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FOILING A HIGHWAYMAN.

The Proper Thing to Do When Introduced to a Holdup.

A man who carries his money and his watch in his left hand will never see a penny nor a timepiece in a hold-up. The precaution, which is a perfect one, is so simple that few people have thought of it. Yet it has the sanction of the police, and its efficacy has been proved in more than one instance.

As soon as the citizen is confronted by the holdup man he will, if he has his money and his watch in his hand, throw them on the nearest lawn or into the ditch. No highway robber has time enough to stop to look for either. There is no sense in carrying valuables in the right hand, because the first move of every accomplished holdup man is to grab his victim by the right arm. This movement is made to prevent the victim from reaching for a revolver.

The man who tries to draw a revolver while a holdup man is in front of him, takes his life in his hands. If a citizen carries a revolver at all he should carry it in his right hand while in a dangerous street. His money and his watch should always be in his left. Then after he has thrown them away and the robber has departed discomfited the victim can take his time about finding his property.

This simple plan discounts all the revolvers, sword canes, stungshots and brass knuckles ever invented and has

the added beauty that it can be employed by a woman as well as by a man. To throw the purse or the watch away takes but a fraction of a second, and that isn't long.—Chicago Tribune.

The Cry For Help.

From the cradle to the grave the cry of mankind is for "help." We are all in search of a physician, some one who will help us, some one who will inspire us—give us a remedy, point us the way. Not the poor and the sick alone, but the rich and the strong, are crying out for help. Sometimes it is the doctor we want; sometimes it is the banker; sometimes it is the clergyman. And yet the doctor, the banker and the clergyman are human, and they are crying for help along with the rest of us. Those whom we think the strongest are weak, and those whom we think the weakest are strong. We cannot stand alone. We all need help. We must help one another until the end.—Schoolmaster.

The Physician.

A popular impression prevails that the physician, by reason of the privileges conferred upon him by the state, is, in the absence of an adequate reason for not so doing, required to respond to all calls to render professional services. This is clearly erroneous, except where the physician has already undertaken the treatment of the case except where he is an officer of the government charged with specific duties which he thereby violates.

FIRE IN ROCHESTER.

Several Stores in Reynolds Arcade Suffer—Panic in Office Building.

Rochester, March 8.—Following close on the heels of the disastrous fire of 10 days ago, came another fire on Main street yesterday afternoon, which appeared threatening at the start so that a general alarm was sent out.

The fire was located in the historic Reynolds arcade near the corner of Main and State streets. The loss is estimated at \$23,000. The alarm was turned in at 3 o'clock, when smoke was seen coming out of the basement of the Olympian Candy company.

It had evidently smoldered some time when discovered. It is supposed to have started in a box of refuse. A narrow passageway runs the length of the arcade with store rooms on either side. Most of the damage was confined to goods in these store rooms, the only damage above the surface being from smoke and water.

When the firemen once got at the source of the fire it was soon put out, but before it had spread to the arched part of the Elwood building on State street, an office building, causing a general exit of tenants.

Above the basement the chief damage was done to the candy store, which was gutted. The loss is estimated at \$12,000, with an insurance of \$4,500. Other losses are New York Suit and Cloak company, stock and fixtures, \$9,000; insured; United Cigar Stores company, stock in cellar, \$2,000; insured; Gold, Lee and Lane, shoe dealers, stock in cellar, \$5,000; partly insured. There were some other small losses from smoke and water.

HEAVY DEATH RECORD.

New York Going Through Worst Pneumonia Epidemic of a Decade.

New York, March 8.—All pneumonia and general death records for a decade have been broken, according to the health department reports for the past week, which recorded 1,800 deaths, 460 of which were attributed to pneumonia. For the corresponding week of last year there were 1,479 deaths, 303 due to pneumonia.

The total number of deaths from pneumonia in the state during January is given at 1,510. Dr. W. H. Gullfoy, statistician for the city board of health, in commenting on the situation said: "This is undoubtedly the worst pneumonia epidemic in a decade. We have no records since the incorporation of the new city of higher pneumonia or general death rates."

