DYNAMITE.

A Recipe for Making This too Popular Explosive.

Many of the ideas held even by generally well-informed persons in regard to this awful explosive are a little short of wild.

"Nitro-glycerine," said a gentleman who is pretty well informed upon the subject, "is made by uniting nitric acid with glycerine at a warm temperature. It is then absorbed in 'infusorial earth,' which is the residue of microscopic animals, and has great absorptive power. It is really a mineral, and is found in large quantities in the earth. The infusorial earth has much the greater absorptive capacity, and will hold a great deal more nitro-glycerine in the same amount of space."

"Is dynamite really so dangerous to handle as a great many think?"

"Well, the men who make and handle it say that they are not at all afraid of it, and it is well known that if it is lighted with a match it will burn up like paper and do no harm; but at the same time there are scores of cases on record where the stuff has exploded without any one or anything touching it, and they haven't found out yet what causes it to go off. One reason for this, though, is that any one who is near enough to notice what might make it explode is usually collected in fragments after the explosion. I suppose it explodes from decomposition."

"In what shape is it usually made up?"

"In cans or packages. It is not a cake, I believe, but in the form of a loose powder."

"What is the most common way of setting it off?"

"All these explosives are set off by percussion. They use fulminate of mercury, the material that is in percussion caps. This makes a very quick explosion. Fulminate of mercury is used because the vibrations it makes in exploding are the same in number, as those made by the dynamite. The terrific results of dynamite are caused by the suddenness of the explosion."

"What are these infernal machines?"

"An infernal machine is simply a box, or something of the sort, containing dynamite and clockwork, so arranged that at a certain time a hammer falls upon a percussion cap and the thing explodes. There is one striking difference between dynamite and gunpowder, which is that dynamite will do its deadly work without being confined, whereas gunpowder will not. A few spoonfuls of dynamite set off on the top of a bowlder would shatter it, while the same or a much larger amount of gunpowder would simply end in a puff of smoke. Again, gunpowder fractures with a smooth cleavage, and dynamite grinds up the rock and breaks it into small pieces."

A GOOD BIG STATE.

Plenty of Room for Settlers in California Yet.

A great many do not seem to have a very correct idea of the size or immense area of California. It is 770 miles long, being bounded its entire length on the west by the Pacific Ocean. Its greatest width is 330 miles, and it contains 188,981 square miles, or 120,947,840 square acres of land. Compared to other States of the Union, it is four times the size of New York; it is twenty-four times as large as Massachusetts; it is one hundred times as large as Rhode Island. Compared to European countries it is four-fifths the size of Austria, and lacks but a fraction of equaling the entire area of France. It is nearly twice the size of Italy, and is one half times greater than the whole British Isles constituting Great Britain. California contains 50,000,000 acres of land suited to cultivation and profitable agricultural pursuits. The population of California in 1880—the census year—including the Indians but excluding the Chinese and Japanese, was 759,617. It now has a much larger population. With one-fourth the territory New York had a population of 5,000,000 in 1880, or over six times the population of California. With one twenty-fourth the territory Massachusetts had a population of 1,800,000 or nearly twice the population of California. With the same territory, France has a population of 38,000,000 or forty times the population of California. When it is stated that acre for acre, or square mile for square mile, the whole area of California is capable of sustaining a larger number of people than New York or Massachusetts, and an equal greater number than France, it will be seen that there is still room for people to settle and make homes in California.

ONLY A PRIVATE.

But he Showed a Soul that was Simply Heroic.

Louis Abear was a private in Company H, First Michigan Cavalry, and made a good soldier. At the battle of Trevillian Station he was taken prisoner, and before his release he was confined in five different prison-pens and two jails.

While he was in Millen Prison, an exchange of sixty prisoners was to be made. The officer of the day told off sixty names at the door of the pen, but for some reason, probably because he was too ill or perhaps dead, one man did not come forth. At that moment Louis, who had been sent out after fuel, under guard, of course, came through the gates pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with wood.

"Here, Louis, here's a chance for you. We want sixty men to go North and are short one. Jump into the ranks here!" exclaimed the officer.

"To be exchanged?" asked Louis, trembling more than he did when under fire.

"Yes. Be quick!"

