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DANGEROUS LOOKING BOXES.

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Here is an amusing incident which happened on her majesty's ship Canada in 1883, when the Duke of York was on board It occurred when the vessel was but a few days at sea. Because royalty was abourd unusual precautions were observed to make the ship thoroughly safe. When an inventory of the commissariat was taken, two suspicious looking boxes were found among the stores of which no account could be discovered. This was a time when the alleged activity of Irish dynamiters was giving Englishmen many An explosion a most in midocean had sunk a ship attached to the Pacific squadron only a short time before, and it was believed by many that the explosion had been caused by dynamite.

The commissariat officers of the Canada were sorely dismayed by the two mysterious boxes. Might not some fanatical Irish patriot have sought to gain for himself everlasting glory by smuggling an infernal machine on board the ship which was to carry the possible future king of a hated nation? Such a machine would be timed to do its deadlywork when least expected.

What could the suspicious boxes contain if not the doom of a warship with all on board? The prince was the coveted game, to be sure, but 300 insignificant souls must go with him.

Who could blame the officers for being alarmed? There was something to be alarmed about when no account of the boxes could be found among the ship's papers. No time must be lost, for before another hour they might all be scattered to pes are fine. Ive discovered three new the elements.

he sedate old captain ordered the two boxes to be slipped overboard as "damaged goods" and the matter kept strictly secret from the prince and the men in order to avoid a panic.

After more than two months on the ocean another inventory of the ship's stores became necessary, for the captain intended to take in a new supply at Halifax.

Now the invoice of two boxes of German sausages taken on board at Portsmouth was found among some other papers. But the goods were not in stock, nor did the accounts show that they had been consumed

during the voyage. What had been a dark secret with a few soon furnished amusement for the whold ship, for the boxes contained-German sausage. - London Tit-Bits.

A Remarkable Diet. All that appertains to food for invalids comes naturally under woman's province: therefore it sounds very strange to folks who are experienced in the dietary of invalids to hear what Senator Stanford's food had been restricted to for six weeks previous to his death. Unless there were complications that rendered other foods impossible it would seem that the last thing to give a man with heavy apoplectic tendencies would be a diet of beef. Meat, and especially beef, increases the pressure of the blood on the arteries, which have already very thin walls in sufferers with such tendencies. A diet of fruits or vegetables or akimmilk suits most people under such conditions, when beef only makes matters worse. There may have been circumstances rendering fruit improper or milk indigestible, but there seems hardly anything a man could take that would make more danger to his circulatory system then fresh hashed meat.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Poor Economies. Whatever else you hoard, do not include in the list old medicine bottles. The cost of these when perfectly new is very trifling, and the futility of saving them against a possible errand to the chemist's is very apparent. Nor should tacks taken up when you remove carpets from the floor for the annual or semiannual shaking be put aside for a second use. A new paper of tacks should be used whenever a carpet is

relaid. I once knew a woman who made one match, by careful economy, serve three separate lightings. Yet she went to her grave with the spirit of a pauper, and a bevy of spend-thrift cousins swooped down on her fields and barns as eagles on the prey.—Harper's Bazar.



REMEMBERING RUBE. Some Sweet Reminders That Catled Him

Back Again. "I see you have a great many pictures," I remarked to the mistress of the farm-house where I had stopped to await the cassing of a heavy thunder shower which

and overtaken me while out driving. "Yes. We set great store by them chromos," replied my hostess. "They give a very attractive appearance to your parlor," I said, with polite

mendacity.
"Yes, I think they do," she answered, with a little gleam of pride. "We think

they're pretty, but we value them chiefly on account of the associations." "The associations?"

"Yes, they're all we've got to remember our son Rube by."

"Ah! did he select the pictures!" 'N-n no, not exactly. He had to take em as they come. You see, he was sick with consumption, and fer about two years afore he died he used to take 'Mc-Duff's Sure Cure For Lung Complaints rit. And we'd save the wrappers off the bottles, and when we got a dozen of

'em we'd take 'em down to the store and exchange 'em fer one of them chromes.' "So thet's why we all set so much" store by them pictures. -- Ruber

He was a good son and one of the bestworkers on a farm there ever was in this town. But, land's sakes! everybody has their troubles, and we've got chromos enough fer every room in the house! Thet's one consolution.

