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The Decline of Bank Burglary.

Previous to 1893 there was seldom a year that the losses through bank burglaries did not amount to \$100,000, and in a number of years the losses amounted to several times that amount. The decline of professional bank burglary dates from 1895. In that year the American Bankers Association formed a protective committee for the extermination of bank burglars, and a contract was entered into with one of the leading detective agencies in the country.

In 1895 the banks of the country lost more than \$200,000 through burglaries. Of the 5,333 members last year, having an aggregate surplus, capital and deposits of more than \$12,000,000,000 only four members suffered losses from burglaries, the total loss of these four members amounting to only \$4,217. These four burglaries were committed by regimens, there not being a single professional bank burglar during the year. The extermination of these yegmen is now the chief work of the protective committee.

Loss on Postage Stamps.

The post office profits slightly by the destruction of stamps which have been paid for, and the treasury gets the benefit of bills which are lost and never found. A large source of irregular profit lies in the failure of bondholders to present their bonds for redemption. Unclaimed money in the treasury due to bondholders amounted to nearly a million dollars in 1881, and the sum is much greater now. Of a loan which fell due in 1900, the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars remains unclaimed. Nearly a hundred thousand dollars are still unpaid of the five per cent bonds which were due in 1904. This year over a hundred million thirty-year four per cent bonds came due on July 1. Special indentments were offered to secure early redemption. Yet at the end of the month thirteen million dollars still stood in the treasury on this account, although interest has ceased.—The Youth's Companion.

"Mary Said Nothing."

Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court is said to be the author of this story: A witness testified in a certain case that a person named Mary was present when a particular conversation took place, and the question was asked, "What did Mary say?" This was objected to, and after some discussion the Judge ruled out the question. An exception to this decision was immediately taken, and on appeal the higher court reversed the verdict and ordered a new trial on the ground that the question should have been answered. At the second trial the same inquiry was propounded and elicited the information that "Mary said nothing."

Produce England Gets.

Consul F. W. Mahin of Nottingham reports that the value of refrigerated produce annually imported into Great Britain is now close to \$200,000,000, about half of which comes from the British colonies. The United States and South America each contribute some \$30,000,000 worth, Russia about \$13,000,000 worth, the remainder being distributed among several countries. The greatest value is of butter and cheese, about \$75,000,000. Beef is next, nearly \$50,000,000; mutton, \$35,000,000; eggs, over \$10,000,000.

Why Currants Are Nutritious.

The reason why currants are so remarkably nutritious is that they consist, to a very large degree, of saccharine in its most easily digestible form—that of grape sugar. The pleasant flavor of the currant, which adds so much to its pleasantness as a food, is derived from the valuable percentage of tartaric acid which the berry contains. Potash is also present in the form of cream of tartar and is undoubtedly of dietic value.—Ladies' Pictorial.

Paderewski Works He. d.

Paderewski frequently sits at his instruments until well into the small hours of the morning, says Tit-Bits. Hence he seldom rises until 9 or 10 a. m., and immediately he is dressed he gets to work, generally practicing on the piano, but often composing. He keeps to his task until 1 o'clock, and not a minute earlier does he break his fast.

Output of Tokay Wine.

This year's output of the famous Tokay wine has been entirely lost in consequence of an unexpected outbreak of phylloxera. Tokay is made from grapes grown in the vineyards belonging to the Emperor Francis Joseph at Hegyals, Hungary, and it is now used chiefly for presents to other heads.

No Diamond Rings.

Girls in Denmark never experience the pleasure of receiving a diamond engagement ring. They are presented with a plain gold band, which is worn on the third finger of the left hand. On the wedding day the bridegroom changes the ring to the right third finger, which is the marriage finger in that country.

Wishing and Winning.

There is a vast difference, says a wise philosopher, between wishing and winning. Many a good man has failed because he had his wishbone where his backbone ought to have been.

A Chapel on a Bridge.

At St. Ives, the little old Huntingdonshire town in which Oliver Cromwell lived for several years, there is a bridge spanning the lazily flowing Ouse, and on this bridge is a quaint building which at one time did duty as a chapel. The structure has been in existence for something like 500 years and was, according to local historians, originally employed as a beacon light-house. After that it was turned for a time into a hostel and eventually became an ordinary dwelling house. Some of the rooms in this curious building are below the level of the water in the river.

An English Turf Tragedy.

Half an hour before the race for the Two Thousand Guineas of 1883 Prince Bathynny, who bred St. Simon and who was one of the most popular racing men of any time, was talking with Lord Cadogan in the luncheon room of the Jockey club stand at Newmarket, when he suddenly reeled and fell.

He was carried to Weatherby's office, and doctors were summoned, but the prince was beyond all human aid, and just before the bell rang for the race for which his colt, Galliard, brother of St. Simon, was first favorite he breathed his last.

A few minutes later "the clear blue sky rang with cheers and shouts as the horses came thundering along, which rose into a roar as Galliard won by a head," while behind the drawn blinds of Weatherby's office Galliard's owner, who had been looking forward so eagerly to this moment, was lying dead. It was owing to the death of his owner that Galopin's great son could not run in the Derby of 1884, which he would almost certainly have won.—St. James' Gazette.

