# **E**SENCE OF MIND

lay Make Heroes of Physical Cowards In Time of Danger.

OT A MATTER OF COURAGE.

t In the Sudden Impulse That Moves ne to Do the Right Thing In an Und Emergency-A Soldier and and a Man and a Murder.

is a distinction to be drawn presence of mind and courrsons who naturally are timid rvous will in circumstances of t danger and excitement perform of heroism that would be beyond wers on ordinary occasions. ak of these as instances of of mind. But if you ask ey would tell you that an inimpulse rather than any tated course of action guided vill on the occasion. Had they r reflection when all the threatlanger to themselves had beear to their minds their natmidity of character would have d itself and deprived them of

absence of fear that prompts dier under a heavy fire from my's guns to go to the assista wounded comrade and bring a place of safety, and nothing n nature can compare with elf sacrifice. But in times of emergency it is not always vest who act with promptitude. owing story is an instance of

of our transports was returning e Philippines with invalided nd one morning at sea a group on the deck discussed the of firing shells. A soldier was the colonel to bring an empty ith a fuse. The colonel took I in his hands and, striking a thted the fuse. As this slowand the colonel proceeded address to the other officers oldier passed the group, and ent he caught sight of the rushed forward, exclaiming. t, sir; the shell is a live one!" did what never seemed to into the minds of any in the officers. He seized the shell hands of the colonel and Into the sea. For this service promoted. The soldier who told to bring an empty shell to the wrong magazine. talked with the man touchncident say that he repudiidea of having done a brave don't know," he said, "what seize the shell out of the hand, but it came suddenly mind, and I did it." It is this

ardly natures. s of authentic record the case known to be utterly deficient who saved himself from a ward situation by an exhibihman and lived in a town in to one evening he was returning ough some of the back streets, at that hour were more or less of people. As he went along, he noticed some distance of him a man and a woman side by side, the man's arm around the woman's neck. Just a street lamp the couple stopa moment, when the organist a piercing scream and saw the slowly falling from the man's Almost before she had reached ound the man darted away side street and disappeared.

unconscious thought which

s true presence of mind. This

to people of nervous and

n the organist came up to the n he found, to his horror, that ras lying in a pool of blood. His ulse was to run away and get of the terrible scene, but his betings prevailed, and he knelt beside the poor woman to see if ld do anything for her. When d her head he found she was

Beside her on the pave-lood stained razor. st was overwhelmed with fore he could collect himp of people had gathered. atly he heard expressions He did it," "I tell you I saw here is the razor," "The fiend! are the police?" "Hand him It was certainly a very awkposition, as the rough character people might tempt them to e law into their own hands and very badly. The arrival of a an seemed to steady his nerves ent, and then came a wave tion that might truly be callfe of mind. He seized the n's wrist and, pulling out went through the form of my's co. Then he put his be real con and, turning to be real con a calmly as he ed it was a calmly as he dor knew that any that I can of preparation be. The be distributed by pulse."
The offer was poll of the ground that the em "He's sok of its own and dwas his r.—New York Sun.

my policy," said the impuls candidate, "to send every lawd beavens!" exclaimed a promi-tizen. "This fool wants to lock mmunity."-Chicago Herald.

cannot dream yourself into a er. You must hammer ne yourself.-Froude.

#### DOCTORING A DIAMOND.

Trick That Makes a Yellow Stone Appear Clear Blue White.

Let me show you a little trick that I would advise you not to put into practice, said a jewel fancier to a number of friends the other day.

The conversation had turned to diamonds during the midday luncheon. and the expert had been holding forth on his favorite subject. The little group of St. Louisans were interested still more when the speaker drew big solitaire from his finger and beckoned a waiter across the cafe.

"Bring me a glass of water and an indelible pencil," said he when the

servitor came over to the table. "This is a trick that is essentially rooked," said the jewel fancier, "and will get by nine times out of ten even when the examiner is an expert at judging precious stones and detecting trickery. It will make a yellow 'off color' diamond look like a stone of the very first water. Pawnbrokers innumerable have been fooled by this same trick, as it is extremely difficult to detect even with a powerful glass.'

The expert took the pencil and allowed the indelible lead to dissolve in the glass of water. In a couple of minutes the water was as blue as indigo water.

"Now watch," said the man who knew the lore of jewels.

He took the ring and dropped it into the glass. Its brilliancy was dimmed by the hazy, bluish water until it looked like a dead stone.

strator, "that the diamond I placed in nostrils must carry the small particles there was a bit yellow. It will be a of smoke in a more or less damp state clear bluish white when it comes out of its bath "

At the end of a minute the stone was taken out. The top of the gem was dried with a soft handkerchief and then the ring was waved to and fro for a few moments. It was held up found it useful on a number of occafor inspection. Not a gleam of yellow was to be seen. The stone was apparently a magnificent blue white gem that any one would be proud to own and loathe to pledge.

"It is the blue pigment deposited on the back of the stone that has made ald. the difference," said the jewel expert. "The deposit is so filmy that a strong glass cannot detect it. You cannot see it from the rear of the mounting and only a bath of alcohol will remove it. It will stay on the gem for weeks if it is not removed in that way. It used to be a favorite trick of many folks who now and again had to put a dia-

mond into the hands of a pawnbroker. "The trick is called 'doctoring a stone,' but, as I said in the beginning. would not advise you to try it. I don't know what the law on such matters is in Missouri, but there are states where a person convicted of such an offense would serve a long Tuilius, sixth king of Rome, and was penitentiary term for his cleverness."-St. Louis Republic.

