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"The chief wants to see you, Inspector Grantham," said a messenger coming into the room at New Scotland Yard.

I went at once to the chief superintendent's office and was received by my superior officer with a friendly nod. "Good news for you, Grantham," he

said. "Some one has fairly given Brady away. Read that letter and look at that photo.

The letter was undated and unsigned. It was in these words:

Brady, the bank note forger, intends to break cover this afternoon and make a boilt for the States. He will leave Euston for Liverpool by the 5:30 corridor express, accompanied by his female accomplice, named Dates. named Daisy Gilbart. Brady is certain to be disguised. The writer, however, incloses a photograph of Dalsy Gilbart, who, not being as yet known to the police, may possibly travel in propria per-

The photograph was that of a bold, saucy eyed young woman with a profusion of light hair and very showily attired in evening dress. A mark on the neck attracted my attention.

"One would have thought that a woman of that type would have got the photographer to retouch the mark out of the picture," I said. "What do you make of it all. sir-a split in the camp?" "The chances are that jealousy of this person Gilbart prompted the in-

formation." I could not gainsay the chief's view. In nine cases out of ten the anonymous letters that lead to the capture of important criminals are due to feminine spite. And yet there was the chance that the friendly letter might be a "plant."

The warrant for Joe Brady had been in my hands for six weeks. The only credit I could so far take was that my pursuit had been so keen that he had not dared to come out into the open and make a bolt for it.

I glanced at the clock. It was nearly 3 o'clock, and I had two hours and a half to make arrangements for the capture. I mentioned the names of the plain clothes men whom I desired to support me and took my departure.

So it was that at 5 o'clock 1 drove up in a hausom to the terminus, carefully dressed in the garments of a bishop and with my face altered from all semblance to the original. To be in keeping with my assumed character in the probable event of Brady having confederates on the watch, I went into the booking office and took a first class ticket for Liverpool, after which 1 strolled out on to the platform just as the train of vestibule cars was backing into position.

Early as it was, my two subordinates had by my direction preceded me to the station, though they were not to openly communicate with me till the supreme moment. One of them, a smart young sergeant named Parker, who was got up as a blue jacket, contrived to whisper in my car as I stood at the book-

stall:

the train I would go too. If she got out and abandoned her journey I and my assistants would shadow her wherever she went. Contriving a word with Parker, I

> carriages, into one of which he was to al historian, Moritz Cantor, used by the board the dining car.

> in the car, for Gilbart, after one last that zero was in use any earlier than distracted game to the station entrance, 400 A. D. About this time it was used had decided to pursue her journey. As in India, and several centuries later the the train gathered speed I settled down Arabs began to employ it. Through to the task of watching for signs of the Arabs its use became known to Euher fraternizing with one of the other passengers, but nothing of the sort occurred. She sat looking out of the window, and presently a tear stole

down her cheek-only one, but a genuine tear.

changed my sent and took the place opposite to her at the white draped tathought, the proffer of consolation, in known as the abacists, favored the Rothe course of which the pumping process might be administered.

Imagine, then, my astonishment when my overtures were received with: "What's the use of talking like that? You're the 'tec that's after Joe Brady.

ain't you?" A denial would certainly not have been believed, so I nodded admission, "You've had your trouble for nothing. I'm afraid. He must have got wind of

that letter and kept out of the way." "The letter!" I exclaimed in bewilder-

nent. "I wrote it myself," replied the girl, T wanted him caught, you see. Don't ask why; it's a woman's reason. But tery Ridge had the birdseye view of he's too cunning for me, and now I suppose he'll kill me some time."

forth a flood of recriminations against her late associate, affirming that she had no idea of his true character and giving me the address of his hiding place in Battersea.

"We don't stop till Crewe, but you'd to arrest him, or at any rate shadow him till you get back," she advised. I had already decided to do so, but I was still not quite satisfied. Why had she gone on in the train after finding that her communication to the police had been abortive?

Her home was in New York, she said, and, having ber passage ticket taken, she wished to use it and cut herself adrift from evil associates. So the train rushed northward, the other passengers in the car soon ceasing to be amused by the friendship struck up between the elderly bishop and the solltary traveler.

At last the train ran into Crewe station, and as I rose she put out her well gloved hand. "Goodby, Mr. Grantham. I do hope you'll catch him," she said. "My life won't be safe till he's under lock and key."