"Then take Hank. He's sick, and will die if he remains here," and Louis darted into the hospital ward. Hank had a pair of pantaloons and shoes, but no coat or hat. Louis pulled off his, put them on Hank, and brought him out, weak and tottering. As Hank filed out the gate and once more breathed the air of freedom, Louis, hatless and coatless, took hold of the handles of his wheelbarrow and started for another load of wood.

"Can mortal mind conceive of such an act? It cost him seven months of a living death, and all for a man with whom he was not even intimately acquainted."

"And now for the other side of the picture. Ever since the close of the war, until a few months ago when Hank died, these two men have lived right here in Wayne County, Hank with a home and family, Louis with neither; have met occasionally, but at no time did Hank ever refer to the act in Millen Prison that set him free and saved his life, never invited him to his home, never alluded to the past, or addressed his savior other than as a mere acquaintance. On his death-bed, however, he told the story, and asked his relatives, if they ever had an opportunity, to befriend Louis for his sake. It was tardy acknowledgment of one of the noblest acts the world has ever known.—[Detroit Free Press.

A Fisherman Artist.

There is a collection of paintings on exhibition in Boston, the work of a man who was a few years ago a Gloucester fisherman. His name is George W. Harvey, and his pictures are marines. The attention of summer visitors to Gloucester was first attracted to his work. A little technical skill added to what he had taught himself soon gave him rank among the best of marine painters. His present collection of fifty pictures is the fruit of one summer's work, and they readily bring prices ranging from twenty-five to fifty dollars. He has the great merit of thoroughly knowing his subject, for if anybody finds out what the sea is like at its ugliest it is the patient, stouthearted fisherman who goes down to the banks in the staunch little Gloucester schooners.

Fond father—"See here, my daughter, this will never do. You must not invite those young ladies to your wedding." Daughter—"And why not pa? They are particular friends of mine. There can certainly be no objection to them socially. Their father is a bank president." "Exactly so, my child, and that's just why they must not come. His bank is the only one I have an account with and they might tell their father about that $500 check which I am to give you to display among your wedding presents." "But suppose they do, pa?" "Can't you see? He knows I never had $500 there at one time in my life."

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A PANTHER AND A RATTLESNAKE

And a Lone Fisherman Have a Very Lively Time of it.

Three men sat on a settee in one corner of the barroom of the Miners' Arms, in Front street, last evening, with heads close together, smoking short brier-wood pipes and talking in a slow way, as if they had to stop and throw their weight on it before getting a word longer than one syllable spoken. They were dressed in corduroy trousers, tucked into the tops of their boots, and short thick coats. They were going over their experiences in the Rocky Mountain regions, the hotel being a resort for old-country miners on their way East or West. Finally one of the group named Andrew McDonald straightened up and said, in a louder voice than he had hitherto used: "You may talk about sea serpents, but my pards had an adventure with a rattler last spring that knocks out any yarn you ever heard."

Half a dozen loungers and a reporter gathered around the miner while he continued:

"His name was Heman Fish, and he came from western Ohio. We called him Heme for short. He could do two things better than any man I ever saw. One was to fish and the other was to handle a black-snake whip. I reckon most of you know what a blacksnake whip is. Heme could pick a fly from the ear of the off mule of a four-in-hand, and never let the mule know a whip was anywhere about.

"Last spring he and I got on a spree in St. Louis, and when we shook ourselves together again we found ourselves in a town called Paola, Kansas. As Heme's head began to shrink, he took a notion that we should go away from there by the overland route, and so we went down to Fort Scott and joined the caravan that was bound for New Mexico across the Staked Plains."

"A caravan across the Staked Plains from Fort Scott last spring?" the bartender remarked with some emphasis.

