

ATHRILLING MOMENT

THE DARING ACT OF HEROISM OF AN OIL WELL SHOOTER.

He Played Back Step In the Game Between Life and Death, With Nature In the Box and Twenty Quarts of Nitro-glycerin Being Service as the Ball.

One of the most thrilling experiences recorded in the annals of shooters' careers was that in which Dick Singleton, an old time Bradford shooter, played the role of hero.

Singleton was one of the best known shooters in the Bradford field. He had all the qualities which enter into the make up of a successful juggler with death's agencies.

Arrived at the well Singleton proceeded to fill the shells with glycerin from his cans. That is a proceeding of some delicacy, as glycerin allows no liberties to be taken with it.

The well was about 1,800 feet deep, and during the interval since drilling had stopped about 1,000 feet of fluid had accumulated in the hole.

There was nothing unusual about that, but something unusual did happen speedily and most inopportunistly; something calculated to turn one's hair gray and make such an impression on the memories of the men present as time could not efface.

The glycerin shell had been lowered several hundred feet, and Singleton was slowly playing out the cord, when he felt the line slacken. Immediately he heard an ominous roar. It was a sound to appall the stoutest heart.

Singleton knew the meaning of that sound. He knew that a column of oil 1,000 feet high, obeying the impetus of the mighty forces of nature, then in convulsion 2,000 feet underground, was forcing to the surface with a velocity of a cannon ball a shell containing 20 quarts of glycerin.

He realized that the propulsive energy of that column of oil would project the shell against the timbers of the derrick with tremendous force.

All this was flashed upon Singleton's consciousness as he stood leaning over the hole. The thought flash and the signal of peril were coincident in point of time.

It was an awful moment—such a moment as no man had ever experienced and would not describe.

Singleton's companions understood the import of that terrifying sound. Acting upon a natural impulse, they turned to flee, seeking in flight the safety which they knew it was futile to hope for.

But he did not lose his head. He knew that flight was useless. No time for that. Whether he should run or stay, death seemed to be inevitable.

Who can say what passed through the man's mind during the appreciable fraction of time that he waited to put his plan into execution?

Perhaps Singleton himself could not describe what his mental vision beheld in that brief interval between the warning and the appearance of the messenger of eternity.

He was conscious of nothing but the peril which was rushing upon him and his companions and of the stern resolve to stand at his post and do all that heroic manhood could do to avert the impending doom.

Men think quickly at such time. Singleton's mind acted with the celerity of lightning. His muscles obeyed the mandate of the will with electric promptitude.

He made his title clear to heroism on that eventful day. He braced himself, and as the shell shot from the hole he threw his arms around it, not knowing but the sudden arrest of motion would explode the charge and not knowing that he could hold the shell at all.

Desperation gave him strength. There he stood, victor over death, surprised to find himself alive and smothered in the thick, greasy fluid which flowed from the well and fell in torrents upon him.

Singleton is still living somewhere in the lower oil country, and he occasionally tries his hand at a shot, but if he should live until the final day of judgment he could never forget the day when he played back step in the game between life and death, with nature in the box and 20 quarts of nitro-glycerin doing service as a ball.—St. Louis Republic.

Ruse to Win a King's Love.

When Wilhelmina, who is soon to be crowned queen of the Netherlands, was a child, her father often refused to see her for days at a time.

Wilhelmina's mother, Queen Emma, grieved constantly over this unjust resentment, and she finally planned a ruse to win King William's favor for his baby girl.

Twenty-five and 30 will masquerade as "sweet 16" and "bread and butter 14" this summer.

One day Singleton started out to shoot a well located near Bradford.

Of course after lunch she will put up her hair in the most proper and precise coiffure.

What is accomplished by wearing the hair in long braids is that it is given what is known as a "rest."

Women in Relief Work.

The efforts of the various relief organizations that have been formed among women's clubs are confined to the most practical methods.

China Silk Costs.

Tucked into a silk reticula no bigger than the bag that holds her bath sponge the smart traveler carries her new and improved waterproof coat.

A Woman's Scientific Expedition.

Miss Hastie, the Scotch lady who is undertaking a scientific expedition to the south seas, hopes to take meteorological observations in addition to making scientific collections.

The Flag Girl is Coming.

The flag girl is coming on nicely. But this one was just a little more befuddled than usual.

The Newest Note Paper.

The newest wartime note paper is mottled gray and bright blue, ornamented with miniature ships, portraits, etc., in the upper left hand corner.

Follies of the Bathing Season.

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