"But this is not goodby. I am only going to send off the wire," I said. "I un going on with you to Liverpool to

see you safe on board the steamer." It was a chance shot, but it went nome. She turned ashy pale, and I knew that she had been working with the object of getting rid of me at Crewe, But where was Brady? The question was answered by Daisy

sage: Gilbart herself in the anguished cry of My father! Oh, my father!" Follow-

## ZERO AN ANCIENT TERM.

It Was In Use In Babylon Thirty-sis-Centuries Ago.

The term zero, which is used to designate a cipher and in meteorology the hastily sketched my intentions and entire absence of heat in the atmosbade him go forward to the third class phere, was, according to a mathematic- these do not usually notice it by any jump at the last minute if he saw me | Babylonians about the year 1700 B. C. | tomed to find it by smell seldom pay

A moment later I had taken my seat It has not been definitely established see it.

ropeans during the tweifth century. It was not generally adopted in Europe until several centuries later, notwithstanding its great advantages. For a considerable time there were two parties among the European educators. Moved by a sudden impulse, I One party, known as the algorists, favored the adoption of the Hindoo system of notation (falsely called Arabic), ble. My episcopal garb warranted, I with its position values, while the other,

man notation, without zero or position value The general adoption of the Hindoo system was greatly facilitated by the facts that it was explained in most of the calendars for more than a century, beginning with 1300, and that the me-

dizeval universities frequently offered courses devoted to the use of this notation.-Chicago Tribune.

An American Waterloo Wellington at Waterloo and Meade at Gettysburg each held the highlands against his antagonist. Wellington on Mont Saint Jean and Meade on Cemethe forces of attack. The English batteries on the plateau and the Union The ice being broken, she poured batteries on Cemetery Heights commanded alike the intervening undulations across which the charging colunns must advance. Behind Mont Saint Jean, to conceal Wellington's

movements from Napoleon's eyes, were the woodlands of Soignes, Behind better wire to your people from there Cemetery Ridge, to conceal Meade's movements from the field glasses of Lee, was a sharp declivity, a protecting and helpful depression. As the French under Napoleon at Waterloo, so the Confederates under Lee at Gettysburg held the weaker position. In both cases the assailants sought to expel their opponents from the stronger lines. I might add another resemblance in the results which followed. Waterloo decreed the destiny of France, of England, of Europe. Gettysburg, not so directly or immediately, but practically, decided the fate of the Confederacy .-General John B. Gordon in Scribner's.

### Ladies Who Wore Knives.

In early English days knives were worn by Englishwomen in imitation of the anelace, a dagger carried at the girdle. Chaucer speaks of them in the prologue to his "Canterbury Tales;"

Hir knives were y-chaped not with brass, But all with sliver wrought, full clean and well In Ross church, Herefordshire, is a

monument to a lady of the Ruddle famlly, temp. Henry VIII., who wears a purse and a knife. Brand tells us that knives were formerly part of the accouterments of a bride. In a play, temp. "Edward III.," occurs the pas-

Here by my side do hang my

Some Pygmy Animals.

knives

### PISCATORY STUPIDITY.

#### The Fish's Capacity For Learning Is Painfully Contracted.

Most fishes seek their food by sight. says Professor Edmund Clark Sanford officer at his club a few evenings ago. in the International Quarterly, and "It is rare that such an example is seen as that of Hynson, who was a passed other sense. But those that are accusmidshipman at Vera Cruz in 1846. It was really more than a bit of heroism; This, however, is merely a supposition. any attention to it when they merely it was fortitude, passive courage, that confronted a peculiar danger, a self

Catfish depend principally on the sense of taste, and they seem to taste all over, not only in the mouth, but by the outer skin as far back as the tail

It is uncertain whether fishes can feel pain or not. There is a good deal of evidence to show that they cannot. A fish that has lost its sight may learn to avoid an obstacle after swimming against it a single time, but fishes that can see will jump against the plate glass wall of an aquarium day after both his arms so badly that he carried day, sometimes for a year, in the effort to catch things outside.

The elements of consciousness in the squall came up and played havoc with mind of a fish foot up a total "equivaseveral of our little vessels, and the one lent, perhaps, to the lowest idiocy when on which Hynson was serving was capmeasured by human standards." It is sized. Hynson and one of the other ofpossible that the fish's capacity for ficers managed to get hold of a floating learning is "about on a level with that" spar, but as it was not sufficient to of a man in deep sleep or preoccupakeep them both afloat Hynson let go his hold and in a few moments sank to tion." his death."-New York Tribune.