"Yes," said McDonald, as though irritated. "We had followed the procession about two weeks, when one evening we camped on one of the northerly branches of the Red River of the South in a bit of timber. Without waiting a minute Heme drew a fish line and pole from its hooks under the canvas of our prairie schooner and started down the creek for a mess of fish. Somehow he didn't seem to have his usual luck. The sun was just sinking, and Heme walked on from pool to pool, now and then dropping his line in without success till he was about half a mile down stream. There in an open space, where the grass was short but the woods thick, a few rods away he found a big dead tree that had fallen into the creek and washed around with the top down stream. Just below this the water was deep and still, and as his hook sank into the water he felt the first blood-stirring tug of the evening. It was a catfish. Not very exciting sport, you will say to catch a bullhead, but then the eating of them is never to be despised. For fifteen minutes Heme was so busy that he did not notice the flight of time, but just as he felt a tug on his line for the eighth time, he became aware that something was about to happen that he had not anticipated. He said afterward that he felt just as a man does who wakes up at midnight to find himself bolt upright in bed, hearing nothing and wondering what was the matter. The feeling was so strong that instead of landing the fish he looked slowly around. Not five feet away to his left was a big panther, arching its back and rubbing the sides of its head along the grass and smiling at him, almost, as it lashed its tail from side to side. It was playing with him cat fashion. Meantime the catfish had swallowed the hook and was tugging away so hard that, in spite of his scare, which made his broad-brimmed hat tremble, he turned to look at the line and the bobbing cork which he always fished with. From the agitated water about the cork his eye fell on a six-foot rattler that was making its way over the edge of the bank of the creek from the old dead log, and was headed directly for him. From the snake he looked to the cavorting panther, and then back to the ugly reptile, afraid to strike with his pole lest the panther should spring on him, and afraid to stand still lest the snake should attack him as soon as it was near enough. Somehow the movements of the panther, as it trotted about, rolled over, or jumped stiff legged into the air, proved a stronger attraction, and for a minute he watched it attentively, until the fish gave a last effort to free itself from the hook. The panther was walking away as if to leave its victim in peace, when Heme looked around and saw the snake was passing him, headed for the timber. Then the inspiration came which saved his life. He had the pole in his left hand. Stooping over he caught the reptile by the tail. Quick as this was done the panther saw the motion, and turning about settled for a spring as Heme whirled the snake easily but rapidly over his head. The panther was too late. Heme's skill with the whip enabled him to drop the rattler comfortably about the panther's neck, and the next instant buried its fangs in the beast's tongue that showed through its half open mouth.

"Then Heme got really frightened, and, with a yell, he plunged into the creek, and floundering across, ran breathlessly up stream to the camp. When he had managed to sputter out his story, the whole camp roared with laughter at the comical figure and at what seemed to be about the most unlikely yarn they had ever heard."

"See here, Mack, who primed you to tell that?" said the bartender, wiping his hands on his partly white apron.

"Primed be ——," said the story teller. "It's true. I've got the snake's rattle, and I'll show it to you."

He took a solid-looking valise from behind the bar, and, while fumbling for his key, said: "It took us about ten minutes to reach the spot where Heme had been fishing. The panther was still alive, but he was on his last pegs. The snake was in two pieces, the panther having chawed its head off after he was bitten. I cut the rattle off, and here it is."

There were twelve of the rattles, besides the button on the end. The snake was thirteen years of age. The bartender walked behind the bar and passed down a big cut-glass bottle, containing a yellowish fluid. As he placed a number of little straight round tumblers beside it he said: "Help yourselves, boys. I give it up. The rattles prove it."—[New York Sun.

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A pleasant entertainment for a few friends is called a "quotation party." When the invitations are given the request accompanies them that the recipient will come to the party with three quotations memorized. When these quotations are given, the name of the author is to be given by any one of the company who can do so. The one who first guesses or gives the name receives a favor, usually a flower; if this is not practicable a bit of narrow, bright ribbon that can be tied in the button hole, is substituted.

Window plants should have plenty of blossoms at the proper time, but in order to blossom they must be plentifully supplied with roots. In lifting plants it is often the practice to reduce the ball of earth lifted with the plant by crumbling the soil around the sides. This destroys the roots to such an extent that the feeding portion of them is completely mutilated, and, as a consequence, fresh rootlets have to start out all over the leading roots before any food can be supplied to support the evaporation rapidly going on from the leaves and stems, especially in very succulent kinds.

