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NOT A MATTER OF COURAGE.

It is the Sudden Impulse That Moves One to Do the Right Thing In an Unexpected Emergency—A Soldier and a Shell and a Man and a Murder.

There is a distinction to be drawn between presence of mind and courage. Persons who naturally are timid and nervous will in circumstances of great danger and excitement perform acts of heroism that would be beyond their powers on ordinary occasions. We speak of these as instances of presence of mind. But if you ask them they would tell you that an involuntary impulse rather than any premeditated course of action guided their will on the occasion. Had they time for reflection when all the threatening danger to themselves had become clear to their minds their natural timidity of character would have asserted itself and deprived them of

It is absence of fear that prompts the soldier under a heavy fire from the enemy's guns to go to the assistance of a wounded comrade and bring him to a place of safety, and nothing in human nature can compare with such self sacrifice. But in times of sudden emergency it is not always the bravest who act with promptitude. The following story is an instance of

One of our transports was returning from the Philippines with invalided men, and one morning at sea a group of officers on the ack discussed the subject of firing shells. A soldier was told by the colonel to bring an empty shell with a fuse. The colonel took the shell in his hands and, striking a match, lighted the fuse. As this slowly burned and the colonel proceeded with his address to the other officers another soldier passed the group, and the moment he caught sight of the shell he rushed forward, exclaiming,

"Look out, sir; the shell is a live one!" Then he did what never seemed to have come into the minds of any in the group of officers. He seized the shell out of the hands of the colonel and threw it into the sea. For this service he was promoted. The soldier who had been told to bring an empty shell had gone to the wrong magazine. Those who talked with the man touching this incident say that he repudiated any idea of having done a brave thing. "I don't know," he said, "what made me seize the shell out of the colonel's hand, but it came suddenly into my mind, and I did it." It is this wave of unconscious thought which constitutes true presence of mind. This

even cowardly natures. There is of authentic record the case of a man known to be utterly deficient of courage who saved himself from a very awkward situation by an exhibition of real presence of mind. He was an Englishman and lived in a town in the midlands, where he was an organist. Late one evening he was returning home through some of the back streets. which at that hour were more or less empty of people. As he went along, while the contents, taken from the however, he noticed some distance ahead of him a man and a woman walking side by side. the man's arm being around the woman's neck. Just regarded as sufficient for all courses under a street lamp the couple stopped for a moment, when the organist heard a piercing scream and saw the woman slowly falling from the man's not the late Senator Tom Benton conarms. Almost before she had reached fide to his diary that his first experithe ground the man darted away down a side street and disappeared.

When the organist came up to the woman he found, to his horror, that she was lying in a pool of blood. His first impulse was to run away and get clear of the terrible scene, but his better feelings prevailed, and he knelt down beside the poor woman to see if he could do anything for her. When he raised her head he found she was quite dead, with her throat cut from ear to ear. Beside her on the pave- was ironin'. We had had a word or ment lay a blood stained razor.

The organist was overwhelmed with horror. Before he could collect himself a group of people had gathered, wrong," when what does she do but and presently be heard expressions such as "He did it," "I tell you I saw him," "There is the razor," "The fiend! of course. You can't blam Where are the police?" "Hand him that. Go home, both of you. over!" It was certainly a very awkward position, as the rough character of the people might tempt them to take the law into their own hands and trade in the oil of the white shark. use him very badly. The arrival of a The fins of the animal are very rich policeman seemed to steady his nerves for a moment, and then came a wave of inspiration that might truly be called presence of mind. He seized the prized by epicures in this country is dead woman's wrist and, pulling out his watch, went through the form of feeling her pulse. Then he put his hand over her heart and, turning to the policeman, said as calmly as he could: "I am sorry to say that I can little fellow tried the trousers on he be of no further service here. The said gravely, "Mamma, if you had poor woman is quite dead. There is made the patches a little bigger Pd no action in the heart or the pulse."

In an instant the murmurs of the crowd changed, and he heard "He's the doctor" on all sides. This was his him. But when he got clear of the creditors. street and came to the first turning he took to his heels and ran for all he was worth. The cowardly spirit got the better of him in the end. He heard the next day that the murderer had gone straight to the police station and given himself up. — New Yerk

By the work one knows the workmen.-La Fontaine.

if Canada Had Been Ceded to Us. But for the wisdom of George Washngton and Benjamin Franklin England would have ceded Canada to us at the close of the Revolutionary war. Washington and Franklin knew that if Canada had been ceded to the colonies France, from which Canada had been wrested some twenty years earlier, would have demanded that country as indemnity for the expense she was put to in the war for our independence. With the French flag re- has lately happened to me. Early on stored in Canada it would have been the evening of the eleventh day of the a matter of a very short time when we present month I was at a neighboring would have been at war with France, house in this village. Several people and to save us from defeat there is of both sexes were assembled in one nothing more certain than that we of the apartments, and three or four would have appealed to England. The others, with myself, were in another. aid would have come, and come swift 'At last came in a little elderly gentleand irresistible, and the chances are man, pale, thin, with a solemn countewe would have returned to our ailegiance to the crown of England, for it was years between the treaty of peace and the formation of the Union, plenty

France over some dispute as to bound-

ary or fishing.-Washington Post.

