

FRIENDSHIP.

pass the ardent hours of day With boon companions blithe and gay—

THE ROGUES' GALLERY

Sanguinary Bank Clerk and His Obliging White Rose.

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Pinkerton National Detective Agency. It all happened; it happened wonderfully; but it did not happen to me—

My friend the old-time detective is talking: "I received an imperative message to attend at the New York Bank of—early one morning.

"I was conducted to the burgled safe. It did not take me long to reason out that whoever the burglar was had worked on the lock of the safe when it was already open.

"In answer to my inquiry of the president whether he suspected any of the bank staff, he was almost, indeed, quite indignant, and took some time to phrase his resentment of the suggestion.

"Point him out to me as I pass through the bank now," I replied. The president did this, but with marked impatience.

"My next move was to hurry to his residence and, as I anticipated, the sumptuousness of the place did not fit in with the salary he was receiving.

"The rest of the day I spent hunting up Mr. M—'s antecedents and habits of life, and all went to confirm my suspicions.

"You were right about M— After you left yesterday we went over his books and found a deficit of \$30,000, and I understand he left the city last night.

"It was my turn to be nettled, but I contented myself with asking if he had any notion as to the direction in which the bird had flown—if he knew of any relatives.

"Two days later I was registering at the best hotel of the place, my frame of mind being anything less amiable than ever.

eight of a white rose lying on a chair. I do not remember whether I completed my signature, but I know I made an expansive blot—to the great disgust of the hotel clerk.

"It was supper time, and needless to say digestion waited on appetite. As the saying is, everything in the garden looked lovely.

"Bull's-eye, first shot," was my unexpressed comment, then out loud, "So you know his uncle, then?"

"My cigar began to draw a little hard at this titbit of information, but I did not leave for my room until I had laid all incipient suspicion on the barman's part.

"The unexpected, however, showed on this occasion its usual proneness to happen, and as darkness set in I began to suspect that I was either walking five Irish instead of five American miles, or, in my devotion to nature's attractions by the way, I had strayed from the straight road.

"My wanderings then became practically aimless, and bewildered. For the next couple of hours whether or not I was describing circles I don't know, but the little of light remaining discovered me at the end, as the lawyers say, in statu quo ante—trees, trees on every side, with not a habitation in sight, and me utterly fagged.

"The stump found, I put my head in my hands, and proceeded to draw on my philosophy. And a sorry business it was.

"For twenty years she did most of the outside work of the office, while her sister was postmistress, and during the last fifteen years she has walked 52,000 miles in delivering letters.

"The industry of manufacturing fertilizers by taking nitrogen direct from the air by electrical process is expanding in Norway.

"I retired to the upstairs room, took a glance at my bedfellow, and in a few minutes would, in my tired state, have been by his side and asleep, had it not been for my overweening curiosity to know what brought that light among the trees

outside my window. The light bobbed here and there, and I made out the form of the elder M— Without delay, with pick and spade he commenced to make a hole some six feet in length.

"I was not long left in doubt. His task completed the old ghoul returned to his companion in the room below, whom I saw, thanks to a friendly crack in the floor, was still seated at the table, but now with a business-like revolver before him.

"Phew! I rose from that floor in a chastened state of mind. My power to think and act seemed paralyzed. Here was I without a weapon with which to defend myself—in a trap, and completely at the mercy of a couple of reckless villains.

"Had Jack been a less sound sleeper he would be alive today. Hurriedly his body was wrapped in a sheet and committed to the grave intended for me.

"At their trial this precious uncle and nephew set up no defence, and three months later their place was known no more.—Bankaze.

100 MILLION HORSES.

That is the World's Supply—Most of Them in the Temperate Zone. Of the 100,000,000 horses known to exist in the world, 80,000,000 or four-fifths of the entire number are found in the temperate zone and nearly all among Occidental people.

According to the National Geographic Magazine, the remaining 20,000,000 scattered through the tropics are largely employed in the service of temperate zone visitors or residents and are but feeble representatives of that animal as he is known to the people of Europe or America.

In the United States and Canada we have 1 horse for every 372 persons; in South America 1 for every 7; in Mexico 1 for every 12; in Japan 1 for every 30; 1 for 40 in Turkey, for 50 in the Philippines, for about 150 in Africa and for 200 in India and southern China.

The llama will carry from 50 to 200 pounds; a man from 75 to 150 pounds; the donkey 100 to 200 pounds; an ox 150 to 200 pounds; a horse from 200 to 250 pounds; the camel from 350 to 500 pounds; the elephant from 1,800 to 2,500 pounds.

Postwoman's 100,000 Miles on Foot. An extraordinary instance of the arduous work done at some of the remote branches of the post office service is reported from Newnam, near Baldrock, Herts, where Mrs. Clark, at the age of 65, still fulfils the duties of postmistress and "post-woman."

