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As adown the hill we raced them How we peppered them behind! Thus we fought the fight of Bunker's In the days that knew no care, Ere the snow we tossed, as younkers, Time had sifted on our nair

The battle-ah! we fought it

Not at all by history's light;

And, to facts entirely blind,

How the pesky English aught it, How they always lost the fight!

In despite of truth we chased them,

Now, alas! in the fierce battle We wage daily with the world. Harder shots against us rattle Than our boy arms ever hurled.

And 'tis not the generous tussle Of the snow fort on the knoll, But a strife of those who nustle Not the body, but the soul; And instead or gleaming missiles Poisoned shafts fly to and fro And we march o'er galling thistles, ot the velvet of the sni

-W. R. Barber, in Youth's Companion.

DUTCH NECK'S GOAT SAM A Billy Full of Guile and More Substantial Things.

Timothy Hillhouse has the most remarkable goat that ever grew chin whiskers, says a Dutch Neck, New Jersey correspondent of the New York Sun. The goat's name is Sam, and his stomach has had in it about everything that in the ordinary run of life is left lying about loose. Sam's courage is bout as great as his appetite, and he oes into any kind of a row unhesitatngly if he sees anything to cat at the other end of it.

Sam is 12 years old. He first came

started for him.

and, concluding that he might better

go to jail than face the animal any

ionger, began to howl at the top of his

voice. The noise woke Hillhouse, and,

with his hired man, he went out to see

what was up. He found the thief and

From that time Sam's career has been

eventful and brilliant. One of his most

remarkable exploits was the saving of

Mr. Hillhouse's little daughter from

drowning. Three years ago Carrie Hill-

house, then four years old, started out

one afternoon to join hes father and his

men, who were working in a field about

a quarter of a mile from the house. On

the way she was obliged to cross a

bridge over Sutphin's creek, a sluggish

tream that runs between high, steep

anks. Sam went with the girl. She

stopped on the bridge to look down into

handed him over to the constable.

his face and a few woolen ravelings of various colors dangling from his jaws. A few days afterward, when she wanted to hang some tidies out on the porch rail to air, Mrs. Hillhouse first tied Sam to a tree, but, unfortunately, she tied him with a rope. It happened that the tidies were in plain view of the goat, and they made a tempting display in the eves of the creature that so constantly hungered for novelties, whether raw or cooked. Some of them were of fine linen, richly embroidered, and others were combinations of seraps of silk and satin of various pleasing colors. Sam turned upon the rope that held him and ate it. Then he tackled the delicacies displayed on the porch rail, and soon had them stowed away in his stomach. Mrs. Hillhouse demanded that he be killed at once, but her husband was warmly attached to the animal and refused to end its life. So Sam lived, and lived to eat. The goat's intrinsic value increased. One day when Hillhouse's hired man left his vest hanging on a bar post Sam took a notion to go out in the lot where the men were working, and while nosing around espied the vest. When the owner went to get it at noou it was missing, and only a few bits of lining had been left to indicate its fate. The hired man did not take kindly to the loss of his vest, because in one of the pockets was a brand new \$20 open face watch, to which was attached a threedollar chain. The matches, tobacco, and other stuff in the pockets he could spare, but he couldn't give up his watch without a protest, and he suggested to Hillhouse that there was only one way to recover the timeniece, and that was

was fastened, which could be renewed whenever occasion warranted without disturbing the remainder of the struc-

Flat iron bars were first substituted for this temporary strip of wood in 1738, and about 30 years later cast iron bars were forged for that purpose. These cast iron bars were each five feet long, four inches wide and one and three-quarter inches thick, with holes for spikes to secure them to the wood. Toward the close of the eighteenth century the practice was adopted of casting the rails with a perpendicular ledge on the outer edge to prevent the wheels from leaving the track. Subsequently the ledge was transferred to the inner side of the rail.

It was not until 1789 that the present type of rail and car wheel appeared. Flanged rails and flat wheels were discarded and the flange transferred to the tire of the wheels. Mr. Jesup introduced, at that period, rails cast in lengths of 15 feet, with the top 13% inches wide. They were of the fishbelly pattern; deeper in the middle than at the ends. After various experiments it was found advisable to set the ends of the rails in cast iron chairs, which were bolted to the wooden or stone, ties, and into which secured by a key or wedges. Cast iron, however, proved to be too brittle for the passage of heavy loads at high rates of speed, and about the year 1820 malleable iron was substituted and the length of the rails was increased.