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Pottery Work In China. The Chinese are pioneers in the art of pottery, the rapidity with which they construct pots being marvelous. One man will mold two ten-inch pots in three minutes. The potter's wheel is the essential part of the equipment. The workman's left hand is gently thrust into the center of the clay. while his right hand is slightly pressing on the outside to keep the whole together, but it is from the inside that most of the shaping is done. Meanwhile the "wheel" is made to turn more quickly. Then, by keeping both hands opposite each other-i. e., one inside and one outside-together moving slowly up from the wheel, pressure by both hands is exerted, and the shapeless mass of clay assumes the A finds that his ogle stops at O, will come to people of nervous and shape of a pot with astonishing rapidity. A thin piece of wood is used to flatten the rim, and usually the same piece is used to measure the pot to see if it is the correct size.

> Saucers and Finger Bowls. Drinking from the saucer was not a social solecism seventy-five years ago. In fact, sets of old china may still be found intact that include dainty tabloids upon which the cup was to rest saucer, were imbibed and from the attending noise apparently almost inhaled by the drinker. One spoon was of food as well as drink, and the overworked knife did duty both for cutting and carrying. As for finger bowls, did ence with them was at a dinner given by President Van Buren? "The president," said he, "dipped his fingers daintily in the bowl and dried them upon his napkin, but I rolled up my sleeves and took a good old fashioned wash." -Boston Transcript.

> > The Wise Judge.

The Complainant-You see, judge, was a little too happy, as you might say, when I went home, and me wife two in the mornin,' an' so I steps up prepared to make peace. I said, "Let's forget th' quarrel; we were both shove the hot iron against me head.

The Judge-Trying to smooth it over, of course. You can't blame her for

Shark Soup. In Ceylon there is a considerable in gelatin and are used largely by the Chinese for making soup, of which they declare that the turtle soup so but a distant and feeble imitation.

Johnny's mamma had put several patches on his trousers, and when the have had new pants."

Hard Luck. She-Because I cannot marry you do opportunity, and, slowly rising and not be disheartened. You must face affecting to be in no hurry, he passed | the world bravely. He-It isn't a questhrough the crowd. who made way for | tion of the world; I've got to face my

> Secret Sorrows Believe me, every heart has its secret sorrows which the world knows not, and oftentimes we call a man cold when he is only sad.-Longfellow.

Kindness is catching, and if you go around with a thoroughly developed case your neighbor will be sure to get

QUAINT MARRIAGE NOTICE.

William Cullen Bryant Broke the News Gently to His Mother.

The following letter from William Cullen Bryant to his mother, quoted by Professor Chubb in "Stories of Authors," indicates that the author of "Thanatopsis" could enjoy his little joke on occasion:

"Dear Mother-I hasten to send you the melancholy intelligence of what nance, pleuritic voice, hooked nose and hollow eyes. It was not long before we were summoned to attend in the apartment where he and the rest of of time to get into a quarrel with the company were gathered. We went in and took our seats. The little elderly gentleman with the hook nose prayed, and we all stood up. When he had finished most of us sat down. The gentleman with the hooked nose then muttered certain cabalistic expressions, which I was too much frightened to remember, but I recollect that at the conclusion I was given to understand that I was married to a young lady of the name of Frances Fairchild, whom I perceived standing by my side and whom I hope in the course of a few months to have the pleasure of introducing to you as your daughter-in-law, which is a matter of some interest to the poor girl, who has neither father nor mother in the world."

SHIELDED THE LADY.

A Tactful Head Waiter Balked an Offensive Hotel Guest.

illustrate an incident that occurred in a hotel uptown the other night, where, if you are not known, chemical term used today is aurum. you have to produce some sort of patent of absolute respectability, construct a rectangle, lettering the imaginary diagonal corners A. B. C and D: A represents a solitary male person

dining. B represents a comely person of the opposite sex seated at another table with a party. C represents a head waiter and D a group of the unemployed waiters. Let the line AB represent an admiring look that travels continuously. BA represents a look of annoyance. CA and CB are comprehending glances directed by the head waiter.

The point C moves toward D, making a triangle. After a whispered direction a figure which may be termed O, because it represents a particularly rotund waiter, moves from the point D until it reaches a point on the line AB. C moves back to position.

O to take an order. Thereupon C motions toward D, when another waiter. traveling on the line DA, effects a function with A and goes off at a tangent. A cranes his neck, stretching to one side or the other, but it cannot get past O. The result is that A finally sees what is up, finishes his coffee in sheepish disgust and leaves the room. -New York Sun.

Astrology With Risks. Formerly they had rough and ready modes of testing claims to supernatu-

"Dost thou know where thou wilt pass Christmas?" asked Henry VII. of an astrologer. He could not tell.

ral powers.

Whereupon the king's grace, which did love a merry jest, made answer. "Then I am wiser than thou, for I know that thou wilt spend Christmas in prison."

John Galeazzo, duke of Milan, is said to have made even merrier at the expense of an astrologer who foretold him that he would die early. "And how long do you expect to live?" he inquired of the prophet.

"My lord. my star promises me s "Never trust to your star, man; you are to be hanged today," and the duke took care that his own prediction

should be fulfilled.

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