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BATTLE WITH AN OUTLAW.

Last Desperate Encounter With King of "Rangers."

A prominent police official of New South Wales, Superintendent Walker, many years ago as a plain policeman had a desperate encounter with "Captain Thunderbolt," a famous Australian bushranger and mail robber, on May 25, 1870. "Thunderbolt," whose real name was Frederick Ward, fired at Walker, who was pursuing him, and then galloped away. Walker returned the fire and galloped after the robber. Both men fired at each other as opportunity offered. The Rocky river confronted the outlaw, but he took one daring leap. His horse was killed by the officer's next shot. "Are you married?" cried Thunderbolt from the middle of the river. "Yes," replied Walker. "Well, remember your family." "Oh, that's all right. Will you come out and surrender?" "No, I'll die first." "Then it's you and me for it," said the policeman as he plunged into the river. The battle continued in the water until Thunderbolt was mortally wounded. He died next day.

MARVELS UNDER GROUND.

Caves of Switzerland Furnish Much for Wonderment.

Particulars have just been published of a wonderful series of underground caves in the Stalden district of Canton Schwytz. The existence of these places had before been vaguely known, but they have now for the first time been fully explored by a party which went down provided with 5,000 yards of rope ladders, acetylene lamps, rugs and provisions for eight days. They were underground for two full days, penetrating for a distance of 2,500 yards, through vast halls brilliant with stalactite and other crystals, and with other great recesses branching from them. There were also found swift subterranean torrents, powerful enough to work great industrial undertakings.

NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.

Little Girl Had Found Out What Caused the Lightning.

Gertrude's father bought a camera a short time ago, and tiny Gertrude has been much interested in everything he did with it. One evening recently a heavy thunderstorm came up. Usually Gertrude was afraid of thunder and lightning, but this evening she stood by the window watching the flashes of lightning in quite an unconcerned manner. "Come away from that window, Gertrude," said her brother Tom, who is not over and above brave during a thunderstorm. "Pooh! Who's afraid?" answered Gertrude. "I know now what makes the lightning; it's the angels taking flashlight pictures."

Named After Depew.

"There is a town in western New York," says Chauncey M. Depew, "that bears my name, and in this town some persons by boring tapped a natural gas well, and thereupon formed 'The Depew Natural Gas Company, limited.' Mr. Choate and I met shortly after this on a public occasion, when both were set down for speeches. He had the last word. After dealing with other matters he drew from his pocket the prospectus of the gas company and read it. Then he looked the company over, looked at me, and, reading the title at the head of the prospectus, queried with quiet emphasis: 'Why limited?'"—Boston Post.

Defying Mosquitoes and Heat.

There is a cottage somewhere on the slope of Orange mountains which is perched on all sides and screened against insectiferous pests with galvanized mesh. So far so good. Common enough and every day. A gutter extends around the edge of each porch beneath the cornice and engaging with the top of the screening. The bottom is perforated. In hot weather this gutter is flushed with water, which trickles down the screening, rendering the house cool and keeping out all dust. Nothing could be simpler or more charming. And the expense is small.

The Same Thing.

A Kensington politician, who recently lost his place in the mint, asked the assistant at the Frankford avenue branch of the Free Library the other day whether he could get the book by Senator Hale called "The Man Without a Dollar." "We haven't such a book," was the reply; "but here is a novel by Dr. Hale entitled 'The Man Without a Country,' and she held up the volume. "Well, that'll do; it's about the same thing," he said, sighing resignedly, as he took the book and hurried away.

Marriage Bureau.

There is in New York a marriage bureau which does business in a wholesale way. It is stated to have introduced 100,000 men who were hankering to become Benedicts to 100,000 women who were not averse to changing their names. From fifteen to twenty marriages a week, it is said, result from the bureau's efforts. Two large buildings are necessary for its offices, the storage of cabinet photographs and descriptions, and for the reception rooms.

Cause for Mirth.

"Mary," said a Pine street lady to her cook the other morning, "I must insist that you keep better hours and that you have less company in the kitchen at night. Last night you kept me from sleeping because of the uproarious laughter of one of your woman friends." "Yes, mum, I know, but she couldn't help it. I was telling my lady friend how you tried to make cake one day."—Philadelphia Ledger.

TRAINING OF A PRINCE.

Present King of Italy Was Sternly Brought Up.

Everybody who remembers the king of Italy as a lad should remember the name of Col. Oslo, for many years his "governor." The prince of Naples, as the king was then called, was a very delicate boy and he was treated by Col. Oslo with almost Spartan severity, which was much criticized at the time. Nevertheless, the king cherished a kindly feeling for him, as was proved on the occasion of the birth of little Princess Yolande, by his conferring on his ex-governor the hereditary title of count, with the privilege of adding the pale blue of the house of Savoy to his coat of arms. The following anecdote illustrates Col. Oslo's methods with his royal pupil: One day he received a request from a well-known personage for the autograph of the young prince, to be added to a collection containing that of his father and grandfather. The prince was about to comply when the colonel sharply forbade him, adding: "What value has the signature of an insignificant boy, who does not even know how to write properly?"

THE REWARD OF GENIUS.

Bartender's Unfortunate Experiment With a New Drink.

