de murmared to the bo'sunt "We got 'em now, I think"—
Did the Redney yet to be, dear me! was not the least like Blake, or Colling-wood, or Drake, or any other hero of the seas; r he never said: "To ho!" or "Avast, my lads, below!" traditional expressions such as these, d he hadn't got a linetock, and he hadn't

got a drum; set he had a little button, which was demosth his thumb— Had the Redney yet to be, dear me!

ow the Rodney he was searned, and with deep affection burned for mechanics, mathematics, squares and cubes; a would practice just for fun with a com-plicated gun. And he knew about submerged torpedo

tubes.

He would lecture with enjoyment, getting pleasure out of toll, on the newest form of turbine or the Vavasseur recoil—

Would the Rodney yet to be, dear me!

to the little knob he pressed which he thought would serve him best, and a novel cordite impulse down below tent some vessels submarine, full of nitroglycerine, Spinning hard against the frigates of the

hen he waited and he listened till he heard a distant roar, and he knew the fight was over and he steamed away for shore-Did the Rodney yet to be, dear me

discontent, That the conflict had been far from picturesque; the triumphs of his toll had been wen

with midnight oil, And his victories at the drawing office But he came to the conclusion it was

science was to blame, and a man, though scientific, was a hero just the same. Like the Rodney yet to be, dear me!

Providential Escapes.

THE person who does not at some time or other of his life experience waat can only be described as a "providential escape" must be quite a unique personage. We have all known or experienced them, and tales of this order are multitudinous in their number. Some of them I may briefly relate.

The cellar-flap was cautiously raised, and the head of a woman appeared through the dark entry-a woman of three or four-and-twenty, with fair, dishevelled hair, and a face in which considerable beauty combated an anxious, worn expression. The woman had passed through the terrors of the first siege of Paris, and was now experiencbg all horrors of the Commune.

She looked anxiously in the direction of a group of men, who were hauling with ropes the carcass of a horse (killed by a shell from Versailles) in the direction of that cellar-flap which she now carefully raised.

In this way did Gretchen Hoffmann and her sister "run" the Hotel du Nord, the shutters of which were closed during that memorable occupation of Paris. They supplied the wants of many old customers, who might otherwise have starved, while their cowardly brother Carl, the proprietor of the hotel, was chuckling in comfortable lodgings in Soho. Carl had fled to England, leaving his plucky sisters to bear the brunt and burden of the day alone.

Some time had elapsed since the trifling incident just recorded, when a scene took place on the steps communicating with a side street to the St. Lazare station.

A man with a portmanteau was nervously descending, looking from right to left, when he attracted the attention of a tall, seedy, semi-military-looking individual, who arrested him in the name of the Commune as a Mons. Jacquelard. The man's first impulse was to run-but he was speedily seized, and, after a brief struggle, hurried into a fiacre, in which his captor rapidly conveyed him to the prison of "La Roquette;" his explanation that he never heard of Jacquelard in his life going, of course, for nothing. Now, in those days the accused had short shrift; the fact that a man was believed to be a notorious informer was enough for his hastily-assembled judges. After a mock trial, at which the prisoner had ne opportunity of clearing himself, he was condemned with nine others (charged with various real or supposed offenses) to execution within 24 hours, in the prison yard.

The man of whom I particularly speak was absolutely innocent of the offense imputed to him; in fact, he had had no concern whatever in the affairs of the Commune. To dilate on that terrible interval, day and night, between his condemnation and the moment when he was led out into that prison yard to be shot like a dog, would occupy unnecessary time, since, if it can be realized at all, it can be better imagined than described; suffice it to my, he was the last of the victims brought out. His face was of a greentab-gray hue, his eyes were dilated, his reason already almost unseated; in deed, had it not been for the support of the prison wall, he must have fallen. The firing party were already drawn up in line, the moment for the command to "Fire!" had come.

Suddenly an officer who, with a group of others, was looking on rushed up to the one in command of the firing party and insisted one moment's delay. He then, in great excitement, returned to those with whom he had been continued to those with whom he had been continued. versing, and to one of these, a man-in-absolute authority, he addressed him-

your the shadow of a doubt though half dead already, he will respect to his nesse—Hoffmann!"

The man sprang forward as if elec-rified, and fell with a heavy thud to

The evidence was in itself conclusive He was liberated on the assuran the officer who had saved his life; though before he could be removed he was the half-conscious witness of the execution in which he had so nearly imself played a part.

It will be seen at a glance that this Hoffmann was the cowardly brother of the two sisters, and the proprietor of the Hotel du Nord, who, having returned to Paris, was arrested, con-demned, and thus providentially saved by an old customer. He never, however, regained his reason. The hotel was ultimately sold, and the last I heard of him was that, nursed by his elder dater, he was living—a harmless lunatie-a few miles from St. Cloud.

Taking events in the order of their happening, I may now record a personadventure during the Spanish (Carlist) war.

