

A DANGEROUS OCCUPATION.

STARTLING EXPERIENCE OF A NITRO-GLYCERINE MAKER.

Fatal Mishaps and Hairbreadth Escapes from Death—An Explosive Which Rarely Torments Feeling.

A few days ago a reporter, traveling on the Pennsylvania railroad, met a man whose appearance would not denote that he had passed through more narrow escapes than ordinary men are usually subject to.

"Yes, sir," he said, as the reporter gradually drew him into conversation, "I have seen some pretty hard sights in my time. I think the worst, though, was when I saw the remains of four men sticking all over the branches of a tree. The way it happened was this: In one of our tanks we had stored a small quantity of glycerine that belonged to a friend.

"Probably you get very careless in working around the stuff?" was remarked. "Yes, indeed," he returned, "we get so that we think very little about it—not any more than if it was so much milk. In fact, it does look something like milk. A great sport with the boys is to touch of the empty cans with a fuse. One of our men was very careful, and in consequence he was made considerable fun of by the rest.

fully. Notwithstanding this, however, I stepped on a piece of ice and felt myself falling. Well, I don't believe I ever thought quicker in my life. I knew what the result would be if those cans struck; so I just put all my strength in my arms, and, straightening them out, held the cans over my head. I struck the ground, but the cans were safe. Well, sir, I wasn't a bit scared. Some way or other I retained perfect self-possession. But as soon as the danger was over I fainted dead away. The horror of the whole thing and my narrow escape flashed over me then.

"The temperature makes a difference with the explosiveness of the glycerine, doesn't it?" "Oh, yes; if it can be kept cool there is little danger. But we try to keep it above fifty, or it will freeze. That would not do, for some would be likely to remain in the cans after emptying them."

"Why, wouldn't it be a scheme to have the cans packed in ice? Have regular refrigerators for them, so to speak?" He smiled a pitying sort of a smile, and said: "It would be too much trouble. When persons are careful there is little danger."

"But they are not careful. The more they work around it the more careless they become—so you say?" "Well, that's a fact. I have seen some very foolish things done. I saw a fellow shoot at some empty cans to explode them when a number of other cans was standing near. Eight persons beside himself were killed by the explosion."

"Luminous Plants." It is well known that many insects and forms of marine life have a luminous quality strong enough to justify the name of "living lamps," which was given to them by a writer in a recent number of Harper's Magazine. Sometimes the phosphorescence in the sea blinds the eyes to the brightest stars, and this is produced by minute forms of organic life. Similar atoms of the infusoria will cling to the human body which has been bathed in certain parts of the tropical seas, so that, seen in the dark, the bathers will have the appearance of a glowworm, and when they are carried up into the air in a waterspout at night the pillar which the mariner sees will be one of fire.

FASHION NOTES.

Gay hosiery is no longer in favor. An entire new bonnet is sometimes of basket gilt straw. Printed mull muslin dresses are novelties lately brought out.

Latest shades of color are "faded silver" and "decayed gooseberry." Plaited blouse waists and long apron overskirts bid fair to remain in high favor.

White glace or Surah silk is the correct lining for printed mull or muslin dresses.

The new Spanish lace generally promises to be popular drape over sack or surah.

The favorite color for the dots and scalloped edges of Swiss embroidery bands is red.

Gigot sleeves and bustles are in vogue in Paris, but are not as yet popular in America.

Skeleton bonnets, showing all or nearly all the coiffure, are novelties, but not much worn.

Dainty little breakfast caps, all lace and bits and ends of ribbon, are coming in fashion for brides.

A new bonnet is composed of gold and leather in alternate rows, with the brim lined with roses.

London girls of the highest social position are making it fashionable to take lessons in dressmaking.

The dressy cloth wraps are mantilla shape, with square sleeves, and are trimmed with passementerie in bright colors.

Capotes are often made of the dress material; ottoman ribbon is formed in a bow on the side and is used as strings.

The Chinese capote is the latest fancy in bonnets. It has a conical crown and outaway brim, pointed and close at the top.

Handsome toilets made of heavy materials have the drapery held in place by birds, large buckles and sometimes flowers.

Gainsborough straw hats, lined with white velvet and trimmed with white plumes, are the acme of elegance and style for riding.

Cloud and Quaker grays are the new shades of gray for ribbons, dress materials and gloves intended for the coming season.

Waistcoats are again in favor; they are made just like a man's, and over them is worn a little cutaway jacket with loose fronts.

The Mother Hubbard slip, without sleeves, and low in the neck, worn over an under waist, or guimpe, remains the popular dress for little girls.

A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

An Article that Will Make the Bald and Gray Rejoice.

Many of the hair dressings of the day are so greasy, that the great mass of the stuffs are for promoting the growth and bringing back the original color, are mere humbugs, while not a few are pernicious in their effects upon the scalp and hair.

They are now paying one cent bounty on sparrow heads in Evansville, Ind.

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A NOTED BY UNTILTED WOMAN.

(From the Boston Globe.)



The above is a good likeness of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., who above all other human beings may be truthfully called the "Dear Friend of Woman."

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