RESENCE OF MIND

lay Make Heroes of Physical Cowards In Time of Danger.

t is the Sudden Impulse That Moves One to Do the Right Thing In an Uncted Emergency-A Soldier and hell and a Man and a Murder.

There is a distinction to be drawn en presence of mind and cour-Persons who naturally are timid rvous will in circumstances of t danger and excitement perform of heroism that would be beyond powers on ordinary occasions. eak of these as instances of of mind. But if you ask they would tell you that an inary impulse rather than any litated course of action guided will on the occasion. Had they reflection when all the threatdanger to themselves had beclear to their minds their natmidity of character would have d itself and deprived them of

t is absence of fear that prompts dier under a beavy fire from emy's guns to go to the assista wounded comrade and bring a place of safety, and nothing an nature can compare with self sacrifice. But in times of vest who act with promptitude. of its bath." owing story is an instance of

our transports was returning e Philippines with invalided d one morning at sea a group s on the deck discussed the of firing shells. A soldier was the colonel to bring an empty th a fuse. The colonel took I in his hands and, striking a ghted the fuse. As this slowd and the colonel proceeded address to the other officers soldler passed the group, and nt he caught sight of the rushed forward, exclaiming. sir; the shell is a live one!" he did what never seemed to e into the minds of any in the officers. He seized the shell e 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. o talked with the man touchincident say that he repudiidea of baving done a brave I don't know," he said, "what seize the shell out of the hand, but it came suddenly nind, and I did it." It is this unconscious thought which true presence of mind. This

to people of nervous and rdly natures. of authentic record the case known to be utterly deficient who saved himself from a ward situation by an exhibial presence of mind. He was in and lived in a town in where he was an organone evening he was returning oh some of the back streets. at that hour were more or less people. As he went along, he noticed some distance t him a man and a woman side by side, the man's arm round 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 ground the man darted away a side street and disappeared. n the organist came up to the

an he found, to his borror, that s lying in a pool of blood. His e was to run away and get of the terrible scene, but his betgs prevailed, and he knelt beside the poor woman to see if ald do anything for her. When her head he found she was with her throat cut from Beside her on the pave-

lood stained razor.

st was overwhelmed with efore he could collect himp of people had gathered. atly he heard expressions He did it." "I tell you I saw ere is the razor," "The fiend! ire the police?" "Hand him It was certainly a very awkition, as the rough character people might tempt them to 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 callre of mind. He seized the an's wrist and, pulling out went through the form of se. Then he put his t and, turning to s calmly as he

any that I can of the "He's was his z and assed

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 tancier to a number of friends the other day.

The conversation had turned to dia-NOT A MATTER OF COURAGE. monds during the iniqualy full forth on his favorite subject. The little group of St. Louisans were interested still more when the speaker drew a 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 crooked," 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 allow-

> ed 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.

"Now, you noted," said the demonstrator, "that the diamond I placed in there was a bit yellow. It will be a emergency it is not always clear bluish white when it comes out

> 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 for 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.

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. 1 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 penitentiary term for his cleverness."-St. Louis Republic.

How Artificial Furs Are Made.

The raw pieces of pelt are frozen and the skin carefully shaved off, thawed and sent to the tanneries to which remains is allowed to thaw slightly at the bottom, so that a small This thawed portion is then covered must have been very simple. "Take with a solution of rubber, which is allowed to set.

The result is that large seamless pleces 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.

Values.

We have just got the market price of wives doped out, not to a penny, but close enough. The research work came 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 Republicans?"

"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.

"I think she will make a very domestic wife. I have been calling on her for several months now and always flud her darning one of her father's socks."

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

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

your change?" "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, his assets were twice as much liabilities, he went into banko his creditors would get 200 the dollar .- Puck.

ceble howl with the wolves, ith the asses and bleat with the

ODORS AND MOISTURE.

A Scheme That Is Said to Improve the Sense of Smell.

"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 peculiar 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 liquid itself. So the moisture on the nostrils must carry the small particles of smoke in a more or less damp state to the olfactory nerve 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 found it useful on a number of occasions 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 "It is the blue pigment deposited on 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 citizens 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 Tullius, sixth king of Rome, and was 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 his property under the penalty of having his goods confiscated.

The most ancient statistical record be made into leather. The frozen fur 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 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; "neito an end when we put the subject of ther 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?" said 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 a!-

ways belonged to me." Stronger Than Sympathy.
"I am glad to see, anybow, that you

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.

Superlative.

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

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

"Well, re'll have to pay duty on it.

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