The idea of using steam as a motive power on the tramways in the English collieries was first broached by James Watt in 1784, when he applied for patent for a steam carriage. In 1804 Richard Trevethick built a locomotive engine which was tried upon the Merthyr & Tydvil railway, in Wales, and which drew wagons containing ten tons of coal each, at a rate of five miles an hour. W. Hassell Wilson, in his "Railway History," says that in 1812 Blenkinsops engines began running between Middleton collieries and Leeds (a distance of 31/2 miles), and continued in use for several years, being the first instance of the regular employment of steam locomotives for commercial pur poses. It was in 1814 that George Stephenson's first steam engine was placed on the Killingworth railway. It drew 30 tons at the rate of four miles an hour upon an incline of one foot in 450. Im provements in locomotives followed gradually. When the Stockton & Darlington railway was opened for public use in 1825, one of Stephenson's loco motives drew a train composed of 22 wagons filled with passengers and 12 wagons loaded with coal, making a to tal weight of about 90 tons, including the engine and tender, at an average speed of about five miles an hour, but attaining a maximum rate of 12 miles. -N. Y. Times.

atmosphere which I was actually taking into my system. I was tired, sore matter, but John was not there, and as and disgusted with everything, even with the maiden at my side, whom I "Miss Jones had been the possessor of now thought one of the ugliest, most a bicycle about three days, and as we uninteresting persons it had been my wended our way side by side to her misfortune to meet. I was thinking, home to get the steed of steel she inthinking deeply; thinking some things formed me that she was doing 'just 1 would not dare think aloud, when 1 lovely.' And she also ventured the rewas suddenly brought to my senses by mark that she actually believed she

my fair companion saying: 'Well, I'm ready.' So was 1-I had to be, and I at once arose and grabbed up that wheel. Of course, before I could start her homeward it was first necessary to get her on to the bicycle, and I trembled as I thought of the task before me This time I braced myself against a fence and held onto that wheel like grim-visaged death, and when Miss Jones boarded it in really artistic style, I was greatly pleased. I started her off gently and then took hold of the saddle again, prepared to trot home back of the young lady like a dog following its master. I was congratulating myself upon the little trouble experienced in gesting her started, when the front wheel of the bicycle began to wohble and chug! went the off handle bar into

a fence. Luckily, I was on the opposite side of the wheel and pulling terrifically at the nigh handle bar I got it and its burden again perpendicular. This time I asked her if she were injured, and showing me an aw-ful-ly bruised hand, she bravely replied, 'a little, but it's immaterial.' Why, the skin was scraped off the whole side of her hand, but she bore it like a heroine. And right here I wish to say that I began to think just a wee little bit more of Miss Jones than

Wages of carpenters in Australia have been increased 12 cents a day by agreement between the union and the bosses' association. They are now \$2.04 a day. A new clause permitting Jewish workmen to toil on Sundays to make up for lost time on Saturdays will be inroduced in the factories and work-

The first eight-hour demonstration

ever held in West Australia took place

at Perth lately, all the unions com-

A federation of all the coal miners in

Australia is contemplated in the scheme

of reorganization of the New South

Skilled men are lacking in the engine-

tooms of the warships of the United

States navy, and the chief engineer has

bining for the occasion,

Wales Miners' association.

made a request for more.

questions.

shops bill of Australia. During the last fiscal year the farmers of the United States were paid \$571,oon,000 by foreign countries for prodnce. Next year's crops promise to be greater, and the benefits are felt in many directions.

London cabinen are carrying on a guerrilla warfare against the railway companies, which is conducted like a boycott. They refuse to enter any of the stations with passengers or baggage and are otherwise disobliging.

Thirteen million persons will have to e supported by the East Indian government because of the famine. Thousands of square miles of crops have been parched a. Idestroyed by the sun's heat. This means large exports of wheat fro

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into notoriety eight years ago, when he by killing Sam and laying bare the incornered a burglar, and kept him corterior of his food pouch. Hillhouse nered until Hillhouse and a hired man stubbornly refused to have the goat killed, and satisfied the hired man by took the man in. This happened one summer night. Hillhouse had lived on the buying him a new watch and chain.

