

HE WANTED TO KNOW.

Burglar Possessed of Secret for Which Man Would Give Much.

Chief Kohler tells of an incident at Central police station shortly after he became chief that left a lasting impression on him.

An East End man whose home had been robbed a night or two before came rushing down to the station on reading in the morning paper that the thief had been placed under arrest.

"Better not say anything to him," advised the chief, "you're apt to spoil everything. We're trying to get him to tell where he put the loot."

"I'll stand for any harm I do," said the writer. "I've simply got to see him."

A minute later the man stood facing the chief.

"Now, I don't want you to think that I'm holding any grudge against you," he said to the man behind the bars. "I've just come to you for some information, and if you'll give it to me you can have all the stuff you got. It's like this: I've been trying ever since I was married to get into our house at night quietly, but I invariably wake up my wife. Now, you've turned the trick without awakening either my wife or myself. Just put me wise to your system, old man, and we'll call it square."

TRIED TO DRIVE OUT DEVIL.

Filipino Witch Doctor May Have Caused Death of Girl.

A Filipino girl, 18 years of age, was beaten and tortured until her life is now in danger in an attempt to compel a "devil to leave her body."

At his suggestion it was decided to fill the girl until the devil should become uncomfortable and leave her. Taking the girl into a side room they knocked her down and commenced to beat her with fists.

The Egotism of Genius.

A recent visitor to Joaquin Miller's abode, up among the mountains, found the poet of the Sierras clad in corduroys, high boots, a big sombrero hat and bowing locks.

Bible Recovered from Sea.

A remarkable find was made by a Shields (Eng.) trawler while fishing 50 miles from the Tyne. When the net was hauled on deck a Bible was recovered from the load of fish.

Already Crowned.

"The late Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the negro poet," said an editor, "once addressed a Sunday school in New York. An incident happened at its end that Dunbar laughed at as heartily as the rest of us.

Buck Fever.

In the delirium of buck fever he mistook a coll for a deer. And the coll, mortally stricken, sank down upon the straw of the barnyard, looking with glazed eyes upon the multitude of sympathetic creatures that gathered gamely about it.

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WILL MAKE POLAR DASH.

Ice Pack and Canvas Boats to Be Used in Trip Northward.

Gloucester, Mass.—The former fishing schooner, John R. Bradley, which took Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, to Etah, from whence he is to make a dash for the pole, is at anchor in the harbor here.

Capt. Moses Bartlett, her commander, who was with Peary in the Roosevelt, says that Cook accompanied John R. Bradley, the owner of the schooner, ostensibly upon a hunting trip and until their arrival at Etah he had not announced his intention of trying for the pole to anyone.

Dr. Cook will take only a few Eskimos and dogs and will relay them in stations all the way. He will take substantially the same route as Peary. It was found that the Eskimos had rifled Peary's food caches and even overturned his boats.

Dr. Cook from Etah has about 1,000 miles to cover. He must return by the same route—across Smith sound overland 84 degrees, then over the ice pack and sea.

The attempt will not be a costly one. Dr. Cook was a guest on Mr. Bradley's trip and the expenses of the Eskimos and dogs will not be excessive.

WOMAN LIVES YEARS IN A TENT.

Consumptive Recovers by Keeping Outdoors for Long Time.

Roanoke, Ind.—That the best relief and cure for the white plague are in fresh air, nutritious food and hygienic measures is shown by a cure in Rockport. Mrs. W. A. Fee, of that city, had tuberculosis several years, and a year ago could hardly get around her home.

Effect of Sun Baths.

"The taking of sun baths is one of the most healthful things in the world," said E. T. Roberts, of Cincinnati. "Several years ago I visited Germany, and while there was taken down with nervous prostration. I called in the best specialists of Berlin. They told me I needed more exercise, more fresh air and more sunlight. The first thing they made me do was to take sun baths. I stripped and would go out in the yard every morning and lay for 40 minutes in the bright sun. It was not so hot, but felt so to me, as I was unprotected. Well, sir, in a few days I began to feel better. In three weeks I was pronounced a well man. The sun baths certainly did the trick for me."

Use of Adjectives.

Certain adjectives are reserved for men and others for women. A man is never called "beautiful." Along with "pretty" and "lovely" that adjective has become the property of women and children alone. "Handsome" and the weak "good-looking" are the only two adjectives of the kind common to either sex. Even "belle" has no real masculine correlative in English, since "beau" came to signify something other than personal looks. It is singular that "handsome" should have become the word for a strikingly good-looking person, since its literal meaning is handy, dexterous. But "pretty" likewise comes from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "sly."

Lost a Good Thing.

Formerly a telephone had stood on the bracket in the corner. The bracket had been made expressly for the phone. It had been so exceedingly convenient to call up her friends that the woman immediately noticed the change; for on the bracket in place of the telephone stood a statuette that she didn't much care for.

WOMAN PAINT CHURCH FENCE.

Energetic Members of the Congregation Shame Men by Their Industry.