A very pretty vase mat border can be made from the ravelings of Brussels carpet. Cut a foundation piece of the size and shape desired from crinoline. Allow for a border all around two inches wide, and cover the centre with a piece of bright-colored flannel, cloth or velvet. Cut the ravelings into pieces four inches long and arrange in bundles of four or five threads each. Use darning cotton, and punching holes close together in the foundation border, fasten on these bundles by drawing the centers through the holes and holding them in place with the darning cotton. Or, the ravelings can be sewed on in any manner most handy to form a full moss border. The mixture of colors is very effective.

Boys are sometimes helped to from habits of order and of good behavior by being allowed to wear some article of dress which they admire and really wish to wear, and for which they must take thought. For example, a boy who had leanings toward pugilism was presented with a pair of sleeve buttons, for which he had longed; they were made of celluloid, and represented a skull and cross-bones. So great was his fear that a cross-bone might be broken off and lost that his walks to and from school were characterized by remarkable self-control. Another boy is allowed occasionally to wear a watch that was presented to him by his grand-father," and which has, as he says, "a plate glass front," and so must be carefully guarded. Of course, after a time the novelty wears off, but every time that a child behaves properly instead of improperly a tendency in the right direction is developed.

A musical and literary society, which has been popular and successful for two winters past and is still alive, adopted this method of determining who should take part in the programme of the next meeting: In the first place it is perfectly well understood that each member of the society will take part; then the names are put into a hat and are well shaken; then the president, who is blindfolded, selects the names, one at a time. She hands them to the secretary, who reads them at once. Usually it is customary to assign to each one a part which it is well known he or she can take with ease, but sometimes, for fun, and to vary the proceedings, a programme is made out, and then the subjects or parts are designated on separate bits of paper, they are put into a hat and each one who has already had her name drawn from the hat, draws a slip of paper, and is obliged to accept as her part the part assigned.

Tidies for the common sitting-room should be of inexpensive material, and of a kind that may be laundried. A pretty tidy that answers these requirements is made of white crash; the ends are fringed out to the depth of four or possibly five inches, the edge is overcast to prevent further fringing; two inches above the beginning of the fringe threads are drawn out crosswise, and a ribbon is run in; this is put in so that the drawn threads appear in the form of squares; the effect is very pretty. This tidy is long enough so that it can be gathered in the center; it may be tied with a ribbon, or may be simply fastened blindly with a white thread. Another tidy of this description is crocheted of seine twine and has two spaces left for narrow ribbons to be run in. In place of ribbon strips of silesia doubled may be used. The bottom is finished with fringe. Pieces for the arms of the chair may be made to match, but in these only one space for ribbon should be left, and no fringe required.

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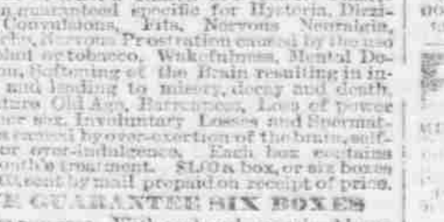

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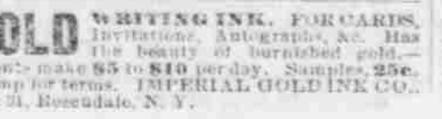

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Major Rogers had been out shooting, and had discharged all his guns, when an elephant made a charge at him from the skirts of the jungle. There was no help for it except to run, and for 400 yards the Major kept just ahead, feeling at every step as if the trunk was trying to twist itself about his loins. A turn around a tree gave him a momentary advantage, which he made the most of by springing up into the branches; he was as nimble as a cat and as strong as a lion. One foot higher and he would have been out of the elephant's reach; but before he had time to draw up his legs the elephant had got him firmly clinched in the toils of his proboscis. Still Rogers pulled against him, thinking it better to have his leg wrenched from the socket than to fall back bodily into the animal's power. The struggle, however, did not last long, for, to the delight of the pursued, the Wellington boot which the former wore slipped off, released the leg and saved the life of poor Rogers. The dilemma, however, did not end here, for the elephant finding himself balked of his prey, after destroying the boot, took up his quarters beneath the branches and kept his anticipated victim in the tree for twenty-four hours, when the country postman happened to pass. Rogers gave him notice of his position, and soon help came, and the elephant was frightened away by tom-toms and yelling. Had this occurred in a deserted part of the jungle the officer would have been starved to death in the tree.