#### Birds That Exercise Ingenuity. Birds building on high trees are not

so wary about the concealment of their nests as hedge builders and those that seek the springing corn or grass land for the shelter of their homes, trusting to the loftiness of situation for security. A nest placed upon the ground is in constant danger of exposure. A browsing animal might destroy it. Then the scythe with one sweep occasionally lays bare one or more nests, thereby endangering the eggs or callow nestlings. This renders the parent birds very wary and causes them to practice great ingenuity in their efforts to protect the young birds.

The skylark has been known to carry its egg or offspring to a place of safety after an exposure of the nest, and it has been said its long hind claw-the use of which has puzzled many naturalists-is specially adapted by nature for more easily grasping and transporting its treasures from the source of danger. When the young birds are too bulky to be thus removed the parent bird carries them on its back, though this mode of removal is a some what difficult one.-London Tit-Bits.

#### Jefferson and the Patent Office.

The first patron of our patent system was Thomas Jefferson, who during

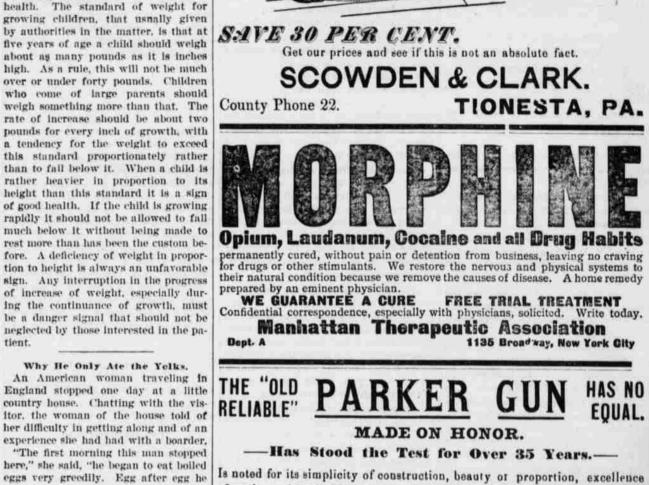
three years gave his personal attention to every application for a patent. He used to call the secretary of war and the attorney general to examine and scrutinize with him, and they did it so thoroughly that in one year-the firstthey granted only three patents. The very first patent of all was given to Samuel Hopkins in 1790 for pearl ashs. Mr. Jefferson held that the patent system was not one for creating revenue, but for encouraging a production of that which is to be of benefit to the whole people. In the first twelve years a single clerk in the state department and a few pigeonholes were all that

the business of the office required. Then a Dr. Thornton took charge of it d himself to it as to a hobby

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neglected by those interested in the patient. Why He Only Ate the Yelks. An American woman traveling in England stopped one day at a little

country house. Chatting with the visitor, the woman of the house told of her difficulty in getting along and of an experience she had had with a boarder. "The first morning this man stopped here," she said, "he began to eat boiled eggs very greedily. Egg after egg he ate-three, four, five, six-and it was only the volk of them that he swall lowed; the white he didn't bother with at all.

> "When he dug his spoon into the seventh egg my temper got the better of me, and I said in a severe tone: "'Don't you ever eat the white of the

egg, sir?

ing the continuance of growth, must be a danger signal that should not be

HEROIC SELF SACRIFICE.

Courage With Which a Young Naval

Officer Greeted Death.

sacrifice, that was most conspicuous.

"Our fleet was off the harbor on

blockade duty when one day a Spanish

merchant vessel managed to slip in

without being discovered. Hypson con-

ceived the idea of capturing the vessel

by a night attack, and he succeeded in

doing so. But as he could not take the

vessel out of harbor, for the reason

that she was under the close range

of the enemy's guns, Hynson set fire

to the vessel. In doing so he burned

them in slings for several days. While

in this disabled condition a terrific

Weight of a Growing Child.

The weight of a growing child is the

most important index to its general

"Speaking of heroism," said a navy

"The girl is here, apparently alone. Came ten minutes ago. Took two first to Liverpool. Now in the ladies' waiting room."

