

In the Days of the Old Frontier



when the Indians kept the cavalry on the jump, a stage journey over the plains was taking an even chance with death.

But Major McDonald's daughter Molly, coming out from the East to Fort Devere, thought the trip rather good fun until a band of Comanches closed in on the coach.

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Molly McDonald

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OVER A PRECIPICE

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HIS WILD LEAP IN THE DARK.

It Carried Horse and Rider Past the Edge of a Sheer Cliff to a Fall of Two Hundred and Fifty Feet to the Rocks and Water Below, Yet the Man Lived.

Perhaps the most extraordinary fall that a human being ever survived is that described by Thormanby in his "Sporting Stories." The lucky man was Colonel William York Moore, a British officer, who rode his horse in the dark over a sheer precipice 247 feet in height and came out alive! It seems incredible that such a fearful experience should result in anything but instant death, yet here are the facts, which once again confirm the adage that truth is more wonderful than fiction:

Colonel Moore, who commanded the troops at Dominica, lost his way one evening after sunset. In complete darkness he endeavored to make his way home. Two or three times he had difficulty in making his horse cross obstacles, and at last they came to something that the horse would not face.

Colonel Moore was a fearless rider. Again and again he rode his horse at full speed against the unknown obstacle, but in vain. At last, urged fiercely by whip and spur, the terrified animal, with a snort of terror, cleared the low hedge—for such the obstruction proved to be—and went over the cliff.

Colonel Moore says that during his flight on horseback through the air every event of his whole life seemed to pass in a luminous panorama before him. Suddenly there came a terrific concussion, which deprived him of his senses and left him with his legs in the sea and his body on the rocks, apparently dead.

He must have lain there stunned for some hours, for when at last the lapping water and the cool breezes restored him the moon was shining brightly in midheaven, and its beams fell upon the upturned, glittering shoes of his gallant horse, which lay dead and mangled beside him.

As soon as he had collected his scattered wits Colonel Moore coolly began to examine himself to ascertain what injuries he had sustained. He found that he was severely cut about the body and head, that his right ankle was dislocated and that his back was benumbed or paralyzed by the concussion of his fall.

When the sun rose it shone upon his bare, bleeding head with such intolerable heat that, as a protection from its rays, he fled, his cotton handkerchief about his forehead. Above his head projected the two ends of the knotted bandage stained crimson with his blood.

After lying in horrible pain for several hours he spied a boatful of natives rowing toward the spot where he lay. As they came near he hailed them in a faint voice, but the moment they saw the ghastly figure of the colonel, with his bloody head, they set up a yell and rowed away as if 20,000 fiends were after them.

After some time a single black man came clambering over the rocks, intent on catching fish. He was within a few yards of the colonel when the latter hailed him. The moment the negro caught sight of the bleeding head and the blood stained bandage he, too, uttered a fearful yell, flung down his rod and line and scrambled off over the rocks as fast as his feet and hands would carry him.

The colonel now began to resign himself to the prospect of a lingering death, but fortunately his English servant, whom he had followed to the edge of the precipice.

The sudden disappearance of the hoof prints near the low hedge fence convinced him that an accident had happened. He ran to the barracks and got out a boat, which a party of soldiers rowed to the foot of the cliff.

Very tenderly and carefully the soldiers lifted the colonel into the boat and brought him back to the barracks. For some months he lay in great pain and danger, but in time the paralyzed muscles of his back recovered, and eventually he was restored to complete health. Not even the slightest touch of lameness remained to remind him of his fall.

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Chearing. Robby—I think I like you better than any of the other fellows that come to see sister. Percy—I'm pleased to hear it, Robby. Why do you like me the best? Robby—Because sis always lets me stay around and hear what you say—Judge.

The talker sows; the listener reaps.—Italian proverb.

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A MEXICAN FIESTA.

Recreation of the People of the Southern Republic.

The soft, sweet music of a Mexican band rose and fell with soothing and luring cadences, such thrilling, sobbing passionate music as one hears only in the southland. And around the band, the promenaders, with their heads air and gay throwing of confetti. Groups of pretty señoritas sitting about like moths in the pale moonlight, followed by the admiring glances of the young men. And beyond—the crush of the crowds and glare of the gaming tents. It is the closing feature of a Mexican fiesta.

The Mexicans have many holidays and celebrate them with the happiness and abandon of children. No thought of the morrow, the morrow that must find many of them with scarce the necessities of life. With simple tastes and a child-like confidence, they enjoy their pleasures and know not the worries of a day that has not dawned.

Inside, the click of the roulette wheel, the racking, shouting, hilarious dice shakers calling for bets and then the droning of the winning numbers, the stolid dealers at the monte table and the watchful expectant keepers of the poker tables. All around, the cosmopolitan crowd—Chinese, Russians, Indians, Norwegians, a few English, Mexicans of every class—all making the din and buzz above the music that fascinates and holds the onlooker. The smoking lamps show the watchful faces of old women, men of all ages, children and young girls, intent upon the game, crushed about the tables.

