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## **GREED MET PROPER REBUKE**

Incident on Street Car a Case of Righteous Retribution and Some Embarrassment.

The day was stormy and the car carried only a limited number of passengers. The Woman Who Saw spied a shining coin glistening on the floor. just : front a fashionably dressed woman who might have posed for a "Daily Hint From Paris," so faultless was her get o, despite the rainy day. Everytl : bespoke affluence and 1eckless expenditure, and the necessity to add to her probable store of ready money was not apparent, However, she was eyeing the coin as a cat does a mouse, ready to pounce on it at the first favorable opportunity. Simultaneously the gaze of a dapper elderly gentleman, seated next the Woman Who Saw, lighted upon the glittering object. It would have been an easy matter to have stooped and possessed himself of it, but the eagle eye of his fellow passenger followed his every movement, betraying her desire to appropriate the coveted prize. After a few seconds of irresolution he reached down and literally grabbed the lucky find. Opening his closed hand he took one glance at the treasure. A peculiar expression crossed his face, and his fingers closed tightly again. This was too much for the well-dressed woman, who could restrain herself no longer; greed took possession of her, and leaning for nation of all school children, so that ables, otherwise unknown to fame exward she addressed the finder in icy unfortunates may be detected. The cept as the man who had broken accents: "Pardon me, sir, that belongs to me. I just dropped it."

With a courteous bow the gentleman replied: "Permit me to restore your at its forthcoming session, may accomproperty, madam," and he placed in plish. But it is apparent that the exthe immaculate gloved hand, now eagerly extended, a shining tobacco

## WILL ATTRACT THE TOURIST

City of Guayaquil Making a Bid for Travelers Who Delight in the Picturesque.

Ecuador will soon be ready for a greater business with the world and for the tourist. Guayaquil, the country's chief port, is now undergoing a thorough sanitating. Streets are being modernized, and otherwise the city is improving. The ancient capital of Ecuador, Quito, lies nearly 300 miles by railway from Guayaquil. A few tourists have used the new railway "along the roof of the world" and visited the interesting old city.

Guayaquil lies up the Guayas river 60 miles from the ocean, so the average ship passenger does not even secure a passing view of the second port of importance on the west coast of South America. However, on clear days, when the ship is not many miles from shore, it is possible to sight Cotopaxi or Chimborazo, the former sending to the sky a smoky column from its snowwhite cone.

Northward 840 miles we sight the foliage-bedecked islands in the Bay of Panama, and shortly thereafter drop anchor near the entrance to the world's greatest canal.

# From a Great Diary.

Evelyn, the great diarist and courtier, is blind to many things which his readers would gladly have had him notice and record.

He tells us nothing of the condition of the mass of the people, rarely speaks of poor persons or servants, rarely mentions the clothes he wore or the food he ate, never, at any rate, with that pleasure of memory unashamed which gives such details the smack of life in Pepys or Boswell.

He never gossips; tells us little of his neighbors' vices, and nothing of their follies; would assuredly not have recorded, if there had been any such matters to record, his wife's jealousy of his attentions to her mind; gives no such touches of rude veracity as that of Pepys' sister, for whom a husband must be found at once as "she grows old and ugly," or that of poor Mr. Pechell, "whose red nose makes me ashamed to be seen with him, though otherwise a good-natured man."

# Famous Polish City.

To the tourist the most interesting building in Galatz is the Church of St. Mary's, which contains the tomb of the celebrated Cossack chief, Mazeppa, whose intrigue with the wife of a noble at the Polish court and his dire punishment (being bound naked to the back of a wild horse and set adrift on the desert) have been immortalized in Byron's poem. The tomb is supposed to have been rifled of its remains by the Russians during one of their several descents upon the city, for the memory of Mazeppa is execrated by the soldiers of the czar, inasmuch as he became an ally of Charles XII of Sweden. He died of poison in the same year that Peter the Great defeated Charles on the field of Pultowa.

# The H. C. of Living.

"Dis heah cost o' livin'," observed Mandy Morgan, "is gittin' somethin' awful! Would you believe me, a single ham done cost mah husband six months in jail?"-Puck.

# Justifiable Suspicion.

Announcement that there is a shortage of chorus girls arouses the suspicion that the supply may have been cornered by a bunch of Pittsburgh millionaires.

