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"But that isn't my story, my boy. That's only what my experience has taught me. Now listen to my tale of woe:

"I struck Leadville unarmed. I never had carried a revolver, but somehow I felt that it was a necessity there. So I bought one. Then I was all right. I loaded it carefully, put it in my hip pocket and felt that I could walk the streets in safety. I was armed."

"Well, about 8 p. m. that day—the same day that I had bought that gun, mind you—as I was passing an alley I felt something cold against the side of my head. Pull my gun! No, sir! I threw up my hands as I was ordered. I wasn't thinking of my gun at all; I was thinking of the one that was pressed against my head and wondering if it would go off. It didn't, but one man held it there while another went through me. He took my watch, my money and my new gun."

"I remember when he found the latter he suggested that it was of no use to me, and I heartily agreed with him. It wasn't of the slightest use to me, and I was willing that he should have it, but I did object to losing my watch and my money."

"I should say, my boy, that it took me fifteen or twenty minutes to get the pallor out of my face and to get over trembling. Then I found that I had some change left and I went in a saloon. There were two men there, and they kept looking at me and laughing, and I am still convinced that one of them had my gun in his pocket."

"That's the only time I ever carried a gun and the only time I was ever 'held up.' Hence my remark that a gun is of no use to the average man. If he gets time to use it it's ten to one that he's in a company where it isn't necessary. If he's in a company where it is, it's ten to one he won't have time to use it, and an attempt to do so may give murder the color of self defense. The other man will feel justified in using his. I got mine simply for self protection, and it didn't protect worth a cent. It started on a career of crime inside of five hours."—Chicago Tribune.

### My Gladstone's Correspondence.

Mr. Gladstone, who at one time when in office received thirty thousand letters a year, has always been remarkable for personally attending to his correspondence, and his autograph is, perhaps, more familiar than that of any other English statesman. In every department of state with which he has had anything to do he has left behind him a tradition for order and regularity, and it is said that he perfected the science of getting a maximum of work out of private secretaries.

When in office he kept six sets of pigeon holes constantly going, and he would have all his own letters copied, even those he wrote from the house of commons to the house of lords. He also, of course, in common with most other men in his position, got his secretaries to go through the daily papers and extract such items as it was necessary he should see.—London Tit-Bits.

### Works Both Ways.

To honor one's ancestors is an excellent and praiseworthy thing, but pride of ancestry is a very poor basis upon which to build one's whole life. A man who had never done anything for himself was boasting one day in the presence of a self-made man of the distinction of his ancestors.

"There is nothing," he said, "like having respect for one's ancestors to keep one out of degenerate ways."

"It is a very good motive," said the self-made man, "and you do well to be proud of your ancestors; but I think that my respect for my descendants is about as good a motive."

"Respect for your descendants! What do you mean?"

"Why, you see I want them to be proud of their ancestor!"—Youth's Companion.

### Estimating Manuscript.

To estimate the number of words in a manuscript count half a dozen lines on the fourth or fifth page, and multiply the average number of words in a line by the average number of lines on a page, and that product again by the number of pages in the manuscript. Ordinary typewriter copy on letter size paper will average twelve words to a line. Editors do not care so much to know the exact number of words in a manuscript as how much space it will occupy. Accordingly half lines at the end of paragraphs are counted as full lines.—Cor. Writer.

### A Lucky Man.

"I hear you lost a million on the street?"

"Not exactly. A million was lost through me by my friends. I didn't lose a cent."—Puck.

### LABYRINTHS OF DEEDS.

Queer Things Brought to Light in Examination of Old Papers. United States District Attorney Allen has completed an examination of the title to the real estate in the town of Winthrop, which has been purchased by the United States government for a mortar battery.

The amount of labor necessary to perform this work properly has been immense, and the result is an abstract comprising over 200 closely printed type written pages.

Mr. Allen has paid out to the Suffolk county probate office over \$125 for certificates where the title showed that the property descended by will, and has secured from different persons about 150 deeds and releases.

