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An Old Time Explosion.

An old chronicler tells a curious story of an explosion which occurred in London Jan. 4, 1649. A ship chandler, it seems, "about 7 of the clock at night, being busy in his shop about barrel-ing up of gunpowder, it took fire and in the twinkling of an eye blew up not only that, but all the houses thereabout to the number of fifty or sixty. The number of persons destroyed by this blow could never be known, for the next house but one was the Rose tavern, a house never (at that time of orin, a house lever (at that time of night) but full of company. And in three or four days, after digging, they continually found heads, arms, legs, etc." The most interesting part of the

account comes further on:
"In the digging they found the mistress of the house of the Rose tavern sitting in her bar and one of the drawers standing by the bar's side, with a pot in his hand, only stifled by dust and smoke, their bodies being preserved whole by means of great timbers falling across one upon another. There was also found upon the upper leads of Barking church a young child lying in a cradle as newly laid in bed, neither child nor cradle having the least sign of fire or other hurt. It was never known whose child it was, so that one of the parish kept it for a memorial, for in the year 1666 I saw the child, grown to be then a proper maiden."

The Troubles of the Coyote. It is hunted upon all occasions and by devious and sundry methods. As the cowboy careers along the plains he pops at it with his six shooter. The wise ranchman has a shotgun or rifle hanging in a convenient place await-ing the appearance of a coyote near the ranch house. The hunter of more choice game never misses a shot at a coyote, while there are professionals who do little else but pursue it from one year's end to another. Besides, there are organized hunts inaugurated in settled communities for both pleasure and profit, when a large scope of the country is swept clean and the coyotes falling into the meshes of the hunt are dispatched and their skins tanned are dispatched and their skins tanned for rugs and doormats. Then animals are baited with poisoned meat. This method of destruction is not only used by ranchmen, but by persons who make a business of killing coyotes for a living.—Kansas City Journal.

The Apeists In Society.

To ape anything is a sign of vacuity of mind; to ape the follies of those above you is one of the most offensive forms of vulgarity. Yet we see the fol-lies of the uppermost classes steadily imitated all down the different sets of society, and the popularity of every book dealing with the peerage is a proof, if one were needed, of what ab-sorbing interest our failings are to the public. There is nothing we will not write upon to gratify this vulgar curiosity; nothing is in too bad taste if by its publication we can raise a little of the "needful." Our scandals, our intrigues, our inane conversation, our bills and even our menus are recorded for the benefit of a public which, while professing to be horrified, greedily cries for more.-A Countess in London

Tobacco For Wives. In the early history of Virginia and

Maryland tobacco was by all odds the most important crop, and it was even possible at times to secure a wife in ex-change for a moderate amount of tobacco, as in later days in the west a squaw could be obtained in exchange for a small amount of whisky. In 1732 at Jamestown tobacco was made a legal tender for all debts, including customs. In about a dozen years after the founding of Jamestown by Captain John Smith an English nobleman, Sir Edwin Sandys, brought over with a ship load of supplies ninety young English maids, who immediately upon their arrival were wooed and married by the colonists, each being paid for at the rate of "120 pounds of good tobacco."

John Adams' Opinion of Washington stepped into the hall to help Adams put Adams thanked him. "Don't mention it," was the solemn toady's reply. "No attention is too great, no trouble is too much that we of this century have the pleasure of taking for the patriots of the Revolution—for George Washington and your-self, sir." Adams' sharp retort was: "Don't mention Washington to me, sir! Washington was a dolt!"—Sanborn's

Montreal's Cathedral.

"Reminiscences of Emerson."

The great landmark in Montreal is the Cathedral of Notre Dame, which, next to the famous cathedral in the City of Mexico, is the largest church building in America and has a seating capacity of 12,000. The church was built in 1829 and is noted for its magnificent chimes, one of the bells of which, called "Le Gros Bourdon," is one of the largest suspended bells in the world and weighs 24,780 pounds.— Four Track News.

Very Absent Minded.

"Talk about absent mindedness," said a man the other day, "why, I like it, for when I was a boy I worked for a man who was so absent minded that he discharged me three times in one week and paid me a week's wages each

The Inducement Incomplete. She (romantic)—When you first saw he wonderful Niagara falls, didn't you feel as though you would like to

He-No; I hadn't got my hotel bill then.-Toledo Blade.

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Death in the eyes of the Capuchin monks is chiefly a terrible reminder of the vanities of the flesh. Their ceme tery in Rome is a cellar whose walls and ceiling are covered with the bones of their predecessors. Skulls, ribs, thigh bones and knuckles are arranged in grotesque designs, and even the chandelier is constructed of parts of skele-

When a Capuchin dies he is buried in loose dirt without a coffin. As there is room for only forty bodies in this earth, which was brought from the Holy Land, the body that has lain in it longest is dug up, the skeleton is cleaned, garmented in monkish garb and placed in a niche. To make room the oldest skeleton in a niche is dismembered, and its various bones are added to complete some wall design.

The Unsophisticated Moujik.
"The Russian moujik," says a man
who has seen life in the land of the czar, "is a naive fellow. He is some-thing like a boy and something like an Irishman. He is, as a rule, very simple, very kind.
"A typical moujik entered one day a

railroad station. He approached the agent and asked when a certain train would leave for a certain place. The agent told him distinctly, and, seeming satisfied, he departed. But a moment later he was back again, and again he asked the agent the same

question.

"'Why,' the agent exclaimed, 'I told you that only a minute ago!'

"'You did, truly,' the moujik answered. 'But it isn't myself that wants to know this time. It's my mate out-

French Decorations. The popular impression is that the

Legion of Honor is the only French decoration, but that is not at all the case. France possesses orders quite as ancient as those of most countries, though the oldest of them, St. Esprit St. Michel, St. Louis and St. Hubert dating from the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries, are no longer conferred Since the Legion of Honor, which was founded in 1802 by the first consul and modified by statute in 1816 and 1852. there have been established no fewer than seven decorations. The Legion is the only honor that can be bestowed on

Courting Under Difficulties.

Engaged lovers in the Canary islands find it difficult to exchange sweet con fidences, as the young man is not allowed to visit his fiancee in her home. He goes to her house and, finding her at the window, must talk to her from the street. Sometimes her window is perhaps ten or twelve feet above the road. Therefore he must talk loudly, and very often members of the girl's family are unseen listeners.

"No," said Woodby, "I don't see Wiseman at all any more. He has dropped out of our social set." "He tells a different story," remarked

"Indeed!

"Yes; he claims he has climbed out."

—Catholic Standard.

George-You do not call on Miss

Rosebud now?

Jack—No; I got disgusted. She has

such a coarse laugh. George—I never noticed that. Jack-You would if you'd been with-

in hearing when I proposed to her. The Cat Didn't Show It. s," Mrs. Stayathome told Mrs.

Gotback, "your husband took awful good care of the cat while you were away, and he had lots of help too. Almost every night I heard them calling, 'Fatten up the kitty.'"

A Sobriety Test.
Orderly Officer—Why don't you confine that man, corporal? Can't you see he's drunk?

"No, sir; 'e ain't drunk. Why, I seed 's 'and move."—Sporting Times.

"Oh, my friends," exclaimed the ora-

tor, "it makes me sad when I think of the days that are gone, when I look around and miss the old familiar faces I used to shake hands with."

He Needed Something "You need a rest."

"But I haven't done any work for years, doctor." "Then you need a change."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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