

## BEATS A BOOMERANG.

THIS BULLET JUMPS OVER A MAN AND HITS HIM IN THE BACK.

A Person Will Not Be Safe From an Enemy Standing on the Opposite Side of a House If the Claims of a Young English Inventor Are True.

The man who flatters himself that he is safe because he is behind a house when another man is firing off a gun at the other side, had better get rid of that ridiculous notion once and for all. For a young inventor claims to have discovered a wonderful new way of making bullets; and if the new bullet meets with that popularity which its remarkable abilities appear to warrant, it won't be quite safe to be in a balloon while an effort is being made to fire down a well. In short, the new bullet will, even if it does only half of what is claimed for it, upset all old-fashioned notions of the laws governing the flight of projectiles.

Arthur Chalk of Church Place, High street, Wapping, is the young inventor in question, and he yesterday told a Daily Mail reporter that this new bullet of his would go around corners, suddenly shoot up in the air and descend point first on top of a town or anything, or fly round and round and then jump back and kill off an enemy at the back of the man who fired it.

"I am but eighteen years of age," said Mr. Chalk, modestly, "and I am confident that I have invented a bullet that will revolutionize fighting. What I claim, and am prepared to prove, is that with my bullet I can hit an object that is round a corner or on the other side of a block of houses. There is absolutely no doubt about the accuracy of the aim. Supposing, now, you wanted to hit something that was round the corner of a mountain. When you had found the distance between your gun and the mountain you would fix your bullet to alter its course at a certain moment. Then you'd fire, and the man round the corner would be sorry.

"Or, say you wanted to hit an enemy's ship lying on the other side of one of your own. That would be the easiest thing imaginable. You would just fix your bullet to go straight for a bit, then soar upward for awhile, and then rush down point first on top of the doomed vessel.

"I tell you, my bullet will go any way and do anything you may want it to, and I've written to the war office to say so.

"Up to now the only communication I have received in reply is the usual stereotyped acknowledgment; but the patent office people—he did not mention names—have valued the invention at £150,000, and have told me that it is the most marvelous invention of the present age.

"I shall wait for a further communication from the war office, and if I do not hear from them I shall offer my invention to a foreign government. Of course I would rather the new bullet became the property of the English government, but I want to know soon."

Mr. Chalk is a modest and very earnest inventor, and when he mentioned that he had tried one of his bullets in a field, and that the projectile, obedient to his wish, had circled in the air about five times and had then fallen behind him, he did so with the air of a young man who is calmly confident that he has thought out a great thing. But of the method by which he alleges he obtains these unusual results, no hint can be extracted from him. That is the secret he hopes to obtain those £150,000 from.

**The Earliest Journal**  
The oldest newspaper in the world is not, as is generally stated, the thousand-year-old Kin Pan, of Peking, but the Tsing-Pao, or Peking News, which was first published more than 500 years before the Norman conquest, and which has been published without intermission for nearly 1,400 years.

The Tsing-Pao has the appearance of a yellow-backed magazine of twenty-four octavo pages, each page consisting of seven columns, and each column consisting of seven "characters." Two editions are published—an edition de luxe for the Court and the upper classes in China, at a cost of 24 cents per month; and an edition, inferior in paper and printing, which costs 16 cents a month.

The Tsing-Pao is the Times of China and chronicles the wealth and movements of the Emperor, the life at Court, and the reports of Ministers. It is painfully significant that every error in printing the latter is punished with death.

**Circumstances Alter Cases**  
Circumstances are still much in the habit of altering cases. It is said that a Yorkshire Socialist was explaining to a friend the principles of his belief, and he made the statement at the outset that all possessions should be shared equally.

"If you had two horses," said the friend, "would you give me one?"  
"Of course," said the Socialist.  
"And if you had two cows, would you do the same?"  
"Of course I should."  
"Well, suppose now," said the friend slowly, "that you had two pigs, would you give me one of them?"  
"Eh! that's gettin' ower near home," said the other slyly. "Tha knows I've two pigs."

**An Unterrified Girl**  
A lovely girl was caught by her aunt while indulging in a surreptitious cigarette.

"My dear," said the horrified aunt, "do you know that every time you smoke one of those beastly things you drive a nail in your coffin?"  
"No, auntie, dear," said the lovely girl, "you are wrong. A woman can't drive a nail."