There is a beautiful story of an old elephant engaged in a battle on the plains of India. He was standard-bearer, and carried on his huge back the royal ensign, the rally-point of the Poona host. At the beginning of the fight he lost his mahout. The "mahout," or driver, had just given him the word to halt, when he received a fatal wound and fell to the ground, where he lay under a heap of slain. The obedient elephant stood still while the battle closed around him and the standard he carried. He never stirred a foot, refusing to advance or retire, as the conflict became hotter and fiercer, until the Mahrattas, seeing the standard still flying steadily in its place, refused to believe they were being beaten, and rallied again and again around the colors. And all the while, amid the din of battle, the patient animal stood straining its ears to catch the sound of that voice it would never hear again. At length the tide of conquest left the field deserted. The Mahrattas swept on in pursuit of the flying foe, but the elephant, like a rock, stood there with the dead and dying around, and the ensign waving in its place. For three days and nights it remained where its master had given the command to halt. No bribe or threat could move it. Then they sent to a village one hundred miles away and brought the mahout's little son. The noble hero seemed to then remember how the driver had sometimes given his authority to the little child, and immediately, with all the shattered trappings clinging as he went, paced quietly and slowly away.

"The native Hindoo," the narrator of this story tells us, "from want of thought keeps up a constant drumming on the beast's head with the goad, or 'ankas.' I therefore hoped not to use it at all. Such an improvement all at once, however, proved more than the elephantine mind could grasp. He began really to enjoy himself, going his own way more than mine, till at last he marched straight into an immense forest tree of the banyan species, and commenced to browse. He seized the boughs above his head, and, tugging violently at them, brought them down on my devoted skull. This was too much. I raised the ankus and brought it down on his head with a blow that brought blood through the skin. This had the desired effect, and he at once bundled off along the road by which he knew I wanted to go. He merely took with him a branch about the size of a small apple tree to discuss as he went along. From this moment we were friends, and I don't think I ever had to use the hook again so as to bring blood.—[London Times.

REMARKABLE MEMORIES.

Wonderful Feats of Men Who Could Remember Well.

There was a Corsican boy who could rehearse forty thousand words, whether sense or nonsense, as they were dictated, and then repeat them in the reversed order without making a single mistake. A physician, about sixty years ago, could repeat the whole of "Paradise Lost" without a mistake, although he had not read it for twenty years. Euler, the great mathematician, when he became blind could repeat the whole of Virgil's "Æneid," and could remember the first line and the last line in every page of the particular edition which he had been accustomed to read before he became blind. One kind of retentive memory may be considered as the result of sheer work, a determination toward one particular achievement, without reference either to cultivation or to memory on other subjects. This is frequently shown by persons in humble life in regard to the bible. An old beggarman at Sterling, known about fifty years ago as "Blind Alick," afforded an instance of this. He knew the whole of the bible by heart, insomuch that if a sentence was read to him, he could name the book, chapter, and verse; or if the book, chapter, and verse were named, he could give the exact words. A gentleman, to test him, repeated a verse, purposely making one verbal inaccuracy. Alick hesitated, named the place where the passage was to be found, but at the same time pointed out the verbal error. The same gentleman asked him to repeat the ninetieth verse of the seventh chapter of the book of Numbers. Alick almost instantly replied: "There is no such verse. That chapter has only eighty-nine verses." Gassendi had acquired by heart six thousand Latin verses, and in order to give his memory exercise he was in the habit daily of reciting six hundred verses from different languages.—[Toronto Globe.

REMARKS ON SLEEP.—Always sleep with your eyes shut.

Never eat just after going to sleep.

A person should never get up in the morning before he is awake.

Never sleep with your head to the east. The yeast makes things rise too soon.

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If you are in the habit of snoring and can't breathe without snoring, don't breathe. It is better to stop your breath and die than to snore.

A man should lie in bed at least eight hours out of the twenty-four. All except lawyers. They lie so much all the time it don't make any difference whether they sleep or not.

Some people say that a feather bed is unhealthy, but we don't know feather it is or not. If the feathers come off of a hen that laid unhealthy eggs we suppose it is.

A man should never jump out of bed very sudden. It starts the circulation too quick. He ought to turn over and stretch and yawn and gape, and scratch, and lie still, and wait till some of the women folks get up and make the fire.

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