Parker and his colleague had of course had a sight of the photograph. His information was welcome, as proving that at any rate the letter received at the yard had some foundation and was not, as I had half feared, a practical joke designed to lead us on a wild goose chase.

I sat down on a bench opposite the dining car to await developments. A bishop is a common object nowadays. and my laced hat and gaiters attracted but little attention. I was able to look over the top of the Church Times, which I had purchased, and so watch the arrival of passengers. A score of people had taken their seats in the dining car. but not one of them, allowing for the most elaborate disguise, could I identify as Joe Brady. They were mostly unmistakable Americans returning to their native land in parties of threes

and fours. Suddenly an incident occurred which at the time caused me some uneasiness. Sergeant Parker's voice reached me, raised in tones of expostulation.

"No, I don't want a drink, mate, and by the same token you seem to have had a full dose already," he was saying.

A little way along the platform my assistant had been accosted by a haif tipsy blue jacket, who was trying to pull him into the buffet. The sailor's cap proclaimed that he belonged to the same ship as that which Parker's disguise denoted, the Majestic. To my relief, the man seemed to be too muddled. to perceive that the sergeant was no shipmate of his, but staggered off, dropping his bundle once or twice, to the front of the train.

The sallor had hardly disappeared when the original of the photograph came out of the waiting room and crossed the platform to the dining car. trade and civilization strike at once to She was wearing a well cut serge costume and had made no attempt at disguise, even the mark on her neck being distinctly visible above the collar of her dress.

But where was the redoubtable Brady? It was 5:25 now, and there were no signs of Miss or Mrs. Daisy Gilbart's intended traveling companion. The same question was plainly beginning to agitate the lady. She quitted the sent which she had secured and stood on the platform of the car gazing was believed to invariably appear whenanxiously toward the entrance from the booking office.

The warning bell rang. I decided al family was to occur, and he was on no account to lose sight of the fair thrown into a fever and died in six Daisy. If the person she was expect- weeks.



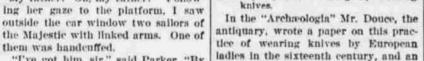
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"I've got him, sir," said Parker. "By engraving shows a specimen of a case luck I traveled down in the same comof these wedding knives, dated 1610, partment and laid a few conversational which are described as having amber trans for him. He had neglected to handles and cases of purple velvet emsufficiently post himself in detail broidered with gold. about our fine old craft. I smelt a rat before we'd gone twenty miles."

. . . . . A species of dwarf elephant used to "Daisy Gilbart" was indeed Brady's live on the island of Malta and in varidaughter, and I could not help being ous parts of Italy. Judging from the

sorry for her. She had made a bold bones which remain, these animals, bid to boodwink us by concentrating about the size of a large sheep, were the attention of our combined forces on somewhat numerous. A dwarf elephant the dining car while her father traveled is a rarity now and no longer forms a in another part of the train, but she distinct species, but is considered rathhardly allowed for the caution of an er a freak. experienced officer. A very beautiful species of pygmy

#### The Sea of Sahara

new sea thus formed would be an ir-

regular body of water probably of

about the same size as the Mediterra-

nean. Great commercial cities would

at once spring up on its shores and

Killed by Fear.

ever the death of a member of the roy-

FRANKLIN ALWAYS DID THINKS JUST A LITTLE SIT BETTEN THAN ANY BODY ELSE COULD DO 'EM.

deer is found on the Sunda Islands. These little creatures are not much lar-French engineers have declared that ger than a cat, but have all the points it is perfectly feasible to convert the of a "well bred" deer. desert of Sahara into a vast lake, thus Among horses Shetland ponies are opening to commerce great regions of the pygmies. The ordinary musk of the interior of Africa which can now central Africa is a pygmy, or dwarf, of only be reached by long, tedious and only about twenty inches in height at dangerous caravan journeys. They say the shoulder and three feet in length. that a large portion of the desert lies below the level of the Atlantic and that Making Sure of Him. by digging a canal to let in the waters "I think," said the thoughtful mothof the ocean the great change could be

er. "that you ought to object to young effected easily and at a cost which Brown paying so much attention to would be small compared to the beneour daughter." fits which would accrue. If the whole "Why?" demanded the thoughtless desert lay below the level of the Atlanfather. "He impresses me very favor-

tic the flooding of it would create a sea ably." more than four times as big as the Med-"That's just it," returned the thoughtiterranean; but, as the Sahara is comful mother. "We must do something to posed of elevated plateaus, mountain make his ambitious mother think we ranges and depressions, only a part regard ourselves a little above them sowould be covered with water when the cially if we are to make sure of him." waves of the ocean were let in, and the

> A Hint to Go. "I have something to tell you before go," he mally said. "Is it a long story?" she hastily asked.