farm that he owns a good many years, Sam showed no signs of regret over and never had been troubled with midthe watch exploit and kept on hunting night prowlers. When he retired on for unusual things to devour. One day this particular night he left the window he indulged in a meal that caused hom of a second-story room open. Near the considerable physical discomfort. An window grew a tree, and up the tree a insurance agent rode out from Trenton thief climbed in the night, made his way to see Hillhouse on business. He came through the window, ransacked the on a bicycle, and, leaning the machine house, and got safely back to the against the fence, went into the house ground. But the end was not yet. Sam, to look over some papers. Sam never who was snooping around the yard had seen a bicycle before, and he immeceking something that would stop the diately began looking it over to find out guawing in his stomach, espied the if there was anything about it that he burglar as he was coming down and might safely add to the varied assortment already in his stomach. The tires The first knowledge that the man had were soft. Sain began work on them of Sam's presence was when the goat's and in an extremely short time had nibbled them from the wheels. The inhead hit him with the force of a battersurance agent was hauled back to town ing ram from the rear. The fellow was by Mr. Hillhouse's horse, and Hillhouse knocked to his knees, but he was quickpaid for a new set of tires for the bily on his feet and sprinting for the gate. evcle. The rubber tires did not set so Sam went after him and got between him and the gate. Seeing that escape well on Sam's stomach as they had on the wheels, and the day after he had. in that direction was impossible, the eaten them he gave indications of inaan turned and ran toward the barn. ternal disturbance. He was not himself Adjoining the barn was a wagon house, at all. He refused to eat and lay und into the angle formed by these stretched out in a corner of the wood buildings the goat drove the buglar and shed. Hillhouse doctored him, and in butted him up against the side of the two days the animal was well enough barn with a force that made the man to walk out and eat a lace curtain that howl like an Indian. Now and then the Mrs. Hillhouse had laid on the grass to man tried to sneak around the goat and bleach, thinking that it was safe beget away, but Sam was on the alert and cause Sam was sick. stopped him. The goat pounded away One day last summer Hillhouse went until the burglar ached in every joint.

to Trenton to draw money with which to pay his help. He drew \$100 from the bank, \$75 in five-dollar gold pieces and silver and \$25 in bills. He put the money in a shot bag and shoved the bag into his coat pocket. When he reached home be took off his coat and laid it on a box while he unharnessed the horse. Sam's eye fell on the coat, and when Hillhouse lisappeared in the barn he walked up and proceeded to devour it. By the time Mr. Hilbouse came out of the barn the goat had swallowed one-half of the coat, and it was the half that contained the pocket which had the money. Gold, silver and greenbacks were in the goat's stomach. Then it was that Sam's life came near an end. Hillhouse got his gun and was about to shoot the goat when his daughter objected, "I must kill him, Carrie," said her

father, "because he has swallowed \$100

DRAW HIM OUT. The Finest Art of Fiirtation Is Adaptab lity.

The finest art of flirtation is adapta bility, says Lippincott's. 1 do not mean altogether to mold one's self after the mind or mood of the object of one's solicitude, but as rapidly as possible to discover the broad lines of his or her character and disposition, then, with the courage of a military leader, turn the force of our friend, the enemy, in that channel which may best please one's own intelligence and purpose. With a little executive ability, and, in case the object be a man, just a tinge of judicious flattery, this can be accomplished. Sometimes, of course, we run our heads against a stone wall; then something must go, and it is generally not the wall. This is as fat going a process in the mental faculties as standing on tiptoe is to the muscles of the foot; but the mental exercise, like the athletic, has its advantages. The rider of one hobby has generally another in training, if not in actual use; and the man who cannot make himself interesting on either of the subjects that most absorb his own in-

had while we were sitting at the road and this was a stunner. I had assisted side a way back. many young ladies in their efforts to

Her brother John was sitting on the

porch smoking a horribly rank stogy

and when I excitedly asked him where

his sister was he looked at me as though

he considered me a lunatic. I implored

master the bicycle but all of them rode "Once again she started homeward and by the way she pumped and pushed drop frame machines and they all wore those pedals I know she was mad about skirts. This case was far different, that accident, and as she gained speed, However, I got on and off the wheel, using the step, 'man-fashion,' and ex-I also began to realize that my powers of plained to her in detail every succeedendurance would give out ere long, unless she reduced her gait. At last I had ing movement. Then Miss Jones tried it. First I firmly grasped the handle to give up but I said nothing to her. 1 bar with one hand, holding the frame let her guide on homeward, as I thought in front of the saddle with the other. she would soon notice my absence and Miss Jones reached over my arm, took then would either dismount or fail off, I hold of the grips, put her right foot on cared not which. But she went on and I gradually lost sight of her in the darkthe step, made a lunge for the suddleand kerflop, we both landed on the ess that was growing upon the face of the earth. I was glad that she had gone hard road. I was underneath, the wheel made up the second layer of the and I leisurely climbed upon a rail fence pile, while Miss Jones sat, not too at the roadside and sat there meditatgently, on top of the whole. I thought ing. I was mad clear through and the one of the handle bars had punctured more I meditated the angrier I got. But my side and that I was swallowing a at last it dawned upon me that it was hetrogenous mass of bicycle spokes, not the proper thing for me to be sitgood solid clay and rubber tires. Miss ting upon a wayside fence and leave a Jones did not get off the heap at all but young lady to take her own way home sat there half sobbing, half laughing, after nightfall. Horror of horrors! supand said she hoped I was not injured. pose she had fallen from her bievele that she was so sorry, etc. With an and at this very instant was lying in almost herculanean effort I rolled from the road, possibly with a broken leg my position under the wheel and its or injured in some other way so as to be fair, but heavy burden, and after pullunable to move. Suppose a team of ing myself together, gave Miss Jones spirited horses were approaching and my hand and helped her to her feet. 1 the driver could not see that prostrate inquired if she were hurt but she reform and ran over it. Ugh! the very ioicingly informed me that she came thought made my blood run cold. I out unscathed and was ready for anjumped from the fence and started in the direction in which Miss Jones had

