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#### GUNPOWDER IN WAR.

For Centuries Its Use Was Opposed In

the Name of Humanity. There was a period when any kind of "explosive" fighting in war was considered barbarous. The discovery of gunpowder put a stop to the old fashioned method of attack, in which only missiles and sharp edged weapons were considered ethical, but gunpowder did not come into approval without a struggle. In fact, it was under the "humanity" ban for almost three cen-

This remarkable compound of saltpeter, sulphur and charcoal, which was given its first tryout at the siege of Constantinople in 1453, had been known to both the chemist and the soldier for a hundred years or more. It is said to have been discovered by Roger Bacon in England about the year 1290 and by a German monk named Schwarz twenty years later. Another independent discoverer of the same dangerous mixture was an unknown and uncelebrated Moor, whose secret was ultimately carried into Europe in the fourteenth century. Even he was not the first to make an explosive compound. The Chinese "beat him to it," having used this same kind paths I learned automatically to pick of mixture for rocket signals before the Christian era.

The fall of Constantinople was brought about by the use, the wholly stacles which at the moment I do not unethical and altogether barbarous use, of cannon balls, and it was not until about a century later that the world gave its full sanction to the killing of men by means of gunpowder.-St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

#### WHISPERING GALLERIES.

Old World Churches With Remarkable

Acoustic Properties. The most celebrated whispering gallery is that which surrounds the base of the interior of the dome of St. Paul's cathedral, London. A person speaking near its surface can be heard distinctly by one listening near the smooth wall at the other extremity of the diameter.

but not elsewhere. In the cathedral of Gloucester a whispering passage leads from one aisle to the opposite behind the east window of the choir. It is seventy-five feet long, six and a half feet high and three feet wide in the form of half an irregular octagon. The walls and ceilings are of freestone, and the slightest whisper travels from end to end.

The cathedral of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, has most marvelous echoes and reverberating qualities, but is has this character owing to the peculthe "Ear of Dionysius," cut in the rock about a bear under her bed. Now, at Syracuse in the shape of a parabolic when I treat you to the same kind of a curve, ending in an elliptical arch. It story, you are nearly frightened to is said that the tyrant seated in a small death. Tomorrow you can go into the chamber over a hundred feet from the kitchen and work there. You are not spot occupied by his captives by this fit to care for little children."-St. Loumeans could hear every word spoken is Globe-Democrat. by his prisoners.-London Answers.

If Animals Could Speak. mals could tell their life history they ence. He was in a printing office corhappened hundreds of years ago. A Man" with the chief reader when on Russian eagle, for instance, would be reaching a page which dealt with a able to remember watching with young man who, impelled by jealousy, greedy eyes as one by one the French had stabbed his fiancee he made a surout of the ranks in their awful retreat was this man. from Moscow in 1812. There are crocodiles alive in India today which saw the story, "he threw himself at my the first English traveler set foot there, feet, declaring that he would commit while there are whales in the sea which suicide if I published this story with

memory could go back twice that pe editions omitted his story." riod.-London Answers.

Plenty of Room. The young man who writes verses was standing out in the night gazing at the sky when a friend ran across

"What are you doing-studying as tronomy?" "Go away and don't disturb me.

am gazing into infinite distance." "I don't see what satisfaction you

"That's because you never had any experience with editors. You don't know what a comfort it is to find some place where nothing is crowded out for lack of space."-London Tit-Bits.

The Amethyst.

A good example of one of the ways in which magical properties became attributed to natural objects is the stone known as amethyst. The ancient Indian name of this stone had the sound represented by its present name. In Greek this sound happens to mean "anti-wine;" hence, without more ado, the ancients declared that the amethyst was a preventive of and a cure for drunkenness!-London Mail.

"Poor dad! Sister told him that the girls of her class are going to grad-

uate in dollar gowns." "Well, what about poor dad?" "He thinks a dollar is all he will be called upon to give up."-Kansas City

Two Sides.

Journal.

Willis-Why don't you go to church! Gillis-Too far. Why don't you go! Willis-We live next door to one, and I hate to get all dressed up just to ge that little way.—Boston Journal.

### SAVED HIMSELF, UNAWARE.

Showing How the Eye Sees More Than

One Thinks It Does. Writing on psychological subjects in the Ladies' Home Journal, H. Addington Bruce says:

"From Dr. A. H. of Pennsylvania, one of our well known psychologists, I have received this impressive piece of testimony to the power of the eye to see more than one consciously apprehends:

"'Three summers ago, when I was on a visit to my old home town, I took a short cut across familiar fields where a fair growth of weeds covered the ground. I was going along at a rapid gait, with my mind wholly occupied with matters other than my path, when suddenly, quite reflexly, my left foot, instead of going down on the spot where it should, jerked itself over to the left, and I went on fully ten steps before I realized that I had made the sharpest kind of an offset in my path. I wondered what made me do it, turned, retraced my steps and found an adder still coiled and ready to strike, exactly, as I judged, where my foot would have gone.'

"Dr. A. H., recognizing the correct explanation of his fortunate misstep,

"'During my boyhood summers I used to go barefooted much of the time. Through sad experiences with stubble fields, brier patches and stony my way without giving thought to the matter. As a result, I find myself frequently in my walks avoiding obconsciously discern."

#### LESSON FOR THE NURSE.

She Didn't Like It When She Was Paid In Her Own Coin.