The examination showed many curious and interesting things. A part of the premises belonged to Governor Winthrop, and the town records of Boston contained minutes of the grant of Winthrop farm, in which there occurs the following: "There is granted to the governor, John Winthrop, the two hills next to Pullen point, with some barren marsh adjoining thereunto, provided it be no hindrance to the town's setting up a ware in Fisher's cove or fishing for bass there."

This land was conveyed by Governor Winthrop to his son, Deane Winthrop, who in 1704 devised the same by will to his grandchildren. It also appears that Governor Rowden was an owner of the farm at one time and at his death left it to his children, one of whom was Elizabeth, wife of Sir John Temple. In this will Oliver Wendell and Nathaniel Appleton were appointed trustees, a codicil subsequently making Oliver Wendell sole trustee.

The estate of Governor Rowden was afterward divided, and Lady Temple was apportioned 205 acres at "Pulling Point," a part of which the government has now purchased from the Winthrop Shore Land company. In the will of Lady Temple, which becomes a part of the chain of title, is a clause providing that at her decease all her domestics shall be suitably clad in mourning.

The inventory of Lady Temple's estate in 1810 shows something of the rise of land values in Boston, the store 45 State street and land under the same being valued at \$7,500; the store in the rear of 45 at \$3,500; a store in Merchants' row, with land, \$5,000; the farm at "Pudding Point," \$9,000; land at 17 Franklin place, \$12,000; and at 18 at \$18,000.

Another lot started with the title in James Hill in 1687, and was searched through a labyrinth of deeds, wills and other documents until it was traced to the hands of the parties from whom the United States purchased.

Another small tract of marsh land started with James Hill, and was traced down to about 1870, when all trace of ownership was lost, and all efforts to discover the missing link have failed. The tract is not of any particular value, and probably no further attempts will be made to deal with it.

A singular feature of the titles is that in the case of the Winthrop farm it passed down from one to another of the members of the New England families celebrated for the azure tinge of their blood, remaining with this class of persons to the very last, while in the cases of the lots side by side with it the owners were in no case people of prominence, and in many instances being illiterate persons, who, in signing the deed, made their marks, something which does not occur at all in the title of the Winthrop farm.

The government pays about \$150,000 for the whole tract purchased.—Boston Globe.

### Instinct Stronger Than Will.

There is a story about Darwin and the snakes. He used to go into the Zoological gardens in London and, standing by the glass case containing the cobra di capello, put his forehead against the glass while the cobra struck out at him. The glass was between them; Darwin's mind was perfectly convinced as to the inability of the snake to harm him, yet he would at ways doze. Time after time he tried it, his will and reason keeping him there, his instinct making him drowse.

The instinct was stronger than both will and reason. Superstition and a belief in the supernatural is like instinct. It makes us dodge what we know can't hurt us.—New York Evening Sun.

### A Harvard Student as a Super.

You talk of taking a green hand on as a super and you run risks. They get rattled and fool you. I remember sending on a Harvard guy once to carry a crown on a cushion. It was a royal procession or something. Well, of course he ought to go along with some style, and carry the cushion before him with both hands and the crown resting on it nice, see. But, no, Mr. Student gets the life scared out of him and goes tumbling on with the crown in one hand and cushion in the other swinging along by his side as if he was talking them to the pawnbroker's. Oh, it was awful!—Interview in Kansas City Star.

### Queer Ways for Water to Run.

There is a curious freak of nature to be seen along the road leading from Aiglen to Cochranville, this county. Two good sized streams of water meet at right angles on almost level ground, each having a heavy fall in reaching the point. The water of both streams meet, but neither is impeded in its course. They cross like two roads and continue in their respective bed. West Chester News.

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### The Canadian Newsboy.