"Hello! Where's the head bartender?" asked the occasional customer, coming in for a dram. "I'm head bartender now," replied the man who used to be an assistant. "What's become of the other fellow?" "He's in the hospital. Last week he invented a name for a new drink. Then he moped around thinking hard until he invented a drink to fit the name. Then the blamed fool tried the dose on himself, and he's poisoned and has a charge of attempted suicide hanging over him. He'll get six months when he's able to stand trial. What'll you have?"

Origin of Family Name.

King Peter's family name of Karageorgovitch is said by M. Rene Tallandier in his book, "La Serbie, Kara-George et Milosch," to have originated as follows: For his sister's wedding George Petrovitch (the grandfather of King Peter) had given her some bee hives. His mother in his absence changed some of them and when he discovered this he placed one of them on his mother's head. She called out: "That villain George—that black villain!" Hence the surname (Taerni-George, Kara-George). The mother, who escaped with a few stings, was, it appears, fond of repeating this anecdote about her famous son, who drove the Turks out of Servia.

Paper and Ink From Bananas.

The fruit and plant of the banana serve various useful purposes which are little known in this country. In South Africa banana stalks are in great demand as a material for the manufacture of paper, while excellent indelible ink is prepared from the peel of the fruit. As extremely nutritious flour is made from the green fruit dried, and unripe bananas, when boiled tender, are fed to the ostriches on farms in Cape Colony. This food is said to make them, and even ordinary fowls, lay more eggs than any other diet. Dried bananas, or "banana figs," as they are called, are also in great favor with Africans.

Colonel Jack Faistaff Outdone.

A characteristic "official" account of an encounter between Mexican troops and Yaqui Indians comes out of Sonora. The first part of the story tells of an attack upon the Alamos stage by three Yaquis. The second tells of the doughty deeds of Gen. Torres' valiant soldiers, who pursued the three Yaquis, overtook them between Torin and Potam, and inflicted upon them a loss of eight killed and five wounded. The proportion of Indians killed and wounded to the number engaged is strictly in accord with the standard officially established in Sonora.

Legal Hat Wear.

Three learned Supreme court justices sitting in appellate term, in New York, have decided that there are "no rules of etiquette that require a man, while eating in a so-called quick lunch restaurant, to take off his overcoat and hat." This decision was the outcome of an appeal taken from the judgment of the municipal court for \$44.10 in favor of Lewis Harris, who alleged his overcoat was stolen while he was eating in a luncheon room. The court held that he had not used proper care in hanging up his coat.

The Carnation Industry.

The carnation industry has risen to considerable importance during the past ten years, says Town and Country. As 2,500,000 of young carnation plants are sold each year and the florists produce an equal production of young carnation plants approximates 5,000,000 per annum. These plants are grown under glass during the winter time for cut flower purposes, producing an annual average of more than 100,000,000 blooms. What becomes of this enormous number of flowers is somewhat of a mystery.

Vagaries of Our Language.

The late Dr. Tanner when in parliament once moved the house of commons to uproarious laughter by his uncertainty with regard to the word "schedule." First he made the "ch" hard, in the American manner, and when that was received with a laugh he paused and floundered over it like a startled schoolboy. As he plunged from one pronunciation to another the house shouted with merriment. As a matter of fact, the best English dictionaries give a choice between "schedule," "skedule" and "shedule."

A SURPRISE TO ENGLAND.

People Charged Admission to See a Building Moved.

Queen Elizabeth's house—as it is called—Worcester, is an object of great interest to visitors. One reason for this is because Queen Bess is reported to have stayed there when on a visit to the city. The second reason is, comparatively speaking, quite modern. Some fifteen or sixteen years ago, the city council found it necessary to make certain street alterations. The house was very much in the way, but the good people of Worcester would not suffer the house breakers to demolish the premises. Accordingly it was decided to make an attempt to move the house in its entirety several yards away. Excavations were commenced, the ground was tunneled, and by means of an immense crane and other appliances the structure was safely removed. The removal was witnessed by a large gathering of citizens, a charge being made to watch the novel feat.—Country Life.

Cremation in Scotland.

Cremation is growing in public favor in Scotland. From the latest report of the Scottish Burial Reform and Cremation society we learn that for the year ended September 30 last 25 cremations were carried out in Scotland, being an increase of 10 over the number of the preceding year. The total up to the present time is 122. For a reduced charge of 6 guineas a certificate is now issued in Scotland carrying the rights, first, to one cremation, either in Glasgow or any of the crematoria in Great Britain, and, second, to a niche for deposit of the ashes in the Columbarium at Maryhill, Glasgow.

Deadly Pineapple Juice.

The juice of the green pineapple is accredited in Java, the Philippines and the Far East generally with being a blood poison of a most deadly nature. "Health" mentions it as the substance with which the Malays poison their spears and daggers, and as the "fingernail" poison formerly in use among aborigine Javanese women almost universally. These women cultivated a nail on each hand to a long, sharp point, and the least scratch from one of these was certain death.

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Checking Dishonesty.

Many wandering gipsies employ a very simple method to check dishonesty on the part of the member of their band of musicians who has to make the collection. They give him a plate to hold in his right hand, and a live fly which he has to keep imprisoned in his left, as he goes round collecting the money.

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