Effort Will Be Made to Find Out How Best to Deal With the Mentally Afflicted.

The handling of the insane, epileptic or defective population may be divided into three parts. The first is adequate prevention or diagnosis in the early stages. The second is provision of plants and ordinary hospitals. The third is making as useful and happy as possible the lives of permanent inout of the work by more attention to called. the other two needs. It is suggested that laws providing for the voluntary admission of patients be enacted, and that psychiatric wards or buildings be established. Again, patients, instead be employed. Their labor could contribute materially to their support as well as make them more cheerful. To in the care of one of the oldest contribthis end it is suggested that the indus- utors to the paper, although his long trial farm colony idea be developed as service had not equipped him with against the congested, circumscribed institution.

The problem of the mental defecnext legislature provide for a commisadequate scale may be promoted. Segregation, education, treatment and development are proposed as aids in eliminating the mental defective from society. The belief is that there should entire subject calls for action in so many quarters that it is difficult to point out exactly what the legislature, tension of the industrial farm colony system is possible, not only for epileptics, but also for those adjudged insane and for mental defectives .-- Indianapolis News.

### RELIEVES PAIN OF ANGINA Mechanical Exercise, Such as "Stretching," Said to Be Valuable in the

Treatment of Disease.

The terrible pain of angina pectoris can be relieved by simple mechanical exercises, without medicine, according to Dr. Samuel Constable of London. The New York Medical Journal describes how he applied his method to a suffering fellow practitioner:

the top bar of the bed with both hands, and coloring you will see a half-dozen letting most of his weight fall on the brunettes of varying shades. We'll now trongly stretched arms for about leave it to the sociologist to establish 40 seconds. After a short rest he re- the relationship between the number peated the process some five or six of immigrants from southern Europe, times. Result: Immediate cessation of all pain in arms and some relief of the growing scarcity of real blondes.

area to strong tension. This he repeat- partial to the light ones. What's the ed some half dozen times, each lasting answer?-Pittsburgh Gazette-Times. about 40 or 50 seconds. Result: Immediate cessation of all pains in the chest, the sense of constriction completely vanishing."

This was repeated about every two hours for several weeks and "on no occasion," says Doctor Constable, "did the stretching fail to give immediate

The New York Medical Journal suggests that dietetic and hay fever asthmatics try these or similar stretching exercises for relief from their par-

# Double Meaning.

"Well," said the far West mayor to company I was tellin' yer about they laugh: became mighty crusty!"

"Yus; they didn't like the way the receiver was handlin' the business nohow.'

"Indeed!" commented the earnest listener; "then, may I ask, what they

"Sartinly; I wus goin' to tell yer. They just hung up the receiver."

-Exchange. Oil From Various Sources.

During the last year, in Germany, about 662,250 pounds of oil were obtained from sunflower seeds, and this year promises a rich crop of poppy seed. Attention has also been drawn to the high percentage of oil contained in cherry and plum stones. which are usually thrown away. According to the statistics of 1900 there were 22,000,000 cherry and 70,000,000 plum trees in Germany. Large quantities of fruit stones were collected by school children last year, but great quantities were thrown away or destroyed owing to the difficulty of extracting the oil from them.

# Machine Sorts Coffee Beans.

A curious German invention is a machine for sorting coffee beans by color. Each bean passes into a strong beam of light, which it reflects to two selenium cells, and these, by electric control of a hopper, deposit the bean in one of several receptacles. The action depends on the different reflective powers of the differently colored beans, by which varying resistances to the electric current are successively produced in the selenium.

Briton of the Eighties Who Had No Qualifications as a Critic, Was Humorous.

Brander Matthews, writing his "London Memories" in Scribner's, recalls a period in the early eighties when he was a contributor to the London Saturday Review, at that time, under the physical equipment, such as buildings, editorship of Walter Pollock, a journal of marked distinction. Such names as Lang, Dobson, Gosse, H. D. Traill, W. E. Henley illuminated its columns. Mr. mates. Indiana has done much along | Matthews was the only American conthe lines of institutional equipment nected with the staff of the "Saturand the demand now is for a rounding day," as the Review was familiarly

"I may confess frankly now that it was great fun for me, an American of the Americans," writes Mr. Matthews, "to say my say about American topics in the columns of the most British of of being kept in dismal idleness, should British periodicals. About American politics I rarely expressed any opinion, because that topic had been for years knowledge of the subject.