Washington.—When the members of the First Baptist church at Aurora attended services recently there was a surprise in store for many of them. Instead of the fence with the paint worn off, they saw one that had just been painted and that looked quite as good as new.

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HAVE VARIETY OF NAMES.

Numerous Appellations Bestowed on Race of Gipsies.

The gipsies, interest in whom is revived by the appearance of the first issue of the revived Gipsy Lore society, has passed under a variety of names, arising either from their supposed original country or the calling and characteristic of the race.

The Old English Egyptian, the Spanish Gitana and the Magyar Pharas nepek (Pharaoh's people) all point to an Egyptian origin; the Scandinavian Tatars identify them with the Mongolian hordes which terrorized early Europe, while the French Bohemian suggests yet another country as their cradle.

As to the names bestowed by their supposed character, the Arab boldly calls them Harami (a villain), the Dutch man Heydens, or heathens, and the Persian takes his name from their complexion, and dubs them Karachi, or swarthy. A charter of William the Lion, as early as the twelfth century, mentions their Scotch name of Tinklers, which is commonly supposed to be a corruption of tinker, although possibly the substitution of "l" for "r" has produced this form of the Italian Zingaro, one of the most widespread of gipsy appellations.

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Names of Newspapers.

Is it a loose application of language to apply the word "journal" to a publication issued every week or month? Probably not, since the idea of the word seems to have been that the news sheet was a diary, a record of day-by-day events, rather than that it appeared daily itself. The very first regular newspaper, indeed, is considered to have been the Frankfurter Journal, which appeared in 1615 as a weekly publication.

The Skeleton at the Feast.

"The dinner was going all right," said the superstitious man, "until the cross-eyed girl came to the telephone and stood facing the table, talking with a friend, but looking straight at us—not straight exactly—with her misshapen eyes. Then the waiter got cross and spilled the soup and brought the macaroni without the cheese and the cheese without the macaroni and forgot the butter and nearly forgot the bread and froze the coffee and left out the sugar, and, well, just about everything happened that could happen at that table after the cross-eyed girl came and stood there telephoning and looked at us."

The Quaker Boy.

The truly Pennsylvania Quaker farm and homestead was a great place for a boy to grow into a man. The old conditions lasted till the civil war. Since then there has been a gradual scattering of the old families, and their places have been taken by immigrants and renters of another type. The old race will be largely extinct in another generation; but many a man now in middle life or beyond who has made his mark in Philadelphia or elsewhere in business or professional life, blesses the fate that gave him the physical and moral basis of such a boyhood.—Isaac Sharpless in the Atlantic.

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The Modern Hero.

"He is wonderfully handsome," said the impressionable girl. "He looks like the hero of a novel." "Not at all," answered Miss Cayenne; "he is neither a gentlemanly burglar nor an adopt in slang."

JUST AS GOOD AS MONEY.

Amos Budd's Little Contribution to the Church.

Stories have been told of buttons, tacks and various extraneous substances found in contribution boxes, but it is seldom that a church-member strikes a blow so severe as was that delivered by Amos Budd of Porterville on one occasion. It was at the close of a missionary sermon that Mr. Budd, whose wont was to contribute ten cents to each of the charities to the support of which the church subscribed, was seen to take take a blue slip from his pocket and look at it keenly and affectionately.

When, after a slight but evident hesitation he dropped the slip, carefully folded, into the box, Deacon Lane, who was passing it, could hardly refrain from an exclamation of joy. "The Lord will bless you, Brother Budd," he said, when the sermon was over, hurrying down the aisle to overtake the prosperous grocer. "I hope so," returned Mr. Budd, dryly, "but I'm afraid you call me on that being a check that I dropped in the box. It wasn't. 'Twas a receipted bill for kerosene the church owed me last year, and it had been overlooked. Of course it's just the same as money, though, when you come to that."—Youth's Companion.

GREAT SLAUGHTER OF WASPS.

Curious Custom That Prevails in Westmoreland, England.

A strange custom is observed yearly in the small hamlet of Week, in Westmoreland, England, in commemoration of an incident that happened in the year 1841. That year there was a plague of wasps and many persons throughout the country succumbed to the poisonous stings. The little hamlet holds the record for its number of victims, and in memory of the occurrence a memorial tablet was erected on the moor there. Now each year there is a procession. Most of the inhabitants turn out, carrying insect powder and other devices for killing wasps, and march to the memorial stone, where a short service is held by the minister of the parish. When the service is over a general crusade is made in search of wasps' nests, which are immediately destroyed. Some carry guns, some rags saturated in turpentine, while others carry paraffin, which is poured into the nest and a match applied. The anniversary is considered the most important event of the year.

WOODEN LEGS PROVE PERIL.

Also Prove Blessing to Aged Man Who Is Stuck in Mud.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Fletcher McClain, 65 years old, was saved and also held prisoner by his two wooden legs when he fell from a bridge with the horse and buggy he was driving. McClain fell apart from the horse and buggy and shot downward, feet—"pegs" foremost, the wooden pedals penetrating the mud "knee" deep. And there he stuck, saved from injury, but quite helpless.