Here and there in the corners of the big tent are poker games. A dozen rough men gathered around each table, intent on the cards and ready for anything. Gaunt, burned cowboys, men of the mining camps, the sick-skinned, bandana-necked Mexicans, their tall hats and picturesque dress lending color to the scene.

At a long table in the centre, where the crowd is thickest, the monte is playing—monte! the Mexican's delight, the gambling game of the nation. All classes rub shoulders, the rough rufales, the town boys, the humble soldier, the governor's staff and government men. All are brothers in the game of monte.

Occupying a central position is the bar, with as many bartenders as the gambling tables. A Mexican's drinks are many in one night, but seldom does one find the people boisterous. As a people, they drink artistically. Always polite and respectful is the tone of a public place in Mexico.

At far from the tables are set and the ever-ready tamale, enchilada and hot chocolate of Mexico are served; here and there a champagne table proclaiming the winnings of some player. Nearby the stringed band keeps music flowing through the tent, the sweet strains that only a Mexican stringed band can play.

On until sunrise when the players depart, looking forward to the next night. For every night of the fiesta must be celebrated, lest the worries and troubles of everyday life be put off until—manana.

Titled Medicine Men.

Baron Henri de Rothschild, who wrote the play "Croesus," is a physician of no inconsiderable skill, and the head of a hospital for the poor in Paris, and the fact recalls that there are even Royal personages qualified to act as physicians.

For example, Queen Amelie of Portugal is an M.D.—the only Royal lady holding the distinction—and the Duke Carl Theodore of Bavaria actually practices the medical profession in the interests of the poor of Munich, and has long passed his five thousandth operation for cataract. For he specializes in eye troubles, and he is who was successfully treated the Kaiser when, some twelve years ago, he was temporarily blinded by a wind-whirl rope while cruising in the North Sea.

The Royal duke is authorized to practise as a doctor by a special decree of the German Imperial Chancellor, and it is estimated that already nearly 60,000 poor people have been cured by treatment from him. And yet another Royal worker in the noble art of medicine is the Princess Sophie of Bavaria.

Brittle and breakable as glass is, yet it exceeds almost all other bodies in elasticity.

If two glass balls are made to strike each other at a given force the recoil, by virtue of their elasticity, will be nearly equal to their original impetus. Connected with its brittleness are some very singular facts.

Take a hollow sphere, with a hole, and stop the hole with the finger so as to prevent the external and internal air from communicating, and the sphere will fly to pieces by the mere heat of the hand.

Vessels made of glass that have been suddenly cooled possess the curious property of being able to resist hard blows given to them from without, but will be instantly shivered by a small particle of flint dropped into their cavities.

Zulus as Servants.

The Zulu warriors are acting as cooks, housemaids and nursemaids in South Africa. This is the reason the Earl of Selborne, president of the Pretoria Diocesan Association, has recommended the training of the native girls as domestic servants. But the system was utterly and wholly bad, and it would be a very good thing for South Africa when they were released permanently from domestic duties, and their places taken by the properly trained Christian girl.

Her Dad.

Jack: I hear that you called on your girl's father. How did you come out? Tom: So so! said to him: Mr. X, I love your daughter. He said: So I; now let's talk of something else. Jack: And then— Tom: Then—well, we talked of something else.

To Join Forces.

In the new immigration scheme, the States of New South Wales and Victoria will work on joint lines as regards immigration. The London headquarters of the combined services will be at the Victoria Government Offices, Aldwych, pending the completion of the new Commonwealth buildings.

The motto, "God bless our home," does not amount to shucks without family aid. A lot of men seem to be perfectly content to be known by the trouble they make.



A FORMLESS NEGLIGEE WHOSE CHARM IS TRANSPARENCY.

The pictured representation of this lovely French negligee scarcely does it justice, for the filmy chiffon garment which falls over a lace slip is forever in motion as its wearer changes position, and with each motion the chiffon garnishes or clings about the figure, with exquisite grace. The lace slip is mounted above faint pink satin, and the chiffon over-slip is in a still fainter shade of pink. Through the long openings at the sides, edged with frilling, the arms are thrust.

DEBTOR'S LAWS.

Ways in Which They Can Avoid the Consequences.

A few weeks ago a case came into British court in which a Poor Law officer was charged with having wrongfully forced a sale of the effects of certain lady who had been unable to pay the Poor rate. The verdict was against the officer, who was held to have acted entirely beyond his legal rights.

Cases like this are by no means uncommon, though the ill-used debtor rarely seeks redress in the civil court. Many are of the opinion that the law of debt are sometimes unfair to the creditor. This is a question that can only be settled by our legislators.

On the other hand, there can be no doubt that the law is very extensive, and by a class of creditors who trade on their victims' ignorance of the law, to perform acts which would promptly be penalized by any judge.

The chief offenders in this respect are probably the less reputable of those firms who supply goods on the easy payment system. As is well known, when purchasing goods in this way a clause is usually inserted in the agreement stipulating for the return of the good in the event of non-payment of the instalments, and the forfeiture of the same already paid.