"Pollock called my attention once to an article on American affairs in the tive is regarded by many as most con- current number and wondered whethfusing. Probably this is because of erit was not all at sea in its opinions, lack of complete information. There- and I had to answer that I had countfore, it has been recommended that the ed fifteen mistatements of fact in the first column, whereupon he shrugged sion, with liberal support, to go into his shoulders and explained that he the whole subject so that relief on an was powerless, since he had inherited that contributor from the preceding editors.

"I was told, although I forget by whom, that the ancient light who thus devoted his mind to the misunderstandbe mental as well as physical exami- ing of American politics was G. S. Van-Thackeray's nose."

# SEEM TO BE FEWER BLONDES

Observers Have Noticed That Darker Types of Females Are Beginning to Predominate.

A silly little story came out of St. Louis the other day to the effect that increased cost of peroxide of hydrogen was causing the girls out there to quit bleaching their hair, and, as a consequence, fewer blondes were to be seen. The bleached blonde is one of the lay figures of the joker; or, rather, of the joker who cannot keep ahead of the times, because she has been the target of humorous shafts ever since the Spanish-American war. Seriously, though, aren't there fewer blondes than formerly? How many genuine yellow-haired girls have you seen in the street cars in the last month? Very "At once he got his friend to grasp few; and to one girl with light eyes where the people are mostly dark, and The sociologist no doubt can present "Doctor Constable now got him on all sorts of interesting theories, but we the floor to grasp the bar at the end are confronted with a fact. During of the bed with both hands behind his | daily journeys on one car line covering back, bending forward at an angle of a period of 11 months one observer has about 60 degrees, the chest thrown for- failed to decry a single blonde that ward and the head back, thus sub- he would be sworn was genuine; and jecting the muscles of the affected he is a person of fair eyesight and

# And With Winter Here.

The toiler at the next desk but one has been a source of continuous annoyance to this department ever since food prices started soaring last month. He insisted daily that there was no high cost of living, and proved it by quoting the prices he paid for meat and produce at his grocer's. For instance, he asserted frequently that for ten cents he would get "all the steak he and his could eat." We retorted angrily that had y men starved their wives, but most of them had the decency not to brag about it. For it is no pleasure to a man with a \$30 grocery bill to hear the English tourist, "I dunno how you the ecstasies of one with a \$10 food out here, when some of our boys got | not of the future. And now retributied up in that thar bankrupt telephone tion has come, and here is where we

His grocer has been declared bankrupt, and the obnoxious toiler at the next desk but one faces the problem of dealing with a middleman with some business sense.—Kansas City Star.

# Eggs Not a Necessity.

Why eggs? Breakfast on the continent of Europe has gone its way in peace for many years with nothing 120 miles of internal railway, there more than coffee and rolls. Even in heavy-eating England a rasher of bacon and a bit of tea is quite all right, without eggs, for breakfast. Samuel Pepys seems to have got along without any breakfast, could do half a day's work vithout a bite. In fact. breakfast, as a regular meal, is a recent institution. It's the two or three soft-boiled that are here objected to as particularly tautologic. One's enough, and the second is mere absent-mindedness. There are a lot of little things that go to make up the high cost .-Philadelphia Ledger.

Decreased Cost of Living. The cost of 1,000 candle-hours of light a century ago was about \$2.50 were the only available illuminants. The coming of kerosene cut the cost to \$2, and along toward the latter half of the nineteenth century the same amount could be purchased for a dollar. Competition between kerosene and gas further reduced the cost until in the last quarter of a century a thousand candle-hours cost less than 50 cents. With the present efficiency of

anit is about ten cents, or one-twenty-

Discussed Burglar Hypothesis and Sociology as Well as Literature With Victim.

As a burglar raised the window, Miss Helen Gemmill, daughter of M. J. Gemmill of Wilmette sat up in bed. It was 4:30 o'clock in the morning.