Schooner Run Down and Sunk.

Newport News, Va., March 8.—The five-masted schooner Gardiner G. Deering, Captain Ross, from Boston, was run down and sunk by the Merchants and Miners' Transportation company's steamer Essex. It is said that the heavy fog on the Chesapeake bay was responsible for the collision. The crew of the schooner, numbering 11 men, were picked up by the Essex.

MARKET REPORT.

New York Provision Market.

New York, March 7.
WHEAT—No. 2 red, \$1.03@1.06 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.06 1/2.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 56c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 57c.

OATS—No. 2 oats, 54c; No. 2 white, 55c; No. 3 white, 54c.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$2.00@2.10.

PORK—Mess, \$15.50@16.00; family, \$16.00@16.50.

HAY—Shipping, 65@75c; good to choice, 75c@81.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, extras, 26c; factory, 15 1/2c; western imitation creamery, 19c.

CHEESE—State, full cream, small fancy, 12c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, fancy selected, 25c.

POTATOES—State and western, per sack, \$2.75@2.85.

Buffalo Provision Market.

Buffalo, March 7.
WHEAT—No. 1 northern, c. 1 f., \$1.09; winter wheat, no offerings, good inquiry.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 51 1/2c f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 54 1/2c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 49 1/2c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 48 1/2c.

FLOUR—Spring wheat, best patent per bbl., \$5.65@6.40; low grades, \$4.00@4.75.

BUTTER—Creamery western extra lubs, 26 1/2c; state and Pennsylvania creamery, 25@25 1/2c; dairy, fair to good, 17@18c.

CHEESE—Fancy full cream, 12c; good to choice, 10 1/2@11 1/2c; common to fair, 8@10c.

EGGS—State, fresh fancy, 22c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 85@95c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Best steers on sale, \$5.00@5.25; good to choice butcher steers, \$4.50@4.90; medium half fat steers, \$3.50@4.00; common to fair heifers, \$3.25@3.75; choice to extra fat heifers, \$4.40@4.60; good butcher bulls, \$3.50@4.00; choice to extra veals, \$7.50@7.75; fair to good veals, \$5.00@6.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice lambs, \$6.40@6.50; culls to common, \$5.00@5.60; yearlings, handy weight, \$5.25@5.75; wether sheep, \$5.00@5.10.

HOGS—Mixed packers' grades, \$5.30@5.50; medium hogs, \$5.90@6.00; pigs, light, \$5.45@5.60.

Buffalo Hay Market.

HAY—Timothy, new, per ton, loose, \$16.00@17.00; hay, prime on track, new, \$16.00; No. 1 do do, \$14.50@15.00; No. 2 do do, \$12.00@12.50.

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Scene of Contest Between Iowa and Kansas Tribes Discovered.

George Hensburg believes he has discovered the scene of a great fight held between the Iowa and Kansas Indians near what is known as Oak Mills, in Atchison County. The Kansas Indians held the country along the Missouri River until about the time of our Revolutionary War, when they were driven away by the Sac and Iowa tribes, which came down from the north and conquered the region. The Oak Mills location is supposed to have been the place of one of their greatest battles. At this point many human bones and implements of war have been ploughed up.

Kansas has been the scene of Indian battles innumerable, and almost every county has traditions of fights of this character, says the Kansas City Journal. One of the most remarkable engagements of the kind took place in comparatively modern times between the Pawnees and Sioux in the valley of Beaver Creek, near the northwest corner of Kansas. The Pawnees were slaughtered in great numbers, the Sioux being the victors. After the battle the Pawnees returned and cared for their dead. This they did by erecting platforms out of poles and branches, and putting the bodies on them out of the reach of wolves and other animals. When the first fringe of the white settlement had reached as far as Phillips County some of these platforms were still standing and still supported the whitened bones of the dead reposing upon them. A buffalo hunter once told Topics of a curious sight he saw at this graveyard. Some "horse hunters" were hunting in the vicinity. Horse hunters were those who chased the buffalo on horseback, and they were hated cordially by the "foot hunters," who stalked the game, because they ran the buffalo out of the country. On the occasion mentioned the horse hunters stampered a great herd of buffalo right through the Pawnee graveyard. They struck the rotten poles in their mad flight, and sent the bones of the dead flying in every direction. Indeed, when they had passed not a platform remained standing. In the years which followed many passing hunters picked up skulls and other bones, and carried them away as curiosities. One of these skulls was secured by a man at Hays City. It was remarkable from the fact that an iron-pointed arrow had gone through one side and nearly through the other. People who had seen the bow only in its toy form used to look at this skull and marvel at the prodigious force which the Indians could give to their primitive weapon.

