

Center Extracted from Gold Pieces.

One of the most puzzled men in town is a Montgomery street restaurant-keeper, who recently took in a \$20 gold piece which filled all the ordinary requirements of genuineness so far as a superficial test could reveal the true facts.

But a few days ago a banker stepped into his place and saw the \$20 piece which the restaurant man had received only a short time before.

The banker had a queer look in his eyes as he took the coin and rapped it sharply with his knife, and the restaurant-keeper had a stronger expression as he saw his supposed \$20 piece break into two pieces.

"How is this?" he demanded.

The banker answered: "It is the same old game, I had one of these piece myself, and since then I have tested gold pieces of the \$20 denomination very carefully. If that had been genuine my test would not have broken it."

Then the restaurant-keeper and the banker carefully examined it together. The outside of the gold piece was all right, seemingly, when the discovered parts were placed together. The milling seemed to be up to the standard. The weight was correct.

But the inside of the piece was half filled with a composition which was not the customary gold and alloy. Still closer examination revealed that the gold had been saved through with exquisite care and skill just inside of the milling. Then the milling had been removed and from the interior of the piece some of the gold had been extracted and the luser composition was made to take the place of the more precious metal. Then, with equal deftness and skill the milling had been replaced and soldered in some way, and the trick was done.—San Francisco Call.

Ready-Made Medicine.

A quack who has made his fortune by selling influenza honey, is one of the characters in a recent French work of fiction. How he produced it was as follows: The bees were kept in a large conservatory, or, at any rate, under glass, so that they could only pasture on the flowers provided for them, and of course these were chosen for their medicinal properties. Hence ready-made phytolite of the most delicious kind was garnered. This was laughed at as an extravagant invention; but it was not quite so absurd as some of the critics imagined. Beekeepers intent on producing a luxury are annually more and more inclined to experiment on similar lines. The difficulty really lies in educating the palate of the average consumer, to whom honey is merely honey, a breakfast table relish, varying in quality hardly more than salt.

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The sewing machine, one of the greatest blessings in the way of machines ever offered to the public, sold for years at sixty dollars in the United States. The same machine, however, to be shipped to a foreign land, could be purchased below twenty dollars. After the patents ran out the price fell rapidly until now sewing machines are sold for twenty-five dollars, and often below twenty dollars. The sewing machine manufacturers became immensely rich from their profits of several hundred per cent. It has been estimated that typewriting machines cost less than twenty dollars to build, while they sell for fifty dollars to one hundred dollars each.

It is generally understood that an agreement exists whereby these high prices are maintained. Business men are compelled to pay from three hundred to five hundred per cent profit or go without the machines. Are there any other machines which yield such profits as the sewing machine did for years, and the typewriting machine has and does, except it be the bicycle?

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WRENCHED HIS BACK

AND HURT HIMSELF INTERNALLY.

Rheumatism and Creeping Paralysis Followed, and Mr. Salisbury Suffered for a Long Time—Relief Came at Last in the Use of Pink Pills.

From the Times, Erie, Pa. On a bright September morning a reporter on the Erie Daily Times drove up to the cozy residence of Luther Salisbury, about three miles from East Springfield, Pa., and one-half mile from Sherman Corners. Mr. Salisbury was at home and graciously received the reporter, led him to a cozy sitting room, and begged him to be seated. Mr. Salisbury is 54 years of age, with long, snowy white beard, and steady walk. He was born in Connecticut Township, about nine miles from where he now resides, and is one of the best known farmers in that section of the country. At the age of 21 he moved to Indiana with his parents.

Mr. Salisbury was always a very healthy man, and never knew what it was to be sick. After living in Indiana about fifteen years, he, with his aged mother, moved back to their former home. About seven years ago Mrs. Salisbury had the misfortune to fall and break her hip. Luther, who witnessed the fall from the porch, ran to her assistance, and lifting her gently carried her to the house. In some manner he wrenched his back, and hurt himself internally, causing rheumatism to set in. He did not pay any attention to it until about six months afterwards, when he noticed a peculiar feeling between his shoulders, and the shoulder blades became very numb. He went to see a physician and was informed he had what is known as creeping paralysis. He doctored about two years and was pronounced cured.