I was with the government troops On the previous day, at the battle of Behobie, the Carlists, who had taken possession of that place at early dawn, had before nightfall been driven at the point of the bayonet away back into their mountain fastnesses; not, however, before they had set fire to the little town of that name, and left us an inheritance of dust and ashes.

Having, as I have said, on the day succeeding the fight explored Behobie itself, myself and a friend extended our investigations to the suburbs, where, amongst other points of interest, the still burning ruins of a chocolate manufactory attracted our attention. The door having been barricaded, we made our entry by a half-demolished window on the ground floor; and, having secured several chocolate molds as souvenirs of our visit, we lit our pipes and strolled leisurely out into the open, fuly believing our routed enemies to be far away, somewhere up in the Pyre-

Not so, however. We had been watched while "looting" in that chocolate manufactory, and as we unconcernedly approached a flat-roofed house in which some 15 or 16 Carlists had se- but it was too late. The impetus which creted themselves, they prepared to give us a warm reception. But they impossible to retrace our steps; so on were premature in opening their battery. Had they waited a few minutes imminent danger we were in from the longer we must have been killed. We were, perhaps, 60 or 70 yards off whensome from the balcony, others from the broad dusty road - they blazed away at us from all points. As for us, we fled as fast as our legs would carry us towards still burning Behobie.

The excitement of the hunter is as nothing to the hunted, and in this instance we were subjected to a cross-fire from our own side; for the government troops had opened fire on the enemy.

I know my companion in this experi-ence (Mr. Heary Lane) and myself are not likely ever to forget the rattling fusillade from the Carilsts, and the had been a landslip a short distance cross-fire from the government troops under which we sought cover, and earth, which had competely blocked a which is vividly brought to my memory at this moment by one of those ability, have been fatal to our whole chocolate tins which I have had con- party. verted by means of four little feet into I recall another hairbreath escape of a receptacle for the ashes of the pipe mine when in the land of the Cid. It of peace. The same receptacle serves also to remind me, when smoking my calumet, of the most marvelous escape from assassination I have ever experienced-for they were lavish in their expenditure of lead on that occasion. His nose was aquiline to a fault; he as well.

could have given Hookybeak the raven several points-but I anticipate.

Two other war correspondents and myself were up country, in Asia Minor, had secured accommodation for the night in one of those empty barn-like stables, which, for the convenience of travelers in remote districts, are now and again to be met with in Anatolia. As, however, we had not long been quartered there before, too late to avail themselves of its shelter, a number of Arab camel-drivers encamped outside, and as, moreover, Arab scruples about other people's property are said to be limited, we gave out emphatically to our small escort and followers that, till warlike front page to my illustrated we left at sunrise, no one should leave London paper. I spened my campwe left at sunrise, no one should leave the khan; indeed, it was already so far stool, and proceeded to "lay in" my into the night that we kept our horses and ourselves in readiness, after an hour or two's rest, to continue the jour-

It was a sultry night, and, fatigued with a long ride, we were soon fast made, as best I could, for the kindly

How long afterwards it was that I was aroused by a curious creaking sound, I can't say; but, as a lantern which was burning threw a fitful light around, I could distinctly see that the stable door was slowly opening, a beam which had been placed before it having been removed. Clearly, some one within was in collusion with the Araba without, and murder, if necessary, and rob- dairyman, who rents a few fields from bery as a matter of course, might be the earl of Haddington, when out in expected. Wider and wider still did his fields noticed a pheasant roosting that door open, revealing presently a in a tree about 12 feet from the ground. long silver streak of moonlight which Shortly after a fox came prowling threw its shaft athwart the earthen through the small plantation in which floor. Not an instant was to be lost; to the tree grew, and quickly marked the arouse the others at such a moment bird. At once it proceeded to run

laid low.

A Bead, black against the moonlight made no effort to stop the fox.—Lonmade no effort to stop the fox.—Lonm A head, black against the moonlight perfection of the dim recess of the khan.

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had crept out to smoke.

uzzie of that revolver and caref lowered the trigger. Johannes bed anly speaking—been saved by his stakebly aquiline nose.

I will ask you to day to join me out-ide the besieged town of San Sebas-ian, at the most advanced republican out, during the Carlist rising of 1874; at a point known as Oriamendes, where a fort of that name, materially assisted by several batteries of artille dealing death in all directions. To our batteries had to be strategically removed to San Sebastian, some four miles off, there to occupy a less exposed position, and it was during the retreat of those batteries that I experienced as great and as long-sustained jeopardy as ever I've andured.