How Artificial Furs Are Made.

and the skin carefully shaved off, ing his goods confiscated. thawed and sent to the tanneries to be made into leather. The frozen fur which remains is allowed to thaw slightly at the bottom, so that a small

The result is that large seamless pieces of fur are obtained much cheaper than those which come with the natural skin. These same artificial furs are said to be more lasting than the real, because they are immune from the attacks of moths .-Paris Nature.

We have just got the market price of

wives doped out, not to a penny, but close enough. The research work came to an end when we put the subject of marriage up to a prominent bachelor. "I wouldn't give 50 cents for a wife." he asserted.

"But." we asked, "you'd give a counterfeit half dollar for a better half, wouldn't you?"

He acknowledged that he would. So you see, were getting right down to cases.-New York Journal.

The Point of View. "I suppose your clerks are all Re-

"No," said the merchant. "I hire the best men, irrespective of their poli-

"What a queer way to run a business." commented the politician.-Louisville Courier-Journal.

Only a Decoy. tic wife. I have been calling on ber for several months now and always find her darning one of her father's

"But have you noticed that it is always the same old sock?'-Louisville Courier-Journal

High Finance. "Why do you keep asking people fo chauge for a dollar and then aski other people to give you a dollar fr

"Well, somebody may make a mistake in change some time. And, be lieve me, it won't be me!"-New York Journal.

Wonderful Kindness. Hatteras—is Ghivers good pay?
Hanchett—Good pay? Why, once,
on his assets were twice as much
bric liabilities, he went into bankhairso his creditors would get 200 Worrthe dollar .- Puck.

bald.ceble bowl with the wolv ith the asses and bleat with the -Roland.

#### ODORS AND MOISTURE.

A Scheme That Is Said to Improve the

"The most striking fact connected with my school career," said the prep school graduate, "was a peculiar ability on the part of our commandant to detect the faintest odor of smoke in a room on his daily inspection. The school I attended was of the military variety, and smoking was a rather serious offense. No matter how much a room had been aired or fanned with wet towels previous to the inspection, the offender was always caught.

"After I had received my finishing touches and become a citizen I made so bold as to inquire from what pecullar dispensation of providence the ability was given to detect one molecule of smoke in a hundred cubic feet of pure air. The old boy smiled and, binding me to secrecy, imparted the reason of his wonderful ability. Then he took me to a boy's vacated room and told me to wet my finger and rub my nostrils with it and sniff. Lo and behold, where before there seemed no taint in the atmosphere was now detected that smell of old tobacco smoke! Since then I have taught school myself and have used the trick occasionally, entirely for experimental purposes, however.

"I have also sought the scientific explanation, but with little success. It may, however, be somewhat analogous to the process of tasting. You know, it is impossible to taste anything that is not dissolved in water or is not a "Now, you noted," said the demon- liquid itself. So the moisture on the to the olfactory perve ends and thus make the smell more apparent. At least this is the only explanation I

have ever found for the phenomenon. "The same thing can also be used for detecting other odors, and I have sions for this purpose, both in analytical chemistry, when only a small particle of a certain material is available for analysis, and in detecting faint perfume from flowers that are ordinarily quite odorless."-Chicago Record Her-

#### COUNTING HEADS.

The First Census Was Taken by Moses In the Wilderness.

There is a record of a census in China as far back as the year 2042 B. C. and of one in Japan in the last century before Christ. Under the constitution of Solon the citizeus of Athens were divided and registered in four classes, according to the amount of their taxable property or income. The Roman census was burdened with more statistics than any of these, however. It had its origin under Servius an affair of much solemnity. Every citizen had to appear upon the Campus Martius and declare upon oath his name and dwelling and the value of The raw pieces of pelt are frozen his property under the penalty of hav-

The most ancient statistical record of a census is found in the Bible. The census was taken by Moses in the wilderness, and, as shown by the first part of the hair is freed from ice. chapter of Numbers, the enumeration This thawed portion is then covered must have been very simple. "Take with a solution of rubber, which is ye," says this account, "the sum of all the congregations of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel; thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies." This census was an affair that must have been soon over, lasting no longer than one day, being merely a counting of the heads of the fighting men. The women and children and cripples and the old men were not included: "netther were the Levites numbered among them." Those who did stand up to be numbered totaled 603,550. - New York World.

His Bad Break.

"Why on earth do you come to me to borrow money, Billups?" sald Harkaway peevishly. "Why don't you go to Jorrocks? He's the prosperous looking member of our set."

"That's just it, Harkaway," said Billups. "Jorrocks looks so very prosperous that I am quite sure he spends every penny Le makes, but you, old man-why, you dress like a man who saves his money."

P. S.-He didn't get it.-Harper's Weekly.

It Was His Own. Shirley Brooks, the famous Punch editor, once met Charles Salamar, the composer. On being introduced to

Shirley the composer said:
"I had often and often seen your face, Mr. Brooks, but I never knew to whom it belonged." "Oh," replied Brooks quickly, "It al-

ways belonged to me." Stronger Than Sympathy.
"I am glad to see, anybow, that ye sympathize with the under dog in this

barbarous fight." "Sympathize with 'im? Gosh, mister, all the money I've got is up on that dawg!"-Chicago Record Herald.

Smith (to member of vested choir)-I bear you've got a new tenor in the What kind of a roice has hegood? Jones-Good? I should say so! It's so good none of the other tenors will speak to 'tim.-Life.

What It May Come To. Customs Officer-Baby born at home er abroad?

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