"Nice evening," said the burglar. "It's morning," said Miss Gemmill. "Are you a regular burglar?" "Yes, miss."

and ask you questions about yourself and trade while you burgle the room?" "Yes," said the burglar, "folks expect that ever since they began to put these burgiar sketches in vaudeville. With the young, pretty ones, like yourself, we burglars have to discuss the burglar hypothesis and sociology. We can't get near the results that we get out of the old girls. Where is your

'I haven't any. How do you treat the old girls, as you call them?" "Aw, we just stick pins in their feet and they tell where the money is hid pretty quick. Haven't you got any

jewels?" "No, they are in the safe deposit vault. I see your flashlight isn't working well. You will find matches on the bureau. And please tell me-do you think Bacon or Shakespeare wrote the latter's works?"

"I think Spencer wrote them. Isn't there really anything available I can take here?'

"I'm sorry; not a thing," said Miss Gemmill.

"Well," said the burglar as he retired through the window, "I'll have to take your word for it, but I certainly wish you were an old girl, because I need the money."

The burglar also entered two other Wilmette homes, but encountered persons awake in both, which caused him to retire.-Chicago Tribune.

# POINT IS "GETTING STARTED"

Like Birds, Human Beings Find the Beginning of a Task Always the Hardest Part of It.

A writer who understands birds and bird life tells us that pigeons and other similar birds can fly for hours at a time without seeming to weary, "out when they are made to rise from the ground and fly five or six times in quick succession, they will refuse to rise again and will remain on the ground panting with open beak." Flying is not specially difficult, but starting is the hard part. Once in the air, they can go on for hours, but it takes the most energy to get into the air in the first place.

Whether this had been true about pigeons or not, it is very true about folks. For many of us, getting started is the hard part. We hold back as we used to do when we were about to go into the water for a swim. Once in, it was hard to get us out again, but getting in seemed almost impossible. We had to learn to take the plunge; then the hardest part was over, and

we thoroughly enjoyed the sport. Taking frequent starts wears men out just as it does pigeons. Watch children whose parents are always sending them to new schools; see how broken their thinking is. If any of them would only keep going, they could stand it far better, and they really would be able to get somewhere.

Continually starting again uses up anyone. And the life that is to be lived must not be judged by the difficulty experienced in starting it. Rising from the ground is hard, but flying is not hard. Don't be afraid to start to do right, or to be helpful in the home and active in school work. Get a good start, and then keep on .- Exchange.

# England's Great Arsenal.

Though the vast arsenal of Woolwich is at our doors, few of us who sleep in London have any real sense of manage these affairs over there, but bill. But he gibed on blithely, wotting nificance, the tremendous force it its colossal presence, its immense sigstands for. Its origin dates back to other wars, but when the present war began its workers were only 14,000 in all, without a woman in the number. Now there are 17,000 women and 50.000 men.

That is not all. Notwithstanding its fierce reality Woolwich is a symbol rather than a geographical expression. To that center of the Thames, 31/2 miles by 21/2, with its numberless workshops, its endless avenues and its radiate the activities of scores of associate factories round about, so that 30,000 workers more, chiefly women (97,000 in all), are feeding this almost fathomless reservoir.

Woolwich is a great mechanical octopus with arms that reach over. across and around London and the country about it .- London Times.

Watch for Big Rubber Ball. If the plans of a Texan inventor go

through, motor vehicles will soon be equipped with a huge rubber ball, projecting out in front. And its purpose? Oh, it just gently bumps the careless pedestrian instead of knocking him senseless or dead. What matters it that the ball will be more than a yard when the candle and sperm oil lamp in diameter when puffed out to its capacity?

> Of course you think that the rubber ball safety guard bounces the careless pedestrian to one side, allowing the automobile to proceed on its way. You are wrong.

It is intended to envelop the victim in its folds. But that is not all. It operates the brake automatically when a careless man sinks in its expanse. the electric lamp the cost of the same This is accomplished by means of a compressed air arrangement.—Exfifth of the original cost a century ago. change.

# HOPE TO SOLVE PROBLEM WROTE OF YANKEE POLITICS BURGLAR WAS UN-TO-DATE HUMAN NATURE NOT CHANGED HAVE MANY STRANGE BELIEFS

Incident of Ethiopian History That Bears Some Testimony as to the Matter.

