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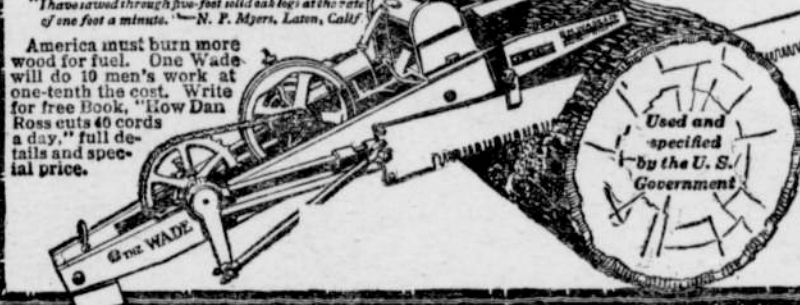
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### SEEK PHILIP'S GOLD

Effort to Salvage Spanish Galleon Goes Merrily On.

Treasure Seekers Refuse to Give Up Hope of Securing Wealth From Flagship of Commander of "Invincible Armada."

Little did the duke of Medina-Sidonia, admiral in chief of the Invincible Armada, dream, as with high hopes he set sail from the Tagus on May 29, 1588, that his great galleon, the Florencia, would be sunk off Tobemory, on the coast of Scotland, and would be supplying treasure trove to adventurous spirits more than three centuries later in the year of grace 1919. The Florencia, which was popularly reported to be filled with gold, jewels and silver plate, fled northward with her sister vessels in frantic attempt to get back to Spain by rounding the north of Scotland after the fateful war council had decided to abandon the unequal fight in the narrow seas of the English channel. This was the decision which caused Sir Francis Drake to write jubilantly to Walsingham on July 31: "There was never anything pleased me better than the seeing the enemy flying with a southerly wind to the northward. We have the Spaniards before us, and mind, with the grace of God, to wrestle a pull with them."

The doomed ship had reached Tobemory when MacLean of Morven by a well-directed shot succeeded in setting fire to her powder magazine. The resultant explosion scattered the vessel and her contents far and wide over the sea bed. The immense wealth which she was believed to have on board has from that time to this exercised over many minds as potent a fascination and spell as ever was wielded by dreams of discovering the treasures hidden by the buccaneers who sailed the southern seas.

At length, after several desultory attempts at reaching her, a salvage company was formed in 1903, and operations, begun then, have been continued intermittently ever since. Enough was discovered to encourage perseverance, though not to reward enterprise—hulderbusses, swords, scabbards, a bronze cannon and a few doubloons. Several recent signs, however, indicate that the searchers are at last on the right track and will soon strike the main hoard. Then if ever should the ship's stronghold yield up its long-lost treasure and add one more to the romances of the deep.

#### Mixup in Relationships.

Adoption proceedings before Judge Raymond Dobb presented a complex situation that lawyers are trying to figure out, writes a Syracuse (N. Y.) correspondent. James and Lucy Loutwell were born six years ago. Their mother, Mrs. Lucy Loutwell, wife of James Loutwell, died shortly after their birth. Their father married again and then Percy McBoard, brother-in-law of the deceased Mrs. Loutwell, adopted Lucy, Charles Slinger, brother of the deceased Mrs. Loutwell, adopted Jimmie.

Lucy must now call her own brother Cousin Jimmie. Her own father becomes Uncle Jim. Her hitherto Uncle Percy now becomes papa. While she will always revere the memory of the departed mother, she must regard her maternal parent as a deceased aunt, at least in the law. Her own cousins, the children of her adoptive parents, become her brothers and sisters, and the same holds true of Jimmie. Lucy's now legal father becomes uncle to her own brother, while her stepmother she must address as auntie.

#### Historic Inn to Be Sold.

The famous Saracen's Head Inn at Southwell, Eng., in which many American tourists have found entertainment, is to be sold at auction. Its history as a hotel runs back through 500 years.

In its early days the house was called "The King's Arms." King Charles I. stayed at the inn during the Civil Wars. Charles surrendered himself to the Scottish Commissioners on May 8, 1648, in the coffee room. The bedroom which that monarch used on the night before he gave himself up is still well preserved. Other English kings also stopped at the ancient hotel.

#### Arts and Crafts in Australia.

Determined to revive interest in arts and crafts work, the executive of the Arts and Crafts Society for Victoria has invited the craft workers of the commonwealth to send exhibits without entrance fees, to the annual exhibition in Melbourne in November. The exhibition will include examples of pottery, toy-making, metal work, stained glass, modeling, lace and leather work, engraving and etching, and design of poster work. Designs must be original, and if possible have an Australian motif. The fact that a number of disabled soldiers have taken up arts and crafts work will add additional interest to the exhibition.

#### Were Built to Last.

The extraordinary tenacity of building materials was what most impressed a British architect visiting the war area. He frequently saw arches with only one abutment still held firmly in position by cohesion, though loaded with heavy walls, and in the Market hall of St. Quentin an iron column with base shot away was still held upright by the superstructure it was designed to support.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt says: "I am a very honest non-partisan. \* \* \* I agree with every word and every act of President Wilson." This is the strict neutrality of the woman who wanted a dress of "any color, so it's red."