## IS NOW ALMOST OBSOLETE.

The Hoecake is Fast Disappearing From Southern Tables.

Most middle-aged persons remember well when corn bread was served upon nearly all tables in the south and west at least twice a day. Sometimes it appeared in the form of "hoecake" or "batter bread," and again in "pones." It was par excellence the bread of the negro, and every man who served in the Confederate army was also a full graduate in the use of it. Now the darkies eschew it where wheat bread is to be obtained, and upon the tables of thousands of southern and western whites it never appears at all, while others continue to use it only for dinner.

Now, why is this? Surely corn meal is as it ever was. Those who sincerely, but probably mistakenly, believe that "water-ground" meal is better than the product of mills turned by steam can always find a supply of that in most cities, and it is common enough in the country. There is no trouble about the meal; but we doubt whether the art of cooking it has been preserved. The high-toned colored damsels who are turned out by our public schools are not the adepts that our old Aunt Dinahs and Aunt Peggys were. No self-respecting pan of dough would be conjured into shape by such unskilled hands. And then we may seriously doubt whether corn bread can be cooked in a stove as well as in an open fire-place.

The Indians laid their doughcakes between layers of forest leaves or upon the hard ground, and cooked them in the hot ashes. Hence "ash cake," a very luscious product, indeed, when one has whetted his appetite for it by a long day's hunting. The hoecake was so called because it was originally baked upon a hoe—that ever-ready and useful instrument of agriculture which is to be found upon every plantation. But later on cooking utensils were manufactured which took the place of the humble hoe. So, too, shingles were used whereupon to place the dough while it went through the process of becoming a well-done ash cake.

**Brigands in Italy.**

Brigandage still flourishes in Italy. As Signor Romanin-lacur, a well known Deputy, and a dozen other men were going toward Grosseto the other day for the purpose of inspecting a newly constructed aqueduct they suddenly met a man, dressed like a huntsman, who levelled his rifle at them and ordered them to halt. They obeyed, whereupon the brigand commanded them to empty their pockets. Strange to say not one of them made the least resistance, and as a result the brigand obtained a few thousand francs. Deputy Romanin-lacur's involuntary contribution being five bank notes of 100f. each. Having secured this booty the fearless robber disappeared, and no trace of him has since been found. On the following day a wealthy landed proprietor was stabbed and robbed by a brigand within a few miles of Rome, but fortunately the police were near at hand, and they arrested the miscreant before he could escape. As his victim is said to be mortally wounded, the chances are that the criminal's career is practically ended.

**New Words for Our Vocabulary.**

One minor result of the Cuban insurrection and our war with Spain is the accretion of several new words to our vocabulary. "Incommunicado" is already acclimated and is frequently used in the newspapers in accounts of arrests for crime. "Reconcentrado" is a term of more special meaning that can scarcely be introduced into our daily speech in an extended significance. It has almost the inflexibility of a proper noun substantive. Dupuy de Lome's use of the term "politicas-tro" in his notorious letter has recalled the fact that in the English language there is already a similar word, "polit-caster," which Milton found serviceable to describe a petty politician, just as we use "poetaster" to describe an inferior versifier. Doubtless when our army comes back from Cuba they will bring with them many words which will gradually be adopted into our vocabulary.

**Buying Godship in China.**

It is possible for any Chinaman, or even any Chinese woman, to become a deity by paying for the honor. A few years ago a rich and devout Chinese lady died in Soochoo. Her friends thought that an apotheosis was no more than her due, and communicated with the priests, who interviewed the gods on the subject and discovered that the God of the Left Little Toe-Nail had no wife. The old lady was accordingly married to his godship and is now enrolled as the "Goddess of the Left Little Toe-Nail." The honor cost the old lady's estate over \$5,000.

**A Novelty in Bells.**

Herr Appunn of Hanau has invented a bell of a new shape, which is said to have a very deep tone and to be as powerful as considerably heavier bells of the form at present in vogue. The shape is peculiar, being hemispherical, while the metal is uniform in thickness except near the "sound bow" (the thickened tip which the clapper strikes). From the edge to some little distance above the sound bow the metal is very thick, and then alters suddenly to the uniform thickness which it has for the rest of the bell.

**No Hello Girls There.**

Turkey and Greece are the only European countries into which the telephone has not yet been introduced. Sweden has the largest number of telephones per capita of any country in the world, having one to every 115 persons, and Switzerland comes next with one to every 128.

