PLAY WITH DEATH.

Men Who Are Reckless in Handling High Explosives.

STORIES BY HUDSON MAXIM. Is farther up the mountains, and the

The Accident by Which the Inventor's Left Hand Was Blown Off-John Bender's Contempt For Dynamite-Mixing Fire and Nitroglycerin.

Hudson Maxim in Adventure, "to tricts the glaciers are growing. In make the ordinary laboring man appreciate the necessity of care in the safe handling of explosives, and the life of the careful man is always en- boyhood.-Dundee Advertiser. dangered by the actions of the care-

"After I had sold the works at Max- Pushing her way through the crowd im and had invented motorite I needed on the ferryboat to the decrepit rig. d place in which to make the material the middle aged woman sized up the and hired a branch of the works there emaciated animal from every point of for that purpose. It was winter. My view, and then, turning to the owner. wife had accompanied me as a pre- who had clambered out of the wagon cautionary measure. She was sitting and propped himself against the enin the laboratory to keep warm, near gine room, said. "You ought to be a big barrel stove charged with bitu- ashamed of yourself for driving a poor minous coal.

"On entering the laboratory for and in the stable." "What is the matsomething my wife asked me what ter with her, lady?" was the easy rewas in those two tin pails sitting near sponse of the owner, who didn't seem the stove. She said that she had a a whole lot perturbed. "What is the suspicion it might be nitrogylycerin, matter with her?" demanded the S. P. and she informed me that one of my C. A. lady with increasing warmth of men had just been in stirring the fire tone. "Can't you see how skinny she and that the sparks flew out in all di- is? She looks starved." "The hoss is rections, some of them lighting in the all right, lady," calmly rejoined the buckets to be quenched on top of the expressman, as a sweet smile floated

"'Horrors!' I said. 'It is nitroglycerin!

there and told him to take it away. As would hev been as purty an' plump as it was necessary to keep the material from freezing be took it into the boiler house near by. A little later on, going into the boiler house, I saw one of the men stirring the fire while the other was standing with his coattails outstretched in either hand, forming a shield to keep the sparks from flying into the nitroglycerin.

"In the manufacture of high explosives and in experimenting with them a little absentmindedness, a very slight lack of exact caution, a seemingly insignificant inadvertence for a moment, may cost one a limb or his life. The accident that cost me my

deft hand is a case in point. 'On the day preceding that accident I had had a gold cap put on a tooth. In consequence the tooth ached throughout the night and kept me awake a greater part of the time. In the morning I rose early and went down to my factory at Maxim, N. J. In order to test the dryness of some fulminate compound I took a little piece of it, about the size of an Engfish penny, broke off a small particle. placed it on a stand outside the laboratory and, lighting a match, touched

"Owing to my loss of sleep the night before my mind was not so alert as usual, and I forgot to lay aside the remaining piece of fulminate compound, but instead held it in my left hand. A spark from the ignited piece of fulminate compound entered my left hand between my fingers, igniting the piece there, with the result that my hand was blown off to the wrist.

"Once when entering my storage magazine at Maxim, in which were several carloads of dynamite along with 37.000 pounds of nitrogelatin, I saw John Bender, one of my employees, calmly but emphatically opening a case of dynamite with a hammer and a chisel. I promptly discharged

"Not long afterward the innkeeper at Farmingdale called on me to buy some dynamite and said he had engaged Bender to blow the stumps out of his meadow lot. I told him Bender was courting death for himself and everybody around when handling dynamite, but Boniface still wanted Bender to do the work.

"Well,' said I, 'the dynamite you want is 16 cents a pound, but if John Bender does not succeed in blowing himself up and killing himself with the dynamite you can have it for nothing. On the other hand, if he does blow himse f up you must pay for the

dynamite." "A few days later there was some hitch in Bender's exceptional luck. A particularly refractory old stump had resisted a couple of Bender's dynamic attacks. The failure to dislodge the stump Bender took as a personal affront because it reflected upon his skill

as a stump blaster. "'Next time,' said he, 'something is going to happen.' He placed about twenty pounds of dynamite under the deep rooted veteran, touched it off, and several things happened in very quick succession. The huge stump let go its hold on earth and proceeded to hunt Bender.