Now that President Wilson has discovered that the cabinet has been meeting occasionally during the past few months probably somebody will tell him how the election of 1918 turned out.

### IRASCIBLE MEN OF GENIUS

William Morris and Charles Reade Notable for Their Explosive Tempers and Kindly Hearts.

In some recent reminiscences Mr. Henry G. Barnwell says that the two literary men of his acquaintance who possessed the greatest capacity for indignation were William Morris and Charles Reade. Morris was perhaps the more explosive; but his temperamental outbursts were soon over and had rarely any sequel. The violence of Charles Reade, though frequently fit, too, passed like a summer tempest, was sometimes the precursor of a prolonged literary or legal battle; for he had a passion for litigation.

"Assassination is too good for him; the miscreant ought to be boiled in oil!" Mr. Barnwell once heard Morris roaring as he came into his presence. Inquiry brought out the fact that the villainy for which such punishment was deemed suitable was the crime of placing the pockets of a new suit in their conventional position instead of arranging them in a novel and interesting manner, suggested by Morris. But the unimaginative tailor was not boiled; moreover, when, shortly afterward, he fell into difficulties, it was Morris who advanced him money enough to set him on his feet again.

Possibly Reade, who also was a generous-hearted man, might at need have shown equal magnanimity toward a cobbler who aroused his ire. The man had been recommended by his friend, Wilkie Collins, and the next time the two novelists met Reade lifted his voice from afar.

"Confound you!" he shouted irascibly. "That cobbler you sent to me is a fraud—a rascal—a rogue—a triple-dyed villain! He ought to be choked with his own shoe pegs!"

Wilkie Collins, laughing, attempted some defense of his protégé; but Reade would not listen. Lifting his hands to heaven like an Oriental calling down the vengeance of the gods, he declared impressively, in true eastern style:

"May the heels of the conscienceless wretch who recommended such a cobbler be blistered, and may his joints be cramped! May bunions visit his great toe and corns sit upon his little one, and the wrath of the enemy destroy his sole!"

Then, satisfied with the achievement of an impromptu curse at one harmless and horrifying, he accepted Collins' invitation to luncheon, and the two walked amicably away together. —Youth's Companion.

#### The Tunisian Posts.

The postal courier service of Tunis which ran between the years 1855 and 1875 is described in the "Revue Tunisienne" by Mr. Marcel Gandolph. The service covered the distance between Tunis and Susa up to 1868, and then it was extended to Sfax. The distance between Tunis and Susa—a dangerous journey over not too easy country—was performed in 24 hours and at one stretch. Only once was the Tunis courier behind his time, by 12 hours, and that was the result of hair-raising adventure. In 1861 times were certainly not good for couriers and way-laying on the road was not uncommon. At that period there were only two running out of the three Mohammeds, who for many years had shared the duty. Bouffouf, Becassine and Le Chameau were names bestowed upon them, the first because of his vivacity, the second because of his swiftness of appearance, and the third because of his stature. The story of these dauntless three of the Tunisian postal service in the light of the latest aerial postal innovations is of almost prehistoric flavor.

#### Will Say He Loves Her.

Gwendoline sighed softly, and wept. "Harold!" she blubbered. "You do not love me."

The young man started violently, knitted his brow fiercely, and an excited flush enveloped his countenance. "Gwendoline!" he gasped, as he recovered from the shock. "Gwendoline!" he repeated. "You astounded me! When a man deliberately intones the last car for seven nights in succession, when he attempts to learn the latest jazz steps just to please a fair maiden, when he tolerates the cheek and impudence of her rascally young brother, and constantly sniffs up his nostrils the latest scent of eau de cologne—to suggest he is not a victim of Cupid's bow and arrow is a positive insult!" —Houston Post.

#### New Source of Petroleum.

The existence of petroleum, it is reported, has been definitely established near Punta Arenas and in the north-west of Tierra del Fuego. The frequency of the emanations of natural gas makes it probable that the petroliferous deposits are large. The geologists have indicated to certain proposed drilling companies the most appropriate places for drilling. The Chilean government takes no part in the actual drilling, but will continue to further scientific explorations with a view to giving all aid to the search for petroleum.

#### Setting a Bad Precedent.

Viola was playing in the yard and her mother told her it was time to come in and prepare for bed. "I don't want to go to bed yet," pleaded Viola. "It's early yet; let her play a little longer," interceded Grandmother. "No," her mother said firmly, "she must come in now." Viola came up the steps as slowly as possible. "Oh, mamma," she exclaimed eagerly, "why don't you obey your mother?"

In choosing Secretary of State President Wilson ought not overlook the qualifications of some of those rubber stamp senators.

Right on the heels of that Baltimore doctor's bulletin claiming that Mr. Wilson is brighter than ever came that Lansing letter.

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