## CANINE LANGUAGE.

THREE STORIES THAT SHOW DOGS CAN TALK.

A Case of Satisfying a Dog's Sense of Honor—New Zealand Greyhounds at Their Play—An Insistent Committee of Dogs and Its Work.

We were speaking of the power possessed by some animals of communicating their ideas one to another, and my friend kindly furnished me with two or three stories to illustrate the point. He said: James Cumming was fishing a stream near Coupar, and was much annoyed by a small terrier which followed him along the path, barking, till he turned and "flicked" the dog over the nose with his fishing rod, when the dog at once ran off. My friend went on with his fishing, and forgot the incident till he noticed the small dog returning, trotting by the side of a large retriever, who without any growling or preliminaries, quietly bit Cumming's heel, and in the same quiet and dignified manner at once retired, honor having been satisfied.

In the district of Rangitikei, New Zealand, where I lived for some years, hares were very plentiful, and coursing was a sport indulged in by everybody, the result being that greyhounds swarmed in the townships; and while their owners were busy, they were inclined to suffer from ennui, and thus it happened that some fifteen or twenty hounds would often trot out of the village, quite unattended, about a quarter of a mile, to a paddock opposite my house, and there they would mass up in one corner close to the gate. Presently one of the number would dash out from the mob towards the middle of the field, and when it had got some fifty or seventy yards start, would begin to "double" and twist exactly as a hare would do when hard pressed. The pack would at once commence the chase, while the "hare" dog dodged and turned at full speed, till at last he was "collared" and pulled down, when the panting pack would return to the rendezvous at the gate, and after a brief "blow" another dog would break away and assume the role of "hare." This sport I have seen carried on for nearly an hour at a stretch, perfectly spontaneous on the part of the dogs.

Another curious story was told me by Dr. Frank Wallace McKenzie of Wellington, N. Z., whose father owned a run in Otago, which was much overrun by rabbits. In order to keep the rabbits in check, if possible, a nondescript pack of dogs was kept at the station to hunt rabbits for their living. The pack was composed of half-breed greyhounds and collies chiefly, and they were in the habit of going out every morning quite by themselves and hunting all day, returning in the evening to the station. A very small Scotch terrier always accompanied these ex-

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**THE PILL THAT WILL.**

peditions, his small body allowing him to take the part of a ferret, and turn the rabbits out of their burrows. The dog, therefore, became necessary to others if they wanted really good sport; but there were times—as this dog grew old—when the comforts of the kitchen fire outweighed the joyous excitement of digging rabbits out of the snow, and as he was a privileged individual, and his daily bread did not depend entirely upon the slaughter of the chase, he would sometimes absent himself from the "meet;" but the other dogs knew better than to start without him, so a deputation would return to the kitchen to ask him to "reconsider his position," and being armed with wilder powers of persuasion than most deputations, when this one was met with snarls and growls, it set upon the object of its prayers and dragged him out of the place. At once he was surrounded by the pack, and hurried off to the hunting ground by the pack in no very gentle manner. Once there, the "spirit of the chase" would come over him, and his stiffness wear off, but the same performance would probably have to be gone through next morning. I have often wondered what the other dogs did when this terrier died.

**Brass Collar for Inebriates.**

A colonial gentleman who now sits on the Wadsworth and Clapham board of guardians amused his colleagues at their weekly meeting by stating, during a discussion upon the best manner of dealing with local inebriates, that they had an excellent way of checking excessive drinking in Manitoba. When a man has been twice or thrice convicted of drunkenness in the police courts he was sentenced to wear a brass collar, which marked him out among his fellows as a person to whom no publican could with impunity serve liquor. The drastic measure often proved a cure. On the authorities being satisfied that the branded individual had served a sufficiently long term of probation he was uncollared and endowed with the liberty of drinks.

**Prince of Wales' White Tie.**

The Prince of Wales, who is very punctilious in small matters as well as in great, never fails to resent any oddity in costume in men who are invited to meet him in society. Recently, at a dinner given at a certain Duke's, an acquaintance of the Prince sat down to table wearing a broad black tie. During one of the courses a butler handed a silver salver to the delinquent with "the Prince of Wales' compliments." Upon the salver was a regulation white tie.

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