Itlanersa was a pious king of Ethiopia. He built a temple to the glory of Amon of Napata under the overhang of a great cliff. It was scarcely more than dedicated before the shelf of the cliff fell. Itlanersa lost interest in that particular god.

But the piety of his successor, Sen-"Then all I have to do is to sit here ka-amon-seken was of more tenacious fiber. He rebuilt the broken walls, cleared away the dust and stones and put his name on the foundation rocks beside that of Itlanersa. He was, howof Napata to restore the sanctuary, and but in spite of his suffering he refused

We have recited this tale because, if supposed to keep him safe. it were changed a little, it might be of Ethiopia has faded from the earth, but human nature has so little altered that Itlanersa and Senka-amon-seken and the unknown ruler of four cenhave the company of their exact likes. erally does. -Toledo Blade.

## PAID HIGH MONEY FOR STEAK

First That Was Brought to Circle City Caused Keen Competition Among the Miners.

Probably the highest price ever paid for a beefsteak was that charged at the most unlucky gink in the whole Circle City, Alaska. The first steak that ever reached that town is said to have sold for something like \$48 a pound. There were ten pounds of this steak, which was shipped 250 miles to Circle City. When the owner of the precious bit of meat reached the camp the miners turned out in a body to see it. It was placed on exhibition, and attracted as much attention as if it were the rarest of gems. Everybody wanted a piece of it, and the prices offered were such as would have resulted in a mining-camp quarrel if it had not been for the discretion of the owner, who decided to raffle the steak off for the benefit of a hospital that Bishop Rowe was trying to establish for the miners at Circle City.

Bids were started at \$5 a pound and rose briskly to \$35. Finally, in order to avoid complications, it was determined to sell tickets at prices from 50 cents to \$2.50 for the privilege of drawing for a slice. After \$480 worth of tickets had been sold, the drawing began, and, to the relief of those in charge of the sale, no trouble resulted

# Danger in Handling Gasoline.

The publication of the National Safety Council, in a recent issue, gives some instructions to those who are making use of gasoline, which, it says, should be kept and used only in small quantities, and used only by experienced employees who realize the danger in using this volatile fluid and line should be handled in small safety cans, equipped with safety gauze and safety stopper. Gasoline is exceedingly volatile and will vaporize when exposed to the air at any temperature down to 15 below zero. This vapor air, and when mixed with the proper quantity of air becomes violently explosive. The vapor will ignite from any open flame, even from a spark of static electricity from a human body, a spark from an emery wheel, or from a sufficiently heated surface. The gasoline vapor, being heavier than air, will naturally seek a lower level, and if confined where there is poor ventilation, will sometimes remain in an explosive condition for months.

# No Worry; No Weight.

"Jim" Rice, popular coach of the Columbia university crews, has a new recipe for keeping thin. Rice had been putting on too much weight to be comfortable for the last few years. Recently an old friend met him at a football game.

"You're looking ten years younger and 20 pounds lighter," said the friend "I've taken off 18 pounds," said Rice "and I'm as hard as nails. Never felt better."

"How did you get your weight off?" he was asked.

"Stopped worryin'," he announced. "I've made up my mind that if I can't win races without worryin' I can't win with it. So I quit and took on a little exercise, rowing at Saratoga last summer, and off comes the weight. It's partly the exercise, but mostly the lack of worry.'

### Carrier Pigeons for Army. Fifty carrier pigeons have been pre-

sented to the signal corps of the United States army on the border by the American Carrier Pigeon association, It is intended to take a number of them to Mexico and dispatch them to Columbus. Atmospheric conditions on the border have rendered both ground and wireless telegraph unreliable, and the use of pigeons is to be given a thorough trial.