SPANKS GROWN DAUGHTER.

Miss Pauline Law, Spinster of Thirty-five, Is Chastised.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Miss Pauline Law, aged 35, who lives with her father, William Law, on Friendship avenue, went out the other night without telling her father where she was going and remained out until one o'clock in the morning. When she reached her home her father was waiting for her in his slippers. Her father is 65 years old, but he took off one of his slippers, placed Miss Pauline across his knee and spanked her in the most undignified manner. Miss Pauline had him arrested for assault and battery.

GIRL FINDS A SWAMP FREAK.

Will Strive to Rear Queer Looking Animal on Nursing Bottle.

Vineland, N. J.—A peculiar animal was picked up on the banks of the Maurice river swamp by Miss Florence Hoffman. Some think it resembles a cross between an otter and one of the wild dogs of the region; others think it is a mixture of fox and dog, while still others think it simply a freak wild dog. The animal's hind feet resemble those of a bear, and its fur, which grows the wrong way, suggests that of the otter. Its claws are sharp and it strives to burrow in the ground continually.

Pastor Plays for Dance.

Detroit, Mich.—With the pastor, Rev. W. H. Bill, at the piano furnishing the music, the members of the Church of Our Savior indulged in a dance in the church building. The dance was the windup feature of the harvest home celebration.

Old Soldier Cuts Teeth.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Maj. Davis, an aged attorney of the post office and the only surviving member of the famous troop I, Seventh cavalry, cut seven new teeth during a two weeks' illness. One of the teeth is a molar.

TO BUILD HOUSE IN DAY.

Thomas A. Edison Says New Method Will Revolutionize Building.

New York.—In greeting the members of the American Electro-Chemical society and showing them through his laboratories and manufacturing plants at Orange, N. J., Thomas A. Edison showed his visitors a big model of a three-story house.

"I have had New York architects working on the plans of that," he said, "and am ready to begin on it myself. In fact, I already have made the models for the window casings. Next summer I will build just such a house within 12 hours at an expense of \$1,000, and the man who labors on it will know that it was built on his basis of wage—\$1.50 a day.

"What I am going to inaugurate," he said, "is this: I am going to fashion cast iron models for the entire house. This outfit will cost \$30,000 for a house of this design. All the builders will have to do is to put it up and pour in the concrete. Then they will allow six days for setting and drying and the family may move in. The cast iron mold of that house may be used on countless other buildings.

"The economic value of this rests, for one instance, in that the house will never be in need of repair. The roof and floors will be of concrete; the concrete will be made on the site; there will be no fire insurance; as another instance of its saving value, the man who owns the house can let his children hack at it with hatchets and axes and lose nothing. There will be no wood in it save for a strip upon which carpets may be tacked."

Man "Broke" Picks Up Roll on Street Car.

New York.—If Diogenes had been on earth wandering about Sheephead bay the other night in search of an honest man, his search would have ended successfully had the rays of his lantern rested on Stanley French. The latter, a resident of the village by the sea, found \$2,500 in a train which was traveling from the Belmont park track. Fifteen hours later he returned the money to its owner, Henry McDaniel, a trainer of race horses. The horseman gave French a reward of \$1,000.

Girls Kept in Woods by Bear.

Two Young Women Are Scared by Animal and Lose Their Way.

Lock Haven, Pa.—Two young ladies, one from this city and the other from Williamsport, spent a night of terror in the Clinton county mountains in the vicinity of Hyner. The ladies were in search of game, became frightened by an ugly bear, lost their bearings and were not found until Sunday morning by the searchers who scoured the mountains all night with flaming jagots of pitch pine.

Receiving Light Sentence for Serious Offense, Prisoner is Overcome.

Philadelphia, Pa.—A remarkable scene was witnessed in the court of Oyer and Terminer when Josephine Darnaska, a girl of 19, prostrated herself before the judge and covered his hands and feet with kisses.

Girl Kisses Judge's Feet.

The girl had been convicted of manslaughter for causing the death of her newly born infant on May 24, and Judge Von Moechlesler had imposed the lightest sentence possible, which meant only five months' imprisonment. Throughout the day the girl had covered in the dock, a wretched figure. She is little more than a babe in size, and evidently was in fear of a verdict of death, having been indicted for murder in the first degree. She was, therefore, overjoyed by her escape from the gallows.

\$1,100 a Day for a Villa.

Newport, R. I.—Mrs. Ogden Goelot, it is stated here, has been offered \$2,000,000 for a five years' lease of Ocean Coast, the splendid summer residence she owns here. As no one who can pay such a rent would occupy Ocean Coast more than half the year, say from May to October inclusive, \$1,000,000 rent for five years would be at the rate of \$33,333 a month of actual tenancy, or about \$1,100 a day.

Pailbearers' Union Formed.

Washington—Across the river in Alexandria they have organized Pailbearers' union, No. 1, and they will give a ball. According to hand bills, the union was formed "for the purpose of aiding bereaved families by serving them as pailbearers." The union has a membership of 17.