"And them's all we have to remember Rube by-thet's excepting the bottles," said the good lady, correcting herself. undertaken was that of Mesars, Hermite "And them I uses to put up tomate and Besancon at Paris-Vaugirard, They ketchup in!"-Puck.

-Peralstent.

good qualities in a servant. M. Martins' valet possessed these qualities, though he certainly had his faults. A day or two after Baptiste came M. Martins inquired where he was.

"He went out and has not returned," some one said. Three days later Baptiste came back. "Where have you been?" his employer

emanded. "Monsieur, I had seen your house but once," replied Baptiste, "and it took me

all this time to find it again." "That is a very poor excuse," said M Martins sternly. "Is it?"

"Certainly it is." Baptiste was disturbed, but he remempered his duty.

"Very well, monsieur," he said bland- and where there remains no trace of waly, "if you will step into the next room | ter vapor. and wait a moment I will try to find you another."-Youth's Companion.

Extravagance. "Father," said Mrs. Hicks, "I wish you'd subscribe for this paper. Its reciways to make pumpkin pies this week started.

"How much is it, my dear?"

"Four dollars a year." "Why, Mariar, what kin you be thinkyear will buy more punkin pies than we can eat, without your havin the trouble o' making 'em."-Harper's Bazar.

Knew His Business.

Fat Man (at the spa)-You recommend spare diet, long walks and plenty of exercise. Why, I could do all that at home and save all the enormous ex-

penses at this place. The Local Doctor-Yes, my dear sir, I know, but a patient so stout as you needs plenty of worry. The high prices here will go a long way to reducing your weight .- Pick Me Up.

A Twenty Pound Steak. Boarder-This is a 20 pound steak, isn't it?

Mrs. Slimdiet-My, no! It's only a three pound steak. Boarder-Indeed? I heard the cook at it with a hammer, and I was sure I counted 20.-New York Weekly.

Everything Has a Use. Lieutenant A.—Say, comrade, what have you done with all the little mementos of your bachelor days?

Lieutenant B.-Consigned them to the flames. I only kept the locks of hair and used them for restuffing my old sofa.-Dorfbarbier.

A Liur. Hobbs (to friend at Stuffer's "quick lunch")-I say, Nobbs, how's business? Nobbs-Great! Never saw such rush. No time to sleep and way behind

on meals. That was day before yester-day's lunch I just finished.—Life. Why It Was Lost.

Binks-I had my diamond pin stolen last night. Inspector-How can it be identified? Binks-It had a patent thief safety



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It was there subjected to an atmos pheric pressure only about one eighth as great as that at the surface of the earth, and M. Hermite explains its floating for so long a time at a constant height by supposing that the temperature does not vary sensibly with the elevation of the floating body after the latter has at-tained an altitude where seven-eighths of the atmospheric pressure is lacking

But toward 6 o'clock, when with the decline of day the temperature began rapidly to fall, the balloon started back toward the earth, arriving with a gentle motion, which did not disturb the instruments it carried, at 7:11 at Chanvres, near Paris-Vaugirard, from which it had

The balloon was visible with a telescope during the entire time. It shone like the planet Venus, seen by day. By means of a micrometer attached to an in about? Four dollars? Why, \$4 a astronomical telescope, the apparent diameter of the balloon could easily have been measured, and this would have furnished a means of calculating its altitude independent of the record of the barometer which it carried.

The barometer and thermometer were furnished with automatic pens driven by clockwork, by means of which diagrams of the changes of pressure and tempera-ture that the balloon experienced were obtained. At the height of about 71 miles the thermometer marked a temperature of 60 degrees F. below zero Then the ink in the registering pens of both the thermometer and the barometer became frozen and the records were

interrupted. But as the balloon continued to rise the ink was thawed again, and at the 10 mile level the automatic records were renewed. The temperature registered there was only about 6 degrees below zero. The increase of temperature is ascribed to the effect of the unclouded sun heating the air in the basket that contained the instruments. The lowest record of the barometer was 108 millimeters, or a trifle more than four inches.

M. Hermite calls attention to the fact th t the density of the air at the height of 10 miles, where the balloon remained during most of the afternoon, is less than that existing upon the plains of the moon, on the assumption that the atmospheric density on the moon is proportional to the force of gravity at the urface of that orb.

