

A grate want—Cool. Always awake—A vessel's track. Played out—An extinguisher fire. A suitable diver for a widow—A widow.

France has 25,734,040 inhabitants and 8,232 physicians. A philosopher fell sick, and was ordered to drink sage tea.

Ninety-six murderers were hanged in the United States last year. A handsome pair of slippers—Two pretty girls riding on the ice.

Edison now sleeps in the day and works at night, to avoid visitors. The nose in red, the lips are blue; the weather is cold, and so are you.

Geography has replaced spelling bees as a winter amusement in the West. Brain-haired children are sometimes born in Alsace, but the color disappears after a few months.

Many a boy who handles a billiard ball with consummate skill, can't get the ball to stop for two hours. Uncle Sam's large family has licked nearly ten billion postage stamps since their introduction in 1847.

There are two kinds of men who tell the truth—one for the force of circumstances and the other for a change. Kalkanus, king of the Sandwich islands, has invented a gun, and thinks of taking out a patent for it.

The most beautiful girl we ever heard of was the young lady who blushed when she was asked if she had been courting sleep.

A friendship that makes the least noise is the most useful, for which reason I should prefer a prudent friend to a zealous one. Some one says that nothing is healthy than to be a murderer.

Even Friday is unhealthy—on cold winter mornings. A clock is being exhibited at Paris which will show a man's pulse and the heat of his body, and the most practical utility is "to kill time."

"Paris for \$5" said a seedy-looking man, reading a sign in the window of a rooming house. "I never wanted so for \$5 in all my life."

An Idaho editor proposes to nail another fellow's valise to his back, and make it look like a wood-chuck-skin on a country barn-door in bean time.

"Blessed for the beautiful snow!" he cried. "How brilliant, sparkling and clear!" But he quickly changed his tone, for a wicked gopher plastered some on the snow.

A country lad says his Uncle Ben made a scarecrow so frightful that one of the black-feathered thieves went and brought back a scarecrow he had stolen from him the previous days.

Pride is as loud a beggar as want, and a great deal more noisy. When you have bought one, you must not be too sure that your neighbor's ass may be all of a piece; but it is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy it.

When poor Melinda's eyes have come, she will see the world as it is. Melinda, proud Melinda. She, too, will see the world as it is.

How would that would be! How would that would be! How would that would be! How would that would be!

1800.—Only two nations are now left alone in Europe. The socialists have got the thing down to a dot, and pop the new ones off as soon as they are crowned.

It is reported that the Kaiser has been stirred from a castle on an island in the Rhine for six months. Nobody can be trusted in Germany. The king is now in process of formation.

A lady who arrived recently from the East in Sacramento, Cal., on a train, in her pocket had a little box containing a turtle—which she seemed to think very much. The animal's shell had been highly polished and resembled the scales of a large back-comb worn by ladies, and he was most obedient to the calls of his mistress.

A call of low class, and a call of high class, to bring him from under the seats in the car, and with but little encouragement or assistance he would climb to a pin from the lady's dress.

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SHOOTING FOR LIFE.

A COSSACK'S ADVENTURE IN BOKHARA.

When the Turkomans captured me on the Syr-Darya (said Captain Kostakov, landing me on the river bank and knew that I would need some refreshment before my story ended, they carried me to a small hut, and I lay down. But I didn't stay there long—for in Central Asia a slave changes hands as often as a horse does among us—and before I had time to get my bearings, I was in the hands of a man who told me that he was a merchant from Bokhara, who was just starting home again across the Kizil-Kum (Red Sand) desert.

I was strapping young fellow in those days, and could manage a horse or a saber with any man. Moreover, I had the native language well, and was a rare thing with a Russian in those days; so my new master counted upon getting a good price for me in Bokhara, and took all possible care of me on the road.

I needn't tell you about the desert journey, for you've seen it all for yourself—the thirst, and the scorching sun, and the hot, prickly sand, and the prayer at sunset, and the halts beside the wells, and the camel starting on in single file, nose and tail together. But the most of my adventure on the way that was to have consequences which I little dreamed of. There were three men with me, and our company, all noted marksmen, who one day amused themselves by having a shooting match. I got leave to join them, and beat them all, and was the great delight of my master, who had but high on me, and the amazement of the men themselves. I heard one of them whisper to another, "This will be news for Seid Ali, if he is still in Bokhara," but I thought nothing of it at the time.

The evening that we reached Bokhara, after we had got ourselves settled in one of the great caravansaries, the four Afghans and I sat around a table, and I described it once to an Englishman, and he told me that they have a game some- what like it, called "pasha wuzer." It is played with dice, and has four throws, three of which are called "shik," (win), and the fourth is called "shik," (win), and the fifth is called "shik," (win).

While we were playing, a tall, handsome man in a rich dress, who looked like a Persian, came swaggering by. Just as he got close to me, I happened to throw "robber."