"It was a level race, but the stump won. Striking Bender on the north quarter, it stove in four ribs, dislocated several joints and damaged him in several other respects and particulars. Boniface came to settle for the dyna-

"'Sixteen cents a pound,' I said. Bender hasn't a chance in a hundred. Watt till the doctors are through with

"'What do you say to a compromise,' suggested Boniface, 'of 8 cents a pound? For, really, I do not believe that Bender is more than half dead.' And the account was settled on that

Shrinkage In Glaciers. Scientists aver that, save over a

small area, the glaciers of the world are retreating to the mountains. The glacier on Mount Sarmiento, in South America, which descended to the sea when Darwin found it in 1836, is now separated from the shore by a vigorous growth of timber. The Jacobshaven glacier, in Greenland, has retreated four miles since 1860, and the East glacier, in Spitzbergen, is more than a mile away from its old terminal moraine. In Scandinavia the snow line glaciers have withdrawn 3,000 feet from the lowlands in a century. The Arapahoe glacier, in the Rocky mountains, with characteristic American enterprise, has been melting at a rapid rate for several years. In the eastern "It is practically impossible," writes Alps and one or two other small disview of these facts we should not be too skeptical when old men assure us that winters nowadays are not to be compared with the winters of their

Not Made Up.

horse like that; it should be at home through his scant crop of whiskers. "You see, she got up so late this mornin' that she didn't hey time to put on "I called the man who had placed it her rats, pads an' extenders, or she ther next one."-Argonaut.

Rooks and Cholera.

The present day security of this country against all danger of a cholera epidemic is matter for thankfulness not only in human circles, but in the rookeries too. When the cholera slew nearly 60,000 people in the insanitary United Kingdom of 1831-2 the rooks appear to have suffered with them. This was stated, at any rate. to have occurred on the estate of the Marquis of Sligo, which boasted one of the largest rookeries in the west of Ireland. On the first or second day of the epidemic's appearance an observer noted that all the rooks had vanished. During the three weeks through which it raged there was no sign of them about their home, but the revenue police found immense numbers of them dead on the shore, ten miles away. When the epidemic abated the rooks returned, but some were too weak to reach their nests, and five-sixths of them had gone.-Lendon Chronicle.

The Japanese Policeman.

Japan has a police force modeled after the French system. In various places throughout Tokyo there are small kabancho, which resemble sentry boxes, but are larger. Three men are attached to each box daily. One remains inside resting, while another stands at the door, and the third patrols a beat, returning at regular intervals to the box. Stations are changed every eight hours. After twenty-four hours' work the three officers are given the same length of time to rest, and three other men are sent to the box. During their "off" days the men are employed in taking census returns, making reports regarding the condition of streets, bridges, embankments, drains and cemeteries. They also report weddings, births, deaths, theatrical performances and the presence of suspicious persons.-Harper's

The Horseshoe Legend.

Here is an explanation of the old horseshoe superstition; St. Dunstan was a skilled farrier. One day while at work in his forge the devil entered in disguise and requested Dunstan to shoe his "single hoof." The saint, although he recognized his malign customer, acceded, but caused him so much pain during the operation that Satan begged him to desist. This St. Dunstan did, but only after he had made the evil one promise that neither he nor any of the lesser evil spirits, his servants, would ever molest the inmates of a house where the horseshoe was displayed.

An Inconsistency. There is a strange inconsistency in "Hamlet." It is where Hamlet speaks of "the undiscovered country, from

whose bourne no traveler returns," and yet the play hinges largely upon the fact that he has had interviews with his father's ghost, who had, of course, come back from the undiscovered country.

The Obstacle. "Why not set your cap for that young fellow? He's single and well "Yes, he's single, but he knows he's

A Desperate Case. John-I'll bring you a fork, sir. The Customer-What for? John-The Camembert, sir. The Customer-A fork's no good. Bring a revolver.-Exchange.

Well Trained.

"Mr. Jonesby never interrupts one, and he is the best listener I ever met" "No wonder; he's been married three

The Crafty Turkish Despot Wore ed Amos Rusie as the universal standa Crown of Terror.

HIS PALACE LIKE A PRISON.

Yildiz, a Place of Mystery, Was the Production and the Abode of Fear Unutterable-His Dread of Assassination and His Horror of the Dark.

For long years Abdul Hamid had been haunted and tormented by the nightmare of death. In every shadow eemed to see an assassin. All his vast power could not bring him one for one moment was Turkey's mon-

Year by year his fears had been growing upon him. He had a terror of the dark. At night Yildiz always blazed with lights. His sleep had become restless, and he would waken would come out of his sleep with a start, frightened by a nightmare, and his favorite books, those giving de- ball with all of his tremendous power. tailed accounts of assassinations, executions and other horrors.

were lined with enormous pockets, was shorter then. Rusie had the which served him both as arsenals and archives and bulged with pistols and rolls of spies' reports.