If this is correct, then the instruments would have behaved about the same if M. Hermite had been able to place them on the moon, as they did when he sent them only 10 miles above the earth .-Youth's Companion.

Dutch Workmen.

In an interesting and comprehensive report of no small literary merit furnished to the labor commission and just presented to parliament Mr. Geoffrey Drage gives the results of his mission of inquiry in Holland. "The Dutch workman," he writes, "is thorough and steady, but not remarkable for speed in his work. Hence the long hours of labor which prevail in most occupations are not felt to be burdensome, provided that the laborer may work in the leisurely (ashion that suits him best."

Infrequency of strikes is attributed partially to lack of excitability and to steady common sense, which prevents its possessors from being led away by It-Stwikes me washer stwange that any schemes not of a distinctly practical -er-youah fathah should have such a kind." The people generally have been luxuriant gwowth of -er-whiskah and you, deah boy, should have not even a ference in labor questions, but during you, deah boy, should be supplied in regard to the employment of women in regard to the employment of women in regard to the employment of women and children which have turned attention.—London News.

The voices of singers need an occasional "oiling," and some peculiar remedies have been in vogue among singers which 'W' is interesting to sot breed, visited this country, she confessed to the writer that she treated her throat before each perform ance to a good rubbing with rum and always. know. When Gallmayer, the famous

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This statement led to further investigations in this line with the fol-

lowing result.

Labatt, the great Swedish tenor, ste two sail pickels before going on to sing. Wachtel used the yolk of an egg with sugar. Other vocal stars drink beer champagne, soda water or punch Walter, the tenor, drinks cold coffee without cream, and Geis tinger renes on a glass of grog. Zeila Trebelli, the famous contralto who died not long ago, always drank lemonade before she went on the stage. Kindermann chewed dried prunes during the intermissions and Son thelm swore by a pinch of snuff before each aria. Some singers who are passionate smokers refrain fromsmoking on the days on which they are to sing, while a number of cantatrices believe that their yoices are vasily improved by the smoking of a cigarette just before the curtain rises. -St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Wasted-Admonition

It was in a street car, and the passengers were all fretting and nervous over the heat. A man and woman and a fat baby occupied the corner seats. The buby, after clambering. Whether this opinion with regard to us around in an aimless manner populis justified or not in the main, the Amerlar with infants, at last began to cry. lustily while the man joited it up and down first on one knee and then on the other, giving it his watch to to claim American citizenship for a secplay with and doing his best to soothe the antics of the youngster. An old lady who sat in the far corner became very much interested in the proceedings, and finally, when she saw that all overtures were unavail ing, she could stand it no longer, and in a voice that all the passengers could hear and looking very indignantly at the young woman she said:

"That baby wants its mother; that's what's the matter with it. You had better take it. A man never knows how to handle a baby anyhow." At this very pointed remark the young woman in the corner rose, gathered together her bundles and made a hasty exit from the car. It is needless to explain that the baby was not hers, and it was hard to tell which was the more embarrassed, the old or the young woman.-Philadelphia Times.

What He Regretted. One of the sovereign people broke a chair over his wife's head. When taken to jail and conversed with by the chaplain, he displayed a good deal of repentance. He said he "was very sorry that he had permitted his anger to obtain the mastery of him and to suffer him to do act for the chair was one, an heirloom in his family, and he knew he never could replace it."-San Francisco Argonaut.

Harriet Monroe's Test Case.

The New York World is defendant in a suit for \$25,000 damages, brought by Miss Harriet Monroe, author of the World's fair ode, which was printed in advance of the delivery. Miss Monroe proposes to make a test of the right of newspapers to publish addresses before their delivery, and the outcome will be watched with interest by all interested in journalism.

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Archduchess Ralnier's Pearls. The Archduchess Rainier possess some pearls of unusual beauty, but which some time ago showed signs of losing their brilliancy. They were what the experts call "ill," and, as the only cure, the pearls will have to be again submerged in their original element and remain in the sea for several years. For this purpose divers have built a sort of cage of rocks in the Adriatic sea, opposite the chatcau of Miramar, in which receptacle the pearls will be put for their long bath .- Florence Correspond-

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