Harper's Bazar.

THIS DIDN'T.

Waiter—Haven't you forgotten something, sir?

Customer—No, I guess not. If I have you can send it on by express.—Life.

Eben Harvey's Epitaph.

In an out-of-the-way corner of an out-of-the-way Boston grave yard stands a battered tombstone, bearing the following epitaph: "Sacred to the memory of Eben Harvey, who departed this life suddenly and unexpectedly by a cow kicking him on the 14th of September, 1853. Well done, good and faithful servant."—Detroit Free Press.

Well Put.

Polite Guest—My dear Mrs. Smith, you do succeed in bringing the most charming people together!

Hostess—Oh, thank! You are so kind; but I only wish you could have been here last week. Why, I haven't one of my best people here to-night!—Yenowine's News.

A Landable Desires.

Wife—Dear, dear! What can you be fussing about your best coat for? Husband—To take out grease stains with, and I wanted to see if it was any good.—Clothes and Furnishings.

A Case for Redress.

"Those fellows should be arrested for wearing such noisy pantaloons."

"Why?"

"They're loud enough to constitute breeches of the peace."—Philadelphia Times.

Sympathy.

Mr. Brimford Chappay—A fellow told me today that I didn't know how to go in when it rained.

Miss Edgerly—What a want of tact!—Life.

Cruel.

Ethel—How clever De Riter must be to live by his brains.

Maud—Very clever. He has so little brains.—Munsey's Weekly.

A Bad Case of It.

"Is he honest?"

"Awfully. Why, he'd steal for the pleasure of making restitution."—New York Sun.

He Thought It Was a Blacking Box.

Near-Sighted Old Chap (to amateur photographer)—Hey, young fellow! My train goes in a few minutes. Shine 'em up in a hurry and I've got a quarter for you.—Harper's Bazar.

The Trouble.

Doctor—Your little boy isn't suddenly attacked? What's the trouble—cholera morbus?

Jones—No; backshot. He tried to rob a melon patch.—Lawrence American.

Electric Motor for the Gatling Gun.

The range of uses to which electric motors have been put has become so broad that one might easily suppose a limit had been reached and the whole field of possibilities covered, and yet we find almost daily some new purpose to which this most convenient and efficient form of energy may be applied.

The latest and decidedly the most novel use of the electric motor is to replace human energy in the manipulation of the death-dealing Gatling gun. The Crocker-Wheeler Motor company, at the request of the United States navy bureau of ordnance, submitted plans by which the Gatling gun might be operated by electricity, and have just completed a motor attached to the breech of the gun which is a marvelous success.

It has been necessary heretofore in operating these guns to have the services of two men—the gunner, whose duty it is to train and operate the gun, and also a man to operate the crank which sets in motion the mechanism which causes the balls to fall down upon the enemy.

The adaptation of the Crocker-Wheeler motor not only does away with the services of the latter, but enables the gunner to train and operate the gun at will by touching an electric button.

So completely is the Gatling under control of the gunner that he is enabled to fire either a single shot or to pour them out at the rate of 1,200 per minute.—Electrical Review.

The Season's Novellist Heroes.

The London Speaker has been making a study of the heroes who have been introduced to the public in the novels of the recent summer, and has found that the great majority of these men is composed of good, tall men, every one of whom is over six feet high, broad in proportion, and of course magnificently kilt and gloriously strong. Doubtless this is as it should be, for a novelist is not content with making merely a psychological study, and it is also in accord with the present turn for athletics, long shanks, velocipedes compelling, and well-groomed in sonnet or bright hood hose, and, in short, with all the long array of things that enable the shapely young man to show himself to advantage.

There was a time when black visaged, early and soured men, rather under than over the average height, and rather ugly than fine of countenance—men like Mr. Rochester, in "Jane Eyre," for example—were the predominant type of novelists' heroes; but it seems that during the past summer all this sort of thing was swept aside, and the tall and comely hero, bright as the fair god Balder, and at least an inch and a half longer than Lord Chesterfield's standard gentleman, stepped in and made his bow to the world of novel readers.

Wisconsin Pearl Fisheries.

Pearl fishing has become quite popular on some of the interior streams in the state, but it is only quite recently that pearl producing clams have been known to exist in the Milwaukee river. It is said that quite a large number of pearls have been taken from this river, but as the finders are very reticent, and will not say just where the clams are to be found, comparatively little is yet known about the discoveries. It is claimed, however, that successful pearling has been done near Grafton and Cedarburg. Not all clams are pearl producers, and the hunters will be unable to find pearls in many of the clams in the various streams. It may be well to suggest, now that pearling is likely to become the rage, that persons who engage in pearl hunting should avoid destroying any of these different varieties, as well as the kind from which pearls are taken. There is no necessity for doing so, as the shells can be opened, the pearls taken out, and the clams returned to the water uninjured, and perhaps ready to begin their work over again.—Milwaukee Wisconsin.

A Mechanical School for Youth.

The establishment of a mechanical school is contemplated in Boston, which will admit boys and girls younger than are now received into the Institute of Technology. Albert L. Murdock has offered the use of five floors in his hospital building on Huntington avenue, and the plan proposed will include practical instruction in stone cutting, brick making, carpentering, etc., besides domestic arts and trades for girls. The school will be free to graduates of grammar or high schools, and the idea is to make the instruction so thorough and practical that the pupils can at once secure situations on leaving the schools in the branches of trade they choose to take up. There will be competent directors to oversee each trade department and plan its progress. It is estimated that the annual expense of such a school will be about \$25,000, exclusive of rent. The free use of such a suitable building makes the plan feasible.—Woman's Journal.

Wendell Phillips Honored.

The name and fame of the late Wendell Phillips are evidently in no danger of being forgotten in Lowell. First, there is a club bearing the simple, unadorned name "Phillips," the members relying on their own innate worth and accomplishments to show what the title means. Then there is the Phillips Literary institute. One of the members devotes all his leisure time to literature, and contemplates bringing out a treatise in a short time dealing with the authorship of Shakespeare. Another is collecting materials for giving the Darwinian theory its coup de grace, while a third is soon to print a pamphlet on "Some Popular Errors of the Day." Lastly, there is the Wendell Phillips Literary and Social club, composed of colored people.—Lowell Mail.

If the face has become roughened by the wind, sponge it often with equal parts of rose water and brandy. Do not use toilet washes containing much alcohol, as they are quite apt to produce harmful results. The alcohol parches the skin, renders it brittle and impairs its nutrition.

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TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE

FOR PUBLICATION.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, Sept. 21, 1890.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory,"

Charles C. Holland,

of Tillamook County, Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 224, for the purchase of the w 1/2 of sec. 1, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 2, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 3, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 4, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 5, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 6, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 7, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 8, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 9, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 10, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 11, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 12, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 13, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 14, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 15, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 16, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 17, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 18, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 19, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 20, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 21, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 22, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 23, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 24, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 25, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 26, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 27, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 28, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 29, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 30, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 31, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 32, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 33, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 34, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 35, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 36, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 37, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 38, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 39, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 40, tp. 12, n. 4, and w 1/2 of sec. 41, tp. 12, n. 4, and w