Everybody at Yildiz was afraid of being shot by him. He was likely to fire at the slightest action that might twenty years, I have seen scores of seem to him suspicious. There is a them come and go, and none of them story that one day a gardener working inspired the terror in a batsman's in the park of Yildiz, on seeing the heart that was put there by the sultan approach, rose quickly from a mighty Rusie. The ball was like a stooping posture to assume a respect- white streak tearing past you without ful attitude. Abdul Hamid, startled time to balance yourself, figure the by his sudden appearance and suspect- course of the ball or take aim at it. ing some evil motive, at once fired at The fellows with the wide curve might him. The man fell dead. Later, as no fool you into reaching out and missing to be acknowledged that a blunder Rusie-you simply swung at a white had been committed. Such is the tale streak as it hurled past, and if you

Yildiz, scene of innumerable horrors, motion. had been built by Abdul Hamid himself, and he had made it more like a rible speed was this: If any other labyrinth than a palace. It was the pitcher bit a man the man swore, production and the abode of fear unut- limped a moment and went to first. terable. Surely no sane mind planned If Rusie hit a man the man retired it. To guard against conspirators get- from the game and sometimes went ting a plan of his residence its master to the hospital. To be hit by Rusie was continually changing its internal was worse than to have an ordinary arrangements, walling up doors, open man smash you with a rock." - New ing new ones, narrowing passages, di- York World. viding rooms by partitions, making windows and closing them again. It was a constantly changing maze.

where the monarch would sit entirely manding the admiration of all who saw hidden from view in his box while ac- her. tresses and singers from Paris and One day a visitor said to the good other European cities entertained him, doctor: "Doctor, your daughter grows He never came into view, never ap. more charming day by day. Why, plauded, and the visible audience con- she's a regular Gibson girl." sisted of a few members of his family.

dows were securely barred and the are the Gibsons?"-San Francisco Arheavy iron doors were of great gonaut. strength and capable of being firmly

vided with a couch on which the sul- can't get to sleep," complained the tan could sleep if he felt inclined. No- voice at the other end of the telebody ever knew in what room he phone. "Can't you manage to do somewould sleep on any given night. Be- thing for me?" fore retiring to rest he would sometimes call his attendants and say to hold the wire and I'll sing you a lulthem: "Keep a good lookout. I am laby."-Success Magazine. going to sleep tonight in this room." But he would invariably sleep somewhere else.

On the roof of the imperial apartments was an astronomical observatory which had been fitted up with an exceedingly good telescope by a Parisian firm. This observatory was a favorite place with the sultan, yet he A Corroboration took not the slightest interest in astronomy. The telescope was there to OF INTEREST TO BELLEFONTE READERS serve his own purpose of espionage, for he used it almost exclusively for the purpose of watching the residence of Prince Yusuf Izzedin, eldest son of Abdul Aziz and heir presumptive to the throne. Its glass was never turned upon the heavens.

But sometimes from his lonely look out the monarch saw stranger things than the residence of Prince Yusuf, things that no other human being had ever dreamed of. There were times when his morbid imagination played

curious pranks with him. It was on the day following an attempt upon his life by one Ali Souavi and a revolt at Tcheragan, both of which incidents greatly upset him, that Abdul Hamid hurried down from his observatory with a wild look in his eyes and called his first secretary, who at that time was Ali Fuad Bey. He led the secretary to a window, and. pointing to the sublime porte some miles away, he said, trembling with

"Did you see them? They have met

yonder to proclaim my downfall!" "Who?" asked the startled secretary. "My ministers," exclaimed the sultan. "My own ministers are now in the act of dethroning me. Can't you

see them?" This statement was quite unfounded and it was a long time before the seretary could calm his frightened mas ter.-Philadelphia Ledger.

His Thunderbolt Delivery Terrorized the Batters.

A veteran ball player who has batted against nearly all of the noted pitchers in the last twenty years namard of speed in shooting the ball across the rubber ..