"No; it is a very short one." the heart of Africa. The sea of Sahara "Then I think you will just have may never become a reality, bat in any time," she sweetly said .-- Cleveland event it is a gigantic and pleasing Plain Dealer.

#### Her References.

"I don't like these references," said Frederick I. of Prussia was killed by the housewife. fear. Ills wife was insane, and one "Well, mum," returned the applicant day she escaped from her keeper and. for a position, "I didn't write 'em, so it dabbing her clothes with blood, rushed ain't my fault. If you don't like 'em upon her husband while he was dozing jest you go to the people as gave 'em to in his chair. King Frederick imagined me an' tell 'em so."-Chicago Post. her to be the White Lady, whose ghost

#### A Definition. "Pa, what is a fray?"

"Why, my son, that is what a person who has never been in a fight calls it."-Puck.

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A violinist says spiders are notoriously and historically fond of music. At one of his performances the concert hall was made disagreeable by a sudden invasion of spiders, which were drawn by his violin out from the cracks and crannies of the ancient building. They crawled about the floor

and on to the stage, and he could see the annoyed audience stamping on the insects. The writer adds that he has known a small garden snake to be attracted by plano playing and a young calf to whisk his tail and prance about most gleefully at the first notes of a French horn. His neck would curve about proudly, his hoofs tread lightly and his cars wag joyously when the several localities along with it with tooting began, and he never guieted very little rainfall. down till the music ceased.

#### Peculiar Privileges.

The speaker of the house of commons has several peculiar privileges. Every year he receives a gift from the master of the buckhounds of a buck and doe killed in the royal preserves. This custom goes back so far that there is no record of it. Later in the year the speaker receives another tribute from a different source. The donors on the second occasion are the Cloth Workers' company of London, who send to the speaker of the house of commons and to several of his majesty's ministers a generous width of the best broadcloth to be found in England.

#### Her Audience.

"How are you getting on with your music, my dear?" inquired a lady of ber niece.

"Well, of course," replied the niece diffidently, "it wouldn't be proper of me to compliment myself, but some of the neighbors have told me they have stayed awake at night for hours listening to my playing."

#### The Rule Suited Him.

The new boarder had been three weeks in the house. "It is usual," said the landlady, with great delicacy, "for my boarders to pay as they go." "Oh, that's all right," he replied affably. "I'm not going for a long time.

Sounded Like It, "What is that piece you are playing?

Is it by Wagner?" "No; the piano is out of tune." Brooklyn Times.

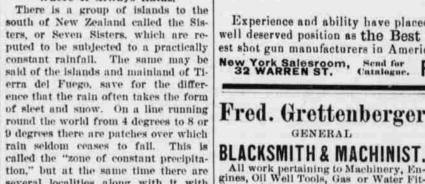
With the Persians the writing of poetry and beautiful and witty sayings is described as the "threading of noarls."

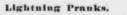


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'Surely not, my woman,' he answered. 'The yolk is the bird; the white is the feathers. Would you have me make a bolster of myself?

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#### An Experiment.

"You see," said Corntossel, "a phre-Boilers, Etc. nologist once told us that our boy Josh had a remarkable head."

"So you sent him to college?" "Yes. Now we're waiting to see tended to. End of Suspension Bridge, whether his head is goin' to turn out to Third ward, OIL CITY, PA. be a congenial residence fur brains or jes' a garden fur football hair .-

#### Her Method.

Stella-So she married him to reform him? How did she begin? Bella-By spending a lot of money. You know how hard it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.-Harper's Bazar.

Washington Star.

#### A Cause For Worry.

A man may go along fur fifty years an' not be worried much about de hereafter, but de minit de barber finds a hald snot on his head he's got a burden to carry fur de rest of his days .- Detroit Free Press.

The son of the self made man generally begins at the top and works downward .- Chicago Record-Herald,

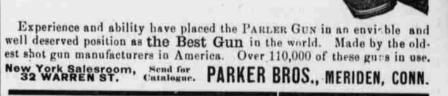
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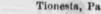
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