

**IT SEEMED LIKE MAGIC.**

How the High Class Expert Picked Out the Old Masters.

"Speaking of old pictures," said a New Orleans dealer, "it is very interesting to see a really high class European expert making an examination. The extent and diversity of the information of such men are something astonishing. Some years ago I spent a couple of days with a gentleman who is recognized as one of the foremost connoisseurs of Paris. We visited several country places which contained pictures said to be of great value, and in all he inspected upward of two dozen canvases.

"In every instance he settled the questions of date, period and painter beyond all reasonable doubt. The warp and woof of the canvas, the wood composing the backing, the nature of the borings made by worms, the workmanship of the tacks, the character of the pigment and certain minute peculiarities in the mounting were all like so many pages of print to him. He was intimately acquainted with the style of hundreds of different artists, the models they used, the colors they most affected, their tricks of composition and their peculiar methods of expressing the effects of light and shade.

"To an outsider it seemed like magic. 'A copy,' he would say, for instance, after a swift glance at a painting. 'It was made by So-and-so, a pupil, who had very much the style of his master. The date is about' (here he would name it with infallible accuracy), 'and if you clean that left hand corner I dare say you will find the signature in vermilion.' In several cases he was fully borne out by documents in possession of the owner, and in all he was sustained by circumstantial evidence. He told me very modestly that he had devoted 40 years to the close study of his profession and was just beginning to apprehend dimly how little he knew."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**ONE BRAVE MAN.**

And the Reason He Stood Firm While Under Fire.

A battalion of volunteer infantry was drilling in a field when a regiment of regular cavalry rode by. The colonel of the cavalry halted his men to watch the volunteers, and getting into conversation with the colonel of the latter, he criticised their drill unfavorably, especially their want of steadiness. The volunteer colonel was a fierce fellow, and he cried hotly, "My men are as steady as any regiment of regulars."

"I do not think so," retorted the cavalryman, "and if you'll draw your men in order to receive cavalry I'll prove it."

The challenge was accepted, and the cavalrymen charged down upon the citizen soldiers, who awaited them in the usual way. Now, regular cavalry can charge to within a few feet or even inches of infantry at full gallop and then at the word of command pull up short. The volunteers, however, lost their nerve when they saw the huge horses thundering down upon them and showing no sign of stopping when a few yards off. They fled, all but one man, who remained on his knee, with bayonet leveled.

His colonel, enraged at the others' flight, approached the hero and, tapping him on the back, cried: "You are the only brave man in the regiment. You scorned to run."

"Yes, sir," gasped the hero. "I had my fut stuck in a hole, or I shouldn't have waited."—Spare Moments.

**Big Animals of Long Ago.**

Most of the gigantic animals of geological eras belonged to species which have completely vanished, and of those which have living representatives it is difficult to say whether they have undergone a true change of size or whether the modern examples are merely survivals of smaller contemporary varieties. The larger animals have a tendency to disappear first in a partial failure of food supply. Gigantic armadillos closely resembling those of the present day were formerly abundant in South America. The remains of huge sloths are found in Cuba and North America. Sharks attaining a length of more than 100 feet are found in comparatively recent fossil deposits. Another fish which represents a larger prehistoric species is the American bony pike, which is one of the few survivals of the enormous ganoids of the secondary strata. The tiny nautilus of the present day had kindred 10 or 12 feet long in early times. Another small shellfish, the pteropod, whose delicately complex structure is packed in an inch of shell, is found in fossil remains to have reached the respectable length of a couple of feet.

**Woman and Perversity.**

Women and perversity are one, says the philosophic street car conductor, who asserts that she always does the wrong thing in traveling on the trains. She wants to get aboard on the wrong side of the street; she alights the wrong way, facing backward, before the car stops, and she'll crowd in between two fat passengers near the rear door of the car rather than walk a few steps forward where there is plenty of room. She may have nickels and dimes in her purse to burn, but she'll fish and hunt around for minutes looking for five coppers to unload upon the long suffering servant of the road.—Exchange.

**The Land of Horseshoes.**

Horseshoes are an important branch of industry in Norway. About 6,000 tons are exported every year. Great Britain and France, where horseshoes are used not only for horses, but also for donkeys and oxen employed as beasts of burden, divide almost the whole Norwegian exportation between them in about equal quantities.

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COUPONS will be printed in each issue, and when cut out and properly addressed, will be used. They can be mailed or sent to Smith M. McCreight, Esq., Secretary, who will place them in a sealed box until counted by the Judges each week.

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**THE STAR.**  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 1899.

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**Names of Contestants.**

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| Miss Minnie B. Whitmore.....Reynoldsville 2019 | Walter B. Reynolds.....Reynoldsville 40 |
| Miss Elsie May Ross.....Reynoldsville 4289     | George Keagle.....Rathmel 1773          |
| Miss Margaret W. Davis.....Reynoldsville 1579  | E. R. Syphrit.....Reynoldsville 1852    |

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