"There have been many fast pitchers in baseball, and all of them in their time when they cut loose for fair have baffled the best of hitters with their speed, but you will notice that when fast pitchers are spoken of the one remark is always made. Has he the speed that Amos Russe had? And, I think, it will be that way forever, As long as great names are remembered or baseball is the nation's game Rusie will remain the champion speed merchant, the one pitcher who could send in the ball faster than any one moment of peace and happiness. Not else that ever lived. When you say 'fast as Rusie' you don't mean it. either; you only wish to show that your favorite pitcher is a very speedy

"Words fall really to describe the speed with which Rusie sent the ball. He was a man of great width, great at the slightest sound. Sometimes he strength and the ability to put every ounce of his weight into the pitch. Coupled with this he had a set of dazwould mean hours of wakeful- zling curves which were manufactured ss. At such times he would find the with the same effort required to prosolitude of his room unbearable, and duce the speed. Some men can throw he would send for a sorcerer, who a straight ball with great force, but would explain the dream, or a slave, have to slow up in order to develop who would read to him from one of curves, but Rusie drove in a curved

"Facing Rusie to a timid man was like going into battle must be to an He was always armed. His clothes inexperienced soldier. The distance whole box to move around in instead

" being chained to a slab, and he imply drove the ball at you with the force of a cannon. I have stood up to all the great pitchers of nearly weapon was found on his body, it had them, but you weren't reaching out at told by the son of the late Prince of took a full arm swing the ball was Samos, who was one of the sultan's gone and in the catcher's hands before you had half finished the swinging

"The convincing proof of Rusie's ter-

He Didn't Know Them.

To spare himself the danger of cross- San Francisco was a man of large ing the graveled path that separated mind and noble powers, but more fahis apartments from his harem he had miliar with the world of intellectual linked his residence by flying bridges and scholastic interests than with trivto the harem on the one side and to ial and timely things. His household the imperial theater on the other. This was blessed with a charming daughter theater was a gloomy little place, who grew up tall and beautiful, com-

"Ah, thank you, thank you," replied The building used by Abdul Hamid the doctor in his best manner. When as his private residence looked more the visitor had gone, turning to his like a prison, for all the lower win- wife the doctor asked, "My dear, who

An Obliging Doctor.

Every room in the palace was pro- "Doctor, I've tried everything and I

"Yes." said the doctor kindly. "Just

Medical.

For months Bellefonte citizens have seen in these columns enthusiastic praise of Doan's Kidney Pills by Bellefonte residents. Would these prominent people recommend a remedy that had not proven reliable; Would they confirm their statements after years had elapsed if personsl experience had not shown the remedy to be worthy of endorsement? No stronger proof of merit can be had than cures that have stood the test of time. The following statement should carry conviction to the mind of every Bellefonte reader.

Mrs. James Corl, 361 E. Bishop Street, Bellefonte, Pa., says: "A member of my family used Doan's Kidney Pills in 1907, procuring them from Green's Pharmacy Co. and a complete cure of kidney complaint was effected. At that time we publicly endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills and as there has been no recurrence of the trouble, we again give this remedy a word of praise. You are welcome to publish this statement for the benefit of other kidney sufferers."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name-Doan's-and take

Yeagers Shoe Store

Are Children Worth Bringing Up?

It can't be done without

RUBBERS.

This is what appeared in a recent number of the American Journal or

The family doctor should din it into the mother's head all the time, that the health of their children lies in the feet. Keep the feet dry. Never let them get wet. No child should be allowed to go out in snow or rain, or when walking is wet, without Rubbers.

REMEMBER, Yeager's Rubbers are the best and the prices just a little cheaper than the other fellows.

Yeager's Shoe Store, Bush Arcade Building, BELLEFONTE, PA.

Dry Goods.

Dry Goods.

LYON & CO.

Special Easter Bargains.

Hindu Silk for Dresses, and in the best colors,

Foulard Silks, all new and the best colors from

Silk Poplins, Messalines, Jacquards, in all the new and desirable colors and black. All colors in Marquesetts, white and black, special 50c.

Rajah Silk, natural color only, regular \$1 quality, special price 85c.

The largest assortment of Silk-ginghams, Fine Lawns, Organdies and Linens in the town.

ROYAL WORCESTER AND BON TON CORSETS.

Our Corset line is now complete. All the new models. Royal Worcester from \$1 to \$3. Bon Ton Corsets from \$3 up.

Silk Hose.—Special price on Silk Hose in black only. Regular price \$1.25; our price 50c. and

Draperies .- A new line of Window Draperies by the curtain or yard, in the new plain and figured scrims, Swisses and madras.

Rugs, Carpets and Linoleums .- New Carpets and Art Squares, new Linoleums, new Mattings,

Shoes, Shoes .- Our line of Shoes for men, women and children is now complete. Prices the lowest.

at the lowest prices.

LYON & COMPANY.

Allegheny St. 47-12 Bellefonte, Pa.