A mother overheard her nurse girl talking to the child she was putting to sleep, and among other legends of the nursery in which she was indulged was this: "If you don't go to sleep this very minute a great, big. awful, black bear, with eyes like coals of fire and sharp, white, cruel teeth, will come out from under the bed and e-a-t-y-o-u-a-l-l up!" The poor little thing nestled down under the clothes to dream of horrid bears eating her up.

That night when the stolid nurse had composed herself in her own comfortable bed and had put the light out there came a sudden rap at the door, and the voice of the mistress called loudly through the panels: "Maggie! Maggie! Get up as quick as you can! There's a burglar under your bed!" At the word "burglar" the girl sprang screaming from the bed, tore open the door and fell into hysterics in the hall. The lesson was more instructive than

scarcely a whispering gallery. The the mistress designed, but when the whole cathedral of Girgenti, in Sicily, girl's fears had calmed she said to her: "You did not hesitate to tell my deliiar structure of its walls. These re cate child, who could not possibly markable properties also belonged to know that it was a lie, a cruel story

A Curious Experience.

Lombroso, the famous Italian crimi-It is a startling fact that if some ani nologist, once had a curious experiwould be able to recall events which recting the proofs in his "Delinquent soldiers under Napoleon fell exhausted prising discovery. The proofreader

"Suddenly," Lombroso said in telling may have skirted the coast of France his name. His face, before very genwhen it was invaded in 1415. A great tle, was completely altered and almost many elephants ected recall historical terrifying, and I was really afraid that events of a hundred years ago, while he would kill himself or me on the spot. there are raven still living whose I tore up the proofs and for several

Winter thunder is considered throughout Europe to be of very ill omen, but April thunder is considered to be very beneficial. In Devonshire and other cider counties of England there is a saying that "when it thunders in April you must clean up the barrels"-in readiness, that is, for a plentiful crop of apples. The French consider April thunder to be indicative of a good yield from vineyards and cornfields.

Getting It Straight.

It was in the Elysian fields. "I am gratified to see that Shakespeare is more sought after than the military heroes," declared a highbrow shade. "I consider this a tribute to the peaceful arts."

"It isn't that so much," pointed out a lowbrow shade. "Every new arrival wants to ask him if he really wrote those plays."-Kansas City Jour-

Angel Coins.

An "angel" was an ancient gold coin weighing four pennyweights and valued at 6s. 8d. in the reign of Henry VI. and at 10 shillings in the reign of Elizabeth in 1562. It took its name from the effigy of an angel embossed on one side.

Desperation. Lady Visitor-My poor man, what

first drove you to a career of crime? Desperate Criminal—Trying to match samples for my wife.-Baltimore Amer-

There never was an excuse as interesting as a duty well done.-Toledo

Garcia's Method.

Mesdames Viardot-Garcia and Malibran, the wonderful daughters of Manuel Garcia, v:ho was perhaps the greatest vocal teacher of all time, literally "learned in suffering what they taught in song."

The discipline of the Garcia home was extremely severe. According to Henry T. Finck, who writes in the Musician, it was said that he used to beat his unfortunate daughters till they screamed

The neighbors, however, did not confuse methods with madness, and on such occasions they quaintly said, "It is only M. Garcia teaching his girls to

First Life Insurance Policy. William Gibbons, who deserves to be better known, was the first man to insure his life. This policy was made in June, 1583, and was for the sum of £383 6s. 8d. for twelve months, sixteen underwriters dividing the risk. And this first policy also produced the first in surance law case, for when William died in the following May the under writers attempted to maintain that twelve months meant twelve periods of twenty-eight days and had to be taken into court before they would pay up.-London Graphic.

#### KNOW THYSELF.

The highest purpose of intellectual cultivation is to give a man a perfect knowledge and mastery of his own inner self, to render our consciousness its own light and its own mirror; hence there is the less reason to be surprised at our inability to enter fully into the feelings and characters of others. No one who has not a complete knowledge of himself will ever have a true understanding of another. - Novalis.

Trousers? That's Different.

Would men ever get anywhere, de you think, if they fussed around with as many disconnected things as most women do? We have all seen the swelling satisfaction with which the comely young schoolma'am, compli mented upon a pretty gown, announces, "I made it myself." But really, viewed in the light of reason, what is there about the feat upon which she should so plume herself? Suppose that a man should point proudly to his nether garments and say, "Lo! I made these trousers."-Mary Leal Harkness in Atlantic.

Prosaic Poetry.

"Ellen, I love but thee alone!" Thus sighed the tender youth. "Oh, dear one, then, my precious own! With trembling lips and earnest tone, I swear I speak the truth." He paused. A blush o'erspread her cheek. She let him draw her near. Scarce for emotion could she speak. Yet she did ask, in accents meek, "How much have you a

Cheap Wives.

Among the Ainus the price of a wife is a bear ham. The Kaffir price varies from four to eight oxen. In Uganda a wife can be obtained for a score of cartridges. The Australian black obtains his helpmate for her weight in butter, and in Turkestan the Tartars can buy as many wives as they please for a box of matches each.

#### SERVING OTHERS.

It is a beautiful and salutary arrangement, which we seldom reflect on as we should, that as a rule men only can become rich and great by supplying some want of their fellow men, by doing some work for others which others need and are willing to pay for, be that work moral guidance or material provision. We cannot rise to command except by stooping to serve.

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