

WEALTH WITHOUT OWNERS

Property For Which No Heirs Can Be Found.

LOSE THEIR IDENTITY

\$5,000,000 in the Hands of the City Chamberlain—More Held by the State Treasurer—Some Mysterious Disappearances—Come of Hunting for Missing Heirs.

"Did you ever realize that millions of dollars are in the hands of the Chamberlain of New York City and the State Treasurer awaiting owners, and that lawyers are working on the task of searching for heirs for these funds all the time, succeeding or failing in this task in the most unusual ways?"

"There is \$5,000,000 in the hands of the City Chamberlain alone, which would be given over to the heirs of the people who died and left the money if those heirs would only appear."

"Another odd thing, do you realize that some of the most valuable property in New York city is not improved and remains occupied by ramshackle buildings because the owners have disappeared and that large rents are collected by people who have no right whatever to them?"

"The speaker was a lawyer who makes a specialty of finding lost heirs to estates and owners of bank accounts who have disappeared."

"I often think that no man gets so strong an impression of the twisting paths of life, of the obscure eddies into which people drift and of the mysterious ways in which they can be murdered or die in lonely places or just sink out of the current of life and disappear as a lawyer engaged in such work as this," he went on. "Dozens of men have disappeared in this way in cases which I have investigated."

"Who knows whether they have been knocked on the head or have taken to the river or have changed their names, although without apparent motive to do so, and are quietly living in some retired hamlet?"

"If you came into contact with such cases as I have before me day in and day out you would wonder too what becomes of all these people that were well known and prominent one day and the next day have disappeared as utterly as if the earth had opened and swallowed them up."

"An odd case I remember—not the oddest, but still rather out of the ordinary—was that of a Belgian artist named Jean van der Stock. He landed in this country in 1893, when he was about 30."

"He was a portrait painter and soon after arriving here received numerous lucrative commissions and in short was on the high tide of success in no time. He had a studio and living rooms in Waverley place fixed up in bizarre fashion, and it was a favorite haunt of his friends to have tea there every afternoon and rabbit suppers in the evening and that sort of thing."

"In 1892 he hired a safe deposit box from a Broadway company and put in it between \$5,000 and \$10,000 worth of securities. The next day he disappeared."

"We have hunted for him ever since, but in vain. We have found his old mother, who had not heard from him for three years before his death."

"The trust company would like to hand the securities over to her, and she is in poor circumstances, but it cannot do so as things are."

"What was his fate? Did he voluntarily disappear and simply forget the money? Or was he knocked on the head in some brawl along the waterfront as the end up of a crazy spree? Or was he suddenly stricken with apoplexy and is he living in some interior city or perhaps right here in New York?"

"Who knows? No one has ever been able to find any trace of his whereabouts or any proof of his death."

"There are some queer cases of property practically ownerless in the best business and residence parts of New York. This arises from the same freak that is doubtless at the bottom of many of the lost heir mysteries."

"The owners suffered a sudden attack of aphasia or just took it into their heads to disappear. The fact remains that these properties are practically ownerless through these disappearances."

"People who collected the rents as agents or others who learned of the disappearance of the owner have succeeded in collecting the rents ever since, and are in many cases pocketing them and posing as the real owners. Oh, I know of several cases of this sort. Some of these properties are situated next to skyscrapers."

"As sites for high modern buildings they are very valuable, but they are covered with ramshackle edifices which pay a low but steady rent to the pseudo owners."

"The latter can't afford to take the risk of putting money into improving the property for fear the real owner may turn up some day and turn them out. So they remain satisfied with the low rent and let the property remain an eyesore to the neighborhood."

"Another interesting phase of tied up legacies and lost heirs and all that business is the numerous fakes and frauds that are put up. Schemes are constantly being devised to get possession of property in this State."

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The art of war is undergoing a remarkably rapid evolution in these days, and fresh improvements are constantly being made in our military outfit. Our old-fashioned field guns are now being replaced by weapons of a new fangled type, which are quick-fire cannon, deliv-



Monument to a Dog.



Our illustration shows a memorial fountain to a dog erected in Battersea, London, which bears the following inscription: "In memory of the brown terrier dog done to death in the laboratories of the University College in February, 1906, after having endured vivisection extending over more than two months and having been handed over from one vivisector to another until death came to his release." The fountain stands fifteen feet high and was erected by the anti-vivisection society.

Popples from Ancient Seeds.

The extraordinary resuscitating power of light received a curious illustration a few years ago in the silver mines of Layrum. The mines were abandoned more than 2,000 years ago as unworkable and were filled for the most part with the slag from the workings of the miners.

It was discovered that this slag contained plenty of silver, which could be easily rendered available by modern appliances. Accordingly it was removed to the furnace, and when next the mine was visited a wonderful transformation was found to have taken place.

Instead of a heap of rubbish, the mine had become a gorgeous flower garden. The entire space was covered with a brilliant show of poppies. This profuse vegetable life belonged to the same age in which the mines were worked. Twenty centuries old were those poppy-seeds, yet when the removal of the slag allowed the light to fall upon them they sprang into life and bloom under its influence.