"I was not much injured-no-but gone. I walked along slowly, but as more horrible possibilities came to my whatever thoughts I had had of spending an enjoyable evening were rudely mind I went faster until at last I was dispelled from my mind. No, I was not running as fast as I could, but even then injured, but I could almost swear that I thought I was going at a snail's pace. one of the pedals of that machine had Half a dozen times I imagined I saw cut out a few square inches of my shin Miss Jones on the ground ahead of me bone and I imagined I could feel it but always found it to be but a hallucidangling about my ankle. I was also nation of my wild and disordered brain. aware of the fact that there were several I did finally reach town and because I non-repairable punctures in my troushad not found Miss Jones lying on the ers and that my anatomy was bruised road in a pool of blood I was sure that and sore in more places than I could she had been spirited away or kidenumerate in a three-page article. napped. "To tell the truth I was not at all "I rushed to the home of her parents.

anxious to continue the demoralizing lesson, as I was sure that this experience would be the death of me but I wouldn't for an instant think of telling my fair companion that I had to give up.

for his sister-well, I did not dare.

could ride alone, only she got so terribly

"When we arrived at Miss Jones' home

she excused herself for a few minutes,

saying she wished to don an appropriate

costume, and when she emerged from

the house a little later, elad in a neat-

fitting garb of the bloomer type and

leading a diamond-frame machine, why.

it simply took my breath away. Oh,

but she looked chipper, chic and de-

bonair, and my heart was at once smit-

ten with her, though I always had a pe-

culiarly sympathetic feeling for her

She certainly was the most beautiful

and sweet morsel of femininity it had

been my pleasure to gaze upon. There

was no doubt about this, this lesson

would be extremely interesting. There

would be no skirts to get entangled in

the wheels and chain and to bother her

in her awkward manipulations of the

same, and the time spent in teaching

her to properly manage the steed would

surely be just so long a time of un-

"Miss Jones and I walked to a street

seldom traveled after sundown and the

walk over the intervening thorough-

fares was an exceedingly short one. We

arrived at our destination. The first

thing was to show her how to mount

alloyed pleasure.

other trial.

frightened.

him to tell me, for the love he bore his "No! she should be the first to say it sister. was time to postpone the practice until "He looked at me again, then slowly another day. I was in hopes the wheel turned his eyes toward the side of the was in such condition, after the hard fall, that it would be impossible to use

America.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

The proposition to increase the pay f the officers in the German army will ive the colonels 9,000 marks, the maors 6,000, the captains 3,600 and the jeutenants 1,800 marks per annum. The German mark is equivalent to 23.8 ents.

According to the estimates of German nd French statisticians the wars of the ast 40 years have cost the nations encared in them, in money alone, the almost inconceivable sum of \$13,000,000,su. Of this amount France has paid nearly \$3,500,000,000 as the cost of her war with Prussia.

In order to provide the proper complenents of crews for the new war ships hat will soon be ready for service it vill be necessary to add not less than 4,000 men to the present naval force. In order to secure them congress must pass a suitable law, as the limit allowed has already been reached, and the mansing of the Puritan will exhaust all the wailable material.

France's Foreign Legion is the last refuge for adventurers of all nations. In one company there were serving recently a Roumanian prince, who was suspected of having murdered his rother; a German count, who had been a lieutenant of the guards on the emperer's staff; an Italian lieutenant alonel of eavalry, dismissed for cheating at cards; a Russian nihilist escaped from Siberia: a former captain in the English rifle brigade, and an ex-canon of Notre Dame, suspended for immoral-

A DOG TRAVELER. Dachshund That Has Covered 40,000

Miles in Four Years. One of the most traveled dogs on record is Donnie II., a black-and-tan dachshund, which is exhibited in London. Donnie is the property of an officer in the English army, Capt. MacMahon, and in a life of a little more than four years, has traveled some 40,000 miles, 8,000 of them on horseback. He has traversed land and sea, crossed deserts and mountain ranges, and been, with his master, a participant in many deeds of endurance and adventure.

Donnie was born September 18, 1892, in England, and when seven months old was sent to Capt. MacMahon in India by friends. The journey, first by sea,