About a year after he quit doctoring, the same feeling came over him again, and he made up his mind not to see a doctor, but try to cure himself. Mr. Salisbury was always fond of fishing, and while on the way to his favorite pond he noticed a newspaper lying on the ground. He picked it up, and his eye accidentally read an article which said, "Use 'Pink Pills' for rheumatism, invigoration of the blood, etc." "I began thinking that they might do me good," said Mr. Salisbury, "and accordingly I went to Dr. Davenport's drug store at Albion, Pa., six miles from my home and purchased three boxes. Twenty-four hours after taking the first pill I could feel the effect clear to the ends of my fingers and relief came at once.

"I continued using Pink Pills and began feeling stronger, and to-day I am feeling very well. My back does not bother me at all, and I can walk as good as anyone of my age. The numbness has disappeared entirely. Before taking Pink Pills I was unable to do the work on my farm, but now I can handle the farm as well as I ever could, and I attribute it all to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

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Silk from Spider's Web.

The web of the Madagascar spider is to be utilized for the purpose of silk manufacturing by a company of French capitalists. It is still remembered that the Creoles of Mauritius presented Empress Eugenie with a pair of mittens made of this spider's threads, which were so fine that they could hardly be noticed on her hands, for they were almost transparent and colorless. A French naturalist has recently ascertained that the Madagascar spider produces at the beginning of its work more than 100 yards of thread per hour, increasing in quantity until it produces more than 150 yards per hour. A newly-constructed little machine which winds the thread on bobbins automatically immediately from the spider is to be employed in Madagascar. The spiders themselves are to be raised systematically in enormous numbers, and although the fabrics made from the new material may be costly at first, it is not unlikely that the present generation will live to see dresses made of spider web.

How Wax Matches Are Made.

The body of a wax match is made by drawing cotton strands, twenty or thirty at a time, through melted stearine.

KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED.

TOO MUCH STEAM.

Causes an Explosion Which Kills Father and Son.

Adam Leck, aged 62, and his son, William, aged 25, were instantly killed by the explosion of the boiler in a small machine shop at Brockport, Elk county. The building was owned by Leck and was demolished by the force of the explosion. Both bodies were blown 100 feet and terribly mangled. Frank Leck, another son, was working but a few feet from his father and escaped without a scratch. The explosion is thought to have been caused by over-pressuring too much steam.

The following pensions have been granted to Pennsylvanians: James Moore, McAlleveys Fort; Adam Dash, Erie; Silas Williamson, Smokescburg; James Wheeler, Thomkins; William Harko, Bedford; Thomas L. Hankery, Johnstown; Reuben Newsham, Monticello; George W. Smith, Punksutawille; Henry Atkney, Allegheny; James N. Wilson, Johnstown; Samuel Strayer, Johnstown; Charles S. Long, Lock Haven; Anthony Lowman, Colport; Christopher Hutzes, Dupesne; Dennis Buchanan, Allegheny; William Canfield, Lindsey; Lewis McDonald, Monongahela; Jacob Seafar, Coraopolis; Robert Small, Indiana; Rufus G. Brown, Bradford; William Crisman, Edinboro; John Boyles, Strattonville; Charles H. Hall, Desmoinesburg; Adam Kunkle, Johnstown; Laura C. Couch, Millville; Louisa C. Dougan, Westleyville; miners of John M. Laughlin, Colburn and Bradock; George Orris, Joint; Joseph R. Lammy, Nantona; and Andrew G. Kibler, Knox. William H. Honeys, Junonia county; John M. Koenig, Clarion; Washington county; Isaac Bowers, Union City, Erie county; Levi Pettit, Wind Ridge, Greene county; John Sharp, New Castle.