How Long Ostriches Live.

Nothing is positively known as to how long an ostrich will live. Some writers claim that it will live 100 years. Ostriches which are known to have been in captivity for forty years are still breeding and producing feathers.

It is the experience of Arizona farmers that among birds having good nutritious green feed deaths seldom occur, except as the result of accident. A dog or other small animal will sometimes frighten ostriches and cause them to run into the fence, which may result in a broken leg. When this happens, the bird may as well be killed as few ever recover from such an injury.

Pen for Captured Rats.

As the Hindu population object to the killing of rats, an influential native banker proposes to provide a "rat ruksha" or sort of pen in which the captured rats may be confined as pensioners for the natural term of their lives, the male and female animals being kept apart.

To the homestaying Europeans this appears too "Gilbertian" for grave consideration, but the proposal was most gratefully received by Major Buchanan, I. M. S., who is in charge of the plague operations.

ering four shots a minute, with a special contrivance for taking up the recoil, so that there is no "kick." Another notable departure is the making of cloth out of smokeless gunpowder, for bags to hold charges for guns, the sacks being tied with twine likewise composed of smokeless powder a truly picturesque novelty.

In the illustration is shown the the cyclone produced when a shot from one of these quick firing cannon strikes the water.

In the meantime the Navy is spending \$1,500,000 per annum on target practice, in order that the men behind the guns on our ships may know how to shoot straight when next we are obliged to fight. And it is a matter worth notice that the huge new cruisers of the California and West Virginia type utilize to the utmost advantage the idea of interposing a waterline belt of corn pith between their inner and outer skins. This belt, two and a half feet thick, is equal to three inches of nickel steel armor, though weighing almost nothing at all; and, if a projectile does make a hole through it, the entering water causes the pith to expand, choking up the opening and preventing further inflow.

Drew Teeth at Point of Gun.

A terrible adventure befell the secretary of a well-known French deputy while visiting his Paris dentist.

He had been suffering from toothache, and went to have the troublesome tooth extracted. He sat down in a chair, and had just begun to explain his trouble when the dentist shouted out, "All right! I'll have them all out of you in a minute."

The secretary attempted to state that he merely wanted one tooth when he saw the dentist produce a revolver.

Pointing the weapon at the secretary's head, the dentist exclaimed: "If you move a muscle while I am taking out your teeth, you are a dead man."

The secretary saw that he was at the mercy of a madman, and remained perfectly still while the dentist put the revolver back in his pocket and proceeded to draw the teeth. One by one they were pulled out, the madman drawing the revolver whenever the patient exhibited any signs of protest.

When eight teeth had been wrenched out, the madman said: "That will do. You have been very quiet. Half-a-crown, if you please."

The secretary paid at once, staggered out of room and went to the nearest police station.

A force of police was sent, and when they entered the room the madman opened fire on them. He shot one of the constables in the arm and another in the leg before he was knocked down and handcuffed.—London Express.

A penny is estimated to change hands about 125,000 times in its life.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin.

WHO SAID JAMESTOWN?

The Jamestown Exposition has ripened into a high ly interesting show. It isn't an industrial exposition where you see the wheels go 'round, but as an historical, patriotic, and truly American epitome of three hundred years of civilization and development it is inviting to every citizen. From the John Smith episode to the present year the course of development, of the South especially, is traced by object, picture, manuscript, and reproduction. Thirty states have erected buildings typical of the olden time, and filled them with reminiscent objects. The National Government is the chief exhibitor, but there are thousands of others that lend interest and diversity to the general effect. The buildings are rich in architectural suggestion, and the grounds, naturally attractive, are beautified by the skill of florist and landscape gardener. The special features make each day memorable. In athletics, both by land and water, the representation is unique, while the military and naval demonstrations are stirring and spectacular.

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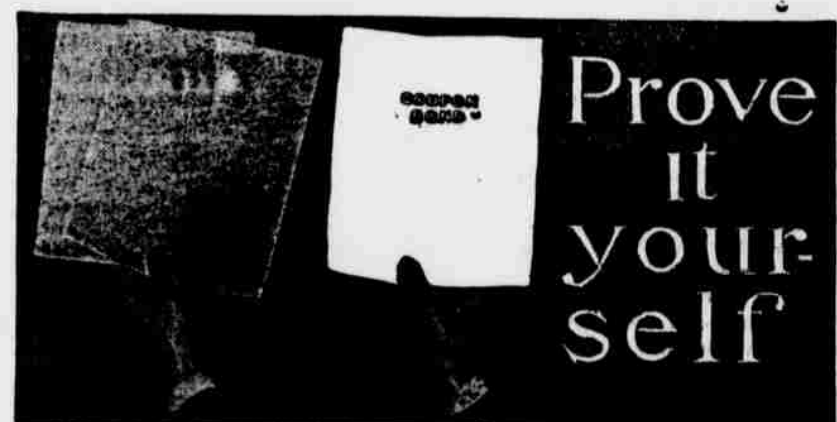
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