Something in the shape of reciprocity between the newsboys of this country and Canada is sadly needed. The latter are numerous enough, but they are not posted on the goods they have to offer. If the queen should be taken off suddenly, or the Prince of Wales was to put a bullet in his heart, the Canadian newsboy might vouchsafe to yell the information. On everything else in the way of news he takes it for granted that you are as well posted as he. He stands on the corners and calls out his papers by name, and then becomes silent. It is possible that this indifference comes from that of the publisher. The morning paper comes out with monotonous regularity, and is made up just the same year round. The eyes of the reader are never fastened with the line "Extra" or "Second Edition." The afternoon papers are issued with the same regularity, and without regard to the news of the day. Twelve o'clock, three and five are the issues.

If one of these afternoon papers should receive information at noon that his royal highness the Prince of Wales had taken his mother by the back hair and thrown her down the stairway of Windsor castle, the afternoon paper would hold back the news until the next regular edition. If at 6 o'clock the news should come that the "Grand Old Man" had cut his throat, the afternoon paper would leave the important news to the morning contemporary. And when it appeared the newsboy would never be any the wiser, so far as calling it out, and neither would the passerby.—Chicago Tribune.

### Two Railroad Wrecks.

"About the queerest wreck I was ever in," said a retired brakeman with one arm, "was on the Chesapeake and Ohio, near Enterprise, Ky. We were coming up a hill with a heavy train when suddenly around a curve came a box car loaded with hoop poles. The car had been left on the siding at Enterprise, presumably without a brake set, and during the night it had been blown on the main track by the wind. When it hit our engine it broke five draw bars and broke the train in three parts, but luckily we kept the dismembered train from running away. The whole front of the engine was broken in, but no one was hurt. A big bunch of hoop poles was found wedged in the cylinder of the engine. I don't think the cause of the wreck was ever discovered, although the agent was discharged on account of the wreck."

"The oddest sight I ever see," broke in an engineer, "was near Wheeling, where two camelback engines collided. I was up in the cab running one, when the other train dashed around the curve. We were both running about twelve miles an hour. I was thrown from the cab, lighting on the cab of the rival train. Both the stacks were jammed together, and the two cabs looked like one. No one was injured."—Omaha World-Herald.

### The Legend of Clebach's Fountain.

Clebach's fountain was a holy well in the southern slope of Cruachan, near Roscommon, Ireland. The legend is that St. Patrick met here the two daughters of King Leoghaire, Fedelin and Ethna, as they came from the royal palace of Both Cruachan to bathe in the fountain. The maidens wondered at the sight of the venerable stranger surrounded by his monks, and they questioned him eagerly as to who he was and whence he came and what king he served.

When Patrick had told them of the lofty message he bore, the grace of God touched the hearts of the maidens, so that they believed and were baptized in the waters of the fountain, which St. Patrick had blessed for the purpose. Immediately on coming out of the water they prayed that they might be united with God, Patrick's king, and be with him forever. Almost instantly the bush of health left their cheeks and they calmly sank to sleep in death. Their bodies were laid side by side in Clebach's fountain, which became one of the holy wells of Ireland, famous for the miracles it wrought among the people.—St. Louis Republic.

### The Macaroni Crop.

Macaroni is an article of diet that customers fall in error over, and when it does happen it is of considerable amusement to us, although we take good care not to let it be seen.

A few weeks ago a ruddy faced farmer came into the shop and grumbled:—"The macaroni I bought of ye is na gude at a'! I speeks that macaroni crops must ha' bin werry bad last season."

As a matter of fact, macaroni does not grow at all, but is manufactured from wheat flour, and then made up into the long tubes that we are familiarly acquainted with.—A Grocer in London Tit-Bits.

### Not Used to Their Ways.

New Minister—It rather it will be necessary to keep the windows tightly closed during service. I was greatly annoyed this morning by the noise of some neighboring factory blowing off steam.

### A Sharp Girl.

"Do you know, Ethel," said Chap- pie, "that you dwell in my mind altogether?"

"I don't either," said Ethel, "and what is more, I never shall live in a flat as long as I live."—Epoch.

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