The Board of Pardons commuted the sentence of Alfonso Cutair, of Philadelphia, to life imprisonment. The application of Frank Jozzara, the Lawrence county murderer sentenced to be executed August 27, was refused. Pardons were granted Harry K. Mason, Allegheny county, voluntary manslaughter; and Joseph A. Wagoner, Allegheny county, receiving stolen goods. The death sentence of Joseph Ahelo, the Jefferson county murderer, was commuted to life imprisonment.

A loaded box car and caboose broke loose from a freight train at Williamsport on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, four miles west of Hyndman, and passed through here at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The runaways were not stopped until they reached Cumberland, Md., 18 miles from the starting point. The track was clear and no damage resulted. A Bangor was in the caucuses during the entire trip, but was unable to check the terrific speed of the cars.

Relative of Mary Ann Turner, of Orangeville, Pa., was notified of her death and requested to arrange for her funeral. A large number of them were at the station to meet the train on which the remains were to come from Meadville. Great was their surprise when the supposed dead woman stepped from the train. A confusion of names led to the mistake. The corpse was that of another member of the family.

The second reunion of the Mattern family, in celebration of the 117th year of the family in America, was held at Warriors Mark, Tyrone. Fully 2,000 people were present, including direct descendants, relatives and friends. Bishop John H. Vincent, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was the orator of the day.

Harvy Allison, mail carrier between Cherry Tree and Marion, Indiana county, was arrested by United States Marshal W. S. Blair on the charge of stealing \$50 worth of stamps from the post office at Marion. The accused in default of \$500 bail, was remanded to jail.

David Friehe, aged about 20, attempted suicide at Harrisburg, by slashing his throat with a razor, severing the windpipe. He is at the hospital, where it is stated he cannot recover. Domestic trouble is said to be the cause.

Burglars blew open the safe of the Auderton Brewing Company, Beaver Falls, despite the fact that a card on the door of the safe announced that it was not locked. Only some small change was secured.

A double-barreled shotgun caused Coal run to overflow its banks and many houses in Coal hollow were submerged. The car shops of the Westmoreland coal company were flooded.

During an altercation John Banner shot Edward Lane, of Lewistown, in the back of the head. In the defense struck Banner on the head with a hatchet. Both are colored.

Mrs. Annie Black, of Erie, took an ounce of laudanum with suicide intent. She was married when only 14 years old and is now the mother of eight children.

The residence of Mrs. Mary A. Lyons and Mrs. Sarah Snow at Uniontown, were robbed of \$300 worth of goods while the people were at church.

J. Ashton Williams, aged 18, died in Sharon from burns caused by an explosion of alcohol in the drug store where he worked.

Mormons are making a house-to-house canvass in the southwestern section of the state, and have gained a few converts.

Richard Thomas, aged 55 years, was run over and killed by a train near his home, four miles from Somerset.

The Pennsylvania steel works, Harrisburg, has given notice of restoration of a 10 per cent reduction July 1.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

June 22, Lieutenant-Governor Lyon presided over the senate this morning. The calendar was rushed through and the session was most business-like. The bills passed finally and were sent to the governor. To declare the species of fish which are game fish and commercially valuable; to protect the waters within the state from improper and wasteful fishing; to provide for fish commissioners and wardens providing for the election and appointment of road supervisors; to provide for the laying out of private roads under the surface or over the surface of intervening land or lands; to prevent fraud and deception in the manufacture and sale of cheese.

The following bills passed and were sent to the house: To provide for that part of the physical education which pertains to the systematic development and discipline of the body through directed exercise in the public schools; to provide that one burial permit shall be sufficient in one county. Speaker Boyer was in the chair in the afternoon. After the appropriation bills had been reported a concurrent resolution was adopted authorizing the publication of 15,000 copies of the game and fish laws. A bill requiring the weighing of bituminous coal before screening passed, second reading on special order. Bills to prevent the employment of incompetent miners in the anthracite regions; to validate conveyances and other instruments which have been defectively acknowledged passed finally.

July 21, In the house the Adams bill, prohibiting the drinking of liquor on the highways was defeated. Bills for taxing bicycles, tricycles and pleasure cars to be used in the city and county boundary lines between wards in cities were passed. Senate bill allowing water companies to acquire lands and adopt other methods to prevent the water from being polluted, and allowing them to use other power to develop a current in case of the temporary failure of the water supply was defeated.