Now, if, through temporary misfortune, under British law, you are unable to keep up your payments to date, an honest firm will invariably come to some arrangement if convinced of your sincerity. But the "sharks" are only too ready to seize the goods at once.

This forcible seizure is entirely illegal. All you need do when the company's agents call for the goods is simply to stand firm and refuse admission to your house or apartments.

You need not be frightened of the policeman waiting outside, nor the bluffing of the agent, who knows that he dare not force an entry.

If he were to "break over doors and enter"—and "breaking" here means no more than turning a door-handle—he would be guilty of the crime of house-breaking. And even if he evaded this, an action would still "lie" for trespass.

The company can only do one of two things—either sue you for the return of the goods, or wait until the last instalment falls due and then sue you for the full amount of the purchase price.

A favorite trick of unscrupulous agents is to convince, by one of many means, to let the neighbors know that the householder is in debt—e.g., by talking unnecessarily loudly on the doorstep. This is also illegal.

If the collector acquaints any third person of your indebtedness he lays himself open to an action for slander. If the information is given by writing the offence will be that of libel. And it does not matter how indirectly the information is conveyed. For example, if a request for payment were made on a postcard this would be actionable.

Moreover, when applying for credit the company will generally ascertain your place of employment. This may be merely to prove good faith, and as such is not to be considered objectionable. But many a collector is not above holding a veiled threat over you on the strength of this.

Young London's Holidays.

In the last week in July, 800,000 elementary school children of London, England, were released for their annual holidays, which last month. Most of them go away with their parents, many get to the country by means of the beneficent fresh air funds, and for those littlefortunates who have to take their holidays in the dust of London, the London County Council Educational Committee has made arrangements for the opening of 46 holiday playground centres where they may pass their time in an agreeable manner. Teachers will be recruited to assist the children to make the best of the playgrounds, and the committee has voted money so that toys and games may be purchased. Stretcher carts are to be provided so that the children may stretch them-

DOMINE OF ST. PAUL'S.

Repairing and Gilding Cross of Old Cathedral.

Four hundred feet above the pavement of St. Paul's Churchyard a gang of men are at present engaged upon a task of unique interest. About 90 years ago the ball and cross which surmounted the great Dome of St. Paul's Cathedral were gilded, and the work apparently was of such an excellent character that it has withstood the wear and tear of time until lately, when it was decided to re-gild the Cathedral cross.

From the pavement the ball looks little larger than a football and the cross but three or four feet high. As a matter of fact, however, the latter, which is said to weigh 3,360 pounds, is no less than 20 feet in height, while the ball on which it is mounted is 6 feet in diameter and will hold ten or twelve persons.

Only the best English "double gold" leaf, as it is technically described, will be used—that is, pure gold beaten out and placed on transfer paper treated with paraffin wax and double the thickness ordinarily employed for outdoor work—work which it will be obvious that the re-gilding process will be a very costly one. As a matter of fact, the total cost of the job, which will take a couple of months to complete, will be considerably over £1,000.

The scaffolding which is being used is extraordinarily simple, consisting of little more than a few ladders, set up by a firm of experts in the fixing of lightning conductors. A different method, however, was employed when the original ball and cross, set up by Wren, were gilded in 1821. On that occasion they were removed, and apparently the scaffolding was not fixed as it should have been; for it has been told how, owing to the boisterous weather, scarcely a day passed without some part of the scaffolding or the machinery connected with it being damaged.

On one occasion, indeed, the greater part of a circular framework of heavy planks erected above the Golden Gallery, which is just above the Dome, for the prevention of accidents, was carried over the house-tops for a considerable distance, and later an observatory which had been built above the usual site of the cross narrowly escaped the same fate.

It might be mentioned that this observatory was put up by a young artist who was anxious to make a panoramic drawing of the metropolis and the surrounding country. Before preparations were made for the removing of the ball and cross, the artist had passed the whole summer on the lantern under the ball, climbing daily 600 steps to reach his perilous position, and when the ball and cross were removed, he then obtained permission to set up the observatory, supported by a platform, from which he eventually made a complete panoramic view of London and its environs on 280 sheets of tracing paper, comprising a surface of 1,650 square feet.

Miracle of Confidence.

That a miracle had been wrought in her was declared by the wife of a mechanic at Silverton, Devon, England, who, after lying helpless for more than five years, astonished her relatives and friends by getting up and walking. She received a message, she says, that she would be cured. When she asked that some slippers should be placed by her bedside in the tent in which she lay near her husband's cottage her sister told her that the slippers were five years ago could not be found. A visitor from Liverpool interested in Faith-healing, who prophesied that before she returned to the north the patient would walk again, bought a new pair of slippers and placed them at the bedside. She rose, put on the slippers, and walked into the cottage. Her aged father and the sister who has cared for her for the last five years had not risen, and she lit the fire and prepared the breakfast for them. Her husband was sent for from work, and visitors have flocked to see the change which has been wrought.

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