Curing Snake Bites.

Considerable difference of opinion exists with regard to a trustworthy remedy for snake bites. Dr. Lauder Brunton advocates the use of permanganate of potash applied immediately. Mr. Greengrass of North Arcot district, Madras, however, as the result of various experiments states that acetic acid, even in the diluted form of vinegar, is an important and effectual remedy, and it can be applied effectually as long as an hour or an hour and a half after the bite. Cases of recovery from snake bites have followed the application of vinegar after such intervals. An incision must be made over the bite, as much of the poison as possible squeezed out, and then vinegar is to be injected. If the bite is on a limb, a ligature must be placed above it. Mr. Greengrass records twenty-nine cases of recovery from cobra bites by such a use of vinegar. The one failure which occurred was due to the fact that no incision had been made over the bite. A similar treatment is recommended for the stings of scorpions.—London Standard.

Downing Street, London.

The greatest street in the world is one of the smallest. This is Downing street, a dark little alley in the west of London. Here is the real center of the British empire, for it is at 10 Downing street that the premier has his official residence. Ever since Robert Walpole was the prime minister, 200 years ago, the heads of the government have made their homes in this "alley." American tourists usually go out of their way to gaze upon the dingy, almost repellent exterior of this lodge of diplomacy and national ambition, because Sir George Downing, who laid out the street and built the house therein, was of American ancestry, his mother belonging to the Winthrops of Massachusetts Bay Colony, and stands as the second graduate on the roster of Harvard college. After getting an American education he went to England and, seizing opportunity when it offered, became Oliver Cromwell's ambassador at The Hague.—Exchange.

Feeding the Stock.

The victim of the following story, told in Mrs. Henry W. Cole's "A Lady's Tour Around Monte Rosa," was possessed of a keen sense of humor. Otherwise his dignity might have been ruffled by the unconscious revelation which came to his ears. In the course of Mrs. Cole's travels she met the Rev. Robert Montgomery, the poet, who told her an incident of his early career in the pulpit. When he was first admitted to holy orders he was appointed curate in a rural Scotch district and lodged in the house of a small tenant farmer. Notwithstanding his office of clergyman the farmer did not appear to hold their boarder in high veneration, for one day he heard the woman servant call out to her mistress:

"Missis, shall I feed the pigs first or gie the mon his dinner?"

An Erratic Echo.

The late Sir John Leng had traveled in most quarters of the globe. On one occasion when visiting Spain he was asked at a certain spot by a traveling companion to test the powers of what was declared to be a wonderful echo. Sir John, slowly and deliberately, in rounded tones uttered the words, "Dun-dee Ad-va-ti-ser," the name of the paper he owned. "Dundee Courier and Argus," the name of the opposition paper, came back as the echo! Sir John's friends had played him a trick.

Tea Drinking.

Tea drinking was regarded as one of the feminine vices of a hundred years ago. The Female Spectator of that period observes: "The tea table costs more to support than would maintain two children at nurse. It is the utter destruction of all economy, the bane of good housewifery and the source of idleness."—London Mail.

Vanishing France.

Old France is slowly disappearing, and its local customs, picturesque costumes and the language peculiar to its ancient provinces will very soon be gone. Nothing more than precious souvenirs preserved in faithful memories or related in works of tradition, which will charm our descendants.—Pettit Parisien.

A Slight Difference.

What is the difference between a jeweler and a jailer? One sells watches and the other watches cells.

It takes two to make a quarrel, but some folks don't have much trouble finding the other one.—Puck.

His Sorrow.
"You know that box of cigars you gave me on my birthday, dear?" said a man to his wife.
"Yes."
"Well, I took them down to the office, and some one stole them."
"I'm awfully sorry."
"So am I—for the thief!" was the cruel remark.

And Expensive.
"Surely she must have some favorite flower?"
"No; I don't think so. Anything will please her—that is, anything that's out of season."—Kansas City Journal.

An Opium Farm.

Not far from Macao, at the mouth of the Canton river, China, is an opium "farm." Standing in a courtyard is the great wooden building devoted to opium manufactures, and in its vestibules are heaps of brown balls, not unlike coconuts. Two coolies, seated, cut them open and remove the black, jamlike substance they contain—the compressed poppy. The outer covering is a thick layer of dried leaves. Inside the building the whole place is full of smoke, arising from a hundred charcoal fires in open earthenware "chattis," placed in a row around the walls. Over each fire rests a shallow brass pan in which bubbles a mixture of poppy and water. This mixture is strained through paper and passes on to be more carefully boiled in the next room, where the process is exactly similar. From there it goes to another room, where the strup is reduced to the consistency of treacle over slow fires. In another building the opium is packed in tiny cans and placed in cases and sealed with the government seal.

An Unwritten Law.

The smaller man bristled up. "See here," he growled, "you have applied two unpleasant terms to me." Then he paused and scowled and came a little closer. "I just want you to understand that a third term doesn't go in this country."

Whereupon the big man drew back a little and said no more.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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