June 23, In the house the senate bills passed finally were: An act to make county taxes a lien on real estate and to provide that such lien shall be divested by a judicial sale; authorizing the courts to inquire into the validity of judgments confessed, and alleged to be fraudulent and providing the practice therefore, which passed by a vote of 135 to 3. An act to make acting justices of the peace, incorporated for the purpose of visiting and instructing prisoners, officials and visitors of penal institutions were also passed.

In the senate the libel bill was the subject of a lengthy discussion. Its friends thought it would go through, but it was defeated by a vote of 27 to 19. Senators Flinn and Magee were the principal objectors to the bill, each declaring that five reputable newspapers of the state did not want a change in the libel laws and that if the new bill was passed newspapers could malign and abuse any citizen and there could be no redress. Flinn said there were some newspapers that should be sued for libel every day. Senator Spruill, who is a newspaper owner, also opposed the bill.

These bills were passed finally: Creating a mining department, the office of commissioner of mines and assistants. Creating the office of assistant district attorney in the several counties of this commonwealth having over 100,000 and less than 300,000 inhabitants, providing for the appointment of said officers, prescribing the powers, duties and term of office, and fixing the salaries of said officers.

June 24, Governor Hastings sent word to the house that he had signed the Hamilton road bill. The morning session was given up almost entirely to the consideration of appropriation bills on first and second readings. Mr. Smith, of Philadelphia, was in the chair, and put the bills through at the rate of one a minute. Half of the 129 bills considered to-day will be taken up to-morrow for third reading and final passage. The other half will be read the second time. A resolution was offered by Mr. Muehlbronner, of Allegheny, recalling from the governor the amended compulsory educational bill for attendance at schools. The Pittsburg charter and classification bills were reported from committee. The latter is better known as the "ripper." The bills have been brought out of committee too late to be put through.

The senate passed a resolution providing that no bills except revenue and appropriation measures shall be placed on the calendar, save by unanimous consent. The Lossel bill, abolishing the office of director in the case of having a population of 150,000 and over, passed finally. In the place of the directors, the courts are authorized to appoint trustees to manage the almshouses. The following bills were passed finally: To revise and amend an act providing for the incorporation and government of cities of the third class; to declare the species of fish which are game fish and commercially valuable for food. To authorize the county commissioners to transfer and cover into the general fund any more now placed to the credit of any city, borough or township upon any application for tax when the tax has remained uncollected for during 10 years.

June 25, Mr. Scott, of Philadelphia, was in the chair, and he started to shoot appropriation bills through at the rate of one a minute. On motion of Mr. Blinn, of Delaware, the house considered the motion defeating the proposition to extend until 1899 the time of the committee appointed to devise some equitable means of utilizing convict labor in prisons and reformatories. The resolution to extend was amended to limit the cost to \$5,000, and the government and one member each from the board of inspectors of the Eastern and Western penitentiaries added to the committee.

Among the bills which passed finally were the following: Appropriating \$1,200,000 for the care and treatment of the indigent insane; \$246,000 to the Western orphan schools; \$126,000 to the State Hospital for Injured Persons, Pittsburg; \$14,000 to the Phillipsburg hospital; \$14,000 to the Phillipsburg hospital; \$11,000 to the Mercer hospital; \$175,000 to the Soldiers' and Sailors' home, Erie.

A large amount of work was done in the senate. Considerable debate was had over bill prescribing how destitute veterans can be legally declared insane, but it finally passed.

These measures also passed finally: An act making borough, poor, school, county and road taxes a first lien on all property; providing for safe means of exit from theaters; making an appropriation for extra work done at the Polk Institute for Feeble-Minded; the Hammond bill, providing a bird day in the public schools.

The appropriation for the also investigation passed second reading. The act to prevent the employment of incompetent persons as miners in the anthracite mines passed without any opposition, as did the act requiring the weighing of bituminous coal before screening.

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