For twenty years she did most of the outside work of the office, while her sister was postmistress, and during the last fifteen years she has walked 52,000 miles in delivering letters.

Mrs. Clark began her association with the post office at the age of 14 and has thus been in the service for fifty-two years. Her ordinary daily round is eleven miles, and her work particularly at Christmas time, often makes it necessary for her to plod along the lonely country roads by night.

Air-Derived Nitrogen.

The industry of manufacturing fertilizers by taking nitrogen direct from the air by electrical process is expanding in Norway. A project is on foot to utilize the great Rjukanfos Fall to supply electric power for this purpose.



NATURAL ATTRIBUTES. Ob, de 'possum's tail is lengthy, An' de rabbit's tail is small, Some critters hab big wavin' ears, An' some hab none at all.

SO STYLISH. "There's Mrs. Nuriteb," said the first woman at the reception. "I understand her husband is at death's door."

AS A CHANGE. Algy—"Perhaps you are right, Miss Tartun, but sometimes I can't help thinking—"

CHEERING HIM UP. The Timid Passenger—"What would happen should the gas escape?" The Cheerful Aeronaut—"Oh, we should suffocate, but our deaths would not be unpleasant. I have the balloon filled with laughing gas."

AN AMBIGUITY. Clergyman—"You can, however, comfort yourself with the thought that you made your husband happy while he lived." Widow—"Yes, indeed! Dear Jack was in heaven until he died.—Judge.

A GOOD MAN. "Your dead husband wor a good mon," declared the sympathetic Mrs. Casey to the bereaved widow. "He wor" exclaimed Mrs. Murphy, dashing the tears from her eyes. "No two polacemins cud handle him.—Judge.

A SYNONYM. "Yes," boasted a dissipated cosmopolitan. "I've been in a good many tight places in my life." "Tight places," mused an acquaintance. "That's a new name for them?" "A new name for what?" "Public houses"—TH-Bits.

EXCITED. "I'll never forget the first jackpot I ever won," said the veteran at the game. "What did you hold?" asked the youngster. "My breath, for one thing. I don't remember what else.—Philadelphia Press.

SPIRIT OF THE WEST. Young Lochivar had just snatched the fair Ellen on his steed. "This will probably be the next army test," he explained. Herewith he waited for the beautiful combination of horsemanship and marriage to commend itself to greatness.—New York Sun.

PROGRESS AND RETROGRESSION. "America is the land of opportunity," said the patriotic citizen. "Think of the men who have attained greatness from humble beginnings." "Yes," answered the European, who had been reading investigation reports; "but think also of the men who have attained humility from great beginnings.—Washington Star.

INEXPRESSIBLE IN GAELIC. The policy of the Irish members in urging that Gaelic should be the recognized language of their country is a remarkably short-sighted one. In T. P.'s Weekly we read: "Lord K.'s inventions, notably that of his invaluable mariner's compass, were almost innumerable." You could never have put it just like that in Gaelic.—Punch.

HOPEFUL. "Well," demanded the stern-visaged woman at the back door, "what do you want?" "Why," replied the tramp, "I seen you advertised 'table board' in dis mornin's papers—" "Well?" "Well, I tought mebbe yer wuz givin' in' out some samples.—Catholic Standard and Times.

THEY WERE BOILED. An old admiral, well known for his powers of exaggeration, was at supper one night describing a voyage. "While cruising in the Pacific," he said, "we passed an island which was positively red with lobsters."

SORRY HE SPOKE. Wife—"Our daughter is twenty, and she ought to be married." Hubby—"Oh, she has plenty of time. Let her wait till the right sort of man comes along." "Not at all. I didn't wait for the right sort of man!"—Buffalo Commercial.

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FAVOR DEATH FOR THE OLD IN CRIME.

Chicago Physicians and Lawyer Discuss Radical Treatment of Social Parasites.

A symposium on the treatment of the criminal and other social parasites was held at the joint meeting of the Physicians' Club of Chicago and the Law Club.

Elimination of criminal children by sterilization. Treatment of criminals over thirty years old as habitual, and either sending them to penal institutions for life or putting them away in some other manner, possibly by the cemetery route.

"Morality is the arrest of the instincts by intellect," he said. "A child is a savage. If he continues to improve slowly he has a chance to outgrow his tendencies before he is thirty years old.

"The one hope of the material reduction of the social parasite is in prevention. We must prevent criminals from breeding criminals. The great bulk of criminals inherit arrested development.

"The Indiana Board of Health, told of the 'Indiana movement,' which is the education of the prisoners in the 'Indiana reformatory' to allow themselves to be sterilized.

SOMETHING ABOUT STAMPS. We take so many things for granted that at times, when we learn of the amount of trouble a simple appearing thing has cost, we are amazed.

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