

A FANATIC.

A young knight made his battle-cry— "I'll fight the evil till I die!"

HAVING HER OWN WAY.

"But I don't want to be rich!" said Violet Howard. "I'm quite as rich as I need be already."

"What is it to become of Oliver Belmont?" she asked, demurely. "Oliver Belmont is nothing to me!"

"You are a fool," said he, harshly. "And it's lucky for you you have a grandfather who can look after your interest better than you seem able to do yourself."

"No, I don't suppose that there is much chance of capturing him; because he utters so few of the spurious notes. At the same time it is entirely possible that we will be able to trace the next one back to him."

"The Secret Service man had just returned from a long trip in the west, and as the result of his labors, exhibited thirty pieces of counterfeit money, no two of them alike."

"Excuse me!" said she; "but I must go and see that the carpets are brought in from the grass and the white-wash pails covered."

"He went yawning to his bedroom at nine o'clock. It was rather stupid to sit by the light of a kerosene lamp and listen to old Howard's platitudes."

"You're not going to leave us, Ericson?" cried his host. "I find important business will take me away this morning."

BABIES OF THE FUTURE.

When woman's rights have come to stay, Oh, who will rock the cradle?—N. Y. Sun.

"When woman's rights have come to stay (And Heaven speed the blessed day!) No cradles will there be, no toys, Not anything that now employs The minds of infant girls and boys."

"This is the most remarkable piece of counterfeit money I ever came across," said an agent of the Treasury Department Secret Service recently.

"The maker of this bill issues one of them at long intervals, so that he cannot depend on his counterfeiting for a living. I feel sure, therefore, that he takes so much pleasure in outwitting the Government officials that he will spend time that ought to be worth several hundred dollars to him in making one paltry twenty dollar bill."

"The Queen's Rebuke." A fact but little known is that besides Lord Kinsale and Lord Forester, there is another individual who has the prerogative of remaining covered in the presence of the British sovereign.

"A child whose life was insured in an Allentown, Pa., company died a few days ago. While the little one lay cold in death his father and a friend went to Allentown to collect the insurance money."

"A female cornet band.—Lake Maitland, in Orange county, Fla., claims to have the only complete female cornet band in the South."

"A fragile incident occurred in the court at Hapburg, Germany, on Monday. Two Socialists were ordered to appear before the magistrate to answer charges of blasphemy, preferred by the public prosecutor."

"Wind and wings.—I understand that a cyclone carried your house away," said a Chicago man to a Kansas friend.

"The Chinese are coming along. Two of them watched with delight the futile efforts of a stout man to catch a Ninth street cable car."

A Business Woman, Indeed.

Mrs. Lorrata J. Beard, of Montana, who has a Mexican Government concession for a railroad 202 miles long from Tucson, Ari., to Lobo, Mexico.

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A Peculiar Pebble.

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Long-Lived Indians.

Monterey County is becoming famous the world over for the remarkable longevity of some of its aboriginal inhabitants. A few months ago the Index gave an account of the life of old Gabriel, who was 151 years old when he died the 16th of March last.

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Easter This Year.

Easter will, this year, come at the earliest date it has since 1838, on March 29. With the exception of 1894 this will be the only coming March Easter in the present century, and in 1894 Easter comes on March 25, within three days of its earliest possible coming.

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Know One Tune.

Some persons have an ear for music and others have not. Gen. Grant used to say that he knew two tunes, one was 'Yankee Doodle' and the other wasn't. One night not long ago Mr. Homer Lee sat at a banquet table in the Hotel Brunswick. A muscular and industrious orchestra was struggling manfully with 'The Last Rose of Summer.' Mr. Lee listened with evident enjoyment for some seconds and then exclaimed: 'Ah, that is a sweet air. I always did enjoy 'Away Down Upon the Shawnee River.'"

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