It must be understood that artillery in retreat, having quite enough to do to look to their guns, are probably more assailable than any other arm of the service. As the mountain path down which we were now flying helter skelter was open all the way to a hot fusiliade from the Carlists on a corresponding ridge, it may be imagined that the excitement was at fever heat when the bullets, having already plentifully bespattered the rocks with lead, began to take effect. One of the battery horses being shot, brought us to a momentary standstill, as the traces had to be cut before we could proceed; and thankful we were that at the particular spot where it happened the comparatively level nature of the road rendered it easier to cope with what might have been a fatal catastrophe. To the rattling fire which those Carlists kept up, our side found it utterly impossible to respond, and another and most unexpected dilemma occurred. A sudden fork in the road left two routes open to us, both of which were commanded by the withering fire of the enemy. In the excitement of the retreat, the guide, instead of turning to the right, which seemed the safest road, kept straight on, the artillery, with whom I was, following close on his heels. In moment we discovered our mistake, the steep descent gave us made it quite we rushed, hardly realizing the perpetual irregular fire of the enemy, whose bullets simply poured in upon us from the protecting cover of the neighboring rocks. We saw the roofs and spires of San Sebastian in the distance, which eventually we entered, covered with blood, mud, and the foam of our panting steeds. Now comes the most remarkable part of the memorable

retreat. We took, as I have mentioned, the most precipitous and longest road. Now, had we taken that other road to the right, what would the consequence have been? A few days before there down this road, a vast dislodgment of descent that would, in all human prob-

crossed from Spanish Behobea to French Behobie by the little parti-colored bridge (red and white), which, spanning the frontier river (the Biddasoa), separated France from Spain

Being then in France, which was at war with no man, I "took mine case at mine inn." After dinner & strolled out of the town along the French bank on our way to the Turkish lines, and we of that frontier river till I arrived at a spot where, facing me-the stream being about 40 yards across at this point -was an encampment of Carlists, picturesque enough to make Salvetor Rosa turn in his grave. They were discussing their evening meal, copper and earthenware vessels lying about in all directions.

Being in a peaceful country, I could without interruption devote as much time as I thought proper to what I fondly hoped might be an effectively subject-in fact, was becoming positively engrossed in it, when "Bang! bang!" and in a moment I lay prone on the river bank with one leg completely shattered; while the next instant I had protection of a neighboring tree, where, hidden from view, I finished that sketch. It is but fair I should add that the "shattered leg" was that of the camp-stool on which I was sitting. It was evident that the ordinary Carlist was no respecter of frontfers. - 8t.

Pascination by a Fex. One day about three weeks ago would have been a signal for the entry cound the tree in a narrow circle and of the Araba en masse. I, quietly as I at a rapid rate. In a very short time could, rose to my feet, drew my revolver, rested my arm for steadler aim on a wooden partition and—waited.

For our mutual protection there re
Reynard. Before it reached the ground mained but one thing to be done, the the fox had it in the mouth and scamint who attempted to enter must be pered off. The dairyman was so add low.

a recome in the center of the bottom, into which the dipper exactly fits, to-force the milk out and cause it to drain into the dipper to empty the can without tipping it up.

To assist in laying carpets a new stretcher is formed of a rod with a tack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on one side and a release to the stack slot on the slot on the stack slot on the slot

slot on one side and a plunger, which drives the tack after the teeth of the stretcher has gripped the edge of the carpet and forced it into position.

The roofs of buildings can be ventilated by a new side pole, which has one V-shaped piece inverted over another with downwardly opening apertures being curved inside to prevent rain from beating in.

A recently-patented attachment for bicycle handle-bars consists of two plates to be attached to the upper side of the bar on opposite sides of the head, with recesses in the upper side in which the fingers are placed when the rider sits upright.

Bicycles can be safely shipped loos in a new car, which has a series of cacks suspended from the roof, with sliding hooks to support the wheels as they are hung up, the racks holding the wheels high enough so that other baggage can be stored below.

Fish cannot work themselves loose from a new hook after they take the balt, the barb and point of the hook being pointed on a pivot at the end of the curved portion to tilt outward and form a T-crosspiece as the fish tries to get loose.

Spokes in bicycle wheels can be easily cleaned by a handy new device, consist ing of two elongated jaws mounted on a curved spring, with slots on the inner surfaces, fitted with a flexible fabric to scrape the spokes when the jaws are pressed together around it.

Piano stools for the use of either one or two players are fitted with hinged side pieces upholstered like the seat and hanging down when not in use, spring-actuated rods sliding into the main seat to support them in a horizontal position for use.

HIGH LIGHTS.

Some battles are won by fighting and others by running away.

Never argue on religion; your preach er is paid to do it for you.

The best wheel in the market cannot begin to go as fast as a five-dollar bill. It brightens the Lenten season to notice how few real sacrifices our neigh-

Economy is the estimate we make of what other people ought to save out of their salaries.

No man ever climbed the ladder of ruccess at a single bound, but lots of men have come down that way.

Silence pains more than words; it hurts to have our friends silent, and it hurts to keep still ourselves.

Everything is balanced in this world beople who get the front seats are the last out of the door when the show is

Queer how the woman who can tall four hours at a stretch at home always gets nervous when she has to open a conversation" at her club.-Chicago

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