REVEL OF THE DACHSHUND.

Elongated Canine in Washington Ate Fifteen Belgian Hares in One Day.

About a week ago a dealer in animals, in anticipation of a possible order, purchased a fine dachshund, which he placed in a roomy cage on the second floor of his establishment, says the Washington Post. Later he bought \$75 worth of Belgian hares which he distributed about in cages of the same size, adjoining as well as opposite the one tenated by the dachshund. The arrival of the hares greatly excited the dachshund, who busied himself in efforts to scratch his way into the adjoining cages. His efforts came to naught, and for a day or two afterward he spent his time in fruitless lamentations, which grated on even the indurated nerves of the keeper.

But every dog has his day, and Mr. Dachshund was not far distant. It happened on the morning of the third day after the arrival of the hares. The keeper had just finished his regular morning task of feeding and watering the animals and birds and had stepped downstairs and across the street to make some necessary purchases, when the unexpected occurred. He had neglected to secure the door of the dog's cage, and he had barely left the room when Mr. Doggie, nosing about in search of a loophole of escape, found the door loose, and with a push of his paw, opened it and bounded out into the room. How he managed to get the door of the cage containing about fifteen hares open is still a mystery, but, doubtless, like his own, it was not firmly secured. The work of destruction began. Doggie's sporting blood was up, and he had the rabbit hunt of his life. He had realized canine paradise on earth, and the way he went for the hares was a caution. Not one escaped. The dachshund stood at the cage door, and the moment a terror-stricken hare undertook to run between his legs or past him that soon was the fate of the animal sealed. When the keeper returned the dog was busy finishing up the last hare, and in another moment would have essayed to break into another cage had he not been at that moment restrained. The dealer places his loss at \$50, the hares having been worth from \$3 to \$4 each, thus making the most expensive rabbit hunt he had ever had anything to do with.

Effective Italian Battleships.
The newest type of Italian battleships are illustrations of what can be done with a comparatively small tonnage. They displace 12,024.73 tons and have engines of 20,000 horsepower, which will give them a maximum speed of 22 knots. They are 425 feet long between perpendiculars, 75.3 feet beam, and 25.8 feet draught. The conning tower is protected by 9.84 inches of armor, the turrets by 7.87 inches, and the citadel by 5.9 inches. They will carry 12-inch and 8-inch guns in their main batteries.

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BEES, BIRDS AND BOARS.

Natural History Contained in a Rare Old Book.

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"This bird is known by all persons, and is better to be eaten than kept, being much sweeter to the palate when dead and well roasted than to the ear while living. Sings about three months in the year, or four at most, though his song is worth nothing; but if he be taught to whistle he is of some value, it being very loud, though coarse." What an ear and mind!

And here is a story of the squirrel with the ring in it of the seventeenth even more than the eighteenth century. It reminds one of the hares of Isaac Walton, that changed their sexes once a year:

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Of the wild boar we have this: "And what place so ever he bites, whether man or dog, the heat of his teeth causes inflammation in the wound if, therefore, he does but touch the hair of a dog he burns off, nay, huntsmen have tried the heat of his teeth by laying hairs on them as soon as he was dead, and they have shrivelled up as if touched with a hot iron."

Once in three years the fish in a large pond belonging to Prince Schwarzenberg in Bohemia are caught. The latest catch, which lasted three days, yielded \$32,000 worth of fish.

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