British Soldiers in the Trenches Confess That Superstition Has a

Strong Hold on Them. Of all the superstitions in the British army-and they are many-the most popular has to do with the jar that contains the ration of rum. German bullets, the men have it, swerve instinctively towards the nearest rum jar. A few stray shots have helped to strengthen the superstition, and the conviction holds firm that the man who carries the rum jar runs a double

risk of being hit. Mascots and talismans hold an important place in the soldier's life. One ever, no better judge of the behavior man used to carry in his pack a rosof cliffs. New flakes fell off and put ary that he had picked up in one of the temple out of business. Not until the streets of Ypres. One day his four centuries later did a king rise in leg was fractured in two places by Ethiopia who thought enough of Amon a large piece of a trench mortar bomb, then he did a half-way job. The to be taken down to the dressing sta-Egyptian expedition of Harvard unition until his rosary had been proversity found that out when it was duced. "If I don't take it with me," prowling through the temple. Back of he said, "I'd get hit again on the way the stones were altars and statues down." Nearly every man at the front just as Senka-amon-seken had caused has a mascot of some sort—a rosary, a them to be replaced and the unviolated black cat, a German button, a lucky names of the founder and first restorer. elephant, or a weird sign-which is

Their superstitions, too, are many a story of our own times. Men still in number. One man is convinced that build with love in their hearts, but he will be killed on a Friday; another give up when accident happens. There man would rather waste a dry-and is still unwisdom in the consideration therefore valuable-match than light of the chances of disaster. Folks are three cigarettes; another will think content to clear away a little dust and himself lucky if he can see a cow as let the most of it stay. The kingdom he marches up to the trenches; a fourth will face any danger, volunteer for any patrol, go through the worst attack without a qualm, simply because he has "got a feeling that he will come turies later might be born again and through it all unhurt." And he gen-

## GIFT WAS NOT APPRECIATED

Soldier's Wife Certainly Chose a Most Unfortunate Time to Send Those Fish to the Camp.

"For a long time," said the fat plumber, "I have been trying to locate world."

"And now-"

"I have found him at last." The thin carpenter showed curios-

"He is a soldier down on the border," the fat plumber continued. "Do you mean that you think all of

the boys down there are to be pitied?" "I should say not!" "Then you have to furnish a diagram with your joke."

"This particular soldier is wealthy and has everything he wants, back

"And still he is unlucky." "Yes. He wrote to his wife, one day, and told her she ought to do something for the boys at the front."

Yes-"And the wife immediately bought 500 fresh fish and had them shipped to

the border." "That was fine of her."

"Now comes the unlucky part." "I have been waiting for that." "On the very day that the consignment reached the company the wom-

an's husband happened to be assigned to duty in the mess tent-" "Yes-"And blamed if he didn't have to clean every one of those 500 fish."-

# Youngstown Telegram.

Takes Place of Toothbrush. A novel patent granted recently was for a substitute for the tooth brush. know how to handle it safely. Gaso- The device consists of a little waterproof cap fitting over the end of a finger. Attached to it is a brushlike surface of fabric, specially designed for cleaning the teeth. A flexible band attached to the cap encircles the hand and supports the cleaner when in opis nearly three times as heavy as eration. It is claimed that this cleaner, being more flexible than the stiff-backed brush, can clean the teeth more thoroughly since it can be fitted into each small angle of teeth and

# The Holy Carpet Returned.

The ceremony of receiving the holy carpet on its return from Mecca took place in the presence of the prime minister, representing the sultan, who is indisposed. The pilgrimage was accomplished this year without any untoward incident. There were about 30,000 pilgrims this year, including 5,-000 Indians, 2,000 Egyptians and 18,000 from the Hedjaz.-Cairo Letter in the London Times.

# Giant Apple.

A remarkable apple was shown at the Royal Horticultural society's hall, Vincent square, Westminster, England. A small apple tree taken from the ground and placed in an ordinary flowerpot bore one apple only, but that apple was 16 inches in circumference and 51/2 inches in depth. It is named after the secretary of the Royal Horticultural society, the Rev. W. Wilks.

# Ship Sunk by Codfish.

Codfish sank a ship en route for Gibraltar the other day. The schooner Ponbrook was taking a lot of dried fish from St. Johns, N. B., when, owing to heavy weather, water reached the cargo, which then swelled sufficiently to open the vessel's seams and sink her. A Norwegian ship rescued the crew and landed them at the Azores.

# Mr. Pester's Suggestion.

"Just a thought in passing," said old Festus Pester. "If we are so petty and picayunish that we must have a 21/2-cent piece, by all means let the contemptible coin be adorned with the head of our poetical fellow townsman, Tennyson J. Daft."-Kansas City Star.